

Bulldogs Continue to Improve

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Football team continues to improve as their season progresses. "Even though we are improving," said senior Domonic Luna, "we still have a long ways to go." Their gains on the field were evident during their third week of the season as they visited the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks for their homecoming game.

The Bulldogs got off to a good start as they received the kickoff facing the wind. With runs by Braden Korte, Jesus Aragon, and Luna, the boys gained first downs, but with passes into the wind falling short, they had to turn the ball over on downs.

Wheatland/Grinnell took advantage of the wind as they passed for a first down, then a touchdown. Luna put a stop to the extra point attempt to put the Thunderhawks up 6-0. After receiving the kick, Luna ran in a 55 yard Bulldog touchdown on the first play. Korte ran in the PAT to put the Bulldogs up 8-6.

The 'Hawks continued to use the wind to their benefit as they passed in another touchdown. With a successful extra point effort, they regained the lead. The Bulldogs didn't give up and continued to gain multiple first downs as Luna ran with a full head of steam to end the first quarter trailing 14-8.

With pressure in the backfield from Nick Brown, the Bulldogs held tough, but the 'Hawks were fired up and added three more touchdowns in the second quarter. The Bulldogs moved the ball to within sight of the goal line, but were unable to cross the goal line.

With a 36-8 lead at the half, the wind died down, and the Thunderhawks put the ball in the air for three additional passing touchdowns in the third. "We had their running game shut down," said senior Braden Korte, "but we still need to work on improving our pass coverage." The Bulldogs continued to run the ball but the game ended with a Thunderhawk win 56-8 at the end of the third.

The Bulldogs are now 0-3 on the season and 0-2 in their district as they return to their home field this Friday for their Homecoming game against the Triplains/Brewster Titans. Kickoff is at 7:00 pm.