

Lady Bulldogs hold off Quinter

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The Golden Plains High School girls played well in the opening game of the Castle Rock tournament in Quinter last week, but couldn't hold on to a first-quarter lead and wound up losing 58-41 to the Wheatland/Grinnell Lady Thunderhawks.

The girls lost again in the second round, tumbling to Ellis High 50-18, but came back strong on only managed 4 points in the first Saturday to whip the Quinter Lady Bulldogs 58-48 for their first win of the season.

The Lady Bulldogs ended the first quarter of the first game last Monday with a 14-12 lead, but as the game continued, the Lady Thunderhawks gradually took over.

By half time, the girls were down by eight, 27-19. A closely played third kept the ladies within reach, and they began the fourth trailing 39-28. In the final eight minutes, the 'Hawks extended their lead and captured a 58-41 win.

posting a "double-double" as she put in 18 points and pulled down 14 rebounds. Jacy Moss added 8 and grabbed 7 rebounds. Jessica Luna had 4 points and 5 rebounds, Angela Ritter and Karly Miller 4 and 2 and Aisha Walter scored 3 points.

In the second round on Thursday, it looked as though the girls had done all their scoring on Monday. The Ellis Lady Railers whipped them 50-18. The girls period, and things didn't improve in the second as they scored 2. The team trailed 35-6 at the half.

The Lady Bulldogs did score a little more in the second half, 5 points in the third and 7 in the fourth.

Walter led the scoring with 5 points. Others putting points on the board were Angela Ritter and Luna with 2 and Alyssa Babcock with 1.

Melissa Ritter had 2, Moss scored 4 and Miller added 2. The girls pulled down 31 rebounds. With two losses in the tourna-

ment and a season record of 0-3, Melissa Ritter had an excep- the Lady Bulldogs were ready to and Melissa Ritter, both making

tional game for the Bulldogs, take on the Quinter Lady Bulldogs half of their free throws. on Saturday morning. They came out and played hard, grabbing a 13-5 lead by the end of the first.

"We were pumped up before the game started," said Moss. "We had our minds focused and we were ready to play."

In a physical game between the two Lady Bulldogs teams, the Golden Plains girls extended their lead by halftime to 26-15. Quinter tried to make a comeback in the third, but put in one free-throw after another to bring the score to 38-23

In the fourth period, though the girls tired, they continued to play hard. That apparently put Quinter in an aggressive mood, and two Quinter girls fouled out.

Quinter ended the game with 50 percent more fouls than Golden Plains, 33 to 22. Golden Plains took advantage, shooting 61 percent from the free-throw line. Moss shot 75 percent from the foul line, making 9 of 12 free throws. Angela Ritter made all 6 of her free-throw attempts. Other players shooting well from the line were Walter, 4 of 6, and Luna

By the end of the game, the Lady Bulldogs gained a hardearned first victory of the season with a final score of 58-48, including 28 free throws.

Moss led the scoring with 19 points, Walter added 10, Miller 9, Angela Ritter 8, and Luna 6.

Melissa Ritter had 4 and Spresser 2.

The girls also pulled down 42 rebounds, with Miller grabbing 10, Luna 8 and Angela Ritter 7. Melissa Ritter grabbed 7, Moss 6 and Walter 4.

The team posted 10 assists and 7 steals in a game that had the lowest number of turnovers of any in the tournament.

'It was an amazing first win," Moss said.

The Lady Bulldogs played Healy at home on Tuesday, then will be back on the road for a rematch against the Lady Thunderhawks at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Grainfield.

We played OK this week against Wheatland/Grinnell," said Moss. "We should play them closer on Friday."

Broncos sub may get chance to play Sunday

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — With all the injuries in the house for some reason? Denver Broncos' backfield, this could be the week that Peyton Hillis gets his chance to play a bigger role in Josh McDaniels' offense.

Then again, maybe not. Hillis has just a dozen carries this season, and seven of them came at Kansas City two weeks ago when the Broncos were salting away a 44-13 rout.

Last week at Indianapolis, he ran just once even though Correll Buckhalter went down with a sprained ankle and rookie running back Knowshon Moreno kept getting stuffed in short-yardage situations, shortcircuiting drives.

Hillis' rugged running style gave the struggling offense a nasty aura last year before his season-ending hamstring injury and earned him legions of fans who are now calling the radio shows and asking what's wrong with a) Hillis and b) McDaniels for not using him more.

Is Hillis in McDaniels' dog-

"He's not in the doghouse," McDaniels said.

McDaniels said one reason he didn't hand the ball to Hills on third-and-1 and fourth-and-1 against the Colts was that Spencer Larsen injured his back on the opening kickoff, leaving Hillis as his only fullback. So, he wasn't even an option.

"Not when he's the only fullback," McDaniels said.

Besides, McDaniels said, 'We've had a pretty good running game with Buckhalter and Moreno this year, and that's why we're not going to change it.

McDaniels blamed the shortyardage failures on poor blocking by the offensive line and others, not bad runs by More-

Quarterback Kyle Orton echoed his coach's comments when asked if he was surprised Hillis isn't getting more carries.

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