

MS Boys Win Again By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School football team won their second game of the season at home against Triplains/Brewster on September 11. The visiting Titans won the kick but the Bulldog defense forced them to punt. AJ Camacho was tackled in the backfield on the first play but broke through the line on the next for his first touchdown of the game. The Titans stopped the PAT attempt and the Bulldogs were up 6-0.

After getting the ball back once again from the Titans, the Bulldogs wasted no time advancing down the field with a carry by Caleb Korte and another Camacho touchdown. The Titans once again put a stop to the extra point attempt. With a 12-0 lead, Bulldog Coach Russ Aumiller encouraged his boys, "Let's keep it going!"

With less than a minute remaining in the first quarter, the Titans punted back to the Bulldogs. The offensive line held tough and let Camacho through for his third TD. The extra point effort was finally successful as Korte ran in and put the Bulldogs up 20-0 at the end of the quarter.

As the cold rain kept falling in the second quarter, both teams had trouble hanging on to the ball. "The ball was slippery," said quarterback Jacob Ritter, "It was hard to feel my hands which made it hard to get the handoffs." The Titans faced the same challenge with several fumbled plays, which they were able to recover. When they punted back to the Bulldogs, Camacho ran the punt into the end zone for another touchdown. Korte once again plowed through for the PAT putting the home team ahead 28-0.

The Titans were determined and didn't give up despite solid tackles from Nolan Ritter and Dylan Sprester in the backfield. After another big stop by Korte, the Titans were able to slip through the Bulldog defense and score their first and only touchdown of the game. The Bulldogs ended their hopes of extra points, but the Titans were on the board 28-6 half way through the second. "Tackling in the rain was hard," said Nolan Ritter, "but it was fun." Getting the ball back, the Bulldogs were able to score once again.

The Titans, encouraged by their earlier success, were running toward the goal line as the clock wound down, but Camacho finally caught up with them, bringing down the runner as the first half ended with the Bulldogs holding a 34-6 lead.

In the second half, the Bulldog defense continued to work together as a team to bring down the advances of the Titans as the offense gained ground. Korte scored a touchdown early in the third with Camacho running across the goal line late in the third to lead 46-6 going into the fourth.

Neither team was ready to call it quits as they battled back and forth throughout the final 8 minutes of play. The Titans would advance only to have the Bulldogs finally stop them. The Bulldogs were also trying to advance the ball only to be stopped by the Titans. The clock finally ran out to give the Bulldogs the 46-6 victory.

The Bulldogs will play at home again this week when they host the Logan/Damar Trojans on Thursday at 5:30.