

Lady Bulldogs Win Season Opener  
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The GPHS Lady Bulldogs opened their season at home against the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks on December 6 in Rexford. "It was a big game to prepare for since they are one of the toughest teams in the league," said senior Zoey Hillis. "Starting the game was rough, and we were really flat."

The start of the game the girls were out of sync and couldn't find a way to shoot the ball ending the quarter trailing 7-15. Starting the second quarter Kassie Miller put a basket making the game 9-15. The girls kept battling the Thunderhawks and worked their way back in to end the second quarter still behind 14-19.

Starting the second half of the game, the girls were determined to keep fighting their way through the game. Kassie Miller gave us six more points including a three, Ashley Stoll, Carli Nieman, and Zoey Hillis adding two more points each to put the Bulldogs up for the lead 28-19.

The final quarter of the game the Lady Bulldogs didn't let up and held the Thunderhawks to only 4 points, adding eight more of their own ending the game with a 36-23 win.

Points came from Kassie Miller-12, Zoey Hillis-12, Brooke Stoll-5, Carli Nieman-3, and 2 each from Ashley Stoll and Morgan Wark

"We weren't expecting it to be really hard contact and having so much force," continued Hillis. "We kept plucking away at the gap in the points, and we worked together and played great defense. It was nice to get the season started and put 3 weeks of hard work finally to use!"

The Bulldogs will travel to Brewster to compete in the Sagebrush Shootout on December 9 and face the Triplains/Brewster Titans in the opening game.