

MS Girls Battle at Home  
By Judy Rogers

The Lady Bulldogs had a tough day as they hosted Western Plains and Northern Valley volleyball in Rexford on October 9.

They A-team played Western Plains for the first game of the day. The Lady Bobcats won the first set 25-17 but the Lady Bulldogs rallied back for the second winning 25-12. The girls played close in the third, but the Lady Bobcats won the game 15-12. "We didn't play hard enough against Western Plains," said Mabel Lugo. "We needed to talk more and call the ball," added Karri Schaben.

In the second A-team match, the Lady Bulldogs faced off against Northern Valley. The girls struggled in the first game and just couldn't get together as they allowed the Lady Huskies to win 25-9. After a short break, the Lady Bulldogs brought their game into the second set, but despite their renewed efforts, the Lady Huskies won 25-19.

"Although we lost, we gave them more of a challenge this year," added Lugo. The A-team girls now have a 7-3 record as they get ready to travel to Grinnell for the final game before the League Tournament.

The B-team also played both teams in the school gym. The Lady Bulldogs won the first set against Western Plains 25-22. They continued to play well in the second set, but the Lady Bobcats pulled ahead for the win 25-19. The Lady Bobcats continued into the third to win the game 15-8. "We did not play well at all against Western Plains," said Brooke Stoll.

Determined to bring home a win, the B-team girls hit the floor opposite Northern Valley and played their hearts out to win the first set 29-27. "Coach encouraged us to have more energy on the floor, so we were more excited and played our best against Northern Valley," said Bella Sauvage. "We played harder because we knew they were tough." With adrenaline pumping from the win, they continued to play their game to win the second 25-23.

The B-team girls hold a 6-4 record on the season. They will play their last games of the season in Grinnell before the league tournament.