Bulldogs Challenge Western Plains By Brianna Stoll

On Monday, January 5, the Golden Plains Middle School Lady Bulldogs hosted their first games back from Christmas break. Both A and B teams gained experience on the court.

The Bulldogs kicked off the night with half of a B-team game. In the first quarter, the Bulldogs scored 4 points, tying up the game with the Bobcats. In the final quarter, GP fought very hard against Western Plains, but just barely fell short, losing 7-8. Three points came from Ashley Stoll, and two each from Taryn Fleckenstein and Sable Finlay. Their record is now 4-2.

The A-team girls came out strong during the first quarter with eighth grader KayCee Miller scoring 5 points, eighth grader Noel Ritter scoring 4 points, seventh graders Karri Schaben and Mabel Lugo combined scoring 5 points.

In the second quarter The Lady Bulldogs scored 11 points and held the Bobcats to 3 points, exhibiting great defense. They scored 25 points before halftime while keeping Western Plains to 7 points. Not letting up after halftime, the girls scored 11 more points in the third quarter, and pushed themselves to keep the Bobcats from scoring. Both teams picked up their defense in the fourth. Western Plains held GP to 3 points and GP held Western Plains to 1 point, ending the game with a 39-8 win for the Lady Bulldogs.

"It felt really good getting a win after coming back from break," stated 7th grader Karri Schaben. "I think we really worked hard on our defense, and that definitely helped us tonight. I'm excited for our next game Thursday." Scoring for GP were Miller-19, Schaben-7, Ritter-7, and Lugo-5. The Bulldogs will also host their next game on Thursday, January 8, against Cheylin starting at 4:00 with four full games.