

## Bulldogs Advance at Home By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs advanced their season record to 5-1 with a 46-0 win over the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks in Rexford on October 14. This was senior night for the Bulldogs, including all 7 senior boys, and the final game of the regular season schedule. "Our goal now is to win the semi-final game and play for first in Dodge City," said Jesus Aragon, senior.

The Thunderhawks won the toss and elected to receive. The 'Hawks were unable to advance the ball with tackles from sophomores AJ Camacho, Dylan Spresser, and Caleb Korte. With the ball back in Bulldog hands, Aragon gained some yardage on the first down. Camacho received the ball on the second down and ran a 42-yard touchdown. The PAT kick went low to put the 'Dogs on the board 6-0.

The 'Hawks passed the ball but, despite a short gain, turned the ball back over. Camacho again ran the ball for several downs putting the 'Dogs near the goal line. A pass attempt to the end zone did not connect and GP called a time out. Back on the field, Aragon ran the ball in for a touchdown. He also kicked for the extra points to give the 'Dogs a 14-0 lead.

The 'Hawks were still unable to advance as Dylan Spresser and senior Austin Rivers, along with sophomore Miguel Monge, forced them to punt. The 'Dogs made several first downs before senior quarterback Dawson Spresser kept the ball to cross the goal line with .39 seconds left in the first. Another failed PAT attempt gave the Bulldogs a 20-0 lead at the buzzer.

The Bulldogs had the ball at the start of the second. They were set back by an early penalty but Dawson Spresser took care of that with a first down. A handoff from Spresser to Aragon to Camacho resulted in another score. Nicolai Schüllner kicked the extra points through the uprights to lead the 'Hawks 28-0.

Senior Jose Ortiz kicked back to the 'Hawks. Dylan Spresser tackled them in the backfield for a loss so the 'Hawks again took to the air. Several incompletes gave the Bulldogs possession. The 'Dogs answered with another run to the end zone to lead 34-0 with four minutes left in the half.

The 'Hawks punted back to the 'Dogs at the 1:20 mark. Camacho picked up the ball and maneuvered his way around the defense to run all the way home with a 55-yard punt return. One more score from Aragon with .04 on the clock put the 'Dogs up 40-0 at the half.

The 'Hawks kicked to the 'Dogs to start the third. Aragon ran the ball several times before scoring a final time to end the game 46-0 three minutes into the quarter.

Camacho and Dawson Spresser led the Bulldogs in total yards with 192 and 150 respectfully. Aragon added 88 rushing yards along with 23 from Dylan Spresser, 16 from Korte, 12 by Jeron Schutte, and 5 from Rivera. Tackles were made by Dawson Spresser-9, Aragon-6, Korte-6, Camacho-4, Rivera-4, Monge-4, Dylan Spresser-3, senior Nick Brown-3, and senior Sem Flores-1.

The Bulldogs will now enter the six-man playoff system. They will have a bye this week before hosting the semi-final game in Rexford on October 27. They will then play in the Wild West Bowl in Dodge City on November 5 to finish the season.