

## MS Dogs Get First Win By Zeke Weiner

The Golden Plains Middle School Football team got their first win of the season 45-13 over Western Plains/Healy on September 7th in Rexford. "We had a great game," said Adam Ritter, 8<sup>th</sup> grade. "Everyone played well and we worked as a team."

The Bulldogs started the game on defense but Adam Ritter recovered a fumble to give the Bulldogs the ball. Ritter ran in the ball for an early touchdown and PAT to make the score 7-0 Dogs. On the Dogs next drive, Ritter ran in another touchdown to increase the Bulldog score. Near the end of the quarter, Tage Sullivan kicked the ball to the Bobcats who fumbled with a tackle by Dalton Miller. Parker Vahling recovered the fumble to give the dogs back the ball ending the first quarter with a 13-0 Bulldog lead.

Ritter scored again early in the second but the PAT was blocked. After regaining possession with tackles by Ritter and Sullivan, Miller recovered a dropped ball and ran it in for a touchdown. Unfortunately, it was called back due to a block in the back. He ran in another touchdown, but it, too, was called back. The third time was the charm as Miller ran in a third touchdown and this one was good. With a PAT run in by Ritter, the Dogs led 26-0. Sullivan kicked the ball to the Bobcats who touched the ball but allowed Sullivan to recover it. Ritter then ran in a first down before Miller ran to the 5 yard line to end the first half with a solid 26 point lead for the Bulldogs.

Sullivan kicked the ball to start the third quarter. A solid tackle by Jarret Adelman forced Western Plains/Healy to turn over the ball on their next drive. Ritter made a good run, then Miller ran a first down. Christian Garcia finished the drive with a touchdown and Miller ran in the PAT to give the Dogs a 33-0 lead midway through the third. The Dogs got the ball back and Miller ran the length of the field for another touchdown to further increase the lead 39-0.

The Bobcats broke through the Bulldog defense near the end of the third to score a touchdown and an extra point run for their first score of the game with just .27 seconds on the clock. Miller ran in another Bulldog touchdown before the quarter ended but it was called back once again for a block in the back ending the quarter with a 39-7 Bulldog lead.

Miller scored once more early in the fourth quarter. Emery Fikan stepped on the field making several tackles along with Garcia, Tannor Todd, Owen Amlong, and Adelman. Parker Vahling, Koen Schaben, and Nash Ziegelmeier helped out on offense, but the Bobcats were able to put in one more touchdown near the end of the game. The Dogs stopped the PAT to win the game 45-13.

Dalton Miller ran in 6 touchdowns for the Dogs, but three were called back due to penalties. Ritter ran in 3 and Garcia 1. The Bulldogs hope to reduce penalties and get their second win on September 14 as they host Triplains/Brewster in Rexford.