

Bulldogs Fight With Trojans

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On September 26, the Golden Plains Middle School Bulldogs played the Logan/Palco Trojans. They fell by a score of 20-58. They are still looking for a win.

The 'Dogs started off the game with a kick to the Trojans. They scored about 2 minutes into the game. Landon Meier denied the 2 point conversion to put the Trojans up 6-0. The 'Dogs got the ball back and started moving the ball off well. Meier carried the ball for a first down. Penalties, however, slowed down the 'Dogs and forced them to punt.

The Trojan offense got the ball moving downfield after a couple of incompletions and scored again. They had a successful conversion to put them up 14-0. The 'Dogs got the ball back and ran the ball with a trio of Meier runs and a run by Josh Rath to end the quarter down 0-14.

The Bulldogs started off the second quarter with a punt by Rath. The Trojans started to push the ball back downfield. Jerrit Koerperich added 3 tackles on the drive. That wasn't enough to keep the Trojans out of the end zone. They tackled on the conversion to make the score 22-0.

The Bulldogs got the ball back with a good kick return by Meier. Meier gave the Bulldogs another first down off of two runs. The 'Dogs were haunted with sacks and penalties which yet again, forced them to punt. The 'Dogs were able to keep the Trojans out of the end zone for the rest of the half with good defensive stops from Meier and Rath. The first half ended with the Trojans on top, 22-0.

The 'Dogs failed to produce out of the gate in the third quarter. Meier returned the kick for about 30 yards and then fumbled. The Trojans fell on the ball and went down and scored on their first play from scrimmage. They had a successful attempt on the conversion to put them up 30-0.

The 'Dogs gained a few yards by Meier and then Rath powered over the line for a first down. The Bulldogs again, had a couple of positive runs by Meier and Owen Patmon. That wasn't enough though to get the 'Dogs in the endzone. They were forced to punt. The next play the Trojans pushed the ball downfield to the 10-yard line. Meier was able to keep them out of the end zone with a nice chase-down tackle.

The Bulldogs couldn't keep the Trojans out of the end zone for long. They scored with 1:55 left in the third quarter to put them up 36-0. The Bulldogs were able to keep the Trojans out of the end zone on the conversion. The 'Dogs got the ball back but turned it over right away. The Trojans used the field position to their advantage and punched the ball back into the end zone to put them up 42-0 at the end of the third quarter.

The 'Dogs came into the fourth quarter looking to improve. They did just that with less than a minute into the game on a Meier 60-yard touchdown run with a nice block by Patmon. They failed to get the conversion which made the score 42-6, Trojans.

The 'Dogs came out strong on defense, forcing a fumble recovered by Jerrit Koerperich. They were ready on offense with a nice first-down pass from Patmon to Koerperich, which set Meier up for another touchdown run. The 'Dogs had a successful attempt to make the score 14-42.

The Bulldogs were ready on defense again with some decisive tackling from Koerperich, Meier, Morgan Moore, and Wyatt Amlong. The Trojans were able to

overcome the tough Bulldog defense however and punched it in for another touchdown. They made the conversion for a 50-14 lead.

With a kick return by Rath and a nice 25-yard run by Koerperich, they set Meier up for a third touchdown. The 'Dogs again failed to score the conversion to make the score 20-50. The 'Dogs had some strong defense going by Meier, Will Bruggeman, Blake Durham, and Abe Taylor. They couldn't stop the Trojan offense allowing them to score yet again. They got the conversion to put them up by 58-20.

The Bulldogs got the ball back but couldn't produce. They turned the ball back over to the Trojans with 28 seconds to play. The Trojans ran off the clock to win the game, 58-20.

"We had better offense and defense," said Koerperich "We didn't have to punt as much". "We ran harder and played harder than we have before" added Meier. The Bulldogs will play next on October 10th in against Chelin in Rexford.