

## Bulldogs Prepare to W.I.N. By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School Football team has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming season. Although the first official day of practice was August 13, the Bulldogs have been preparing all summer for what promises to be another successful season in their third year of six-man football.

The Bulldogs are led by Travis Smith in his 19<sup>th</sup> year as head coach. Russ Aumiller will assist again this season. “The six-man league has expanded adding new teams Deerfield, Moscow, and Rolla with Wheatland-Grinnell returning to eight man,” said Smith. “The league will play a north and south division with a play-off system finishing at the Wild West Bowl in Dodge City. We plan to do Whatever Is Necessary (W.I.N.) to finish in the championship game in Dodge.”

The Bulldogs start the season with 15 team members with six returning senior players including 2017 All-State players Caleb Korte and Nolan Ritter. Additional seniors are Dylan Spresser, Jacob Ritter, Miguel Stevens-Monge, and Josh Spresser. “We look to provide good senior leadership this year,” said Stevens-Monge, “and to develop our team as a family.” “We don’t want to lose to a team in the post season that we defeated in the regular season,” added Korte.

Team members began working in the weight room as soon as school ended last May to build their strength and skills. They also held practices each week throughout June and July to hone those skills.

A new experience for the Bulldogs was participation in a team camp in early July. The ‘Dogs traveled to Clyde, KS, for an EPIC team camp. They spent the day learning skills and scrimmaging with other six and eight man teams. “These young men had an awesome camp,” said Smith. “Through all the different team competitions, they ended up 6-man Team of the Day.”

The Bulldogs will scrimmage in Rexford on August 24 before opening their season at home on August 31 against Deerfield. They look forward seeing the stands full of fans and delivering an exciting season for all.