

Lady Bulldogs Win WKLL Championship

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School Lady Bulldogs scored 125 points to win the league championship at the WKLL Track Meet in Hill City on May 12. This is the third year in a row that the Lady Bulldogs have won the league meet.

Every girl on the team contributed points to the championship—with most claiming a league championship event. Senior Breanna Rath claimed the league championship in both Long Jump with a PR of 16' 11.25" and in Triple Jump with a PR jump of 38' 2.25" setting a new school record and a new league record in this event. The previous league record was held by GP Alumni Valerie Broeckelman set in 2006. Rath also placed second in the finals of the 100m dash with a PR time of 13.53 and ran a PR of 29.54 in the 200m prelims finishing fifth in the finals with a 29.79 run.

Junior Emma Weiner claimed the league championship in three individual events including the 800m (2:36.71), 1600m (5:42.62), and 3200m (12:40.23). This is the first year she has run the 800m while she has placed in every meet of the 1600 in high school including the state championship her freshman year and state runner-up as a sophomore. She has placed first in the 3200m run in every meet the past three years with the exception of state runner-up as a freshman and was the state champion last year.

Both relay teams won league championships including the 4 x 400m team of Ava Brantley, Anette Hernandez, Siena Vargas, and Sidney Taylor with a run of 4:56.23. The 4 x 800m relay team of Jordyn Fleckenstein, Hernandez, Taylor, and Weiner ran 10:58.69 for first place. The 4 x 800m team has placed in the top three at every meet this year.

Senior Sidney Taylor set a PR of 1:05.71 for second place in the 400m and placed fifth in the 800m run (2:54.44). Sophomore Anette Hernandez placed second in the 800m with a 2:47.28 run and second in the 1600m with a 6:26.58 run.

Sophomore Siena Vargas placed fourth in Triple Jump with a PR jump of 27' 6.75" and set a PR of 12' 10.25" in Long Jump and a PR of 15.61 in the 100m. Junior Valentina Bermudez threw a PR of 85' 5" in Discus for third place and threw the Javelin 55' 4" and the Shot Put 27' 4.5". Junior Jordyn Fleckenstein placed fourth in Discus with a PR of 83' 0" and fifth in Javelin throwing 80' 5.5". Junior Ava Brantley placed sixth in the 400m with a PR of 1:15.98 and set a PR of 14.98 in the 100m and a PR of 32.38 in the 200m.

The girls will compete in the Regional meet in Tribune on May 19 with high hopes of qualifying many of their events for the state meet in Wichita the following week.