Lady Bulldogs Prepare for 2017 Season By Amanda Cheney

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs have been working hard getting ready for the 2017 volleyball season. There are 13 girls on the team this year, along with 4 managers. Players include 3 seniors, 4 juniors, 5 sophomores, and 1 freshman. The returning seniors are Kaylie Schaben, Maggi Nieman, and Jennifer Esparza.

The four juniors are KayCee Miller, Amanda Cheney, Noel Ritter, and Haley Miller. Sophomores include Karri Schaben, Mabel Lugo, Malilah Green, Candace Taylor, and Rileigh Korte. Brooke Stoll is the only freshman player. Managers include Charlotte McCurdy-senior, Emily Stoltz-sophomore, Ashely Stoll-freshman, and Morgan Wark-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Head coach for the Lady Bulldogs is Orba Smith and assistant coach is Ashely Arnberger.

The girls started practices this summer, including a volleyball camp in July, in preparation for the upcoming season. "We've been working hard as a team to accomplish our season goals," said Maggi Nieman. "I'm most looking forward to improving as a team each match," added Jennifer Esparza.

"We really have good expectations for this season," said Kaylie Schaben. "We already have good team unity and work really well together, so we're all really excited for this year!" The girls kicked off their season at the annual sports scrimmage on August 25, and they will travel to Brewster to face off against Triplains/Brewster and Logan on August 29.