

## Bulldogs Fight For The Win

By Judy Rogers

Playing their second game of the season against another unknown opponent, the Golden Plains Bulldog football team fought their way to a win 53-25 over the Moscow Wildcats on September 7 in Rexford. "It was a hard fought win," said Nolan Ritter, sr. "We got up early but let them back in. We motivated each other to play tougher as a team."

The Wildcats received the ball from kicker Toby Korte only to be tackled by Caleb Korte for no gain. Miguel Monge and Dylan Spresser joined in the tackling to stop the Wildcats and take over on the 31 yard line. Spresser carried the ball for a first down before Caleb Korte ran it in for the first score of the game with less than a minute off the clock. A PAT pass from Jacob Ritter connected with Wade Rush to give the 'Dogs the early 7-0 lead.

The Bulldogs quickly took over but ended the series with a punt. The Wildcats made some additional gains but continued to be stopped in the back field with tackles by Caleb Korte, Dylan Spresser, and Nolan Ritter before fumbling. Rush recovered the fumble allowing Korte to make a first down and Dylan Spresser to run in another score. Ritter kicked the ball through the uprights and the 'Dogs were up 15-0.

Both teams continued to battle throughout the first with Moscow making a score late in the quarter to close the spread to 15-7. Golden Plains quickly answered with a pass interception by Dylan Spresser run in to give the Bulldogs a 21-7 lead by the end of the quarter.

The Bulldogs continued to control the ball and play tough defense throughout the second with Caleb Korte and Dylan Spresser running the ball. Spresser scored another time with Korte catching the PAT pass from Jacob Ritter. Moscow answered with another score midway through the second as both teams started hitting harder. The Bulldogs had to punt and the defense took over to keep the Wildcats out of the end zone going into the half with a 28-13 Bulldog lead.

The third quarter continued to be quite a battle with both teams making gains and stepping up on defense. Nolan Ritter punted the ball to Moscow following multiple first down gains by the Bulldogs. Moscow lost yards with penalties and back field losses. With five minutes left in the third, the Wildcats eluded several Bulldog defenders to make the score. The Bulldogs intercepted the PAT pass attempt as the Wildcats made the score 28—19. Following another Bulldog punt, Moscow scored once more to bring the game to within three 28-25 with just two minutes left in the third.

Dylan Spresser took the ball down the field for two more touchdowns as the clock clicked down. Jaime Infante recovered a Wildcat fumble allowing Spresser yet a third score in the last seconds giving Golden Plains 46-25 lead going into the fourth.

Neither team let down as they played to the finish. Tackles by Monge, Caleb Korte, Rush, and Rojelio Loya allowed the Bulldogs to take over only to have a fumble recovered by Moscow. Moscow fumbled as Rush recovered his second of the game. Dylan Spresser ran the ball to just shy of the goal line. Caleb Korte pushed the ball forward as GP called a time out with the tip of the ball just short of the end zone. Jacob Ritter hit a flea flicker pass to Rush and the 'Dogs scored one more Spresser touchdown. Loya ran in the extra point to make the score 53-25 with six minutes to play.

Moscow tried to move the ball but tackles by Loya, Toby Korte, Tanner Trussel, Jaime Infante, and Josh Spresser kept them at bay. Josh Spresser finished the game with several long runs as the Bulldogs maintained their 53-25 score for the win.

Dylan Spresser finished the game with 191 rushing yards and six touchdowns along with 11 tackles. "The line did a great job blocking and opening up holes for me to run through," said Spresser. Caleb Korte led the team with 15 tackles and had 93 all purpose yards and one touchdown. Additional yards were gained by Josh Spresser 33, Nolan Ritter 32, Wade Rush 10, Tanner Trussel 5, Rojelio Loya 3 and Jacob Ritter 1. Conversions were run in by Caleb Korte, Loya, and Rush with Nolan Ritter kicking one through the uprights.

Wade Rush had 11 tackles along with Nolan Ritter's 10, Miguel Monge 7, Jacob Ritter 5, Rojelio Loya 4, Josh Spresser 3, Toby Korte 3, and Jaime Infante for a team total of 71. Dylan Spresser and Loya each pulled down an interception while Infante recovered a fumble and Rush recovered 2.

The Bulldogs will hit the road this week as they travel to Rolla for a 5:00 game on September 14. "We will need to work hard in every quarter against Rolla," added Nolan Ritter.