

## Two Bulldogs Named to All-League Volleyball By Judy Rogers

Senior Gabrielle Schiltz and sophomore KayCee Miller were named to the Western Kansas Liberty League first team for their performance on the Golden Plains squad this past season.

Schiltz, a four-year player for the Bulldogs, received honorable mention all-league last year. "Gabrielle has consistently improved since her freshman season, and this year was definitely a culmination of all her hard work and dedication to volleyball," said Coach Orba Smith. "She was a quiet but extremely effective player. The other girls looked up to her for leadership and direction on the court. We asked a lot of Gabby this season, and she never disappointed. She ran the floor as our setter in our 6-2 while she was on the back row, then when she rotated to the front she specialized as an outside hitter. Her athleticism and ability to attack the ball, no matter where it was set, made her a real force at the net. I feel quite privileged to have had the opportunity to coach Gabby the past four years. Gabrielle definitely deserves to be honored as one of the top volleyball players in the WKLL"

"It was an honor to get selected my last year," said Gabrielle Schiltz. "I am glad to be a part of the team that I was. We all became very close throughout the season. I want to thank everyone who pushed me to be my best."

Miller, a two-year starter, has some fierce serves and sharp spikes along with a passion for the game. "Plain and simple... KayCee is a Competitor," said Coach Smith. "She led by example with her great work ethic and attitude. I saw a big transformation in KayCee this season. As her confidence improved, she really stepped up her game. That confidence along with her versatility made her a player to contend with. She was not only our best back row passer/digger, but one of our two most effective hitters. KayCee is probably one of the most "court aware" players I've ever coached. Her ability to see the floor and make adjustments gave her real advantage. KayCee finished the season at Sub-State playing some of her best volleyball of the season... which makes me extremely happy as a coach! I'm so proud of KayCee and her accomplishments this season.

"It is an honor to be selected," said KayCee Miller. "I'm glad my hard work through the past few years helps our team achieve success. I would like to thank my coaches, family, and teammates for their encouragement, support, and guidance in all my athletic activities." Miller will be returning to the Bulldog squad next season.