

## Golden Plains Wins Cross-District Game By Landon Meier

Golden Plains hosted Rolla in Rexford on Thursday, October 27 for the Cross-District game for a spot in the first ever KSHSAA 6-Man Regional Playoffs. The Bulldogs defeated the Pirates 59-14 to extend their season one more week.

After the Pirates recovered their own kick around midfield, tackles by Diego Perez, Mason Green and Josh Rath stopped the Pirates who then turned over the ball after an incomplete pass from the Rolla quarterback. The Bulldogs took over on the 37 yard line. Freshman Dylan Wark scored a 43 yard touchdown and Iu Ribera's kick was good to give the Bulldogs and 8-0 early in the game.

The Pirates passed to a receiver who scored a touchdown after an incomplete pass. They also were able to make two extra points, tying the game. Again they recovered their kick. This time the Dogs were able to hold the offense back and Wark intercepted the ball. Starting on the two yard line, Mason Green ran the ball for 12 yards. Perez ran the ball for a 63-yard touchdown, plus two points by Ribera putting the Dogs back on top 16-8.

The Bulldogs held back Rolla, and Perez and Wark were both able to score a touchdown in the four minutes left in the first quarter, bringing the score to 28-8.

Landon Meier completed a pass for a touchdown at the start of the second quarter. After the ball was kicked to them, the Pirates attempted to gain yards, but were stopped by Josh Rath and Diego Perez. After an incomplete pass, Rolla was forced to punt.

Mason Green had a long run of 58 yards that resulted in a touchdown. Green had 89 rushing yards and 35 receiving yards throughout the game, along with a total of nine tackles.

Rolla managed to throw the ball and scored, adding another six points that brought the score to 40-14. Golden Plains responded with another touchdown of their own, by Green. The Pirates tried their best to make a play after a tackle by Perez, but their next three passes were incomplete. The score was 53-14 at the half.

Iu Ribera and Diego Perez both made yards at the beginning of the third quarter, and Perez made the final touchdown, ending the game midway through the third with a score of 59-14.

"It was good to get this win to help us advance in the playoff bracket," said Green. "We have definitely improved our team and on running our plays correctly. We hope to win at Ashland on Friday and make a name for ourselves in the first KSHAA regulated 6-man playoffs."

Green finished the game with 122 total yards—89 rushing 33 receiving along with 113 rushing yard from Perez. Rath had 68 passing yards and Meier had 68 total yards—33 rushing 35 receiving. Wark had 53 rushing yards and Ribera had 3 passing and 16 rushing yards. Miguel Garcia had 3 receiving yards.

Perez had 12 total tackles in the game with Rath 10, Meier 9, Green 9, Wark 6, Garcia 2, and Bruggeman 1. Wark and Perez each had an interception. The Bulldogs will play in Ashland on November 4 in the Regional Playoff game.