

## Four Bulldogs named to All League Team

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The Golden Plains High School football team finished their 2022 season with a 3-7 record. The Bulldogs made it to the sectional round of the KSHSAA six-man playoffs, but unfortunately took a 14-62 loss against Ashland to end their season. They were named the American Implement Western Kansas Team of the Week in early November as Head Coach Travis Smith earned his 100<sup>th</sup> career win.

The Bulldogs had 12 members on their team and four of them were named to the WKLL All-league teams. Senior Mason Green and Junior Iu Ribera were named First Team while Junior Landon Meier and Freshman Diego Perez received Honorable Mention.

Mason Green has been a member of the Bulldog football team for all four years of his high school career. As a senior, he was named First Team All-league as DB/LB. Green led the team with 11 touchdowns and finished the 2022 season with 521 yards: 449 rushing and 72 receiving. Green had 89 tackles and 1 fumble recovery. "I have enjoyed my four years on the team," said Green, "and wish them good luck next season."

Coming all the way from Spain as a foreign exchange student, Iu Ribera was a crucial part of the Bulldog football team. Ribera, a junior, was placed as the team's kicker. He was also named First Team All-league for offense. Ribera finished his season with 17 kicking points and 24 kick-off touchbacks. "I enjoyed being on the team and made lots of friends," said Ribera.

Junior Landon Meier was a key player for the Bulldogs on both the offense and defense. Leading the team with 94 tackles with 47 of them being solo, Meier was on the Sports in Kansas Stat leader list for tackles. Meier was named All-League Honorable Mention for his efforts on the defensive side of the ball. "I am proud of how our team improved throughout the season," said Meier. "I am excited for next year."

Diego Perez, one of two freshmen on the team, was also recognized for his defensive skills. He was named All-League Honorable Mention Defensive Line. Perez finished his season leading the team with 824 yards: 744 rushing, 61 receiving, and 61 passing. Perez was also named to the Sports in Kansas Stat leader list for tackles, having 81, and was on the list during the season for his rushing yards. "I enjoyed getting to play high school football," said Perez, "and I am excited to see how the rest of my career will go."