

## Bulldogs Improve at Weskan

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog football team showed considerable improvement in an afternoon game at Weskan on September 11. They worked hard for four quarters but fell to the Coyotes 36-46.

“We played better this week,” said Wade Rush-senior. “We are improving. We worked on defense in practice to have less fumbles and we played more as a team.”

The Bulldogs opened the game with an early touchdown by Rush. The Coyotes answered with their own score and connected on a PAT pass to gain the lead 7-6. The Coyotes recovered a fumble in the next series and despite tackles by Roberto Loya and Rush and pass coverage from Jovanny Infante and Roberto Loya the Coyotes scored once more.

Back on offense, Rush and Roberto Loya made gains before the Bulldogs called a time out. Rojelio took the ball and headed toward the goal line. The Coyotes tried to stop him but he flipped over the defender across the goal line for the touchdown. Another PAT kick attempt was blocked by the Coyotes, but the Dogs were within two at 12-14.

The Bulldogs kept up their strong defense, but the Coyotes were able to cross the goal line one more time to end the first quarter with a 20-12 lead.

The Dogs started the second with possession but ended the series with a punt. Weskan tried to pass but the Dogs defense forced a turnover on downs. Roberto Loya ran the ball to the three yard line in a series of plays before Rush pushed his way over the goal line to bring the game back to within two at 18-20.

Weskan responded with another score but the Dogs answered as Rojelio Loya returned the kick for a Bulldogs touchdown keeping the game within two. The Dogs kept up their defense as the clock ticked down in the second, but the Coyotes connected on a pass with 10 seconds to go extending their lead to 33-24 at the half.

Weskan received the ball to start the second half. Their pass game continued to be successful as they added a couple more scores to their side of the board. The Bulldogs added another touchdown by Rojelio Loya with a 23-yard run midway through the quarter. Both teams stepped up their defense to end the quarter with Weskan holding a 46-30 lead.

The Dogs advanced the ball at the start of the fourth but turned the ball over to Weskan. The defense once again held tough and the Coyotes turned it back to the Dogs. Weskan had a few penalties near the end of the fourth allowing the Dogs to move closer to the goal. With just a minute left to play, Rush scored a final Bulldog touchdown. There was a flag on the PAT kick to finish the game 36-46 for a Weskan win.

The Bulldogs return home for their Homecoming game against Greeley County on September 18. Kickoff is at 7:00 pm in Rexford.