MS Volleyball Brings Home Two Victories By Siena Vargas

The Golden Plains Middle School volleyball team played a tri with Rawlins County and Decatur Community on September 18 at Oberlin. The Lady Bulldogs A-team won both of their games while the B-team fell short on both of their games.

The A-team girls started their day off against the Rawlins County Buffaloes. The Dogs started the set with a close score 4-3. The Dogs fought tough against the Buffaloes and kept the score close but fell short 23-25 at the end. In the second set the Dogs came out with more energy and had an 8 point lead not letting the Buffaloes score. The Lady Bulldogs continued fighting hard and won the set 25-11 bringing the game to a third set. The third set was close the whole time but the Dogs pushed through with a 15-10 win.

The Lady Bulldogs played their second match against the Decatur Community Red Devils. The girls came out strong against the Red Devils and served the ball tough at them. They won the first set 25-16. Carrying the energy over to the second set the Dogs kept a close score against the Red Devils. Although the Red Devils served the ball tough, the Dogs pushed through with a 25-23 win. "We all played really well with each other," said Brenlynn Rath 8<sup>th</sup> grader, "but we can still continue to improve."

The B-team girls played Rawlins County. The Dogs started off with a close game in the beginning. Both teams worked hard but the Dogs came out on top with a 25-13 win. In the second set the Lady Bulldogs lost some of their energy but continued to trail behind the Lady Buffaloes. The Dogs fell short in the end 19-25, taking it to a third set. In the third set the Dogs fought hard against the Buffaloes keeping the score close the entire set. The Dogs fell short 14-16 with a win for the Lady Buffaloes.

The Lady Bulldogs played the Decatur Community Red Devils to wrap up the evening. The Dogs trailed behind the Red Devils 3-5 and caught back up 7-7. The Dogs fought a hard close set but came up short 20-25. The Dogs continued to fight but lost energy in the second set and fell 10-25 with a win for the Red Devils. "We did a good job playing," said Shayna Altman 8<sup>th</sup> grader, "we can improve on talking, moving our feet quicker, and getting our serves over."

The girls will continue their season in Long Island to take on the Northern Valley Lady Huskies and the Alma, Nebraska, Lady Cardinals on September 21.