

## Golden Plains Claims Four All-State Players By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains Football had a great season finishing second in the six-man state championship at the Wild West Bowl in Dodge City on November 10. Prior to the championship game, four players received recognition for their efforts this season as members of the Kpreps 6-Man All State Team.

Senior Caleb Korte was named All-State Defensive Line and Defensive Player of the Year. This is Korte's third year to be named to the all-state team and his second year as Defensive Player of the Year. He was named First Team receiver his sophomore year, First Team Utility Player, First Team Defensive End, and First Team Defensive Player of the Year his junior year. "This is the most All-State players we have ever had," said Korte. "It takes a lot of work not just during the season but throughout the year to be successful. I would like to thank Coach Smith for his commitment to our team to help us accomplish this level of success."

Senior Nolan Ritter was named to the offensive All-State team as Tight End/Receiver. This is Ritter's second season on the All-State Team. He received Honorable Mention Linebacker and Tight End his junior year. "I worked hard in practice and played hard in the games to receive this honor," said Ritter.

Making the All-State team for the first time were Senior Dylan Spresser and Sophomore Wade Rush. Spresser was named All-State Utility Player. "It is an honor to be selected," said Spresser. "Our success and recognition is a direct result of the success of the team."

Rush was named All-State First Team Offensive Line and Honorable Mention Linebacker/Defensive Back. "I was surprised to be selected," said Rush. "I plan to continue to work hard and hope to be named again next year."

"I am very proud of not only these all state players, but the team as a whole," said Coach Travis Smith. "These individuals worked hard to achieve these honors. In a game like football, it takes the entire team to help these individuals reach these goals. Our season is a direct result of the entire team's efforts this year."