

Bulldogs Qualify for State Track

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains has five track athletes qualified for the state track meet in Wichita this coming weekend in nine events. Athletes qualified by placing in the top four at the Regional Track Meet in Hill City on May 16.

Senior KayCee Miller qualified in four events. She won long jump at 16' 9.5" for the regional championship. This is her fourth year to compete in long jump at state. She also qualified in the 200m dash running a 27.91 for fourth place. She has competed in and placed the 200m at state for the past 4 years including fifth last season.

The 4 x 100m relay team of Miller, Mabel Lugo, Ashley Stoll, and Brooke Stoll also won the regional championship to qualify for state again this year. They girls ran their season best time of 52.61 to win. They placed XX at state last season.

The same girls also won the 4 x 400m relay with their season best time of 4:10.97 to win the championship and return to state. The girls set a new school record as they claimed the state championship in 2018. Despite battling injury and illness this season, they have won the 4 x 400 at every meet they ran the past two seasons and look forward to repeating that success next weekend in Wichita.

"It was great to end my senior year taking all four of my events to state," said Miller, "and to take long jump and the 20m to state all four years! It has been a challenging season and an outstanding way to end, but it's not over yet!"

Sophomore Ashley Stoll is taking three events to state. Along with the two relays, she placed second in the 400m with a season best 1:01.06 to qualify for the second year. She qualified for finals in the 200m with a 27.79 second ran placing 7th in finals. Junior Mabel Lugo placed third in the 400m to qualify for the third straight season with her season best run of 1:02.30 while battling the flu all day. Sophomore Brooke Stoll also qualified in the 800m run with a season best time of 2:33.60 for the second year.

The final event to qualify for competition at the state meet was Senior Jacob Ritter. Jacob placed second in long jump with his personal best jump of 20' 9.75". Senior Dylan Sprester set PR's in both long jump (17' 7.75") and triple jump (39' 8") just missing out on state qualification in fifth place in both events.

Miller will compete at the State meet in Wichita on Friday, May 24, at 8:00 am. Ritter will long jump on Saturday at 1:15. Prelims for running events begin Friday morning.