

Lady Bulldogs Qualify Four for State Meet By Judy Rogers

Three Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs qualified four events for the state track meet in Wichita this coming weekend by placing in the top four spots at the Regional meet in Hays on May 22. "I am extremely proud of all our student athletes today," said Coach Travis Smith. "We had several personal best today, which shows that all the hard work has paid off."

Kami Miller, junior, qualified in both hurdle events. She placed second in the 100m hurdles with a time of 17.10 placing second. Kami has placed first or second in this event at every meet this season with a season best time of 16.78 seconds. She placed third at the state meet her sophomore year. She will run prelims in Wichita this Friday at 9:00 am.

Miller also qualified in the 300m hurdles placing third with a time of 51.17. her season best time in this event was 51.12 at the league meet. She also competed at state last year in the 300m hurdles. Prelims will be at 11:10 am on Friday.

Also qualifying for the state competition was senior Ana Bermudez who placed fourth in the 3200m run with her season best time of 14:21.84. Bermudez has been a long distance runner throughout high school. This will be her first time competing in the state meet. She will run at 7:45 am on Friday.

The final state qualifier is freshman Maggi Nieman. Maggi ran the 1600m for only the second time this season. She placed third at league last week and beat that time by 30 seconds to place second at regionals with a time of 6:01.48. Her run will be at 1:20 pm on Saturday.

In other events, Gabrielle Schiltz placed sixth in triple jump with a personal record jump of 33' 2.5". Kynndra Rush ran the 100m dash in 14.81 seconds and the 200m dash in 29.78 seconds. Miller, Schiltz, Rush, and Brianna Stoll ran the 4 x 100m relay in 56.24 seconds. Miller also jumped her season-best long jump at 15' 8.25".

On the boys side, the Bulldogs competed well, but were unable to qualify any events for state competition. Dawson Spresser triple-jumped 35' 0.5". Cole Ziegelmeier ran the 1600m in 5:17.23 and the 3200m at 11:45.36. Clayton Bange finished the 1600m in 11:39.99. Bange, Ziegelmeier, Jesus Aragon and Devin Carter ran the 4 x 800m relay finishing in 10:01.54.

"The hard part is over and now the fun of state track begins," added Smith. "Thanks to everyone who has supported our kids this year."