

MS Boys Play First Home Game By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School football team played their first home game of the season on September 12 in Rexford as they hosted the Northern Valley Huskies. The Huskies defeated the Bulldogs 46-0 to finish the game near the end of the third quarter.

"I felt good about the game," said Landon Meier-8th grade. "We played better than last week. We improved on moving the ball, blocked better, and tackled more."

The 'Dogs, who have yet to score in the past two seasons, received the ball to begin the game. With runs by Owen Patmon and Landon Meier, the boys made short advances but punted back to the Huskies.

Despite a firm tackle by Josh Rath, the Huskies scored on their first play of the game. A PAT run gave them an 8-0 lead. Meier returned the ball and made several runs. Morgan Moore recovered a fumble to keep possession but the series ended with another punt.

The Huskies returned the punt with a long run but were tackled by the Bulldogs short of the goal. They passed the ball into the end zone for a 16-0 lead. Meier carried the ball again for the Bulldogs making a first down to end the first quarter.

The Huskies overthrew a hike early in the second which was recovered again by Moore to give possession to Golden Plains. The Dogs moved the ball but again had to punt. The Huskies returned the punt for another long run touchdown, a PAT, and a 24-0 lead. The Huskies were able to score twice more before the half to hold a 38-0 lead at the buzzer.

The Bulldogs received the ball to start the third and made several running attempts but the Huskies took over and scored once more to make their lead 44-0. The Dogs dug deep and held the Huskies from scoring from the 10 yard with repeated stops by Jerrit Koerperich and Blake Durham forcing a turnover back to the Bulldogs.

As the Bulldogs made efforts to move the ball away from the Huskies goal line, Meier was tackled in the end zone giving the Huskies a safety and a 46-0 win. "It felt good stopping them close to the goal line," added Meier. "We still have a lot of things to improve including snapping the ball, holding on to the ball. We are looking forward to making that first touchdown." The Bulldogs will travel to Grinnell to take on the Thunderhawks on September 19.