

## Seniors Lead Bulldogs in First Game By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs got their season started when they played their first game of the year on December 1 in Grainfield against the pre-season state top ranked Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks.

The Bulldogs, led by seniors Morgan Ritter and Gabrielle Schiltz, got off to a rough start in the first quarter with shots not falling as the Thunderhawks pulled ahead 12-0 before Ritter made a free throw with 8 seconds left.

Ritter and Schiltz found the basket to start off the second. Aided by Kaylie Schaben, jr, the Bulldogs stayed with the 'Hawks to end the half trailing 24-12.

The Bulldogs played with the 'Hawks the rest of the game by working together to outscore them 8-6 in the third. The 'Hawks again led the fourth 11-10 to win the game 41-30.

"We had trouble getting started at the beginning of the game because we were all nervous with three new starters," said Gabrielle Schiltz. "It was good to see where we are at and what we need to work on before we meet them again later in the season," added Morgan Ritter.

Gabrielle Schiltz and Kaylie Schaben each scored 10 for the Bulldogs along with 5 from KayCee Miller, Morgan Ritter 4, and Maggi Nieman 1. Ritter pulled down 10 rebounds for the 'Dogs along with Schaben 8, Mabel Lugo 5, Miller 4, Schiltz 4, and Nieman 1. The Bulldogs will play in the Sagebrush Tournament before returning home to face Northern Valley on December 16.