

Lady Bulldogs Improve Record By Gabrielle Schiltz

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs played a close game against the Hill City Lady Ringnecks on January 7 in Rexford. “We knew that coming into the game would be a challenge,” exclaimed Kaylie Schaben. “We had good team effort and never gave up,” added Maggi Nieman. “We are going to keep working hard to improve every game here on out.”

The Lady Bulldogs started the game off with a two point basket from KayCee Miller after Kaylie Schaben won the tip off. Hill City wasn’t afraid to go down to their end of the court and shoot making the score 2-12. Gabrielle Schiltz then put up a three pointer to allow the ‘Dogs side of the scoreboard to improve. Hill City was far enough ahead to keep the 8-16 lead at the end of the first quarter. The second quarter was full of both teams scoring and playing tough defense. The Lady Bulldogs went into halftime trailing 20-26.

Coming back from halftime the Lady Bulldogs scored three baskets holding the Ringnecks to zero. After gaining the lead the ‘Dogs knew they needed to keep up their enthusiasm making sure their defensive end was staying strong. Miller was able to grab a steal and bucket along with buckets from both Kaylie Schaben and Maggi Nieman to make the end of the third quarter 37-30.

The final quarter was no less of a battle as both teams worked hard to gain control of the ball to put in some baskets. Hill City was able to keep the ‘Dogs from scoring after Nieman put in a free throw coming into the quarter to make the score tied again. The score went back and forth until Schiltz hit a basket making the Lady Bulldogs have a one point lead.

A double dribble from Hill City gave the ‘Dogs possession of the ball with 22 seconds left on the clock. Schiltz was then fouled putting her to the line. She was able to put in her first free throw giving the Bulldogs a two point lead. After missing her second free throw Mabel Lugo was in position to get the rebound. Coach Parker Christensen then used his last timeout. Coming back from the timeout Morgan Ritter put a basket in and also made a free throw, after getting fouled, securing the ‘Dogs lead 46-41. Miller was then sent to the free throw line with 1.2 seconds left making the final score 47-41.

Miller ended the game with 16 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, and 6 steals. Schiltz added 10 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 assists. Lugo had 8 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 steals. Nieman put in 6 points, 5 assists, and 2 steals. Ritter scored 5 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 assists. Schaben had 2 points, 7 rebounds, and one steal. The Lady Bulldogs will travel to McDonald to play the Cheylin Cougars on January 10.