

Scholars Place Fifth at State

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School Scholar's Bowl team placed fifth at the state meet in Ransom on February 11. This was the first time in nine years that the Bulldogs competed at the state meet. "I couldn't be more proud of this team," said Coach Steiner Scott. "They have competed at a very high level of competition all year in one of the strongest leagues in the state with a high rate of success."

The Bulldogs competed with team members Angel Sanchez, Devin Carter, Nick Brown, Clayton Bange, Charlotte McCurdy, and Jennifer Esparza. They played five rounds of pool play where they went undefeated 5-0 with wins over Axtel, Rolla, Wheatland/Grinnell, Beloit St. John and Miltonvale. They were the only team at the meet to go undefeated in pool play.

The championship round was also set up as pool play. The Bulldogs only gained one win over Rolla. They lost matches to Cunningham, Cheylin, Wilson, and Beloit St. John to place fifth overall.

"We had a pretty good season," said Nick Brown, the only senior on the team. "We placed in nearly every meet." "It's been a fun four years of competition," continued Brown. "I would like to wish next year's team well as they compete."

"It was a definite improvement over last year," added Angel Sanchez, junior. "With most of the team returning, we look forward to qualifying for state again."

"I was really impressed with how well we did this season," said Devin Carter, captain. "We were all impressed with Mr. Scott as our first year coach. His experience as a competitor in high school was very valuable." "I expect great things from our team again next year."