

Bulldogs Take Early Win in Healy

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs ended their regular season at half time with a 53-0 win over the Western Plains/Healy Bobcat football team in Healy on October 25.

The Bulldogs received the ball to open the game. Senior Harley Weese, who finished the game with 155 total yards, broke free on the first play to score the first touchdown of the game. He then kicked the extra points through the uprights for an 8-0 lead with just 18 seconds off the clock.

The Bobcats fumbled the ball allowing the Bulldogs to recover. Junior Rojelio Loya quickly ran over the goal line. The Dogs then recovered the kick. A touchdown run by Weese was called back so Loya threw to Weese in the end zone for the score.

The Bobcats just could not get any offense going as they allowed Weese and Loya to each run in once more. Sophomore Ethan Shea added a sixth Bulldog touchdown to end the first quarter with a 40-0 Bulldog lead.

The second quarter of this short game added another Weese touchdown with Shea running in the PAT. Shea made the final score of the game for the 53-0 Bulldog half time win.

“This was a fun game to play,” said Shea. “We were able to try playing in different positions than we usually do. Our second string got to get in the game so they could gain experience.”

Weese finished the game with 137 rushing and 18 receiving yards and 12 tackles. Rojelio Loya had 105 rushing and 18 passing yards along with 12 tackles and was named overall (offensive and defensive) player of the game. Ethan Shea rushed for 48 yards with his 3 tackles earning him offensive player of the game recognition. Roberto Loya rushed for 8 yards and had 4 tackles and one fumble recovery. Freshman Mason Green rushed for 17 yards and had 1 tackle. Jovanny Infante had 3 tackles and 1 fumble recovery. Additional tackles were claimed by Jaime Infante-3 and Austin Patmon-1.

The Bulldogs will play in their first round playoff game against Pawnee Heights in Rozel on October 31 with a 7:00 pm kickoff. “We’ve been practicing our pass coverage—they are passing more than last year,” added Shea. “Our goal is to win so we can advance to the Wild West Bowl.”