

Bulldogs Qualify Four for State Track By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs qualified four events for the State Track Meet in Wichita this coming weekend. These events included girls placing in the top 4 at the regional meet in Hays on May 19 in long jump, 200m, 400m, and the 4 x 400m relay.

KayCee Miller qualified by placing second in long jump with a personal record and new school record of 16' 4.75". She finished fourth in the 200m with a time of 29.0 seconds to send her to state. Miller, a sophomore, competed at state in both these events last year. "It is very rewarding to get the chance to go back to the state track meet," said Miller. "I hope I can place higher this year in the two events that I qualified in last year."

Qualifying for her first trip to the state meet was freshman Mabel Lugo in the 400m dash. She ran a 1:02.93 on the wet, rainy track at regional but her season best time is 1:01.74. She has placed in the top three all season and is looking forward to testing her skill at state.

The final event to qualify for state is the girls 4 x 400m relay team run by Gabrielle Schiltz, Kaylie Schaben, KayCee Miller, and Mabel Lugo. The girls came from behind during the race to finish third with a time of 4:27.87. Their alternate will be Maggi Nieman.

In other events, KayCee Miller ran the 100m dash in 16.27 seconds for 5th and Gabrielle Schiltz placed sixth in triple jump with a 31' 6" jump. Maggi Nieman placed sixth in the 3200m at 14:25.03 and ran the 1600m in 6:46.58.

Although the boys were unable to qualify any events for state, they also performed well under the cold, wet conditions. Dylan Spresser long jumped a personal record of 18' 7" with is nearly a foot further than is previous PR. He triple-jumped 37' 5" for 8th place overall. Dawson Spresser long jumped 16' 11.75" and triple-jumped 37' 8.5" just missing out on points in 7th place.

Nolan Ritter threw the shot put 36' 11" into the mud while Austin Patmon ran the 200m in 27.01 and the 400m in 1:01.02. The final event for the boys was Joseph Yanez in the 3200m running 12:48.82.

"What a great day the GP track team had at regionals!" exclaimed Coach Travis Smith. "Everyone who competed today and all season long did a great job!"

The girls will compete at state beginning Friday, May 26. The first event will be Lugo in the 400m at 10:25 am followed by the 200m prelims run by Miller at 12:05. The prelims for the 4 x 400m relay team will begin at 12:45. Miller will long jump on Saturday at 9:45 am with event finals to follow in the afternoon.