

Lady Bulldogs Finish Season at Sub-State By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs finished their season on February 23 with a 29-45 loss to Northern Valley in the first round of Sub-State in Rexford. The girls finished their season with an 11-10 record. They placed third in the WKLL league tournament mid season.

“This season was more challenging than previous years due to the limited players on the team,” said senior Jordyn Fleckenstein. “The freshman girls made some great contributions in their first year of high school basketball. They all gained some valuable experience that will serve them well in the future. I appreciated the opportunity to lead this young team and wish them well in the coming seasons.”

The Bulldogs started off strong as they worked their way to a 7-3 by the end of the first quarter. They were only able to get two shots to fall in the second quarter while the Huskies put in 12 to take over the lead 15-11 at the half.

Once the Huskies found the basket, they continued to outscore the Bulldogs 11-8 in the third and 19-10 in the fourth to claim the 45-29 win and advance in the tournament.

Senior Jordyn Fleckenstein led the Bulldogs with 13 points while Hayden Wark added 11, Kailee Wessel 3, and Kadalen Unrein 2. Fleckenstein also had 7 rebounds, Wessel 8, Anais Cepeda 4, Wark 4, Unrein 4, and Siena Vargas 1. Cepeda had 2 assists, Fleckenstein 1, and Wark 1. Fleckenstein, Cepeda, and Wark each grabbed 2 steals, and Unrein 1.

“I enjoyed being able to play the first few weeks before being sidelined with an injury,” said senior Emma Weiner. “Although I missed playing the second part of the season, I enjoyed watching the younger players develop and improve each game.”

“Defense continues to be our team’s strength,” said Anais Cepeda. “As we move forward, we need to work hard to develop our personal and team skills.”