Middle School Bulldogs Triumph Over Huskies By Valeria Ortiz

The Golden Plains Middle School football team hosted the Northern Valley Huskies on October 1 for their fifth game of the season. This is the second time the two teams have met this year with the Bulldogs losing the first game 24-42. Although Coaches Russ Aumiller and Travis Smith were unable to be at the game due to quarantine, Ed Weiner stepped in to help out the team. The Bulldogs played hard and defeated the Huskies 66-58.

The Huskies received the opening kickoff. The Bulldogs had good defense to stop Northern Valley including tackles by Diego Perez. Perez and Josh Rath advanced the ball to make a first down before the Bulldogs fumbled and the Huskies recovered the ball. With a penalty on the Huskies, they punted the ball back to GP. Rath returned the ball past mid field. Perez ran hard to score the first touchdown of the game giving the Bulldogs a 6-0 lead at the end of the first quarter of play.

In the second quarter, Wyatt Amlong recovered the ball for the Bulldogs. Perez ran hard and scored back-to-back touchdowns for the Bulldogs. The Huskies also found the end zone to end the half 18-6 in favor of Golden Plains.

The third quarter was full of long runs and touchdown scores. The Bulldogs added to their score only to have the Huskies respond with one of their won. The Dogs scored again, but the Huskies added two to tie the game up at 32.

Taylor covered the kick allowing Rath to carry the ball and make a first down. Perez finished in the end zone to regain the Bulldog lead 40-32. Garcia and Amlong played tough on defense to recover possession for GP. Rath again ran the ball down the field allowing Perez to score once more. The Huskies again answered to keep the game within one touchdown 46-40.

The Dogs defense continued to stop the Huskies forcing a punt. Rath took the ball, passed it to Perez who crossed the goal line to increase the Bulldogs lead to 54. The Huskies moved the ball as Rath, Maddix Green, and Owen Patmon worked hard to stop their advance. They finished with another score closing the Dogs lead to 54-46.

Both teams continued to trade touchdowns in this action filled game to finish the game with a 66-58 Bulldog win.

"It felt good to beat the Huskies," said Diego Perez. "We communicated well as a team." "The Huskies are a tough team to play against," added Josh Rath, "but for the second time it was easier because we knew what they were doing." added Josh Rath. The Bulldogs will play their last game of the season on October 15 in Rexford against Weskan.