

## Bulldogs Fall to Cougars

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School football team hosted the Cheylin Cougars for their final regular season game before heading into the KSHSAA playoff schedule on October 21 in Rexford. The Dogs fell to the Cougars 0-52 at the half. "This was not our best effort," said Freshman Dylan Wark. "We weren't focused."

The Cougars received the opening kick from GP junior Iu Ribera. The Dogs tried to stop them with tackles by Landon Meier, Josh Rath, Diego Perez, Mason Green, and Wark but the Cougars finished the drive with an 8-0 lead.

The Dogs returned the kick and made some short gains but punted the ball back to the Cougars who scored again. This seemed to be the course of the game as the Cougars gained a 38-0 lead by the end of the first.

Cheylin intercepted a Bulldog pass early in the second and was able to extend their lead to 52-0 quite quickly. The Dogs worked hard on the offensive side and made some first downs by Mason Green and Diego Perez ran to the 3 yard line. The Dogs tried to pass the ball into the end zone only to have the Cougars intercept it. The Cougars knelt out the last minutes to win the game at the half 52-0.

"We weren't confident in our ability to win this game," said junior Landon Meier. "That hurt us from the beginning. We learned we can't be afraid to play any team regardless of their record. We need to forget this game and start anew."

The Bulldogs will play Rolla for the Cross Bracket game in Rexford on October 27. "We need to learn from our mistakes and get ready for Rolla," added Wark. "If we are more positive going into the game, we hope to win and continue into the playoffs."