

Golden Plains Qualifies Three for State

By Judy Rogers

Three Bulldogs from Golden Plains qualified for the State Track Meet in Wichita on May 27-28. Gabrielle Schiltz, Maggi Nieman, and KayCee Miller each placed in the top four at the 1A Regional meet in Phillipsburg on May 20 to qualify to compete at state.

Maggi Nieman, sophomore, is making a return trip to state. She ran the 1600m as a freshman last year. This year, she ran the 3200m in 13:29.39 to place third in regionals. "My goal all year was to make it to state," said Nieman. "It was good to meet my goal—I really wanted it!" Nieman will run at 7:00 pm on Friday. She just missed qualifying in the 1600m as she placed fifth with her season best time of 6:01.92.

Gabrielle Schiltz, junior, qualified for the state meet by placing second in triple jump with a career high jump of 34' 2.25" at regionals. "I've been working for this for three years," said Schiltz. "I'm glad to finally make it." She will jump at 3:00 pm on Saturday. She competed in the 4 x 400m relay her freshman year.

Freshman KayCee Miller qualified for her first trip to state in two events. KayCee placed fourth in the final of the 200m dash with a time of 27.51 seconds. She set a new record in long jump of 16' 3.25" to place fourth and qualify. "It was rewarding to qualify after all the hard work I've put in," said Miller. "My goal is to place in the top six at state." Miller will long jump at 3:00 pm on Friday and run prelims of the 200m at 5:15 pm Friday. KayCee just missed qualification in the 100m dash as she placed fifth with 13.60 second run in finals.

Several other Bulldogs performed well at Regionals with personal records and excellent results. The 4 x 100m relay team of Kami Miller, Gabrielle Schiltz, Kynndra Rush, and KayCee Miller ran their season best time of 53.15, just missing out on state qualification in fifth place. Kami Miller tied her season best time of 51.51 in the 300m hurdles and placed sixth in the 100m hurdles with a 16.94 second run in finals. Kynndra Rush ran the 100m dash in prelims in 14.69 seconds and threw the discus 72' 0".

Senior Cole Ziegelmeier ran a career best 5:07.84 in the 1600m run. He also ran the 3200m in 11:52.80. Dawson Spresser jumped a career personal record in triple jump of 37' 10". Dylan Spresser triple jumped 36' 5.5".