

MS 'Dogs Downed by Cougars

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The middle school football team played their second full flag game of the season against Cheylin on October 5 in Rexford. They played this six-man game with eight-man rules and worked hard and scored several times but couldn't hold back their opponents as the Cougars won 52-20.

The Bulldogs scored first with a touchdown run by Roberto Loya. Loya ran in the extra point to lead 8-0. The Cougars were unable to convert on their possession and turning it back to the 'Dogs allowed Loya to score once more for a 14-0 Bulldog lead.

The Bulldogs were able to hold the Cougars off once again as flags were captured by Jovanny Infante and Loya. Loya ran in another score, but it was called back due to a penalty. The Cougars intercepted a pass and ran it in for their first touchdown of the night to bring the game to 14-8 at the end of the first.

The Cougars intercepted another pass that they ran in to score midway through the second quarter. A successful PAT gave them the lead 16-14.

The Bulldogs continued to advance the ball with runs by Infante, Loya, and Fabian Cepeda but ended the drive with a turnover. Garrett Carter and Cepeda led the defense but the Cougars connected on another pass to run in for a third touchdown. The PAT pass connected and the Cougars led 24-14 with a 1 ½ minutes until the half time break.

The Bulldogs weren't about to give up as Infante made a long run. Loya finished the drive in the end zone as the clock wound down closing the spread to 24-20 in favor of the Cougars.

The young 'Dogs played strong defense in the second half but the Cougars managed to score twice more in the third extending their lead to 38-20. Sixth graders Jerrit Koerperich and Will Bruggeman got in the action on defense along with seventh grader Mason Green as they captured flags to stop the Cougar advance, but the Cougars still managed to score twice more in the fourth to win the game 52-20. The Bulldogs will finish their season in Weskan on October 9.