

## Bulldogs Fall to Natoma

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Football team lost their fourth game of the season 19-67 to the undefeated Natoma Tigers in Rexford on September 24.

The Bulldogs won the toss and chose to kick the ball. The Tigers returned the opening kick for their first score of the game, kicking the extra points through the uprights for an early 8-0 lead. The Dogs made a first down on their offense but turned the ball back to the Tigers who quickly extended their lead to 14-0.

Despite penalties and Bulldog defense, the Tigers added a third and fourth score midway through the first before the Bulldogs got on the board with a touchdown run by Roberto Loya. Natoma answered with another touchdown. Loya returned the kick with a touchdown run, then threw the extra point to senior Fabian Cepeda for the extra point.

With just 32 seconds remaining in the first, the Tigers added one more touchdown to hold a 42-13 lead. Ethan Shea returned the kick for the Bulldogs to the 9 yard line but the Dogs were backed up five due to a penalty. With 19 seconds remaining in the first, Loya finished the drive in the end zone to make the score 42-19 in favor of the Tigers at the end of the quarter.

The team switched directions and the Tigers opened the second in the end zone extending their total to 48. The Bulldogs moved the ball once again but the Tigers took over on downs to score another time. This touchdown was called back due to a Tiger penalty. The Dogs had some good stops by Ashton Schiltz, Jerrit Koerperich, and Ethan Shea but the Tigers were able to score once more. They passed for the extra point and a 55-19 lead. The Tigers added one more touchdown for a 61-19 half time lead.

The Dogs had the ball to start the third quarter and had several good gains by Loya and Shea but turned the ball over to the Tigers. The Tigers added a final score to end the game 67-19 with 8:03 remaining in the third.

“Our offense had some good runs,” said Cepeda. “We connected on a few passes and played hard. We need to work on our defense, especially our pass coverage. We just need to play harder on both sides of the ball.”

The Bulldogs will look for a win as they are back on the road when they travel to Deerfield on September 30 for a Thursday game.