

Scholar's Finish Season at State
By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School Scholar Bowl team finished their season at the State tournament in Chase on February 12. The team had placed well throughout the season placing in the top three of most meets.

They went to Regionals in Healy on February 7 where they placed third to gain a spot in the state tournament. At regionals, team members Alisha Brantley, Lauren Patmon, Ethan Shea, Ethan Weiner, Memo Aragon, and Jamie Graves competed in Pool A with six other schools. They opened with a close first round loss to Deerfield 20-30 then defeated Brewster, Moscow, Healy, and Tribune in close rounds—all by less than 20 points. Following the bye round, they finished 4-2 in their pool with a 10-20 point loss to Triplains to advance to the championship rounds.

In the championship rounds, they claimed three quick, close wins over Dighton, Tribune, and Deerfield but fell to Wallace County and Rolla in the last two rounds. Finishing the championship rounds 3-2 earned them third place and the trip to state.

At state, the team lost the first round of their pool to Elyria-Christian 10-40 and the second round to Rolla 10-60. They won the third round over Central Christian 50-40 but lost the next two to Cunningham 30-40 and to Linn in a tie-breaker 30-40. Although the matches were close, the Bulldogs did not advance out of their pool.

“It was a cool experience going to state,” said four-year member senior Alisha Brantley. It was very competitive knowing we made it that far as one of the top teams in 1A. Although we didn’t make finals, we finished in the upper half of teams.”

The Scholar’s Bowl team will graduate a large number of seniors but look forward to the returning members continuing the success of this season. “It was fun and challenging,” said second year team member junior Memo Aragon. “There was a lot of tension in the room but it was exciting. I’m glad we got to go to state and I hope to qualify again next year.” “I’ve gotten to know the team members better through this experience,” added Brantley. “I will take these memories with me after I graduate.”