

## Bulldogs Fall to Cougars in Season Opener

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog Football team fell to the Cheylin Cougars 6-61 in their season opener in Rexford on September 4. “We were caught off guard,” said senior Rojelio Loya. “You could tell they had worked out all summer and have played together as a team for a long time.”

The Bulldogs won the toss and chose to receive but the ball rolled off the Dogs’ hands and the Cougars recovered. Led by seniors Wade Rush and Rojelio Loya, the Dogs tried to stop the Cougars but they quickly scored a touchdown and connected on a PAT pass for an early 7-0 lead.

The Dogs received the kick, this time junior Jovanny Infante downed the ball at midfield. Roberto Loya and Rojelio Loya each had short carries but the Dogs couldn’t achieve a first down and Rush punted it back to the Cougars. The Cougars quickly scored again to lead 14-0.

Nothing seemed to go right for the Dogs as they worked hard but a fumble recovered by the Cougars converted again to a 21-0 lead.

The Dogs made some short gains but the Cougars added two more scores in the first extending their lead. With :37 on the clock in the first, the Dogs finally connected on a pass from Rojelio Loya to Rush who finished the quarter with the Bulldogs only score of the game and a first quarter score of 6-34 in favor of the Cougars.

Cheylin opened the second with another touchdown and extra point to extend their lead. Despite some big tackles by senior Toby Korte, Rush, and Rojelio Loya, the Cougars were able to score once more. The Loya brothers made some good gains but Cheylin took over to score twice more. The Dogs attempted to pass as the second quarter clock wound down but time ran out giving Cheylin the win 61-6.

“It was a frustrating loss,” continued Loya, “but the season is not over. We need to prepare for the next game and for the next time we meet up with them.” The Bulldogs will be on the road as they travel to Weskan on September 11 for a 3:00 pm game.