

Bulldogs Play in Tribune
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The Golden Plains Football team traveled to Tribune to play the Greeley County Jackrabbits on September 17. The Dogs worked hard but fell to the Jackrabbits 32-55.

The Dogs won the toss electing to receive. Senior Ethan Shea ran in a quick touchdown and the Dogs made their extra point for a 7-0 lead with just 10 seconds off the clock.

The Jackrabbits consistently moved the ball against the Dogs despite tackles from Shea, Roberto Loya, and Jovanny Infante. They finally made it to the end zone but the PAT pass was intercepted by senior Fabian Cepeda to keep the Dogs in the lead 7-6.

Back on offense, the Dogs were unable to move the ball and the Jackrabbits took over to connect on a long pass run in for a second touchdown. The extra point was good and the 'Rabbits claimed the lead 13-7 at the end of the first quarter.

The Jackrabbits scored again early in the second extending their lead to 20-7. The Bulldogs answered with repeated first downs as they worked their way in for a touchdown pass from Loya to Infante. The extra point was good and the Dogs trailed 14-20. The Jackrabbits responded with two more long touchdown passes to extend their lead to 34-14 at the half.

Greeley County controlled the first half of the third quarter, but were unable to score on Golden Plains' defense. The Dogs moved the ball with carries by Loya and Shea but were unable to cross the goal line. Late in the quarter, the 'Rabbits added another score to lead 41-14 going into the fourth.

The Dogs stepped up their defense in the fourth quarter forcing the Jackrabbits to punt. With a pass from Cepeda to Infante the Dogs crossed the goal line only to have it called back. Loya then ran the ball in for the Bulldogs increasing their score to 20.

Greeley County answered with another score of their own. Loya answered with a long touchdown run for the Dogs only to have Greeley County respond with one of their own. Loya ran in one final score for the Bulldogs to end the game with a 32-55 Bulldog loss.

"We executed our plays correctly," said Ethan Shea, "but we need to work on our blocking and pass coverage." "Our hearts weren't really in this game," continued Shea. "I think we overlooked them going into the game and were over confident. We need to work on reducing our penalties because we still want to win. Hopefully our injuries won't be a detriment and we have the opportunity to show everyone what we can do as a team." The Bulldogs return home to host the Natoma Tigers in Rexford on September 24.