

Lady Bulldogs Play Close with Stockton

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs played a close game against the Stockton Lady Tigers for their first game following the Christmas Break on January 3 in Rexford. "It felt good to be back in a game after practicing against our own teammates the past couple weeks," said senior Morgan Ritter.

Stockton started the game with two quick baskets only to have them answered by Kaylie Schaben and Gabrielle Schiltz for the Bulldogs. This set the pace for the game as the girls traded baskets throughout the quarter and the game as the Bulldogs held a slight 10-9 lead at the end of the first.

The second was more of the same as the Bulldog would pull ahead only to have the Tigers tie it back up, finally gaining a one-point lead 18-17 by the half.

Both teams fought hard for control of this very physical game. The 'Dogs tied it back up to begin the third. The Tigers just answered pulling back in the lead. The Tigers gained a six point lead midway through the quarter but the Lady Bulldogs were determined. Mabel Lugo hit a free throw, then KayCee Miller dished it off to Schiltz. Another basket from Lugo and a free throw from Miller left the 'Dogs down one 28-27 at the end of the third.

The final quarter was no less of a battle as both teams worked hard to control the ball and the game. A three-pointer from Miller gave the 'Dogs a 2 point lead at the start of the quarter. She added a couple of free shots to extend the lead. The Tigers answered with a three. Another Bulldog free throw and Tiger basket tied the game up at 33 with just under three minutes to play.

The Tigers pulled ahead by four with just 26 seconds remaining followed by a time out. Back on the floor, Lugo hit a shot to bring the game within 2. A foul at 3.4 seconds gave the Tigers a final point and a 38-35 win over the Bulldogs.

Miller ended the game with 13 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, and 2 steals. Schiltz added 7 pts, 6 reb, and 1 asst. Lugo had 5 pts, 5 reb, 1 asst, and 3 steals. Ritter put in 4 pts, 6 reb, 3 assts, and 1 steal. Maggi Nieman scored 4 pts, 1 reb, 2 assts, and 2 steals. Schaben ended the game with 2 pts, 14 rebs, 2 assts, and 1 steal.

The girls will have a busy week of basketball as they travel to Logan on Friday and host St. Francis back at home on Saturday, January 7.