GP Split Two at Grinnell
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The Golden Plains Middle School travelled to Grinnell to take on the Grinnell/Wheatland Thunderhawks on Thursday, January 28. The Lady Bulldogs played two full games, B-team followed by A-team. The Dogs were able to capture the win for A-team, 28-18, but fell short in B-team, losing 8-22.

The Dogs began the day with B-team girls taking the court. GP had a rocky start on offense and the Thunderhawks capitalized. The Bulldogs trailed 2-8 after the first quarter. The Lady Dogs picked up the intensity and held the Thunderhawks scoreless in the second quarter while adding 4 more. GP headed into half-time behind 6-8.

The Thunderhawks came out of half-time ready to play and jumped ahead of the Dogs 8-15 in the third quarter. The Bulldogs struggled to find the basket in the fourth quarter. GP was held scoreless and allowed Grinnell/Wheatland to add 7 more. The Dogs were defeated, 8-22.

Mia Ritter, Anais Cepeda, Braylee Knowles, and Emma Carter each scored 2 points for the Bulldogs. “I enjoyed getting to play and learn even though we lost,” stated Emma Carter.

The A-team girls took the floor for their game. Both the Thunderhawks and Bulldogs battled back and forth in the first quarter with the Dogs trailing by 1 entering the second. The fight continued in the second quarter as they tied the game up 12-12 at the half.

The Dogs began the second half with increased intensity. They jumped ahead of the Thunderhawks, 20-17. The Bulldogs played tough defense, only allowing Grinnell/Wheatland to add 1 in the fourth quarter. Golden Plains added 8 more to take the victory 28-18.

Hayden Wark led on the scoreboard for the Bulldogs with 14 points, followed by Anette Hernandez with 10, and McKinzie Horobik with 4. “We had a rough start, but we came out after half-time ready to win,” said Hayden Wark. “It felt great to beat them on their home floor.”

The Bulldogs will continue their season on Monday, February 1st. They will travel to Weskan to take on the Coyotes.