

## Korte Named Defensive Player of the Year By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains Juniors Caleb Korte and Nolan Ritter received recognition for their efforts on the football field this season as they were named to the KPreps Kansas 6-Man All-State Football team at the second annual Wild West Bowl in Dodge City on November 4.

Korte, who was named all-state last season as a receiver, was awarded all-state honors in three positions this year. On offense, he was named all-state Utility player. This recognition is given to a player that excels in multiple positions. On defense he was named All-State Defensive Line and Defensive Player of the Year.

In addition to his all-state honors, Caleb was also named by Sports in Kansas as the top player for defensive sacks after 9 games with 17. This list includes all players in Kansas, classes 1A-6A. Korte is also a stat leader in the Max Preps six-man division in several categories. He is ranked third in Rushing Yards, fourth in receiving yards, second in total points, second in total touchdowns, third in total tackles, and first in sacks after 9 games.

Caleb finished the season with 1416 all-purpose yards including 958 rushing, 356 receiving, and 102 kick return. He scored 28 touchdowns for the Bulldogs this season and tallied 81 tackles along with 17 sacks, 1 interception, and 5 fumble recoveries.

"It's nice to get recognized on the all state team," said Korte. "Getting recognized in multiple positions is a bonus. The weight room is vital to our success. I look forward to continued improvement as a team to play in the championship game next year."

Nolan Ritter, a first year player for the Bulldogs, received Honorable Mention Utility Player. Nolan received for a total of 309 yards this season including 8 touchdowns. He played well defensively with 71 tackles, 1 sack, and 1 interception. "I was surprised to be named in my first year of high school football," said Ritter. "I appreciate being nominated. My goal is to make the All-State Team next year."

"Both of these boys worked hard over the summer in the weight room and on their own to get here," said Coach Travis Smith. "This also shows well as a team for everything they did to help get these two their honors."