

Golden Plains halted by Wildcat defense

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs were stopped by the Wallace County Wildcats in Sharon Springs last Friday in a 6-54 loss. The Bulldogs received the ball to start the game and senior Tyler Stevenson carried for a 20 yard gain. After a fumble for a loss, running back Kalyn Weber had a short gain before a pass was intercepted by the Wildcats on their 17 yard line.

The Wildcats had a difficult time getting the ball snapped, but once they got it they made several successful first downs despite efforts of junior Andrew Luna to intercept their passes. Stevenson stopped Wallace County just short of the goal line but they were able to score on the next play. A successful point-after-touchdown attempt gave the Wildcats an early 0-8 lead.

With the Bulldogs back in possession, Weber made numerous attempts to run the ball only to be brought down by a host of Wildcat defenders. After a couple of first downs by the Bulldogs, Weber had to punt back to Wallace County.

The Wildcats picked up the punt and ran it back over 50 yards but the runner was brought down by junior Jose Bermudez. After a few short gains, Wallace County fumbled the ball, and Bulldog senior Cole Christensen recovered it as the first quarter wound down with the Bulldogs trailing 0-8.

In the second quarter, the Bulldogs were forced to punt. The Wildcats made a few short gains, but were plagued by fumbles. After Weber stopped them for a loss, they were forced to punt back to the Bulldogs.

Weber and Stevenson took turns



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The Golden Plains defense lined up against the Wallace County Wildcats in Sharon Springs last Friday. Although they played

hard and never gave up, the Wildcats captured an 8-52 win over the Bulldogs.

running the ball for short gains before making a first down only to have it called back due to a face mask penalty. Stevenson finally broke through on a double reverse and ran 57 yards for a Bulldog touchdown. A two-point conversion pass from Stevenson to Bermudez tied up the score at 8-8.

With Wallace County back in control of the ball, they ran the

kickoff return into the end zone. This was called back due to a penalty. As they attempted to make a first down, they were repeatedly brought down by Bermudez.

The Bulldogs continued to play physical and tough as the Wildcats finally broke through for a second touchdown. Weber stopped the extra point attempt and the Wildcats regained the lead 8-14.

As the Wildcats kicked back to the Bulldogs, sophomore Tristan Schwarz dropped on a ball at midfield giving them good field position. As Weber made short gains, he limped off the field with an injured knee. Schwarz punted the ball back into the end zone for a touchback.

The Wildcats had a long return but were finally brought down at

the 16 yard line. Weber re-entered the game for the Bulldogs as the Wildcats completed a 14-yard pass for another touchdown. Although Stevenson attempted to intercept the point-after-touchdown pass attempt, it connected with the receiver to increase the Wildcat lead to 8-22.

With just over one minute until half, the Wildcats had to punt the

ball back to the Bulldogs. They had to re-kick the ball three times, then kicked it short and Wallace County was able to recover the ball.

Advancing toward the half, Bulldog defenders Andrew Luna and Camron Spresser stopped the Wildcats on several downs.

As the last 8 seconds ticked down, the Wildcats completed another touchdown pass and two-point conversion pass to extend their lead to 8-30.

In the third quarter, the Wildcats continued to rack up points as their defense stopped the Bulldog advances before they could cross the goal line. Although the Bulldogs were constantly pounded, they proved to be resilient, as they never gave up the fight. The Wildcats managed yet another score in the third quarter leading 8-38 at the buzzer.

The Bulldogs continued to move the ball throughout the fourth but just couldn't get it over the goal line. Wallace County managed to cross the goal line twice more in the fourth and kicked field goals for extra points as the game ended 8-52.

"We started hard at the beginning of the game," Bermudez said. "We need to make sure we complete our passes, cover the ball, watch for the other team's passes, and make all our plays."

"Sharon Springs hit hard and dove at our legs," Weber added.

This loss brings the Bulldog season record to 3-4 and they dropped to 3-3 in league action. They will play their last home game against the Wheatland-Grinnell Thunderhawks starting at 7 p.m. tonight in Rexford.

Lady Bulldogs win two games

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs won both of their volleyball games against the combined teams of Heartland Christian School and Healy Middle School in Colby on Oct. 13.

The A-team easily won in two matches with identical final scores of 25-13 and 25-13.

"Everybody was pretty scared about how low the ceiling was, but after the game started, it wasn't so bad," Gabrielle Schiltz said. "Everybody played very good. We still have some things to work on, but we all played as hard as we could."

"They served very well; only one hit the ceiling," Courtney Heinrich added. "Even though we hit the ceiling a couple times trying to get it over, we did really well."

"Even though we won, there

are still some things we need to work on," Brianna Stoll said. "We need to talk more and move down, but we are still getting better and better."

"The A-team did very well at staying down and called the ball," Josie Franz commented. "They had a little bit of trouble but they fixed it very well. I was very proud of the improvements they made as the game went on. Their improvements made it better and they won."

The B-Team lost its first match 23-25, but won the second 25-9. It came back and was victorious in the third 25-21 to claim the win.

"The B-team volleyball game went good at the beginning," Josie Franz said. "Our second game didn't go so well at the start, but when Mrs. A (Coach

Ashley Arnberger) started subbing people it went good and we caught up on points and won the B-team game."

"All the girls got to get in the game at least once," Kaycie Clapp said.

"After the first two matches, we decided to go back out there and just go after the ball," Jessica Koerperich said. "We worked our hardest all through the last matches and never gave up."

"I thought we did very well working as a team and talking to each other," Carmen Sepulveda added. "The girls worked hard and they did very good on trying to fix what they were doing wrong."

"Overall the game was great and all the teams did amazing," Arianna Camacho concluded.

The Lady Bulldogs played in

Tribune on Thursday, and they travel to Sharon Springs for the Freedom League Tournament on Tuesday.

"I'm very happy about how this season is going," Stoll commented. "We all have improved a lot. We only have one more game this season, then we have league tournament. Hopefully, we will do well at the tournament; I have a good feeling that we will."

"We need to get in the gym and try our hardest every day," Maddy Walz added.

"I hope the rest of the season goes well," Kellee Snyder concluded. "I am very proud of all the girls."

This article was submitted by Golden Plains Middle School students.

Trojan rider qualifies for regionals at show

Colby Community College fourth Hunt Seat riders traveled to Boulder, Colo. for a two-day show Oct. 8 and 9 hosted by the University of Colorado at Boulder, and sophomore Savannah Isely qualified for regionals with points earned.

"It was an interesting and cold weekend," said Coach Shanda Mattix. "Saturday's show was cancelled after two jumping classes due to hard rain. We were in an outdoor arena. The show will be rescheduled for Friday, Oct. 21."

Individual results for the Sunday show follow:

Intermediate Fences
Chelsea Brady (Parker, Colo.), Reserve

Novice Fences
Brittany Normand (Fort Scott), fifth
Faye Miller (Topeka), sixth

Open Flat
Chelsea Brady (Parker, Colo.),

fourth

Intermediate Flat
Heather Darling (Abilene), sixth

Novice Flat
Brittany Normand (Fort Scott), third

Theresa Bray (Canada), sixth
Advanced Walk Trot Canter
Savannah Isely (Bird City), fifth

Mariah Woolsoncroft (Salina), fifth
Jessica Koeppel (Udall), Reserve

Beginning Walk Trot Canter
Randi Cressler (Hoxie), second
Tayla Kimball (Medicine Lodge), fifth

"The team rode well, but we also have some things to work on before our next hunt show," said Mattix.

Rangers rally, beat Cards to even series

By Ben Walker
AP Baseball Writer

ST. LOUIS — A little bloop, a daring steal and a couple of fly balls.

May not sound like much. It was enough, though, for the Texas Rangers to inch their way back into this World Series.

Looking lost at the plate all game, Josh Hamilton and the Rangers suddenly resembled the team that bashed its way to Busch Stadium. They rallied for two runs in the ninth inning against the nearly spotless St. Louis bullpen, beat the Cardinals 2-1 Thursday night and evened things at 1-1.

"It wasn't a Series-saving rally, but it was huge," said Ian Kinsler, whose single and safe-by-a-hand steal set up the comeback.

Hamilton and Michael Young did their jobs, hitting consecutive sacrifice flies that completed the comeback.

For eight innings, this was looking a lot like last year, when Texas dropped the first two games at San Francisco and quickly got wiped out. Down to their last three outs in Game 2, the Rangers kept things interesting — for themselves, and for baseball fans all over yearning for some October drama.

"It was almost a great story for us, turned out to be a greater one for them," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said.

Now, after a travel day, Texas will host Game 3 on Saturday night. Matt Harrison is set to start for the Rangers against Kyle Lohse.

In a city excited by a Rally Squirrel, it almost looked like "Groundhog Day."

For the second straight night, Cardinals pinch-hitter Allen Craig greeted reliever Alexi Ogando with a go-ahead single. This time, Craig did it in the seventh to break a scoreless tie. In Game 1, his hit

in the sixth sent the Cards to a 3-2 win.

Rather than an instant replay, the Rangers recovered.

The Rangers have not lost two straight games since Aug. 23 to 25. They sure waited a while to save themselves on this night that began as duel between starters Colby Lewis and the Cardinals' Jaime Garcia. Texas gained a split in St. Louis despite hitting a combined .186.

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