

Bulldogs Finish Fourth in League Meet

By Judy Rogers

The Bulldog track team finished fourth at the Western Kansas Liberty League meet in Goodland on May 16 bringing home three league championships. “The boys have continued to work hard and get better each meet,” said Coach Travis Smith. “Several of these boys have a great chance to move on from regionals to state!”

Golden Plains senior Tristan Schwarz claimed two of those league championships as he won the discus with a throw of 136’3” and the shot up with a throw of 45’ 10.5”. Schwarz also placed fifth in the 100m with an 11.95 run. This was his first time running this event this season.

Also bring home a league championship was senior Zach Spresser with a 40’ 11.25” jump in triple jump. This was Spresser third first place finish this season. He also jumped his season best in long jump at 19’ 6.5” for second place.

Grant Spresser placed second in the 110m hurdles (18.07) followed closely by Josh Barnhart in third (19.22). These two seniors also ran the 300m hurdles for the first time this year with Spresser placing sixth (48.19) and Barnhart close behind (49.95). G. Spresser, Schwarz, Z. Spresser, and Barnhart made up the 4 x 100m relay team placing fourth (47.10).

The younger athletes contributed to the Bulldogs points in other events. Sophomore Cole Ziegelmeier placed sixth in the 3200m run (11:57.41), and ran his best time in the 800m (2:28.43), and ran a 5:28.11 in the 1600m run just missing sixth place in both events. The 4 x 800m relay team of Koi Wessel, Kade Wessel, Dawson Spresser, and Nick Brown knocked 30 seconds off their previous time for fifth (11:25.16). These some four ran the 4 x 400m relay placing sixth (4:40.64).

Senior Jacob Antholz competed in his final meet as a Bulldog. He competed in Discus and Shot Put all four years of high school showing consistent improvement throughout his career. “The senior boys have been great leaders,” added Smith, “and I appreciate everything they have done this year. Several of the team members concluded their season at this meet, while Schwarz, Zach Spresser, and the 4 x 100m relay team will continue to practice this week in preparation for regional and state competition.