

## Bulldogs Secure Playoff Spot

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog Football team secured a spot in the six-man playoffs with a 56-41 win over Weskan in Rexford on October 15. They had lost to the Coyotes earlier in the season and had been off the field for two weeks. “We were ready to play,” said junior Ashton Schiltz. “It was a fun game. We worked well together as a team.”

The Dogs scored early with a touchdown run in by Roberto Loya. Rojelio Loya recovered a Coyote fumble for the Bulldogs as both teams played tough defense. Rojelio ran in another long run for a Bulldogs score near the end of the first quarter. A PAT pass from Roberto to Wade Rush secured a 13-0 Bulldog lead at the end of the first.

The Dogs added to their score early in the second as Rush threw a pass to Roberto for a touchdown and kicked the ball through the uprights for extra points to extend their lead to 21-0. The Coyotes answered with a caught pass run in for a touchdown and a PAT pass to get on the boards 21-7. The Coyotes added another touchdown pass and extra point to end the half with a Bulldog lead 21-14.

Rush kicked to Weskan to start the second half. The Coyotes again passed the ball and ran into the end zone. With an extra point run, the game was tied up at 21. The Bulldogs returned to offense and with carries by Roberto Loya, Rojelio Loya, and Wade Rush. Rush finished the drive in the end zone and kicked for extra points to regain the Bulldog lead 29-21.

Weskan answered with another touchdown to close the gap. The Dogs scored again as Rojelio Loya carried the ball over the goal line to maintain a 36-27 lead. Back on offense, the Coyotes tried passing the ball to gain yards only to have Rush intercept it for the Bulldogs. Rojelio Loya ran the ball in for a Bulldog touchdown. With a kick from Rush, the Dogs extended their lead to 44-27. Weskan again worked on their pass game to score once more before the end of the third with the Bulldogs leading 44-34.

Both teams continued to work hard to finish the game. The Dogs added two more scores in the fourth—one each from Roberto Loya and Rojelio Loya, while the Coyotes added one more to finish the game for a 56-41 Bulldog win.

With this win over the Coyotes, the Bulldogs secured a spot in the playoffs and traveled to Ashland to take on the Bluejays in the quarter final game on October 20.