

Track Season Begins By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains is gearing up for track season to begin. The first track meet for both middle school and high school is on April 6. However, team members are practicing in preparation for the season. "I love it!" said Josh Spresser, Junior. "This is my favorite time of year!"

The middle school has been working on their times and distances since basketball ended in February. There are 23 girls and 17 boys participating under the coaching staff of Russ Aumiller and Mindy Fleckenstein. "We should do really well this season," said Aumiller. "We have a new group of students that we are anxious to see how they do. We will continue to work on making progress in our events."

The high school track team has 9 girls and 12 boys working for the season to begin. They are coached once again by Travis Smith and Laura Rush. Two state placers are returning to the Bulldog team this year. Sophomore Mabel Lugo placed third in state in the 400m last year and junior KayCee Miller placed 7th in Long Jump and 8th in the 200m at state as a sophomore and was the WKLL long jump champion last year.

"I am really looking forward to the 4 x 4 team with Brooke (Stoll), Ashley (Stoll), and Mabel (Lugo)!" said Miller. "I think people will be surprised how well we will place with only 9 girls as a team! I hope to improve and make myself stronger and make it back to state."

"I am really excited to run the 4 x 4 and 400," added Lugo. I am hoping to break the record for both events. I will give it all I have and hope to get faster and make it back to state!"

"We have high expectations for the season," said Coach Smith. "I am proud of the commitment these track athletes have to their sport. We look forward to having some records broken this season." "We are excited for the season," added Junior Dylan Spresser. "Our goal is to compete well as a team and to improve on last year's individual results."

Both middle and high school teams will compete at the Greeley County Invitational on April 6. A full schedule can be found on the school web site.