

## Three Bulldogs Named to All-State Team By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains had three members of the high school football team receive Six-Man All-State recognition at the Wild West Bowl in Dodge City on October 31. Senior Wade Rush, senior Rojelio Loya, and junior Roberto Loya were each named to the All-State team.

Wade Rush was honored for his work this season in three positions. He was named All-State Linebacker/Defensive Back, and All-State Kicker. He also received Honorable Mention Utility Player. Rush received Honorable Mention in four positions last season. As a sophomore he was named All-State First Team Offensive Line and Honorable Mention Linebacker/Defensive Back.

Rush was a standout player on both offense and defense throughout the season. He carried the ball 63 times for 403 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns. He had 12 catches for 162 yards and 5 touchdowns. He completed 8 of 17 passes for 166 yards and 4 touchdowns, had 25 touchbacks on kickoffs, and completed 15 extra point conversions on kicks.

"I was glad to repeat this accomplishment," said Rush, "especially since there are more teams than in past years. All of them were well-deserving of this recognition."

Rojelio Loya received Honorable Mention Defensive End/Returner. Last season, Loya also received Honorable Mention as Linebacker/Defensive Back. He carried the ball 120 times for 818 total rushing yards and 15 touchdowns. He passed for 301 yards and 3 touchdowns along with 5 receptions for 102 yards and 2 touchdowns. He also had 2 kickoff returns for touchdowns. On defense, Rojelio led the team with 103 tackles, 10 sacks, and 2 interceptions, including a 70 yard pick six against Northern Valley.

"It was definitely nice to be selected again," said Rojelio, "because of how hard I worked over the summer in the weight room and attending the Sharp Performance camp. It's all about who works the hardest, not who you are."

Roberto Loya received Honorable Mention Utility Player. This is his first season to receive All-State recognition. Roberto had 847 rushing yards on 96 carries and 9 touchdowns. He passed for 133 yards and 4 touchdowns along with 10 receptions for 115 yards and 2 touchdowns. On defense, he had 50 tackles, 5 pass deflections, and 1 interception.

"It was a big honor to be selected for all state," said junior Roberto Loya. "There are a lot of kids in six-man that could've been selected. I hope to make the All-State team next year."