

# Golden Plains brightens look

By Shania Finlay

During the summer a group of Golden Plains High School alumni, staff, and students got together to give the football field in Rexford a makeover.

Improvements include a new paint job for the scoreboard and new grass on the field.

Starting in the spring, Travis Smith and Parker Christensen attended to the grass on the field, filling in bare spots and spreading fertilizer.

They continued to care for the grass throughout the summer and with help from the rain, the grass is full and green and ready for the season.

The field was also given a new coat of paint, literally.

Steve Rogers from Steve's Body Shop in Selden donated his time, paint and skill in giving the scoreboard a new look. The old, faded paint was removed with help from Steve Shaw, and a brand new coat of red paint replaced it.

"The scoreboard was given to Golden Plains High School in 2005. The old paint had been faded and had started to peel," Rogers said. He operates the scoreboard during the season.

"I think that these improvements will give everyone more pride in our school," Spreser said.

The bulbs and screens were also replaced to help the scoreboard shine.

Several football team members including Spreser, Domic Luna, Shane Ryburn, Luke Wessel and Austin Rivera donated a Saturday morning to repaint the scoreboard stand, field posts and flagpole.

"The painting of the scoreboard, fence posts and flagpole at the football field looks great," Smith concluded. "I hope everyone enjoys the hard work put in by all those who helped."

Golden Plains senior Grant Spreser volunteered to help tape off the lettering.

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JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School Golden Plains High senior Grant Spreser painted the flagpole at the football in Rexford. He was one of several Bulldog football players who spend Saturday painting the field to give it a fresh look along with the recently painted scoreboard.

# Bulldogs ready for scrimmage today

By Jordan Christensen

The Golden Plains High School football team has been working diligently to prepare for the upcoming football season.

Practices occurred regularly throughout the summer, and a team camp was also held near the end of July. The team put on a lift-a-thon the last day of camp to help raise funds for new practice gear.

The Bulldogs then started in on regular-season practices Aug. 19, with two-a-days, continuing up until the first day of school on Aug. 22 where they resumed a normal practice schedule.

"This year, we are really focusing on being a team. The boys have done a fantastic job so far, and if they continue working hard everyday," coach Travis Smith said. "Winning will follow."

The team is also implementing a new motto this year: "We Over

Me."

"It's great to come to practice and know that you're no better than the person standing next to you," senior Tristan Schwarz said. "It really teaches you how to work together."

The Bulldogs also welcomed a new assistant coach this year in Heath Johnson.

"We've had great leadership demonstrated among our seniors," Johnson observed. "The boys are always focused and are very coachable. It's awesome to come to practice with such a positive group. I'm really looking forward to a great season!"

The boys will get a chance to show off all their hard work during today's scrimmage in Rexford.

Their first competition will be Friday, as they compete in the first game of the season at home against Quinter with opening kickoff set for 7 p.m.

# Broncos fall short in pre-season finale

DENVER (AP) — Ryan Lindley threw for two touchdowns for Arizona in a 32-24 victory over Denver on Thursday night that capped a wild offseason for the Broncos.

Now, this summer's trendy Super Bowl pick heads into next week's NFL Kickoff against defending champion Baltimore after losing both of its "Doom & Gloom" pass-rush partners. Elvis Dumervil went to the Ravens in free agency after a fax foul-up, and Von Miller will begin serving a six-game suspension.

Together, they accounted for 29½ of Denver's league-leading 52 sacks last season.

Gerell Robinson caught five passes for 99 yards, including a 25-yard TD pass from rookie Zac

Dysert for Denver.

Before getting hurt, linebacker Lerentee McCray made a strong case for extending Denver's streak to a full decade in which at least one undrafted player made the 53-man roster in Week 1. McCray started at Miller's strong side spot and had a sack and a forced fumble in the first half. But he was helped off the field with a right ankle injury with four minutes left in the third quarter.

On the next play, Lindley threw a 55-yard TD pass to Jaron Brown.

The Broncos responded with Lance Ball's 69-yard gain on a screen and Dysert's keeper from 7 yards that put Denver back on top, 24-17.

The lead did not last, finishing Denver at 2-2 in this pre-season.

# Titans take field for home fans



A Triplains Titans quarterback dropped back behind some good blocking during Thursday night's Gatorade pre-season football scrimmage in Brewster. The Titans are preparing for their season opener one week from tonight. Watch for a team photo, schedule and other details in the Free Press Fall Sports Preview section which will appear on Wednesday.

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