

Bulldogs Travel to Wakeeney By Ashley Stoll

The Golden Plains High School Volleyball team travelled to Wakeeney on October 13 for a quad against Wheatland/Grinnell, Trego, and Dighton. The Varsity played three matches and the JV played one. The Varsity Bulldogs took down the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks and the Dighton Hornets each in two sets, but fell in two to the Trego Eagles. The JV was also defeated in two sets by Trego.

The Bulldogs began the night with the Trego Eagles at 4:00. The Dogs had recently been taken down by the Eagles at the Hill City Tournament, but were determined to not give up. GP battled hard in the first set, falling 23-25. Trego took control of the second set, leaving the Bulldogs trying to scramble. The Dogs lost 16-25. Kassie Miller led on the net with 5 kills and Ashley Stoll led on the back row with 7 digs. "I was proud of us for continuously working hard even after our previous loss against Trego," said sophomore Breanna Rath. "I enjoyed getting to compete again, even though we fell short in the end."

The Dogs faced off against Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks next. After previously defeating the Hawks at Gove County Classic, GP was ready to face off again. The Bulldogs jumped on the Thunderhawks right away, defeating them in the first set 25-12. The Hawks were more competitive in the second set, but the Dogs were able to persevere, winning 25-15. Carli Nieman with 10 kills, Rayna Taylor with 11 assists, and Brooke Stoll with 11 digs led the team to a victory over the Thunderhawks. "We are always excited to play our rivals and get pumped during the game," stated Sydney Taylor. "Our enthusiasm kept us engaged and able to defeat the Thunderhawks for the second time this year."

The final match of the day for the varsity was the Bulldogs versus the Hornets. GP and Dighton rallied back and forth throughout both sets but the Dogs came out on top, 25-18 in both sets. Breanna Rath and Brooke Stoll led in aces for the team, each with 2. Kassie Miller was first in digs with 12, and Jordyn Fleckenstein with 8 kills.

The JV took on the Trego Eagles for their only match-up of the day. The Dogs fought hard in the first set but came up short, 19-25. Trego gained control of the game in the second set, defeating the Dogs, 12-25. "The lines on the floor were a challenge at first, but we were able to adjust quickly," said junior Amie Cheney. "We played well, but we could have communicated better. I'm glad we got the opportunity to compete this year as a JV and give it our all for our last game."

The Dogs advance to 24-5 on the year and will continue their season on Saturday, October 17, for their first home games of the year. They will play a quad in place of their WKLL Tournament, hosting Weskan, Triplains/Brewster, and Cheylin.