

Bulldogs Qualifies Nine for State Track

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School qualified nine athletes in six events for the state track meet in Wichita at the Tribune Regional on May 19. The girls tallied 40 points to place sixth out of the 29 schools competing in Tribune while the boys scored 12 points for a three-way tie for 12th place.

The Lady Bulldogs claimed three regional champions. Senior Breanna Rath was the first place athlete in Triple Jump with a jump of 35' 0.75". This is Rath's third trip to state in this event. She placed 7th as a sophomore and was state runner-up last year. Track season was cancelled her freshman year due to Covid. She has placed first in every meet the past two years except for 2nd at state. Rath has set the school record twice this season with her personal best jump of 38' 2.25" at the league meet. She will jump at state on Friday at 1:15 pm.

Junior Emma Weiner won two regional championships. She placed first in the 1600m run with a season best time of 5:32.11. This is her third straight year as regional champion. She set the school record five times as a freshman and holds the record of 5:26.24. She placed first or second in nearly every meet throughout high school. She was state champion in the 1600 as a freshman and state runner-up as a sophomore.

Weiner was also the regional champion in the 3200m with a 12:38.04 run in Tribune. She has been the Regional champion for three years in a row. Emma placed first in every meet the past three years with the exception of state runner-up her freshman year and was the state champion last year. She set the school record five times as a freshman and holds the school record of 11:41.75 set in 2021 set at state. She will run the 3200m on Friday morning at 7:45 am and run the 1600m on Saturday at 1:25 pm.

Freshman Dylan Wark was the Regional Runner-Up in the 800m run with a personal best time of 2:07.86. He is just 2 seconds away from the school record of 2:05.6 set in 1995 by Damian Williams. Dylan will run on Saturday at 5:35 pm.

For the first time in recent history, both the girls and boys 4 x 800m Relay teams qualified for the state meet. The girls' team, which includes Jordyn Fleckenstein, Anette Hernandez, Emma Weiner, and Sidney Taylor, were the Regional Runner-Up with their season best time of 10:26.86. They will run on Saturday at 10:30 am. The boys team, with members Dylan Wark, Owen Patmon, Iu Ribera, and Landon Meier, improved their time by 19 seconds at regionals to place fourth with a 8:53.68 run. They are just 5 seconds away from the school record of 8:48.16 set in 2008 by Jordan Rogers, Dan Rogers, Jeremy Hunter, and Andrew Broeckelman. They will run on Saturday at 11:40 am.

Emma Weiner placed sixth in the 800m (2:41.38) and Breanna Rath finished sixth in Long Jump (15' 3.5") to finish out the girls scoring. Ava Brantley set a PR of 15.38 in the 100m dash to conclude her season and Dylan Wark set a PR of 17.75 in the 110m Hurdles.

Additional results for the girls include: Sidney Taylor-400m 1:06.06 800m 2:49.96, Anette Hernandez-1600m 6:20.65, Valentina Bermudez-Discus 78' 10", and Jordyn Fleckenstein-Javelin 72' 9".

Additional events for the boys included: Tanner Black-100m 12.63, Iu Ribera-400m 1:02.65 Triple Jump 35' 11.5", Landon Meier-800m 2:22.23 1600m 5:21.62, Ezekiel Weiner-1600m 5:33.20 3200m 11:50.67, Josh Rath-Long Jump 16' 10.5" Triple Jump 37' 2", Abraao Alencar-Discus 85' 4", Miguel Garcia-Discus 74' 11", and Abe Taylor-Javelin 98' 4".

“Overall it was a great day and I’m very proud of all the athletes that participated today,” said Coach Travis Smith. “On to state next week. As always, Proud to be a Bulldog!!” The state meet begins on Friday, May 26, at Cessna Stadium in Wichita.