

## Bulldogs Battle Coyotes for Homecoming Game

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The Bulldogs from Golden Plains battled the Weskan Coyotes for their Homecoming game on September 27 for the first round of district play. The Bulldogs received the ball to start the game but ended their series punting back to Weskan. The GP defense stopped the Coyote's advance multiple times, but the Coyotes were first on the boards with a touchdown and extra points to lead 8-0 early in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs played with fire tackling the Coyote QB in the backfield stopping them short of the first down, but allowed the Coyotes to score once more to lead 14-0. With the Bulldog offense unable to get going, they gave the ball back to the Coyotes, but the GP defense was able to stop them to end the quarter with a 14-0 Coyote lead.

The Coyotes broke through for another score as the second quarter clock started ticking. GP struggled to run the ball so they took to the air in an effort to gain some yardage only to have the Coyotes intercept a pass and return it to the 14 yard line. Senior Grant Spresser stopped them in the back field and Zach Spresser, senior, deflected a Coyote pass to the end zone to allow the Bulldogs to take over on the 7 yard line. Following a short gain by senior Tristan Schwarz, classmate Josh Barnhart got tackled in the back field. Schwarz and Grant Spresser connected on a first down pass.

Following several setbacks, the Bulldogs punted once again. With just over 4 minutes until the half, the Coyotes entered the end zone for a 30-0 lead. Surrounded by Coyotes, QB Grant Spresser struggled to get a pass off, finally getting one to fly only to once again be intercepted and run in for a touchdown to give the Coyotes a half time lead of 36-0.

The Coyotes received the ball to start the second half. The GP defense got the ball back with good stops by juniors Benny Martinez and Domonic Luna and Barnhart. Grant Spresser broke through to run in the Bulldogs only score of the game with 8:33 left in the third. Coyote answered back with another score despite stops by Barnhart and Grant Spresser. Weskan increased their passing game and was successful in scoring once more for a 52-6 win over the Bulldogs.

Benny Martinez led the team in tackling with 15. Grant Spresser and Tristan Schwarz each had 11 along with Shane Ryburn-6, Zach Spresser-5, Cole Ziegelmeier-5, Josh Barnhart-4, Domonic Luna-3, and Felciano Bermudez-2. The Bulldogs are now 1-3 on the season and 1-1 in league action. They will travel to 1-3 Cheylin on October 4 for another round of league and district action.