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You could have said the same thing to me as a lad that I might say to my child about tolerance for bullies and foul-mouthed urchins and it would have went straight in one ear and out the other.

You condition your child to contact an adult (teacher, coach, principal, neighbor, policeman, or someone else of authority) when in a situation outside their control.

When is enough...enough? At what point is it OK to let your child in on one of life's most valuable pieces of advice in that, "If you let people push you around now, they will always push you around."

I don't encourage violence of any sort, but as our military has shown through the ages, a show of force is often required in order to maintain the peace.

As Spiderman's Uncle Ben said, "With great power, comes great responsibility." That holds true in knowing when it is time to hold your ground on the principle of the matter at hand, and when it is best to just walk away.

I do want to say, that I in no way condone violence of any manner or at any level, but am at a loss in directing a child as to how to deal with the schoolyard bullies when walking away only escalates the situation...

One last thing. Parents, namely fathers, learn the facts about the altercation before going off half-cocked and assaulting a minor either physically or verbally.

Remember..."everybody has stuff, but nobody wants to see your junk!"

Lady Plainsmen Basketball Navigates Busy Week with Two Home Victories

By Head Coach Cheryl Martin

The Lady Plainsmen basketball team capped off a busy week at home with two impressive victories over Syracuse and Hill City, showcasing strong defense, balanced scoring, and a true team-first approach.

Syracuse Recap - Lady Plainsmen 44, Syracuse 28

The week opened with a fast-paced, defensively intense matchup against Syracuse. From the opening tip, the Lady Plainsmen set the tone with pressure defense and strong rebounding, controlling the tempo throughout the contest.

Offensively, the Lady Plainsmen relied on balanced scoring to pull away. Chesney Marshall led the way with 12 points, followed closely by Brynn Johnson with 11.

Rebounding proved to be a key factor, as the Lady Plainsmen controlled the boards by a 30-22 margin. Weiser and Johnson each pulled down 10 rebounds, while Marshall added 4.

Hill City Recap - Lady Plainsmen 59, Hill City 16 In their second home game of the week, the Lady Plainsmen delivered a complete team performance in a decisive win over Hill City.

Alexa Weiser led all scorers with 16 points, followed by Chesney Marshall with 10 and Brynn Johnson with

8. Jocelyn Ritter and Breckyn Selensky each scored 7 points, Finley Frantz added 5, Haylie Broeckelman contributed 4, and Madeline Crofts finished with 2.

Defensively, the Lady Plainsmen were dominant, forcing 38 turnovers and recording 26 steals. Selensky and Weiser led the way with 5 steals each.

Rebounding was once again a strength, as the Lady Plainsmen outrebounded Hill City 36-17. Weiser grabbed 8 boards, Marshall had 6, Brynn Johnson and Crofts pulled down 5 each.

With two strong home wins, the Lady Plainsmen demonstrated their depth, defensive intensity, and commitment to playing together. It was a successful and encouraging week for the team as they continue to build momentum moving forward.

Lady Plainsmen Earn MCL League Runner-Up Honors After Gritty Battle with Hoxie

By Head Coach Cheryl Martin

The Lady Plainsmen wrapped up MCL League play as Runner-Ups after a tough, hard-fought 56-48 loss to the Hoxie Lady Indians in a game that was competitive from start to finish.

"I am so proud of my girls," stated Coach Martin. "They fought hard and never gave up. They played with great sportsmanship and integrity and battled all the way to the end."

Balanced scoring highlighted the Lady Plainsmen's offensive effort. Breckyn Selesky led the way with 14 points, followed by Chesney Marshall with 12 and Alexa Weiser with 10.

Effort on the boards was a major strength for the Lady Plainsmen, as they out-rebounded Hoxie 31-24, showcasing toughness, hustle, and determination in the paint.

Despite the final score, the Lady Plainsmen demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and class throughout the game. Their relentless effort, positive attitude, and commitment to playing the game the right way defined their MCL League Runner-Up finish.

Finley Frantz (5) goes to the hoop and Brynn Johnson (23) is ready to rebound.

Plainsmen Compete at Home

By Head Coach David Hubert

The Oakley Plainsmen boys competed last week with back-to-back home games. The Plainsmen won a thriller on Tuesday evening coming from behind to beat Syracuse 51-49.

Friday night Oakley took on the Hill City Ringnecks. The Plainsmen were defeated by a score of 46-53. This game was decided in the lane with the Ringnecks hauling down 17 offensive rebounds, outscoring Oakley 11 to 1 on second chance points.

The Plainsmen are busy this week with games with Dighton, St. Francis and Russell. The boys were supported with great crowds at the home games. Come out and support the Plainsmen!



Chesney Marshall goes up for 2 points and Finley Frantz (5) there to rebound.



Breckyn Selensky with a break away lay up during the Syracuse game.



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