

B-Team Girls Claim League Championship

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School B-Team girls repeated the Western Kansas Liberty League Championship on Saturday, February 10, in Brewster with two games won over Triplains/Brewster and Northern Valley.

The girls had the #1 seed entering the tournament. Triplains/Brewster had defeated Logan to play the Bulldogs. The girls took an early 12-0 lead over the Titans in the first quarter, extending their lead to 20-3 by the half.

The Bulldogs continued to control the game in the second half with 10 points in the third finishing with 3 free-throws in the fourth for the win 33-6. Points were scored by Sidney Taylor 10, Jordyn Fleckenstein 9, Jazline Manriquez 8, McHaley Carter 4, and Britton Knowles 2.

The championship game was against the Northern Valley Lady Huskies. Although this game was a closer final score, the Bulldogs had no trouble as they again took the lead in the first 10-2. Playing consistently and spreading the ball around the team, they added another 10 in the second to lead 20-5 at half time.

The Huskies slowed the 'Dogs down a bit in the third with 5 points holding GP to 7 and outscored the Bulldogs 4-3 in the fourth, but the Bulldogs claimed the championship with a 30-14 win.

Fleckenstein scored 12 in the championship game along with Taylor 8, Knowles 4, Carter 4, and Manriquez 2. Additional team members contributing to the championship included Mia Rogers, Jamie Graves, Valentina Bermudez, and Jorja Juenemann.

The B-team girls finished their season with a record of 8 wins and 1 loss. "It was exciting to win the league tournament for the second year in a row," said Jazline Manriquez. "We appreciate Coach Smith and Christensen working with us all season to get better. We hope to repeat again next year. "