

## Bulldog Football Receives Additional Recognition

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Football Team has received several additional recognitions for their efforts this past season. Epic Team Camp has named Golden Plains as the team of the year. EPIC (Elite Performance In Competition) hosts summer camps for six, eight, and eleven man teams each summer. The Bulldogs attended the camp last summer where they were named Camp Champions. This was the first time the Bulldogs had attended a team camp in the past 19 years.

Sports in Kansas has released several top post-season awards. This is the first year they have recognized six-man teams. Senior Caleb Korte was named Six Man Defensive Player of the Year. Additional finalists for this honor included Kade Scott of Pawnee Heights and Cody Lohrding of Ashland. Korte was named KPreps Defensive Player of the Year at the Wild West Bowl in November and was the KPreps Defensive Player of the Year in 2017. Caleb was also named to the Sports in Kansas Top 100 Seniors Honorable Mention.

Senior Dylan Spresser was one of three finalists for Sports in Kansas Six-Man Offensive Player of the Year along with winner Kade Scott from Pawnee Heights and Jace Mackley of Weskan. Spresser was also named to the Sports in Kansas Top 100 Seniors Honorable Mention and was listed on the Sports in Kansas Leaderboard for Rushing Yards, which includes all schools from six-man through 6A. "It shows we had a really good year," said Spresser. "We had a strong connection as a team. Thanks to the coaches for all their support the past four years."

Additional Sports in Kansas recognition went to senior Nolan Ritter as a Sports in Kansas Top 100 Seniors Honorable Mention and to sophomore Rojelio Loya for the Sports in Kansas Leaderboard for Interceptions. Loya and sophomore Wade Rush were named to the Sports in Kansas Top 100 non-seniors for 8/6 man Honorable Mention.

"The number of team and individual awards that the guys have earned this year is outstanding," said Coach Travis Smith. "It shows that their hard work and dedication to the program has paid off. I hope the returning players see what hard work can do for them as individuals and as a team."