

Lady Bulldogs Have Four Named to All-League Team

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs finished their season with a 26-12 Record. They were Runner-Up at the NWKL/WKLL Tournament in October, Healy Tournament Champions, and placed Fifth at the Gove County Classic. They accomplished this with only 8 players on their team. Four of those team members, including Breanna Rath, Jordyn Fleckenstein, Anette Hernandez-Lopez, and Hayden Wark, were recognized for their efforts this season as they were named to the Western Kansas Liberty League All-League team at a recent league meeting.

Senior Breanna Rath was named all-league first team. She received honorable mention last season. According to Head Coach Ashley Arnberger, Breanna was the statistical leader for the Lady Bulldogs this season. She was the team leader with 401 Digs, 215 kills, and 72 ACE Serves with a Service Rating of 2.45, and had a Serve Receive Rating of 1.85. "This is wonderful recognition to wrap up Bre's senior season," said Arnberger. "This year, Bre was asked to be our primary passer in all six serve receive rotations. Her passing consistency really set the tone for our team. Additionally, she took the most swings on the outside for us which allowed her to lead our team in kills." Rath will also be playing in the Northwest Kansas All-Star Game in Colby on November 13.

Junior Jordyn Fleckenstein was also named to the first team. This is her first year to be named to the all-league team. "I am glad to be honored with all league and really looking forward to next season," said Fleckenstein. She also had some noteworthy stats this season. She was the team leader with 44 blocks and had 157 Kills with a .108 hitting percentage. Her serve receive rating was 1.73 which is an increase from 1.62 her sophomore season with over twice as many attempts this year. Her serve percentage was 92.9% with 36 ACE serves. "Jordyn was a dominant force at the net for us this season," said Arnberger. "She led the team in blocks and took the second most swings on our team. She was also asked to take on a significant role in our serve receive. I'm really proud of her for embracing this role and improving her serve receive rating to a respectable 1.73 on over 370 attempts. I look forward to having Jordyn return for her senior season."

Sophomores Anette Hernandez-Lopez and Hayden Wark were each named to the team as Honorable Mention. Hernandez had 178 Kills with a .121 hitting percentage. She was the team leader in hitting percentage and second in kills. She had 15 blocks and 320 Digs—also second on the team. She was a 92.7% server with 36 ACEs and had a 1.70 Serve Receive Rating. "Anette had a very nice transition to the varsity game this season," said Arnberger. She stepped in as a sophomore and played outside hitter for us. She also took on a big role in our serve receive. She led the team in hitting percentage, was second in kills, and second in digs. This season was full of growth for Anette, and I can't wait to see her continued growth over the next two seasons."

Wark was the team leader with 549 assists—no one else had over 25. She was a 90.7% server and second on the team in ACEs with 67. "We ran a 5-1 with Hayden as our setter this season," said Arnberger, "which means we asked Hayden to be our setter for all six rotations. This was a significant transition for our team since we have traditionally run a 6-2. Hayden has a naturally nice touch on the ball, but she worked extremely hard this season on her body placement and setting execution. She could always be counted on to give her full effort to make a play on any ball. Having an effect setter is so very important to offensive execution. I am so pleased to see this recognition for Hayden as it is very well deserved."