

Penalties Plaque Bulldogs in First Home Game

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs played their first game of the season on their home field as they hosted the Logan/Palco Trojans on September 5. The Bulldogs hit the field with 11 players and elected to receive the kickoff. Senior running back Domonic Luna returned the ball for the Bulldogs. The 'Dogs ended the series with a punt by sophomore Jesus Aragon.

Playing his first season for the Bulldogs since an early injury his freshman year, senior Braden Korte created problems for the Trojans as he brought down multiple advances before the Trojans escaped his pursuit to make their first touchdown of the night.

The Bulldogs received the ball once again but penalties plagued their advance as Aragon punted once again. The Trojans capitalized with another score putting them up by 16. A Bulldog fumble gave the Trojans the ball on the 5-yard line and they ran around the outside for yet another TD. Sophomore Cole Ziegelmeier put a stop to their extra point attempt holding the Trojans at 22 points midway through the first quarter.

Luna continued to run the ball for the Bulldogs as Coach Travis Smith, who is starting his 15th year as Golden Plains' head coach, encouraged the boys to "Go as hard as you can!" Logan was not giving up and despite continued penalties on both sides of the ball managed one more score before the end of the quarter leading 28-0 at the buzzer.

Both teams battled it out in the second quarter holding each other out of the end zone. Senior Austin Kyte, also a first year player for the Bulldogs, recovered a Trojan fumble, but the Logan/Palco boys were able to force a turnover, which they were able to post up as the only points in the second quarter. The Trojans led 36-0 at the half.

Following half-time entertainment from the GP Cheerleading squad, the teams went back on the field where the Trojans put up another quick 8 points. As the Bulldogs were backed up into their end zone, the Trojans recovered a fumble giving them the last 6 points of the game and the 50-0 win.

"This wasn't how we wanted our first game to end," said Luna, "but we know what we have to work on in practice this week to get ready for the Huskies." The Bulldogs will continue their season this coming Friday as they travel to Northern Valley for a 7:00 pm kickoff.