

## Bulldogs Qualify Two for State By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog track team qualified two athletes for the state track meet in Wichita this coming weekend.

First to qualify was junior Dylan Spresser. Spresser triple jumped 39' 0.5" for fourth place at the Regional meet in Colby on May 18. Spresser best jump of his career was the week earlier where he jumped 40' 7.25" for second place at the WKLL League meet. "It feels great to be able to qualify for state," said Spresser. "I am excited to get to participate and support the rest of my teammates who are competing." Dylan will jump at Cessna Stadium at 4:45 pm on Friday, May 25.

Sophomore Harley Weese will join Spresser at the state meet as he runs the 300m Hurdles. Weese placed third at the Colby regional with a time of 44.35, just shy of his PR of 44.26 at league. This will be his first trip to the state meet. "It's a great feeling," said Harley of qualifying for state as a sophomore. "The hard work has paid off. I am looking forward to competing against the best in the state." He will run prelims at 4:45 pm on Friday.

"I am very happy for Harley and Dylan," said Coach Travis Smith. "They have worked hard to get the opportunity to compete at state this weekend in Wichita. If they will go out there and compete as they have all year, I believe they will have a very good chance of standing on the awards stand at the end of their respective events."

Additional team members preformed well to finish their season at the Colby Regional. Austin Patmon qualified for finals in both the 100m and 200m dash. He ran 12:02 in prelims and 12:07 in finals of the 100 and 24.33 in prelims and 24.61 in finals of the 200.

Joseph Yanez ran the 1600m in 5:52.11 and the 3200m in 13:00.38. The 4 x 100m relay team of Austin Patmon, Harley Weese, Nolan Ritter, and Dylan Spresser finished in 47.78 seconds. The relay team of Dylan Spresser, Harley Weese, Josh Spresser, and Austin Patmon ran the 4 x 400m in 3:56.37.

In field events, Wade Rush threw the shot put 36' 6.5", the Discus 119' 3", and the javelin 129' 10". Nolan Ritter threw the shot put 39' 9" and the javelin 121' 4". Harley Weese finished the events with a 17' 6.5" long jump.