

Bulldogs Drop Homecoming Game

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog Football team dropped their Homecoming game against the Titans of Triplains/Brewster on September 26. "We have struggled to start the season," said Coach Travis Smith at the afternoon pep rally before the game, "but it is not because of effort. These boys have busted their rears."

Their effort was quite evident during the first quarter of the game. The Titans received the kickoff and moved the ball consistently to get an early touchdown. They slipped the ball over the goal line for the PAT and led 8-0.

With the ball back in the Bulldogs' hands, the home town boys worked hard to gain yards but ended their drive just short of a first down. The defense stepped to the line and held the Titans out of the end zone throughout the remainder of the quarter.

GP had to punt at the beginning of the second giving the Titans a chance to connect on a pass for their second touchdown. The extra point attempt was stopped by senior Domonic Luna. Luna then scored the first home touchdown of the season for the Bulldogs. Although the Titans stopped the 'Dogs PAT attempt, the Bulldogs were on the board 6-14.

Following another Titan turnover, the Bulldogs started their drive deep. They made a short gain, but the Titans defense pushed them back for a safety. The Titans received the ball, returning it to midfield before being stopped by GP senior Braden Korte. They then ran around the outside for another Titan touchdown. Gfeller ran in the extra points and the Titans held a 24-6 lead midway through the second. Luna caught the kick on the goal line returning it for the 'Dogs. However, they turned it over on the 22 giving the Titans excellent field position allowing them another 8 points.

The Titans kicked back to the Bulldogs, but a GP penalty put them on the 9-yard line with 71 in front of them. Sophomore Dawson Spresser caught a pass running to mid-field, but a forced fumble was recovered by the Titans. They gave the ball to Jorgensen who ran in another Titan TD. The Titans attempted a field goal for extra points but were blocked by Braden Korte.

With the ball back in the Bulldogs hands, they made good progress with short gains and a first down. Unfortunately for the home team, Ryan Gfeller picked up another fumble and ran over the goal line. This time their field goal cleared the posts to give the Titans a 45-6 lead.

As the second quarter neared the end, Korte returned the kick to start the drive on the Bulldogs 26 yard line. Luna drove to mid-field but another fumble gave the ball back to the Titans. The Bulldogs dug deep and stopped them with tackles by Korte, Spresser, and freshman Jeron Schutte. The Titans were pushed out of bounds as the half time buzzer sounded.

The Bulldogs received the ball to begin the third quarter but turned the ball over on downs. The Titans took the ball into the end zone to finish the game with a 51-6 win over the Bulldogs. "We played the best we have so far this season," said junior Cole Ziegelmeier, "but one mistake led to the next and it snowballed from there."

The Bulldogs are still looking for a win as they sit 0-4 for the season. They will travel to Tribune this Friday to try and claim a victory over the Jackrabbits.