

## Bulldogs Set Records at State By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs set numerous records at the State Track Meet in Wichita on May 29 including individual PR's and New School Records. The girls team scored 31 points to finish seventh in the state.

Freshman Emma Weiner won the state 1A Championship in the 1600m run. She set another school record of 5:26.24 for first place. This was the fifth time this season that she set the school record. She placed first at all but one meet this year. She placed second in the Colby Invitational behind Lara Murdock of Colby who placed second at state in 3A.

Weiner also set a new school record in the 3200m run. She ran 11:41.75 setting the school record for the fifth time this season. She placed first in the 3200m at every meet during the season, placing second at state.

Also placing second at state was the 4 x 800m relay team. They set the school record for the third time this season with a runner-up run of 10:15.92. Runners were Brooke Stoll, Emma Weiner, Rayna Taylor, and Ashley Stoll.

Senior Ashley Stoll placed sixth in the 800m run with a time of 2:18.51—her best time of the season and her career. She had never competed in the 800m until May 4 of this year at the Logan Invitational placing first. She placed second at both Colby and Regionals finishing sixth in the state. Ashley also ran the 400m at state placing 10<sup>th</sup> with a time of 1:03.57. Her season best time was 1:02.84 at Regionals. Her career best time was 1:00.41 for fifth place at state her freshman year.

Also earning points for the Lady Bulldogs was sophomore Breanna Rath who set a PR of 31' 1.5" in Triple Jump for seventh place. Rath missed out on her freshman season last year due to Covid and placed in the top 4 at every meet this year. She also competed at state in Long Jump placing 10<sup>th</sup> with a 15' 3.75 jump. She placed in the top 4 in this event throughout the season as well.

The final event for the girls was the 4 x 400m relay. Brooke Stoll, Emma Weiner, Sidney Taylor, and Ashley Stoll ran this event in 4:23.38 placing them tenth in the state.

The only male athlete to compete in state for the Bulldogs was junior Ethan Weiner. Ethan ran the 3200m in 10:37.96 setting the school record for the third time this season placing 11th. He placed in this event at every meet throughout the season.

"It's always hard to see the track season come to an end," said Coach Travis Smith, "but it went out with a bang today. We are always wanting to end the season by peaking at the right time and boy we did today. Ethan Weiner set a 20 second PR in his 2 mile to finish his season. The girls track team finished 7th overall but just a couple points out of getting on the podium as a team."

The girls 4x800 took second with a 10 second PR, Emma Weiner set a 10 second PR in the 3200( State Runner Up) and a second PR ( 5 seconds) as she became State Champion in the 1600," continued Smith. "Breanna Rath set a PR in the triple jump (8 inches) to place 7th. Rayna and Sidney Taylor played big roles in the success of the 4x800 and 4x400 relays this year. Brooke and Ashley Stoll finished their stellar track careers today as Brooke placed in the 4x8 and Ashley placed in the 4x8 and the 800! It was definitely a great day to be a Bulldog!"