

Bulldogs Win at Wild West Bowl

By Judy Rogers

The Bulldogs won their final game of the season as they defeated the Cheylin Cougars in the consolation game of the Wild West Bowl in Dodge City on November 5. "This year has been one heck of a ride," said Coach Travis Smith. "Our boys went out on top finishing 3rd in the Kansas 6 Man Association Wild West Bowl in Dodge City. The senior boys became such great leaders this year." I want to thank the cheerleaders, community, staff and administrators for all the support they gave my guys this year."

"Playing at Dodge City was a whole different experience," said senior Jesus Aragon. "It was a great feeling to know that it was all worth it at the end of the season. It was great to finish my last game with a win. I'm going to miss it." "It was a cool experience to be able to play on that type of field," agreed Austin Rivera, senior. "They made it a big deal for us."

"We really appreciate all those who came to Dodge for the game," added Nick Brown, senior. "It showed us how all the hard work since freshman year paid off," continued Dawson Spresser, senior. "We appreciate the coaches, our families, and fans that have supported us the last four years as we worked toward this goal."

The Golden Plains boys won the toss and elected to receive at Memorial Stadium. They quickly moved the ball on consecutive downs with sophomore AJ Camacho running in a 42 yard touchdown with only a minute off the clock to give the 'Dogs a 6-0 lead. Despite repeated stops by the 'Dogs the Cougars answered with a score midway through the first. They ran in their extra point to get on top 7-6. A pass to the end zone from Camacho to senior Jesus Aragon gave the 'Dogs a 12-7 lead at the quarter.

The Cougars ran in a score and an extra point to start the second and regain the lead 14-12. The 'Dogs answered with a quick 53 yard run from Camacho. A pass from senior quarterback Dawson Spresser connected with Camacho for the extra point and another Bulldog lead 19-14. Both teams moved the ball during the remainder of the second quarter. With just over a minute 'til half, Camacho broke through for a 19 yard touchdown. An extra-point pass from Spresser to Aragon gave the 'Dogs a 26-14 lead at the half.

The Cougars scored again early in the third only to have the Bulldogs answer with a touchdown pass from Camacho to Aragon. With another touchdown and extra point the Cougars brought the game to within 4 points 32-28. Camacho ran 65 yards to the end zone extending the Bulldog lead. With just 14 second remaining in the third, Camacho passed to senior Austin Rivera for a touchdown and to Dawson Spresser for an extra point to end the third with a 45-28 Bulldog lead.

The Cougars were not giving up as they scored again with under four minutes to play. Camacho answered by running in a 46 yard touchdown. A PAT run by Aragon kept the Bulldog lead 52-35. With just 4.5 seconds left in the game, the Cougars made one final score to end the game with a 52-42 win for Golden Plains.

The Bulldogs finished their first six-man season with a 6-2 record. Their only two losses went to Weskan who won the championship and to Pawnee Heights in

the sub-state game. This is their best record since the 2009 season when they went 7-3.

Camacho finished the game with 309 total yards and 16 tackles. Dawson Spresser had 22 tackles and 79 yards. Caleb Korte had 50 yards and 7 tackles; Aragon had 35 yards, 16 tackles, and one interception, and Rivera had 16 yards and 17 tackles. Additional tackles were made by Nick Brown 8, Dylan Spresser 8, Jeron Schutte 3, Miguel Monge 3, Jose Ortiz 1, and Austin Patmon 1. Also contributing on defense were Sem Flores, Chris Stoltz, Chucky Hernandez, and Nicolai Schullner.

Golden Plains has one junior player returning next year and five sophomores. "It was exciting to share this year's experience with our family and especially our teammates," said Jeron Schutte, jr. "Our goal next year will be to go back to Dodge and play in the championship game."

"I can't believe that my high school football season is over," concluded senior Jose Ortiz. "It was one of the best and longest runs with my boys. It was one of the best seasons I have ever had, not only because of the awesome coaches but my teammates who are like brothers to me!! I have played many sports but this year football will be in my memories forever!! We ended up 3rd in state and it was the perfect way to end the season!! ONCE A BULLDOG ALWAYS A BULLDOG!!"