

Bulldogs Recognized for Basketball Success

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School had 5 basketball team members named to the Western Kansas Liberty League All-League Teams.

Kassie Miller, Senior, was named first team all-league. This is Kassie's third year to be named all-league first team. She was second team her freshman year. Kassie posted 404 points this year, 144 rebounds, 99 assists, and 116 steals. She finished her career with 1244 total points. Kassie was named to the Sports in Kansas State All-Tournament team for Class 1A Division II and to the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association All-State team. She was a Sports in Kansas Player of the Year Finalist and a Sports in Kansas Stat Leader for both Points per Game (17.4) and Steals per Game (4.8). Kassie was named to the Sagebrush All Tournament team early in the season and is the Heisman Award Nominee from GPHS. She has been selected to play in the Northwest Kansas All-Star Game and the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association All-Star Game in June. "I appreciate the league recognizing all the hard work I have put into our program's success these past four years," said Miller. "It's a credit to our entire team, coaches, parents, and community. Their support is deeply appreciated."

Named to the WKLL Second Team were Senior Rayna Taylor and Junior Sidney Taylor. This is the first year for either of these girls to receive all league recognition. Although she missed a few games due to injury, Rayna scored a total of 180 points for the Lady Bulldogs this season. She had 64 rebounds, 32 assists, and 19 steals. She was also selected to play in the Northwest Kansas All-Star game. "We have a lot of good players in our league," said Rayna. "Many others also deserved this recognition." Sidney scored 188 total points for her team, pulled down 101 rebounds, had 27 assists, and 33 steals. "We will continue to work hard to have another successful season next year," added Sidney.

Breanna Rath, Junior, was named Honorable Mention for the league. She was on the second team last year. In her third season for the Bulldogs, Breanna totaled 157 points, 44 rebounds, 80 assists, and 80 steals. She, too, was named to the Sports in Kansas State All-Tournament team and the KBCA All-State Team. "I'm proud of how many of our girls made the all-league teams," said Rath.

On the boys team, Senior Ashton Schiltz received Honorable Mention. This is his first year to be recognized by the league for his efforts on the court. Ashton played all four years of high school for the Bulldogs and finished his senior season with 99 points, 132 rebounds, 11 assists, 15 deflections, 10 steals, and 4 blocks. Despite missing a few games early in the season due to injury, he was a Sports in Kansas stat leader with an average of 8.2 rebounds per game. "I appreciate receiving this recognition," said Schiltz. "We had a lot of quality players and successful teams throughout the league so it is an honor to have our efforts acknowledged."