

## Huskies Overtake Bulldogs in WKLL Matchup

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The GPMS Bulldog football team dug their teeth into the pack of Northern Valley Huskies that came to Rexford for a Western Kansas Liberty League contest on October 9, but the Huskies broke free to claim a 14-60 win over the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs received the ball to start the game and despite gains by Dylan Spresser, Austin Patmon ended the series with a punt. The Huskies quickly ran it in to gain an 8-0 lead. The Bulldogs lost ground on the next possession and the Huskies took it into the end zone again extending their lead to 16-0.

Coach Russ Aumiller encouraged the boys to rush forward as they battled close to the end zone. A pass to Spresser in the end zone was knocked out of his hands and picked up by a Husky to give them another touchdown and a 24-0 lead.

Back on offense, the Bulldogs were determined to gain some ground as Jacob Ritter gained a few yards before Colby Lathrop ran a first down. Korte ran a nice gain, but the ball was fumbled on the next play. Fortunately, Nolan Ritter recovered for the Bulldogs as the first quarter ended.

Ritter then carried the ball for a long gain to the 9-yard line to start the second. Following a 5-yard gain due to a Husky penalty, Spresser gained a few more yards before Korte ran in a Bulldog touchdown. The Huskies stopped the extra point attempt but the Bulldogs were on the board. The Huskies returned the kick for another end zone run and 2 points to expand their lead to 32-6.

Back in possession of the ball, Spresser made a couple of gains but Patmon had to punt back to the Huskies. Korte stopped them mid-field, before the Huskies ran in a pass play and extra points for a 50-6 lead.

The Bulldogs didn't give up as Spresser broke through for a long run for a second Bulldog touchdown. Ritter ran in a 2-point conversion to make the score 14-40 in favor of the Huskies. The Huskies answered by once again running the kick into the end zone to spread their lead even more.

The Bulldogs dug deep and continued to play hard as Nolan Ritter caught a pass from Jacob Ritter for a good gain past mid-field. The next pass effort was intercepted by the Huskies, but Jacob Ritter was there to drop him hard. The Huskies gained some yards only to be stopped by Korte. They missed a pass on the next play with .13 seconds until half time. With .04 remaining, the next pass hit for one more score. The Bulldogs stopped the PAT and the Bulldogs trailed 14-54 at the half.

Not about to give in, the Bulldogs stepped up their defense in the third quarter and held the Huskies throughout the quarter. "We got better in the second half on our defense," said Nolan Ritter. The Huskies also held strong and no points were posted. This effort continued throughout most of the fourth quarter as Jacob Ritter dropped three consecutive tackles before the Huskies managed one final touchdown to end the game 60-14 near the end of regulation time.

The Bulldogs will finish their season as they travel to Grinnell/Wheatland this week.