MS Bulldogs Take on Thunderhawks By Zeke Weiner

The Golden Plains Middle School football team took on the Grinnell/Wheatland Thunderhawks on October 5 in Rexford. The Dogs worked hard but lost to the Hawks 8-58.

The Dogs received the ball to start the game but could not score. The Thunderhawks scored a touchdown and a PAT with 6:50 left in the first quarter. The 'Hawks scored another touchdown before the end of the first and ended the quarter with a 14-0 lead.

The Dogs started the second on defense but Christian Garcia recovered a fumble to give the Dogs possession of the ball. The Dogs were forced to punt the ball away and could not hold the Hawks who scored again increasing their lead 20-0. Dalton Miller received the Thunderhawks kick but the Dogs lost possession of the ball leading to a Hawks touchdown. The first half ended 28-0 in favor of the Thunderhawks.

The Hawks scored another touchdown early in the third increasing their lead to 36-0. The Dogs were unable to produce on offense and could not hold the Thunderhawks on defense who scored yet again. On the Dogs next drive Miller was able to run in a touchdown for the Dogs along with the Dogs completing a PAT pass. The Dogs narrowed the gap 8-44.

The Thunderhawks were able to score on their first drive in the fourth quarter increasing their lead to 50-8. The Dogs were not able to stop the Thunderhawks who won the game 58-8 with a final score.

"We need to be more aggressive and need to pay more attention to how the game is unfolding," said Eighth grader Cristian Garcia. "We need to work on offense, but the season has gone pretty well." The Bulldogs will play Logan/Palco in Rexford on Monday October 9 to finish off their season.