

JV Gains Experience in Triplains

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV Football team gained some valuable field experience when they traveled to Triplains for their only JV game this season on October 14. "This was the first and only game for our JV so it was important for them to get the experience," said Assistant Coach Heath Johnson. "The boys played hard and did not get discouraged despite struggling with turnovers in the second half. I am proud of their effort."

The game against the Triplains/Brewster Titans started off with a touchdown run on the first play of the game by junior Dominic Luna. The Titans answered with a touchdown score of their own and a successful PAT to gain an early 6-8 lead. The Bulldogs held the Titans as the first quarter clock clicked down, with the Titans near the end zone as the buzzer sounded.

The Titans finished the series in the end zone to begin the second. After receiving the ball back from the Bulldogs, the Titans quickly added to their score gaining a 22-6 lead before Luna spun out of the pack running for another Bulldog score. Freshman Jesus Aragon ran in the PAT to close the spread to 22-14. The Titans added one more score to their side of the scoreboard to lead 30-14 at the half.

At the second half kickoff, the Titans returned the ball only to score on their first possession extending their lead to 38-14. Austin Rivera, freshman, returned the kickoff to the 20, but the Titans quickly regained possession and punched in yet another score. The Bulldogs stopped the extra point attempt. The Bulldogs received the ball again, but fumbled the ball allowing the Titans to recover for another score. Luna pushed back on the extra point attempt and the Titans led 50-14.

On their next series, the Bulldogs line including Austin Rivera, Kade Wessel, Koi Wessel, Jesus Aragon, Dawson Spresser, and Nick Brown held the Titans allowing Luna to run downfield across the goal line for a third and final Bulldog score. The Titans took over the offense and added two more scores to end the third quarter 66-20.

The teams had agreed prior to the game to play all four quarters regardless of score so that the boys could gain as much field experience as possible, so despite the 45 point rule, the boys played a fourth quarter with a running clock. The Bulldogs had some good runs and worked hard on defense, but the Titans managed one more touchdown score for a final win of 74-20.

"We did pretty well considering we only had one JV practice," said Austin Rivera. Jesus Aragon added, "It was a great time to experience how high school football is."