

Bulldogs Play in Cheylin

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School football team traveled to Bird City on October 4 to play against the Cougars from Cheylin. As team members and fan shivered in the cold wind on both sides, the Bulldogs kicked off to start the game.

As both teams received multiple flags, the Cougars put in the first and only touchdown of the first quarter. A successful extra point attempt gave them an 8-0 lead going into the second. Senior quarterback Grant Spresser tied the game up early in the only to have the Cougars answer with another 8 points to recapture the lead. Following a second GP fumble, the Cougars recovered and extended their lead. Not about to give up, the Bulldogs answered with another score with a touchdown by Spresser to make the score 14-22 at the half, with the Cougars in the lead.

Both teams scored another 8 points in the third with senior Tristan Schwarz crossing the goal line for the visiting Bulldogs. The Bulldogs trailed 22-30 going into the fourth. GP stopped the Cougars advance as both teams continued to receive flags, but the Cougars also kept the Bulldogs out of the end zone as the game ended with a 30-22 Cougar win.

Junior Benny Martinez was all over the Cougars as he tallied up 14 solo and 12 assists on tackles. "I am really pleased with how we played as a team," said Martinez. "We never quit, even when it got tough." Grant Spresser worked hard on both offense and defense with 10 solo and 2 assists while sophomore Cole Ziegelmeier claimed 11 tackles. Also contributing to the Bulldogs tackling game were Josh Barnhart-9, Shane Ryburn-8, Zach Spresser-7, Tristan Schwarz-6, and Domonic Luna-4. Barnhart, G. Spresser, and Schwarz shared the rushing responsibilities on offense.

The Bulldogs will play at home this week as they host the Brewster/Triplains Titans on October 11 before heading to Wallace County for additional district play on the 18th.