

## Lady Bulldogs Start Season By Kaylie Schaben

The Golden Plains High School Lady Bulldogs volleyball team started the season off by traveling to Brewster on August 29 to play the Triplains/Brewster Titans and the Logan Trojans.

The first varsity match of the night was against the Logan Trojans. The Bulldogs had great communication and fought hard right from the start, but fell short by two points ending the set with a 24-26 loss. At the beginning of the second set the ladies fell behind early on the scoreboard but continued to fight and make up some points. The Bulldogs finished the set with a 16-25 loss.

Golden Plains faced the Triplains/Brewster Titans for their second match of the night. The ladies hustled right off the bat and were determined to win this match. Maggi Nieman (senior) helped the Bulldogs gain a large lead by serving 8 in a row in the middle of the set. The ending score for the first set was 25-16 with the Bulldog win. Coming back out on the court, the girls were fired up and ready to go. They quickly added points to the scoreboard. Karri Schaben (sophomore) was able to serve 9 in a row to contribute to the team. The Lady Bulldogs won their second set 25-13 ending the night with a win.

“I feel like our first matches went pretty well; we all got more comfortable with each other as the games progressed,” said Jennifer Esparza (senior). “Brooke Stoll, our only freshman, did extremely well and stepped up for her first high school matches.”

The Lady Bulldogs continue their season on Tuesday, September 5, at Tribune against Greeley County and Triplains/Brewster.