

GPHS Girls Place Third at Oakley

By KayCee Miller

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs Track team travel to Oakley on April 19th for their annual invitational track meet. The girls had 23 entries with 9 girls competing and scored a total of 76 points as a team placing 3rd overall out of the 13 teams attending. The Lady Bulldogs set many PR's throughout the day at Oakley.

The 'Dogs started the day with the field events. In shot put, Jennifer Esparza placed 5th with a put of 31'-a season best throw for her. Noel Ritter threw 27' 6.75" and Taryn Fleckenstein threw a season best 23' 8". In discus, Ritter threw 71' 3" while Esparza threw a season best 70' 1" and Fleckenstein threw a personal record of 61' 1". In javelin, Fleckenstein and Esparza each improved to 58' 4" and 54' 8".

The girls then took to the track for the running events where they quickly added to their point total. Mabel Lugo ran the 100m hurdles in a personal record time of 18.05 placing 6th. KayCee Miller won the 100m dash with a season best time of 13.17 and Brooke Stoll placed fifth with a personal best time of 13.93, while Karla Hernandez ran a PR of 16.41

Candace Taylor then ran the 1600m with a PR time of 7:12.58. She also set a PR of 16:48.24 in the 3200m for 6th place.

The girls relay team of B. Stoll, Lugo, A. Stoll, and Miller won the 4 X 100m with a season record time of 52.77. The girls also took first in the 4x400m relay. They dropped the baton in the first hand off but managed to get back in the lead and win by 50 meters with a time of 4:24.72. "Our performance in the 4x400 showed the determination we have to make it to state this year," said sophomore, Mabel Lugo. "It was a good day overall."

Lugo and Stoll raced each other for first and second in the 400m dash. Lugo had a PR time of 1:04.34 and A. Stoll ran a 1:04.64. Hernandez also ran the 400m in 1:22.38—an improved time for her. B. Stoll ran the 800m run in a PR 2:36.38 placing third. In the 200m dash, Miller placed first with a PR time of 27.45 while A. Stoll placed third at 28.09. Hernandez also ran the 200m in a PR time of 33.92. The 'Dogs will continue their season in Hill City on April 23.