

## Middle School Football Team Gains First Win of Season By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School Football team won their first game of the season at home in a six-man battle against the Cheylin Cougars on October 10 with a 54-8 win toward the end of the fourth quarter

The Bulldogs took the field with an 0-3 record determined to claim a victory this season. AJ Camacho, seventh grade, ran back the kick-off for a touchdown to start the game. A successful extra point run gave the home team an early 8-0 lead. The defense held the Cougars at center field forcing them to punt back to Golden Plains. Camacho broke through the line on the first down and ran nearly the entire length of the field—74 yards—for another touchdown. Jeron Schutte, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, caught the extra-point pass from Jacob Ritter, 7<sup>th</sup>, to put the Bulldogs up 16-0. Camacho ran in yet a third TD to finish the first quarter with a 22-0 lead.

The Cougars advanced the ball to the goal line in the second quarter, but fumbled the ball and the Bulldogs recovered. After slipping in the dirt, Camacho found his footing on the next play, and running around the outside, burst down the field for a 60 yard touchdown run and a 28-0 lead. Caleb Korte, Clayton Bange, and Jacob Ritter all had good stops on defense to hold the Cougars scoreless at the half.

Camacho scored another touchdown for the Bulldogs at the start of the third quarter. As the quarter clock clicked down to .22, the Cougars finally got on the board with a ru to the end zone and a successful 2-point conversion. With just seconds remaining, Ritter returned the ball to the 23 yard line. Camacho ran it over the goal line just as the clock ran down. However, it was called back due to a Bulldog penalty and the quarter ended 34-8.

Camacho repeated his touchdown run for the first play of the fourth. The pass attempt for extra points fell to the ground and the Bulldogs had a 40-8 lead. The Cougars returned the kick to the 35 yard line. Devin Carter-8<sup>th</sup> grade, pushed them back for a loss. The Cougars broke through the line again, but were stopped by Korte and Schutte at the 18 yard line. Camacho stripped the ball from the Cougar runner and carried it to the end zone for another Bulldog touchdown. Clayton Bange ran in the extra point for a home team lead of 48-8 with just under six minutes to play.

Schutte kicked the ball back to the Cougars. They fumbled the ball and Schutte recovered. Ritter handed the ball off to Bange for a short gain. Camacho ran the ball in for the final score of the game for a Bulldog win of 54-8. The boys will have one more game this Thursday as they travel to Northern Valley for the final game of the season.