

Bulldogs to Play in All-Star Game

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains has four seniors and Head Coach Travis Smith participating in the first ever Kansas six-man all star game. The Kansas 6-Man Football Senior Classic will be held at Bethel College in Newton on June 5-8 with the game held at 7:00 pm June 8.

Seniors from Golden Plains, Weskan, Cheylin, Rolla, Pawnee Heights, Fowler, and Ashland will be featured in this game with Golden Plains' twenty-year head coach Travis Smith helping coach the north team. Golden Plains athletes playing in the game include Caleb Korte, Jacob Ritter, Nolan Ritter, and Dylan Spresser. Miguel Stevens-Monge was also selected to play but was unable to attend. Additional players for the north team are Tracer Vincent, Caleb Schemm, and Zack Box from Weskan, and Jacob Serrano from Cheylin.

"I am very excited to get the chance to coach this group of seniors one last time," said Coach Smith. "Having also coached in the 8 Man All-Star, I understand that it is a great honor for our athletes to get the chance to play in it. They will always be able to say that they played in the first 6 Man All-Star game in Kansas."

"I'm excited to play one final game," said Korte. Korte was named to the K-Preps Six-Man All-State team this past season as a defensive lineman and Defensive Player of the Year. He was also named to the Sports in Kansas Top 100 senior Football Players list and was the first ever Six-Man Defensive Player of the Year. As a junior, he was named K-Preps Six-Man First Team Utility Player, First Team Defensive End, and First Team Defensive MVP. He was also recognized by Sports in Kansas as a State Leader #1 in Sacks for all classes in the state. As a sophomore, he was named to the K-Preps Six Man All-State team as a receiver. "I'm glad to get to play with so many of my teammates as well as some of our opponents from the past four years."

Dylan Spresser was named to the K-Preps Six-Man All State team as Offensive Utility Player and was named by Sports in Kansas as the 2018 Football Rushing Yard Leader with 1517 yards. He was one of the Top 100 Senior Football Players and was a Six-Man Offensive Player of the Year Finalist.

Nolan Ritter was named to the K-Preps Six-Man All State Team as a linebacker and tight end his junior year and as Tight End/Receiver his senior year. He was also one of the Sports in Kansas Top 100 Senior Football Players.

Also participating in the all-star game will be senior cheerleaders from the participating schools. Golden Plains senior Amanda Cheney and four-year cheerleader will be cheering for the West Team. "It's an honor to be selected to cheer in the first ever six man all star game," said Cheney. "I'm looking forward to the experience, and I'm excited to cheer for our Bulldogs one last time!"

The game will be held at Bethel College on June 8 at 7:00 pm. The game will be broadcast live on openspacsports.com.