

Bulldogs Play Well in Season Opener

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School football squad played well against the Eight-Man Division I 2009 state championship Quinter Bulldogs in their season opener on September 3. Despite the 20-44 loss, Coach Travis Smith said he was pleased with how the boys played. Golden Plains graduated eight senior players from last season's district championship team and have a large group of freshman and sophomore players on the team this season joining the returning upperclassmen.

The game started out as a defensive battle with Quinter making the only score in the first quarter. In the second, Golden Plains' offense went to work and put three into the end zone while allowing Quinter only one run in to hold a 20-16 lead at half time. Junior Kalyn Weber ran in two of those touchdowns while Senior Tate Preston caught a pass from senior quarterback Rilee Spresser for the third.

In the second half, the Quinter offense upped their game and scored 14 points in both the third and fourth quarters to pull off the 44-20 win.

Spresser threw 4 times for 71 yards including the one touchdown to Preston and rushed for 52 yards. Weber rushed 21 times for 120 yards. Junior Tyler Stevenson rushed twice for six yards and Sophomore Miguel Navarro advanced the ball for two yards. Senior Devinn Ritter led the team in tackles with a total of 19. Junior Tyler Stevenson tallied up 13, while Preston and Junior Cole Christensen each had 11. Spresser had a total of 10 tackles along with Weber-8, Junior Trey Schwarz-8, Senior Casey Gould-6, Sophomore Andrew Luna-5, and Navarro-4.

The Bulldogs will play their home opener this Friday against the Dighton Hornets beginning at 7:00 pm in Rexford. Dighton won their season opener last week with a 54-0 victory over Brewster/Triplains.