

Bulldogs Win Final Home Game

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs won their final home football game of the season against the Burrton Chargers on October 22 in Rexford. The Dogs ended the game at the beginning of the third quarter with a 62-13 victory. "It was tough knowing it was our last game on our home field," said senior Roberto Loya, "but I was glad to finish with the win."

The Chargers kicked to the Bulldogs to open the early afternoon game. Jerrit Koerperich downed the kick on the Chargers 33 yard line. On the very first play of the game, Roberto Loya ran the ball all the way to the end zone for the Dogs first touchdown of the night. He then threw the extra point attempt to Ashton Schiltz for the 7-0 lead.

The Bulldogs defense stepped on the field and stopped the Chargers efforts to take over on offense. Loya ran the ball several times to finish in the end zone once again. The extra point was run in by Ethan Shea and the Dogs were up 14-0.

The Chargers attempted to run the ball once more but Loya chased them down forcing a fumble which he then recovered. He took the ball down the field for his third score of the night. The extra point kick attempt was short as the Dogs extended their lead 20-0.

The Chargers took over and, faced with coverage from Loya and Fabian Cepeda for the Bulldogs, had repeated incomplete passes. They finally connected to get on the board 20-7. The Bulldogs took over only to return the ball to the Chargers. The Chargers added another touchdown run but their extra point pass attempt was blocked by Ashton Schiltz.

The Dogs answered with a fourth touchdown run by Loya. Loya then connected with Cepeda for an extra point pass to extend their lead 27-13. With just 23 seconds remaining in the first quarter, Loya connected with a pass to Schiltz who ran the ball over the goal line. This time, the PAT kick cleared the uprights giving the Bulldogs a 35-13 lead at the end of the first.

The Bulldogs opened the second quarter with a touchdown run by Shea. Koerperich crossed the goal line for the extra point and a 43-13 lead for Golden Plains. The Chargers made several attempts to gain some yards but were stopped by Shea and Landon Meier on defense and pass coverage from Loya.

The Dogs took over and Shea scored another Bulldog touchdown. Abe Taylor ran in the extra point. The Dogs ended the first half with another Loya touchdown with Koerperich running in the PAT to hold a 56-13 half time lead.

Returning to the field for the second half, the Dogs took possession and Cepeda ran in a final touchdown with just 13 seconds off the clock to give the Bulldogs the 62-13 win. The Bulldogs will finish their season with a late-season match up as they meet Centre in Sylvan Grove on October 26.