

Bulldogs Roll Over Deerfield in Season Opener By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs opened their fourth season of six-man football in Deerfield with a definitive 60-6 win over the Spartans in the first two quarters of the game. "It was fun to be back on the field," said senior Austin Patmon.

The Bulldogs won the toss and elected to receive. Following two quick runs by senior Harley Weese, and a pass from junior Rojelio Loya to junior Wade Rush, Loya finished the first drive in the end zone. A PAT by Weese opened the game with a 7-0 Bulldogs lead. The Spartans punted the ball back to the Bulldogs who quickly converted with another touchdown run by Loya. Weese kicked the extra points through the goal post to put the 'Dogs up 15-0.

The Spartans could not get their passing offense to work in their favor as Weese grabbed an interception. He ran the ball for a gain before passing to sophomore Fabian Cepeda for another Bulldog score and a 21 point lead.

Rush kicked a touchback to the Spartans who could not advance against the Bulldog defense. Loya and Weese continued to run the ball for the 'Dogs finishing the drive with a touchdown pass from Weese to Rush and a conversion run in by sophomore Ethan Shea.

The Spartans continued to put the ball in the air struggling with the Bulldogs pass coverage. They finally connected for their only touchdown of the night. The 'Dogs kept them out of their extra points to hold on to a 28-6 lead.

On the return kick, Weese returned the ball for a long run into the end zone extending the 'Dogs lead another six. The Spartans moved the ball close to their goal line but the Bulldog defense repeatedly stopped them with their pass coverage forcing a turnover.

Back on offense, Weese ran in yet another touchdown on the first play of the series to put the 'Dogs up 40-6. Rush kicked back a short kick back to the Spartans who had trouble getting a good grip. It was recovered by sophomore Roberto Loya for the Bulldogs. Weese passed the ball to Roberto for his first touchdown catch of the season and a 46-6 Bulldog lead.

The Spartans were unable to convert again allowing the Bulldogs to score yet again with a Weese run. Sophomore Tyler Koerperich caught the PAT pass for the 'Dogs. The Spartans again moved the ball close to the goal line only to be stopped by the GP defense with tackles by Korte and pass coverage by Roberto.

Weese was able to score one more time with a PAT run by Shea for the final score of 60-6. The 'Dogs defense stopped Deerfield for the remainder of the game to gain their first win of the season at the half.

"We played well as a team," said Weese who finished the game with three touchdown runs, threw for three scores, and scored on a kick return. He ran in one extra point and kicked for two. "There are still things that need to be fixed like blocking and getting into better shape."

Rojelio Loya added two touchdown runs with three touchdown catches from Wade Rush, Fabian Cepeda, and Roberto Loya. Ethan Shea ran in two PAT's along with one from Toby Korte.

“Week one is over,” added Weese. “From here on out, we are 0-0 at the beginning of each week.” The Bulldogs will be back on the road as they travel to Moscow on September 13 before hosting Rolla for Homecoming on September 20 with a 5:00 pm kickoff.