

## Lady Bulldogs Place Third at Regionals By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs tied with Hoxie for third place behind Wheatland and Quinter at the Regional track meet in Hays last Friday. The girls qualified six events for the state meet in Wichita this coming weekend with additional points coming other team members and most of the girls posted season best times.

“This is the highest regional finish for the girls since 2003,” said Coach Travis Smith. “It was great to see the kids' hard work and dedication pay off at regionals.”

Among those qualifying for state was sophomore Kami Miller who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100m hurdles with a time of 16.79 and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 300m hurdles with a personal best time of 50.18 seconds. She will run preliminaries at 2:10 and 4:20 on Friday.

Kylie Jones, senior, will be competing at state for the second year in high jump. She jumped her personal best of 5' 0" qualifying with a three-way tie for second place. She jumps at 6:30 pm on Friday.

Senior Macayla Easton qualified for her third trip to state in the 400m with a season best time of 1:03.58 in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Easton has placed 5<sup>th</sup> at the state meet in this event the past two years. She will run prelims at 3:35 on Friday. Kynndra Rush, sophomore, will compete at state in the 800m run at 5:05 on Friday. She ran a season best time of 2:31.71 for 3<sup>rd</sup> at regionals.

Easton, Jones, Rush, and Freshman Gabrielle Schiltz qualified the final event to compete at the state tournament. They ran a season best 4:23.97 in the 4 x 400m relay for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Easton and Rush ran the 4 x 400m relay at state last year. Their event will be at 6:30 pm Friday.

Schiltz and Miller contributed the final points to the team's third place finish. Schiltz just missed state qualification by jumping 32' 7.75" in triple jump for 5th and Miller long jumped 15' 9.25"- also for 5th. Ana Bermduetz shaved a few seconds off her best time in the 3200m run for 5th place in 14:12.11. The 4 x 100m relay team on Jones, Rush, Miller, and Easton ran their season best at 54.84 narrowly missing points in 7th place.

“I was so proud to see our kids compete and do so well in Hays,” added Smith. “It doesn't get any easier as we head to state this weekend. We will have to continue to get better this week to ensure we have a chance to place in our events. It's been a fantastic year and I'm super proud of our athletes.”