

Bulldogs Kick Off at Cheylin

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs kicked off their football season on September 3 with an early afternoon game against Cheylin in Bird City with a 12-67 loss to the Cougars.

The Bulldogs won the toss and elected to receive. Senior Jovanny Infante recovered the kick but the Dogs were unable to advance the ball turning it over to the Cougars. The Cougars quickly scored their first touchdown of the game, made their extra point, and led 7-0.

The Dogs again could not advance the ball allowing the Cougars to score once more despite defense and tackles by seniors Roberto Loya and Fabian Cepeda. The Dogs had a few short gains by Loya but again allowed the Cougars to score and lead 21-0.

Loya returned the kick running all the way to the end zone for the Bulldogs first score of the game with just under four minutes left in the first. They missed the handoff on the extra point attempt to trail the Cougars 6-20.

Back of defense, the Dogs worked hard to stop the Cougars with tackles by sophomore Tayten Barnett and the defensive team. The Cougars were still able to score again but the Bulldogs blocked the PAT pass attempt.

The Dogs advanced the ball several times on the next series with carries by Loya. The Cougars picked up a Bulldog pass at the end of the quarter to run in the touchdown with no time on the clock to hold a 34-6 lead at the end of the first.

The Cougars added another score to open the second as the Bulldogs worked hard on the field. They made a successful pass from Loya to senior Ethan Shea but turned the ball over once more. The Cougars threw a touchdown pass and connected on the PAT, then scored once more near the end of the second to extend their lead to 54-6.

The Bulldogs were determined and kept playing their game. Loya returned the kick before connecting with a pass to Cepeda for a first down. Loya then ran in the Bulldogs second score of the game. With a failed PAT attempt, the Dogs trailed 12-54 with just under two minutes left in the quarter. The Cougars were able to score twice more before the half to end the game 67-12.

The Bulldogs will host the Weskan Coyotes on September 10 in Rexford for their Homecoming game. They will kick off at 7:00 pm.