

GP Bulldogs Win Second Game

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Golden Plains traveled to Brewster on Friday, October 7 to compete against Triplains Brewster. The Bulldogs gained their second consecutive win of the season 34-0 over the Titans.

The game began with the Bulldogs receiving the ball from the Titans. A run from senior Mason Green and a pass from sophomore Josh Rath to junior Will Bruggeman resulted in a touchdown for the Dogs. After an unsuccessful extra point, Brewster began another attempt to get the ball in the end zone. With multiple tackles, the ball was turned over to the Dogs.

Freshman Diego Perez had a successful run before sophomore quarterback Josh Rath sent a complete pass to Dylan Wark, who had 43 total yards throughout the game. After a few more yards gained by running the ball, Rath passed the ball to Bruggeman again, who made a second touchdown. Junior Iu Ribera's kick was good, bringing the score to 14-0.

Ribera kicked a touchback and the Titans took over and attempted to find the end zone. After an incomplete pass on third down, they punted and the Dogs took over on about the 25 yard line. A run by Wark and a pass to Landon Meier brought the Dogs to the 15 yard line. A short handoff on fourth down wasn't enough to break into the end zone and the score remained 14-0 at the end of the quarter.

The Titans punted at the start of the second quarter and the Dogs also punted soon after. Perez, who had 18 total tackles throughout the game and Mason Green, who had 16, held the Titan offense back and forced a turnover. Perez ran for a first down, but the Dogs were pushed back by a penalty. Meier scored a touchdown run bringing the score to 20 - 0.

The Dogs were able to contain the Titans and force a punt. Perez broke tackles and Meier scored another touchdown to bring the score to 26-0 at the half.

By the third quarter the Titans were beginning to tire out and drop the ball. Mason Green scored a touchdown, and Ribera had a successful extra point kick to end the third with a 34-0 Bulldog lead.

The Dogs recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter and had several good runs before the clock ran out. Brewster was unable to break through the defense to score, so the game ended with a 34-0 Bulldog win.

"Our running game wasn't enough, so we tried passing and it worked," said Josh Rath. "Swarming to the ball and working together made a big difference too."

Perez finished the game with 102 rushing yards along with Meier 53, Wark 33, Ribera 28, and Green 17. The Dogs passing game was very successful with all five of their touchdowns coming from throws by Rath. Receivers included Meier 116 yards and 2 TD's, Bruggeman 48 yards and 2 TD's, Green 12 yards and 1 TD, and Wark 10 yards.

The Dogs were strong on defense as well with Perez's 18 combined tackles, Green and Meier with 16, Bruggeman 15, Wark 10, and Ribera 2. Meier also had a fumble recovery. Golden Plains will compete against the Northern Valley Huskies on Friday in Almena.

