Bulldogs Have Yet to Win at Home By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs have yet to win a game on their home field this season as they lost to the Northern Valley Huskies on October 8 in Rexford. Their only win so far this season came last week in Deerfield. "We need to put together four full quarters," said junior Mason Green. "One win does not a season make."

The Bulldogs received the ball to start the game and made a first down with runs by Roberto Loya and Ethan Shea. Fabian Cepeda connected with Jovanny Infante on a completed pass but the Dogs turned the ball over on downs. Northern Valley quickly ran over 50 yards for their first touchdown of the game and kicked the extra points for an 8-0 lead.

Ashton Schiltz downed the return kick as Loya and Shea made runs for the Dogs. Shea finished the drive with a 25 yard touchdown for Golden Plains. The extra point pass fell short and the Dogs were on the board 6-8.

Landon Meier joined the defense helping Loya and Shea stop the kick return but the Huskies still managed to score a TD and PAT extending their lead 15-6. The Dogs worked hard to move the ball but were set back by a penalty before the Huskies intercepted a pass. With .12 seconds before the end of the first quarter, the Huskies scored again for a 23-6 lead at the end of the first.

The Dogs were plagued by penalties to start the second and the Huskies scored twice more. The Huskies intercepted another Bulldog pass to add another touchdown to lead 45-6 at the half.

The Huskies took possession to start the second half. Infante and Green worked together to stop their advance. They fumbled the ball and Infante recovered for the Dogs. Loya quickly scored for the 'Dogs, upping their score to 12.

The Huskies answered with a long run but were brought down just short of the goal by Loya. They did score on the next play but the Dogs stopped the extra point with coverage by Infante. Back on offense, Loya made several runs for a first down but the Huskies intercepted another pass only to be dropped by Shea.

As the Huskies tried to move the ball, Fabian Cepeda stripped the ball for the Dogs, but the Huskies recovered. With another Bulldog penalty, the Huskies moved closer to the goal allowing them to pass for a final touchdown and a 57-12 win shortly before the end of the third quarter.

"We still need to work on follow-through on our blocking," continued Green. "We can't be afraid of contact. We need to keep working hard in practice to prepare for Moscow and develop for next season." The Bulldogs will travel to Moscow for a 5:00 game on Thursday, October 14.