

Bulldogs Go 5-0 with Homecoming Win

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains football team motto is W.I.N.—Whatever is Necessary, and the Bulldogs did just that to extend their season to 5-0 with a 63-14 win over Natoma for their Homecoming game on September 28 in Rexford. “It was exciting to win our Homecoming game,” said sophomore Tanner Trussel. “We were glad to keep our winning streak alive.”

The Bulldogs won the toss and chose to receive. Nolan Ritter recovered the kick. Dylan Spreser and Caleb Korte each made gains for a first down. Wade Rush carried the ball then passed it to Nolan Ritter who ran down field for an early touchdown. Ritter’s kick didn’t score the extra points but the Bulldogs were up 6-0.

Natoma, who were 2-2 coming into the contest with an average of 44 points per game, answered with a 45 yard touchdown of their own to tie it up 6-6. The Bulldogs took over from there and quickly pulled ahead 12-6 with a touchdown run by Dylan Spreser. Spreser scored again and the PAT pass from Jacob Ritter was caught by Rush in the end zone.

Both teams’ defense held strong for several downs before Spreser scored once more. Miguel Monge hit the Natoma ball carrier forcing a fumble which Nolan Ritter recovered for the ‘Dogs. Natoma’s defense allowed them to take over on the 25. They called a time out but Rush tackled their next play to end the quarter with a 25-6 Bulldog lead.

Monge stopped the Tigers advance forcing them to punt at the beginning of the second. Dylan Spreser took the first down all the way to the end zone for a 31-6 Bulldog lead. Frustration led to several Tiger flag calls. They tried to pass only to have Rolis Loya intercept for the Bulldogs. A pass from Rush to Nolan Ritter gave Ritter his second touchdown of the game. The PAT pass fell incomplete as the ‘Dogs maintained a 37-6 lead.

The Tigers fumbled once more with Jaime Infante recovering for the Bulldogs. Caleb Korte took the ball and ran it to the end zone with over five minutes still remaining in the second. Ethan Shea caught a pass from Roberto Loya for the extra point and the ‘Dogs were up 44-6.

The Tigers were unable to make much of a gain as Caleb Korte, Rush, Toby Korte, Monge, and Rolis Loya covered their passes and stopped their runs. Rolis Loya ended their drive with a pass interception. He then took the ball down the field for another Bulldog score and a 50-6 lead.

The Bulldogs took over again with two minutes until the half. Jacob Ritter scored his first rushing touchdown of the season and a 56-6 lead. It looked as if the game would end early as tackles by Caleb Korte, Rolis Loya, Dylan Spreser, Nolan Ritter and Jaime Infante kept the Tigers out of the end zone. A final pass scored for the Tigers with 14 seconds left on the clock made the score 56-14.

Just as everyone thought there would be a third quarter, Dylan Spreser ran in a final touchdown with 3 seconds remaining. Ethan Shea ran in the PAT for the 63-14 Bulldog win at the half.

Dylan Spreser finished the game with 230 rushing yards, 5 touchdowns, and 3 tackles. Nolan Ritter received for 76 yards, 2 touchdowns, and had 1 fumble

recovery and 6 tackles. Caleb Korte rushed for 64 yards and 1 touchdown along with his 6 tackles. Jacob Ritter rushed for 43 yards including 1 touchdown and passed for 3.

Wade Rush had 10 tackles and passed for 76 yards. Rolis Loya rushed for 27 yards and had 6 tackles. Roberto Loya passed for 3 yards and had 3 interceptions while Ethan Shea rushed for 3 and received 3. Jaime Infante had 4 tackles and 1 fumble recovery while Miguel Monge had 6 tackles along with Toby Korte 3 and Chris Stoltz 1.

The Bulldogs, who have scored an average of nearly 65 points per game in their first five games, will travel to Weskan to try and keep their undefeated record on October 5 with a 3:00 pm kickoff. "We've been working well together as a team," said senior Caleb Korte. "We plan to continue to do whatever is necessary to win."