

8th Grade Boys Place Fourth in League Meet

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs 8th grade Track Team placed fourth out of 11 teams competing in the Western Kansas Liberty League Track Meet in Logan on May 12. All of the boys had outstanding performances with many of them placing in all their events and others turning in their best times and distances of the season.

"We have made a lot of progress throughout the year," said Coach Russ Aumiller. "That is what we look for and it is fun to watch." Although boys from any grade could run in the relays, all relays were scored in the 8th grade division at this meet.

Dylan Spresser performed very well with first place finishes in long jump with a personal record of 16' 1" and in triple jump with a new school and meet record jump of 37' 5.25". He ran on the second place 4 x 200m relay with Jacob Ritter, Caleb Korte, and Austin Patmon with a season best time of 1:56.63 and placed fifth in the 800m run (2:44.86).

In addition to the 4 x 200m relay, Jacob Ritter finished in fourth place in the 800 sprint medley with Nolan Ritter, Cameron Korte, and Rolis Loya with a time of 2:27.29, jumped a personal best 5' 0" for second place in high jump and finished in fourth place in triple jump with another personal record jump of 32' 2".

Caleb Korte placed third in the 1600m run with a personal best time of 5:49.11, placed third in the 800m run with a season best 2:35.9, and threw the shot put 28' 2" in addition to the 4 x 200m relay.

Nolan Ritter increased his distance in the softball throw by 40 feet to 156' 3" for fourth place, threw the discus 66' 11" and the shot put 26' 6.75" in addition to his fourth place medley.

Miguel Monge improved his discus throw to 74' 1", threw the shot put 25' 1.25", and improved his softball throw by 30 feet from the beginning of the season to 122' 4". He also ran the boys 4 x 100m relay with Colby Lathrop, Joseph Yanez, and Toby Korte for a time of 1:09.99.

This was the last meet of these boys' middle school track season. They look forward to competing at the high school level next spring.