

## JV Girls Finish Season at Home

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The Golden Plains JV girls played the Triplains/Brewster Titans and the Northern Valley Huskies in Rexford on October 5 for their final JV games of the season. The Lady Bulldogs won both games to finish their season with a 5-3 record.

The first JV set started with a score of 6-4 but with a couple hits from Hayden Wark, the Dogs led 9-8. The Titans were able to catch up, but with two hits from Reagan Shaw and a spike from Anette Hernandez-Lopez the Dogs were back up 12-8.

Hernandez kept scoring and, with help from Amie Cheney, the Dogs extended their lead. A hit from Lauren Patmon put the Dogs up 22-11. The Lady Bulldogs stayed strong for the win 25-11.

The Lady Bulldogs continued their streak in the second set with hits by Hernandez and a spike from Patmon. The Bulldogs were able to get under the ball many times taking an early 10-0 lead. The Bulldogs had some trouble spiking the ball and keeping it inbounds allowing the Titans to score. The Bulldogs kept on scoring points and with a couple hits from Wark and Hernandez. Another spike from Patmon gave the Bulldogs the second set win 25-8. "We ended the game on a high note and we were fired up and ready for the next competitor," said Patmon.

The JV Bulldogs began their second game against Northern Valley with the teams tied 14-14. The Huskies kept scoring points and the Bulldogs were finally able to score some points but fell behind 18-22 with a time out called. The Lady Bulldogs were able to catch up, but the Huskies won the first set 23-25.

The Lady Bulldogs were able to win the second set 25-19 with some good support from the crowd including the football boys cheering them on. The Bulldogs took the lead in the third set, the Huskies could not catch up, and the Bulldogs won the match 15-11.

The JV girls finished their season 5-3 with wins over Triplains/Brewster (2), Northern Valley (2), and Quinter and losses to Logan, Ness City, and St. Francis. "We worked well as a team," said freshman Siena Vargas. "We learned high school volleyball is a lot different than middle school. It's a much more competitive, faster paced game."

"We enjoyed both practices and games," continued Hayden Wark, freshman. "We enjoyed playing against the varsity—it made us better and gave us excitement for the games." "I feel we improved a lot this season," added Anette Hernandez-Lopez. "We got better at serving, receiving, and communication on the court. I enjoyed playing with all the girls and gained more confidence in the game."

The Bulldogs will graduate six seniors this year with only a few freshmen coming in. "With our smaller team next year, we are going to have to work together and work hard to be successful," continued Wark. "I am looking forward to next season," added Hernandez. "We will have less girls but we should be close as a team."