

Bulldog Game Ends Early in Tribune

By Landon Meier

The Golden Plains Bulldogs competed against the Greeley County Jackrabbits in Tribune on September 22. Junior Iu Ribera began the game by kicking off to the Jackrabbits who returned the ball to the 11 yard line. Tribune made it through the Bulldog defense for a touchdown and extra point. After the ball was returned to the Dogs, carries by Freshman Diego Perez and Senior Mason Green brought the football to the second yard line. Perez carried the ball in for a touchdown. Ribera kicked the extra point and the Bulldogs led 8-7 early in the first.

Tribune was able to score on their next drive along with an extra point. The ball was recovered on kick return, but the Dogs were forced to punt. The Jackrabbits again scored on their drive despite a tackle for a loss by Junior Will Bruggeman and ran for the extra point.

Golden Plains succeeded in making it to the four yard line with runs by Perez and Green and a pass to junior Landon Meier, but the final run by Perez was stopped short of the endzone. The quarter ended with a score of 21-8 with Tribune in the lead.

The Bulldogs started the second quarter with the ball, but Greeley County forced a turnover and scored extending their lead to 28-8.

Green recovered the ball on kick return and the Bulldogs started on the 39 yard line. Tribune recovered a fumble and scored once more. The Jackrabbit's kick went out of bounds and Perez had a carry for a first down. A pass from Perez to Sophomore quarterback Josh Rath was good for a first down. After a loss, Meier caught a pass that took the Dogs to the 8 yard line and a first down. A pass from Rath to Perez resulted in a touchdown, with the extra point by Ribera giving the Dogs 16 to the Jackrabbits 35.

Greeley County again scored on the next drive. After the Bulldogs got the ball on the 39, Rath threw a pass to Bruggeman, which was flagged down for holding on the Dogs. Two additional touchdowns by Greeley County brought the halftime score to 16-56.

A final score by the Jackrabbits concluded the game early in the third quarter 62-16 in favor of the 'Rabbits. "Our energy level wasn't there," said sophomore Maddix Green. "We came out flat and couldn't get going," added junior Will Bruggeman. "There were too many missed tackles." Golden Plains will next compete against Western Plains-Healy on September 30 in Rexford.