

## Four Bulldogs Named to WKLL All-League Teams

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School Football team had four players named to the Western Kansas Liberty League Six-Man All-League Teams. Players included Will Bruggeman-First Team Offense (OL), Diego Perez-First Team Defense (DB/LB), Josh Rath-Honorable Mention Offense (QB), and Wyatt Amlong-Honorable Mention (OL).

“I am very excited for these four to be selected to the all league team,” said Coach Travis Smith. “Although our record didn’t indicate it, we were a much improved team this year. That improvement was because of the dedication of these four individuals and their teammates.”

Senior Will Bruggeman is a four-year player for the Bulldogs. This is his first season to receive all-league honors. Bruggeman contributed on both sides of the ball including receiving for 93 yards on offense and totaling 32 tackles and 2 fumble recoveries on defense. “I am extremely excited for Will as he was our only senior after Landon was hurt in our jamboree,” added Smith. “Will has worked hard all four years of school and is definitely deserving of this honor.” “It’s an honor to be selected,” said Bruggeman. It means a lot to know the hard work I’ve put in for the past four years has been recognized by the league. I’m glad to have been able to help my team.”

This is sophomore Diego Perez’s second year named to the all-league team. He was named Honorable Mention Defensive Line last year and First Team DB/LB this year. He contributed 629 yards on offense with 413 rushing yards and 216 receiving yards for 5 touchdowns this season. Of defense, he had 105 total tackles, 2 sacks, and 1 fumble recovery. “I’m proud of myself for getting this honor,” said Perez. “I worked hard. It was my goal to make first time this year after making honorable mention last season. My goal for the future is to make all-state.” We all worked hard. We weren’t happy with the outcome of the season but we never gave up in the games. We have a lot of potential for next year.”

Junior Josh Rath was named to the WKLL all-league team for the first time in his HS career. As quarterback, he had 671 passing yards, rushed for 246, and received for 30 for a total of 947 yards and 3 touchdowns. He had 67 total tackles on defense along with 3 fumble recoveries. “It’s an honor to be selected,” said Rath. “We hope to get a couple more wins next year to be successful as a team and get more athletes to make all-league.”

Junior Wyatt Amlong was also named to the All-League team for the first time this year. As center, he totaled 58 tackles and received for 45 yards. “I think being named all league makes it easier for me to set my goals for next year,” said Amlong. “We plan to continue improving as a team to have a winning season and for Josh and I to make first team next year.”

“With the amount of talent we have coming back next year and the number of seniors returning, we should be primed for a very successful season,” continued Smith. “It has to start now. We can’t wait for the summer to come around or even next season. The work has to start in the winter and spring. The three all league returners have to lead the way for that to happen.”