

Bulldogs Play First Game of the Season By Luz Aguilar

The Golden Plains Middle School Football Team hosted their first game of the season against Cheylin on September 1 in Rexford. The Bulldogs have 10 members on the tackle team including seven 7th & 8th grade boys from GPMS, two players from Heartland Christian and one GP girl. The Bulldogs played hard but were defeated 14-33.

Cheylin received the opening kick off for the season. The Bulldogs pushed Cheylin into a punt with good defense from 8th graders Roberto Araux and Jose Rios. Seventh grader Gabriel Jox made a good run and passed the ball to Rios who pushed through to make the first touchdown of the season for the Bulldogs. Rios ran in the extra point and the Dogs led 7-0.

Rios kicked the ball back to the Cougars making the ball go long. Tannor Todd and Rios both make good tackles on defense before Garcia recovered a fumble for the Bulldogs. Rios pushed through breaking two tackles keep the Bulldogs in the lead 7-0 at the end of the first.

“For this this being the first game of the season I personally believe that we did really good,” said Rios. “Something that we should really work on is drinking more water throughout the week, not just during the game.”

Cheylin scored a touchdown and extra point to start the second tying the game up 7-7. The Dogs didn't give up there and with strong tackles by Jox and Rios they forced Cheylin to drop the ball on a long run. The Cougars recovered the ball and scored a second touchdown running in the extra point. The teams traded possessions with good runs and solid defense as the Cougars held on for a 14-7 lead at the half.

Cheylin kicked off to start the third quarter with Jox returning the kick for the Bulldogs. The Dogs turned the ball over to the Cougars who connected on a good pass, finishing with another touchdown. Rios stopped Cheylin from making the point after giving the Cougars a 20-7 lead at the end of the third.

The game was far from over as both teams battled throughout the fourth and final quarter. Following carries by Jox and Rios, Jox finished the drive in the endzone for a second Bulldog score. Rios ran in the extra point to narrow the Cougars lead to 20-14.

The Cougars were able to score twice more before to finish the game 33-14. The Bulldogs will continue their season in Logan on September 8th.