

## MS Football Finishes Season at Home

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School Football team played their final game of the season on October 9 in Rexford with an 18-66 loss to the Logan/Palco Trojans. They finished the year with a 2-5 record.

The Dogs opened the game with possession of the ball but the ball was stripped from the Dogs by the Trojans. The Trojans moved the ball down the field for a touchdown pass. The PAT run was successful to give the Trojans an 8-0 lead. The Dogs moved the ball again but once more turned it over. The Trojans were able to score again and make the extra points to lead 16-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The Bulldogs opened the second quarter with a touchdown run by Adam Ritter. The teams traded touchdowns as the Trojans answered with another score of their own. Ritter then cross the goal line again for the Bulldogs only to have the Trojans do so again. With a PAT run, the Trojans led 30-12 midway through the second.

The Bulldogs continued to move the ball, but a GP fumble was recovered by the Trojans leading to yet another score. The Trojans added one more touchdown to lead 46-12 at the half.

The Trojans opened the third with another pass to the end zone. Midway through the third, Dalton Miller crossed the goal line for the Bulldogs. The Trojans added two more scores to end the game with a 66-18 win at the end of the third quarter.

“We did a good job of blocking on defense this season,” said Cristian Garcia, 8<sup>th</sup> grade. “Our defense was better than our offense. We needed to work more on playmaking on offense. We didn’t always know what to do.” “It was a lot of fun playing with everyone,” added Adam Ritter, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, who played football for the first time this year. “I enjoyed running the ball—especially when I was able to score. I appreciate the line doing their jobs to get me through.”

“I also enjoyed running the ball,” said Dalton Miller, 8<sup>th</sup> grade. “Being a smaller player helped me get through the line. The linemen did a good job protecting me. I plan to focus on learning the plays better in high school.”

“It was fun playing for my first year of football,” added Jarett Adelman, 8<sup>th</sup> grade—also a first year team member. “The season was pretty good and I plan to learn more about the game to play in high school next year.” “We improved a lot,” continued Tannor Todd, 8<sup>th</sup> grade. “We were bigger which helped. It was good to win the two games we did. I am going to work on weights this summer to get bigger and stronger for high school.”

“I liked playing football in middle school,” said Owen Amlong, 8<sup>th</sup> grade. “I liked the contact. I had to learn to be center—had to learn to hike using cadence and timing and x-blocking. It got better as the season went on. My goal for high school is to continue to improve.”