

Bulldogs Place at State

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog Track team performed well at the State Meet in Wichita on May 27-28. Nearly every athlete competing finished their season on the podium.

Sophomore Emma Weiner claimed the State Championship in the 3200m run on Friday with a season best time of 11:53.14. She placed second last year with her career best time and school record of 11:41.75. She also placed second in the 1600m on Saturday with a season best time of 5:37.03, just shy of her career best and school record time of 5:26.24 set for the state championship as a freshman. Weiner was also the Cross Country State Champion last fall. "I'm so proud of how well our team did at state!" said Weiner. "It was great to win both the Cross Country and 3200m State Track championships. I appreciate the support of my family, coaches, teammates, and friends as I worked towards this goal. I can't wait to see what we can accomplish as a team next year."

Breanna Rath, junior, was also a state runner-up in Triple Jump on Friday evening. She jumped a career best 36' 4.5" for second place. She jumped over 3 feet more than her seventh place finish at state last year.

The 4 x 800m relay team of Emma Weiner, Sidney Taylor, Rayna Taylor, and Anette Hernandez, ran their best time of the year on Saturday morning. They ran a 10:47.85 for sixth place. Freshman Anette Hernandez also ran the 1600m at 6:06.04 for eighth place.

Senior Ethan Weiner finished his track career at Golden Plains with a 12th place finish at state with an 11:20.41 3200m run. He holds the school record of 10:37.96 set at state his junior year.

The Lady Bulldogs scored 30 points as a team placing them sixth overall in the state out of 50 teams. "It was a very successful weekend overall," said Coach Travis Smith. "I am so proud of this team and their performance all year long."