

GPHS Begins 2020 Volleyball Season By Ashley Stoll

The Golden Plains High School volleyball team will kick off their season by traveling to Healy on August 29th for the Healy Tournament. The Bulldogs have 16 girls on the team, including returning WKLL All-League starters Seniors Brooke Stoll and Ashley Stoll, along with Junior Kassie Miller. “It was an honor to get these awards last year,” said Miller. “I hope that more girls will be able to experience it this year!”

Seniors on the team include Brooke Stoll, Ashley Stoll, and Kloie Kuper, who joined the school and team this year. “I am excited to get started on my Senior year of volleyball and look forward to coming together as a team to carry on our success from last season.” said Ashley Stoll. “It is going to be a great season full of improvement and creating lasting friendships,” added Brooke Stoll.

Returning Junior starters along with Kassie Miller include Carli Nieman and Morgan Wark. Amie Cheney, Rayna Taylor, Britton Knowles, and Lauren Patmon will also be returning to contribute to the team. Sophomores on the team are Breanna Rath, McHaley Carter, and Sidney Taylor. Incoming Freshmen to the team include Jordyn Fleckenstein, Mia Rogers, and Valentina Bermudez.

The team will be coached by returning head coach Ashley Arnberger and assisted by Laura Fellhoelter. Junior Carli Nieman said, “I am excited to build on what we started last year and can’t wait to see what we can accomplish this season.” “I am interested to see how the season will go with all the changes,” added Breanna Rath, “but I am excited to see how we will improve as a team and as individuals.”

The Lady Bulldogs displayed a 30-7 2019 season and are looking to continue this success into the 2020 season, despite the challenges and changes they will face due to Covid 19 virus. Practices and game regulations have changed drastically. During practice, the coaches and team are required to wear facemasks until they are doing physical exercise. The coaches wear them continuously throughout practice. Games will have limited fans, if any are allowed at all. You can find all the guidelines for games on the school website (<http://usd316.k12.ks.us/>).