

Bulldogs Play Defense in Moscow

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs played tough defense in Moscow on October 14 holding their opponents to the lowest score of any game this season with the exception of Deerfield as the Dogs lost to Moscow 13-26. "This was by far the best defense we have played all year," said sophomore lineman Jerrit Koerperich.

The Bulldogs kicked to Moscow to begin the game but was able to stop the Wildcats to regain the ball. The Dogs moved the ball on offense with runs by Roberto Loya and Ethan Shea. Both teams made good stops and traded possessions throughout the first quarter to end the first with no score on either side.

The Wildcats made several advances in the second before finally running in a touchdown and extra point for a 7-0 lead. They kicked back to the Dogs who made several good gains with short runs and a pass from Loya to Fabian Cepeda. The Dogs made several first downs but were pushed back due to penalties allowing Moscow to take over.

The Dogs were able to stop the Wildcats on several plays before the Cats connected on a pass to run in a second score of the game. The extra point pass fell short and the Cats led 13-0. Loya picked up the deep kick return and ran it all the way down the field to score for the Bulldogs. He connected with Cepeda for the extra points to make the score 7-13.

The Bulldogs kept up their defense throughout the remainder of the second with tackles by Loya, Jovanny Infante, and Mason Green before Ashton Schiltz captured an interception for the Bulldogs. Loya made several good runs but the quarter ended 7-13 before he could find the end zone.

The Dogs made repeated runs and first downs to start the second half but with an incomplete pass, an offsides penalty, and a back field tackle, they turned the ball back over to Moscow. The Wildcats made a few good runs to score once more for a 19-7 lead at the end of the third.

The Wildcats ran the ball for much of the fourth quarter to add one more touchdown and extra point to their final score. Loya returned another kick for a touchdown run to make the final 13-26 in favor of Moscow.

The Bulldogs have added two more games to finish out their season. They will host Burrton in Rexford on October 22 for a 3:00 pm game and travel to Sylvan to play Centre at 5:30 on October 26.