

Bulldogs Lose Homecoming Game By Caleb Korte

The Golden Plains High School football team lost their Homecoming game to the Cheylin Cougars 72-31 on September 15, 2017. This was the Bulldogs second home game and third game of the season. The 'Dogs are now 1-1 at home and 1-2 overall.

The Bulldogs won the coin toss and elected to receive. The first play from scrimmage was big gain from a bubble screen pass; however, with a block in the back penalty, it was called back. After a fumble from Dylan Spresser, the Bulldogs took their first time out of the game. After multiple plays, Caleb Korte was able to run in for a touchdown with 6:52 remaining in the first. However, Cheylin showed off their quick-strike ability when they scored a touchdown on their second play of possession, converted the PAT, and lead the game 7-6 midway through the first.

Golden Plains recovered the onside at the 37 yard line. Following a fumbled snap, penalty, and an almost intercepted pass, the Bulldogs finally got a play to work with a reception TD from Korte to put the dogs up 12-7. The Cougars bounced back and scored almost immediately and converted the PAT to make the score 12-14. Wade Rush recovered the kick off, and after a couple big plays from Korte and Harley Weese, Spresser was able to run in a third Bulldog touchdown and a PAT from Korte put the 'Dogs up 19-14. The Cougars added another score with just seconds to go to regain the lead 21-19 at the en of the first quarter.

The Bulldogs worked hard on defense throughout the second but couldn't get their offense over the goal line while the Cougars managed two quick scores. Both teams battled on defense with some nice gains on offense, but the score remained 34-19 in favor of the Cougars at the half.

Multiple stops and scores from Cheylin extended the Cougar lead to 46-19 with 6:12 in the third off a 32 point run. The Bulldogs took to the air to gain some quick yards moving the ball down the field. A pass from Harley Weese to Caleb Korte made the score 25-46, but the Cougars scored off a kickoff return immediately after and scored multiple times following making the score 59-25 at the end of the third.

The Cougars struck again immediately to start the fourth extending their lead to 65-25. Runs by Korte and Wade Rush gained some first downs but the Cougars finally took over. The 'Dogs worked hard to stop the Cougars with tackles by Korte and a sack by Nolan Ritter. With and incomplete pass by the Cougars covered by Rush gave the ball back to the Bulldogs with 3:30 remaining in the fourth. Multiple runs by Caleb got the ball near the in zone and set up a fullback dive for a touchdown from Wade Rush with a minute and a half to play.

The Cougars scored a final time to make the final score 72-31 for a loss from the Bulldogs.

Junior Caleb Korte finished the game with 202 total yards and three touchdowns—157 rushing (2 TD) and 45 receiving (1TD) and 5 tackles. Junior Dylan Spresser added a rushing touchdown with 65 total yards along with 30 receiving yards and 5 tackles. Sophomore Harley Weese added 105 yards with 10 rushing and 95 passing with his 7 tackles. Junior Nolan Ritter led the team with 10 tackles along with his 20 receiving yards. Freshman Wade Rush added the final touchdown along with 5 tackles. Additional tackles were made by Miguel Monge-3, Austin Patmon-2 Tanner Trussel-2, Josh Spresser-2, and Chucky Hernandez-1.

"This was a tough, physical game," said Miguel Monge, junior. "We had several players suffer injuries that will put them out for a while, but we will regroup and move forward as a team." The Bulldogs will travel to Western Plains on September 22.