

Bulldogs Host Indians in District Play

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The Bulldogs hosted the Hoxie Indians for their last home game of the season in a district game on October 24. This was the first time the Bulldogs and Indians had competed on the football field since Hoxie started playing eight-man several years ago.

The Indians won the toss and elected to receive the ball. The Bulldogs stopped their first two drives with tackles from Dawson Spresser and Jeron Schutte. Hoxie made the first down and quickly converted into a touchdown and two point conversion to take an early 8-0 lead.

The Bulldogs took over the ball and put it in the hands of Domonic Luna. Luna ran the ball for a first down and continued to make forward progress but ended the series just short of another first down. Hoxie fumbled the ball and Brade Korte recovered. Luna ran another first down before the Bulldogs put the ball in the air. Unable to connect, they turned the ball back over to the Indians.

The Bulldog defense extended their efforts and stopped several Indian advances before Hoxie was able to run the ball to within a few short yards of the goal line. Korte stopped their next play before the Indians connected on a pass for another score.

On the kick, the ball fumbled around the field before Hoxie finally recovered it in the end zone for an additional quick score. The Bulldogs dug deep but were unable to make gains while Hoxie added one more score to end the first quarter with a 32-0 lead.

The Indians started off the second quarter with a long touchdown run. Luna ran hard returning the ball for the Bulldogs, but failed to connect on passes forcing GP to punt. Hoxie received another penalty before making a long run effort. Nick Brown slowed the runner down allowing Dawson Spresser to bring him down. Another Indian penalty took back their gain, but they recovered and ran into the end zone once again.

Ziegelmeier and Korte persisted in opening the field up for Luna to run but the Indians continued to press hard as they scored three more times before the game ended at the half with a 70-0 final score. "The boys had success in moving the ball early in the game," said assistant coach Heath Johnson. "They played hard, but their mistakes gave the Indians opportunities to score."

Although the Bulldogs are out of the running for district playoffs, they look to finish their season with a win this Thursday in Cheylin.