

## Bulldogs Drop Game to Coyotes

By Judy Rogers

The Bulldogs lost their first game of the season on Friday afternoon as they traveled to Weskan on October 7 for a 3:00 contest. Both teams were undefeated to start the game. The boys from Golden Plains fell 45-72 following four quarters of determination to bring their record to 4-1 this season. "We could have played together better as a team," said Dylan Spresser, sophomore. "We weren't focused in practice during the week."

The 'Dogs hit the scoreboard early as AJ Camacho picked up the opening kick and dodged defenders all the way tot the end zone giving them a 6-0 lead. The defense stepped to the line and stopped the Coyotes at the six-yard line with a tackle by Dawson Spresser. A penalty gave the Coyotes the first down. The Coyote quarterback scrambled to pass but coverage by Austin Rivera kept the ball out of the receiver's hands. Additional stops by Camacho, Caleb Korte, and Jesus Aragon frustrated the Coyotes, but the passing game finally connected to give the Coyotes a touchdown to tie the game up at 6.

Dylan Spresser returned the ball to midfield. Carries by Aragon and Camacho gained yards before the Coyotes intercepted a pass. They scored on the possession to gain a 14-6 lead. The 'Dogs gained yards only to turn the ball back over to their opponents. The Coyotes pushed forward as the Bulldogs worked to slow them down. Aragon's pass defense kept them out of the end zone, only to have the Coyotes score on the next pass and end the first quarter with a 20-6 lead over the 'Dogs.

The Bulldogs opened the second quarter with another touchdown with carries by Camacho and Aragon. With the Coyotes trying to move the ball, they fumbled. Miguel Monge held on tight for the recovery giving the ball back to the 'Dogs. Camacho and Aragon carried it with Camacho crossing the goal line for a third time. The 'Dogs couldn't get a point after touchdown score but were only down by 2 at 18-20.

The Coyotes answered the kick with another touchdown. The PAT kick went wide but a roughing the kicker call gave them a second chance. This time the Coyotes ran it in for the extra point.

Back on offense, the 'Dogs threw the ball to Korte for a first down. Dawson Spresser ran another first down. Camacho was brought down in the backfield before Weskan intercepted a pass and returned it to inside Bulldog territory. Camacho broke up a touchdown pass attempt so the Coyotes ran only to be pushed out by Dawson and Korte. The Coyotes called a time out to regroup. Back on the field, their pass was good for a score. The PAT kick was good and the Coyotes led 35-18.

The 'Dogs answered with a spin move by Camacho to break up the block and make the first down. A pass attempt just missed Aragon in the end zone. This time the Bulldogs called the time out. Returning to the field, Camacho pushed his way through to cross the goal line. A PAT pass from Dawson Spresser to Camacho was good and the 'Dogs were down by ten 25-35 as they neared the end of the first half.

With just 28 seconds on the clock, the Coyotes added another score. The kick back to the Bulldogs was tipped and Weskan pounced on it to keep the ball at the 30. As the seconds clicked off they passed the ball all the way to the end zone to lead 47-25 at the half.

The Bulldogs kicked to start the second half. The 'Dogs defense held tight to get the ball back, only to drop it and have the Coyotes recover. Weskan again passed the ball to the end zone. The Bulldogs weren't out of the game at any point as they fought their way to another Camacho score.

Both teams worked hard to increase their final points as Weskan scored answered by a Bulldog score. Camacho intercepted a pass near the end of the third and ran it all the way home. With a PAT kick through the uprights by Aragon, the 'Dogs trailed 45-59 at the end of the third.

Dylan Spresser was all over the field in the fourth quarter putting pressure on the Coyotes. They eventually scored twice more before the end of the game. The 'Dogs broke tackles, made first downs and were ready to score but a touchdown pass to Caleb Korte was intercepted. The Coyotes knelt out the last minute of the game to end with the 72-45 point win.

Camacho finished the game with all 7 of the Bulldog touchdowns and 288 yards. Dawson Spresser added 123 yards along with 65 from Aragon, Austin Rivera-15, Caleb Korte-15, and Jeron Schutte-6. Aragon and Dawson Spresser led with 12 tackles each along with 10 each by Camacho and Korte. Rivera contributed 8, Dylan Spresser-7, Monge-4, and Schutte-3.

The Bulldogs look forward to returning home for their final regular season game on Friday, October 14 with a 7:00 pm kickoff against Wheatland/Grinnell. "We are working hard to stay focused this week," added Dylan Spresser. "We are going to come out on Friday for the win," said Caleb Korte. "We want to win out the season." "Our goal for the post season is to stop the Coyotes and come out on top," continued AJ Camacho.