

Golden Plains team snags district title

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs remain undefeated in district play after hammering Weskan 48-0 on Friday.

With the win, they improved to 6-2 overall and 4-0 in their district. They have one remaining district game, at 7 p.m. tonight against Cheylin at Bird City before entering bi-district playoffs next week.

Although the Bulldogs started the game with a penalty on the kickoff, the defense held Weskan and forced them to punt. Senior Isaac Broeckelman made a quick seven-yard gain and classmate Corey Shaw ran for a first down.

On the next play, Broeckelman broke through the Weskan defense and ran in for the first touchdown with just over two minutes off the clock. The two-point conversion was good when junior Tate Preston completed a pass to senior Jonathan Broeckelman, making it 8-0 Golden Plains.

The Bulldogs kicked off to Weskan once again, but the defense held, forcing the Coyotes to punt a second time. Preston made good yardage on a quarterback keeper, but a holding call on the Bulldogs erased the gain. Shaw then caught the ball and made a big gain for a first down. He then ran in a touchdown, but the two-point conversion try was no good, bringing the score to 14-0.

Weskan continued to struggle before turning the ball back to the Bulldogs. The Golden Plains offense continued to push the ball downfield with senior Jeremy Hunter gaining yet another touchdown for the home team. A successful short run by Preston increased the Bulldog lead to 22-0.

After the kickoff, the Bulldog defense continued to stop Weskan's efforts and Golden Plains

regained possession. Broeckelman gained a quick first down only to have it called back due to a false-start penalty. Preston was able to regain the lost yards and gain the first down. He had another big gain on the next play to take it to within a few feet of the goal line, which allowed Jonathan Broeckelman to run it in for one more touchdown before the end of the quarter. A successful two-point conversion run from senior Drake Moss gave the 'Dogs a 30-0 lead at the end of the first.

The Coyotes started the second quarter off with the ball, but fumbled and saw it recovered by Bulldog senior Jordan Spesser. On the first snap, quarterback Preston handed it off to Issac Broeckelman, who broke free and ran it into the end zone to increase Golden Plains' lead to 36-0. The Bulldogs got a penalty on the two-point conversion and fumbled the snap with 24 seconds left. The score remained the same for the duration of the half.

The Bulldogs took advantage of their first possession on offense in the third when Issac Broeckelman ran for another score. A failed two-point conversion left the Bulldogs with a 42-0 lead.

Shaw kicked off one more time to the Coyotes. Issac Broeckelman intercepted a Weskan pass, but had to turn it back over due to a penalty.

Once the Bulldogs regained possession, Shaw broke through for a 75-yard run into the end zone to give Golden Plains a 48-0 victory with 8:44 left in the third.

The game ended because the score limit is 45 points.

With the win, the Bulldogs clinched the district championship and first place in the Western Kansas Liberty League.

The Bulldogs will take on Victoria in bi-district play at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Rexford.

Racing to the finish



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Sophomore women's cross country runner Scarla Nero kept her feet churning at the Region VI championships last year. The Lady Trojans' team will be running in the Div. 1 Men's and Women's National Championships on Saturday, Nov. 14, at Illinois Central College.

Trojans runner takes fifth at region meet

Colby Community College sophomore cross country runner Albert Mong'ony took sixth place overall at the Jayhawk West/Region VI Championships last Friday at Overland Park with a time of 26 minutes and 13 seconds.

"Albert had a great day," said coach James Ortiz. "Even with the slow course, he went out and ran a great time or him. I know he's going to do well at nationals."

Mong'ony's time earned him a spot on the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference All-Region team. To make the team, you had to finish in the top 15.

The Colby mens team finished fifth in the region out of 10 teams with 145 points. Ortiz said he'd figured his team would finish fifth

no matter how they performed. He said runners got slower-than-usual times at the race because the course featured thick grass and a lot of rolling hills.

Freshman Trey Dunsirn had the team's second-best time with 28:07 to finish 26th. Sophomore Lendon Hartshorn had the third-fastest time with 28:28.

Other Trojan runners were freshman Alfredo Arellano, 28:45; sophomore Ryan Baalman, 29:30; and freshmen Robert Robledo, 29:40; Jacob Plata, 30:31; and Garrett Jones, 31:17.

The team will run in the National Junior College Athletic Association championships at 10 a.m. Monday in East Peoria, Ill.

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