

MS Bulldogs Defeat the Titans By Zeke Weiner

The Golden Plains Middle School football team took down the Triplains/Brewster Titans 44-18 on September 14 for their second win of the season. The Bulldogs received the kick to start the game. On the first drive, Dalton Miller scored a touchdown and extra point to give the Bulldogs an early 7-0 lead. Adam Ritter intercepted the pass on the Titan's next drive and Ritter ran in the ball to increase the lead to 13-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The Bulldogs started the second quarter on defense and held the Titans to get the ball back. Ritter ran in the ball for another Bulldog touchdown. Emery Fikan threw a pass to Tanner Todd for the PAT to change the score to 20-0 Dogs. On the Titan's next drive, Todd had a strip sack to give the Dogs back the ball. Miller ran in another touchdown, but the Titans answered with their first touchdown of the game. Ritter returned the Titan's kick to the endzone for a 32-6 lead. Cristian Garcia recovered a fumble near the end of the quarter to hold on to the Bulldogs lead at the half.

The Dogs kicked the ball to start the third quarter but could not hold the Titans back as they added another touchdown to open the second half. Parker Vahling and Ritter helped push the Dogs down the field allowing Garcia to finish the drive in the end zone for the Dogs. The Dogs held the lead at 38-12 after Garcia's touchdown. Despite tackles by Ritter, Miller, and Owen Amlong, the Titans were able to score on their next drive to chip away at the Dogs lead. Garcia stopped the extra point attempt. The Dogs held on to the lead 38-18 at the end of the third.

The Dogs were able to hold the Titans on their next drive with Todd recovering a fumble. Vahling ran in his first touchdown of middle school to get the Dogs a 44-18 lead. On the Titan's next drive, Vahling recovered a fumble to seal the win for the Dogs. "We played well on both sides of the ball," said Garcia. "We played as a team and had a good game." The Dogs ended the game 44-18 over the Titans for their second win of the season. "It was exciting to get my first win of middle school," said Parker Vahling. I hope to continue to improve and score again.

"I'm pretty sure we are getting better," added Vahling. "We are learning new plays. We don't always get it the first time but eventually get it." The boys travel to Long Island on September 21 to take on the Northern Valley Huskies.