

Bulldogs Named Sub-State Runner Up

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The Golden Plains Bulldog Football team was named Sub-State Runner-Up following a 14-61 loss to Cheylin in Bird City on October 24.

The Bulldogs won the toss choosing to receive to start the game. The Dogs turned the ball over following a first down by senior Wade Rush. The Cougars took the ball and scored on the first play. They did not complete the point after pass to lead 6-0 early in the game.

Back on offense, junior Roberto Loya ran a first down. Rush went up the middle on the next down, but the team was pushed back with a penalty. Roberto then ran the ball to the one-yard line. He passed the ball to Rush in the end zone for a Bulldog score. Rush kicked the extra points to give the Bulldogs an 8-6 lead.

Cheylin answered with long pass run in for a touchdown and a PAT run to regain the lead 13-8 at the end of the first.

The Cougars opened the second quarter with another trip to the end zone. The Bulldogs defense, led by tackles from Toby Korte and Ethan Shea, stopped the Cougars' next drive near the goal line pushing the Cougars back. They finally scored again to extend their lead to 27-8.

The Bulldogs worked the ball down the field with carries by Roberto, Rojelio Loya, and Rush. Following a time out, Rush passed to junior Jovanny Infante in the end zone for a second Bulldog score with 1:35 left until half. The extra point pass fell short.

As time clicked off the clock, the Cougars quickly added another score. The Dogs turned the ball back to the Cougars with 20 seconds on the clock. The Cougars passed for another touchdown as time ran out. With a successful extra point run, the Cougars held a 41-14 lead at the half.

Back on the field for the third quarter, the Cougars started with possession and quickly extended their score to 48. The Bulldogs worked the ball down the field with runs by Rojelio Loya and Roberto Loya. They finished the drive with a turnover on downs. The Cougars capitalized once more to lead 55-14 near the end of the third.

Cheylin was able to recover their kick. Infante defended a Cougar pass attempt, then the Cougars moved back with a penalty. Korte stopped their next attempt to move the ball along with tackles by Infante. The Cougars finally connected on a pass for a touchdown to end the game with a 61-14 win at the end of the third. "We just couldn't stop them," said senior Toby Korte. "We only had two practices this week and had to change up some positions."

The Bulldogs advance to the Consolation game of the Wild West Bowl in Dodge City on October 31 where they will play Cunningham for third place in the six-man playoff system. "I think we should match up with them pretty well," added Korte. "I'm glad we are able to return to the Wild West Bowl for the fifth straight year." The Cougars will play Moscow for the championship.