

## Bulldogs Take 3<sup>rd</sup> at League

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On Thursday, October 23, The Golden Plains Middle School Volleyball Team traveled to Grinnell to participate in the WKLL League Tournament. They played five matches that day and ended the tournament with a record of 3-2.

The first game the Lady Bulldogs played was against the Weskan Lady Coyotes. The GP girls came out on fire during the first set and beat the Coyotes 25-12. During the second set Golden Plains kept up their game winning 25-17.

Their second game was against Cheylin. The first set was a really competitive game, with the Bulldogs taking the set 25-18. With their momentum high, the girls came out ready to go winning the second set 25-12.

For their third game, the Bulldogs took on the Northern Valley Lady Huskies. The Huskies were ready to go the minute they stepped out on the floor. They stayed ahead the whole time and won the first set 25-14. Determined to do better, the Lady Bulldogs came back in the second set, but fell short of the Huskies 25-17.

After sitting out for several hours to finish pool play, the Lady Bulldogs competed in the semi-final round against Grinnell/Wheatland. The Bulldogs stayed very close with the Thunderhawks during the first set, just barely losing 25-22. During the second set, Grinnell really picked up their game defeating Golden Plains 25-13.

For their final game of the tournament in the consolation matches, the girls played against Western Plains. The Bulldogs were working very well together, winning 25-17 in the first set. Western Plains got very motivated after the first set and fought hard to beat Golden Plains 24-26, sending them into a third set. The Bulldogs really dug deep to make sure they came out victorious. They came out ready to win and never lost their fire during the third set winning 15-3. This gave them 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the tournament.

The Lady Bulldogs finished with 11 wins and 6 losses for the season. "I really enjoyed this season!" exclaimed eighth grader KayCee Miller. "We all improved a lot throughout the season, and it definitely showed today. I'm really excited to continue playing in high school next year."

### League Caption

Seventh grader Mabel Lugo gets down and ready to pass the ball during the League Tournament.