

# Golden Plains starts season; loses at home against Quinter

By Judy Rogers  
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The Golden Plains High School Bulldog football team kicked off their season with a home game against the Quinter Bulldogs on Friday.

The home team received the kick to start off its first game. After an 8-yard drive by senior Kalyn Weber and a first down by senior Tyler Stevenson, Weber had to punt. Quinter had a big return before being brought down by Stevenson and junior Andrew Luna on the 10-yard line. Quinter continued to run the ball and made a touchdown and a successful PAT pass to gain a 0-8 lead. After receiving the ball, Golden Plains once again turned the ball over on downs allowing Quinter to push through twice more to increase their lead to 0-24 as the first quarter clock continued to click down.

The Bulldogs stepped back and stepped up to make first downs by Weber and Stevenson and gains by senior quarterback Ethan Walter. On a fourth down, Walter connected with

a pass to senior Cole Christensen only to be brought down. With Quinter back in possession, freshman Braden Korte and junior Cameron Spreser brought down their runner for a loss. Quinter then connected on a pass but was brought down by Walter on the 11-yard line to end the first quarter 0-24.

Quinter scored again early in the second quarter to extend their lead to 0-32. Golden Plains was not about to give up as they continued to gain yards and first downs before a pass attempt was intercepted by Quinter only to be brought down by Spreser. Quinter broke through the line for yet another touchdown, but a point-after-touchdown pass attempt fell short to give Quinter a 0-38 lead.

Weber picked up the kick return and broke through Quinter's line to run nearly the full length of the field for Golden Plains's first touchdown of the season. The point-after-touchdown pass attempt fell short and the home team was on the board 6-38 with 7:51 remaining on the clock in the second quarter. Quinter made a first down on their return

before Luna dropped the runner at mid-field. Luna then intercepted a pass to regain possession. After turning the ball back over, a Quinter fumble was recovered by Walter allowing Golden Plains to take over on their own 36-yard line with just under two minutes until the half. With Golden Plains in possession, the ball was knocked loose and Quinter recovered. The runner was stopped just short of the goal by Spreser, but Quinter was able to cross the goal line on the next play. Luna broke up the point-after-touchdown pass attempt giving Quinter a 6-44 lead going in to the half.

Quinter received the ball to start off the third quarter only to be stopped four consecutive times by Luna. Walter then brought down their runner on the 5-yard line and Christensen stopped them for a loss. Quinter was finally able to get over the goal line and had a successful 2-point conversion with a quarterback keeper to end the game with a final score of 6-52. The Golden Plains Bulldogs will be hard at work this week as they prepare to travel to Dighton tomorrow to take on the Hornets.



LEEJA JUENEMANN  
Senior Kalyn Weber slipped past a Quinter defender during Golden Plains' season opener Friday in Rexford. Weber scored the first touchdown of the season for the Bulldogs in this game.



SHANELLE PADILLA

Freshman Hailee Spreser tossed up the ball for a serve for the Golden Plains volleyball team at the Rexford scrimmage Aug. 26.

## Bulldogs take third in first tournament

By Hailee Spreser  
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On Aug. 27, the Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs traveled to Healy to compete in their first tournament of the season. The Bulldogs competed hard and came home with a third place plaque.

The Lady Bulldogs started off the day playing Healy. Healy won the first match with a close score of 22-25. Feeling the heat, Golden Plains came back and won the second match 25-19. With no mercy, the Lady Bulldogs dominated the third match 25-7.

The next game in pool play was against Cheylin. Golden Plains came out smoking but could not quite cut it losing the first match 12-25. In the second match, the Lady Bulldogs fell short once again 19-25.

The final game in pool play was against Rolla. Golden Plains came out ready to play and destroyed Rolla in the first match 25-14. In the second match, the Lady Bulldogs sank the Rolla Pirates' ship

with the score of 25-8 to move on to bracket play.

The first game in bracket play was against Wallace County. Golden Plains' height advantage could not pull it off in the first match losing with the close score of 21-25. The Lady Bulldogs struggled in the second match and could not seem to get into the match losing 12-25.

The Lady Bulldogs' final match of the day was against Cheylin in a rematch for third place. Even though Golden Plains had a shorter front line than Cheylin, the Lady Bulldogs came out on top in the first match with a score of 25-22. In the second match, Golden Plains fell a little short of Cheylin 24-26. Going into the third match, the Lady Bulldogs were exhausted, but refused to give up. Golden Plains won 25-12 to bring home third place.

"The tournament was a great way to start the season and I hope we can play that well all fall," sophomore Kylie Jones said.

## Lady Bulldogs drop two games at Hoxie

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The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs dropped two games in Hoxie on Aug. 30. The girls played their first volleyball match against the St. Francis Lady Indians. St. Francis won the first game 18-25, but the Lady 'Dogs rallied in the second game to pull off a tight 26-24 win sending the game into a third match. The Lady Indians quickly took an early lead, but the Lady Bulldogs were not about to give up as they rallied to within three points, only to have the Lady Indians pull ahead for the 18-25 win.

Drenched with sweat, the girls took a brief break before facing the challenge of the Hoxie Lady Indians. Hoxie held a clear lead throughout the first game winning 13-25. The Lady Bulldogs persisted and continued to play their game working hard to get the ball over the net. With enthusiastic support from the bench, the girls rallied to show good effort, but Hoxie pulled off the match with a 10-25 win.

"We need to continue to work on our communication on the floor," Hailee Spreser said.

"We need to move our feet and be aggressive in

order to improve," Chantee Luna added.

The girls will play next week against Heartland Christian, Healy, and Triplains-Brewster in Colby.

In the elementary school gym, the junior varsity girls also played matches against St. Francis and Hoxie. The game stayed close with the first game becoming tied several times before the Lady Indians pulled ahead to pull off a 19-25 win. The Lady Indians captured an early lead in the second game and the Lady Bulldogs worked it back to within three before the girls from St. Francis pulled ahead to win the match 10-25. The girls then played the Hoxie junior varsity team in the tropical temperatures of the gymnasium. Hoxie won the first two games and the match with final scores of 22-25 and 16-25.

"I hope that the JV girls took away some lessons on the importance of teamwork and moving with every ball," said Coach Ashley Arnberger. "We plan to continue to work on serve, receive and making sure we have a girl up to block each time the other team attacks. We will also stress the importance of each person knowing their individual position in the rotation at all times."

## Jet with hockey team crashes

By Lynn Berry  
Associated Press

TUNOSHNA, Russia — A private jet carrying a Russian professional hockey team to its first game of the season crashed shortly after takeoff Wednesday, killing 43 people — including European and former NHL players — in one of the worst aviation disasters in sports history. Two people survived the accident.

The crash also was the latest tragedy to befall the sport of hockey — following the sudden, off-season deaths of three of the NHL's tough-guy enforcers that has shocked fans.

The chartered Yak-42 jet was carrying the team — Lokomotiv Yaroslavl — to Minsk, the capital of Belarus, where it was to play Thursday in its opening game of the Continental Hockey League season. Of the 45 people on board, 36 were players, coaches and team officials; eight were crew.

The plane apparently struggled to gain altitude and then hit a sig-

nal tower before breaking apart along the Volga River near Yaroslavl, 150 miles (240 kilometers) northeast of Moscow. One of the blue-and-white plane's charred engines poked through the surface of the shallow water.

"This is the darkest day in the history of our sport," said Rene Fasel, president of the International Ice Hockey Federation. "This is not only a Russian tragedy — the Lokomotiv roster included players and coaches from 10 nations."

One player — identified as Russian Alexander Galimov — and one unidentified crew member were hospitalized in "very grave" condition, said Alexander Degyatryov, chief doctor at Yaroslavl's Solovyov Hospital.

Among the dead were Lokomotiv coach and NHL veteran Brad McCrimmon, a Canadian; assistant coach Alexander Karpovtsev, one of the first Russians to have his name etched on the Stanley Cup as a member of the New York Rangers; and Pavol Demitra, who played for the St. Louis Blues and

the Vancouver Canucks and was the Slovakian national team captain.

Other standouts killed were Czech players Josef Vasicek, Karel Rachunek and Jan Marek, Swedish goalie Stefan Liv, Latvian defenseman Karlis Skrastins and defenseman Ruslan Salei of Belarus.

Russian NHL star Alex Ovechkin reflected the anguish that resonated through the sport of hockey when he tweeted: "I'm in shock!!!!R.I.P."

"Though it occurred thousands of miles away from our home arenas, this tragedy represents a catastrophic loss to the hockey world — including the NHL family, which lost so many fathers, sons, teammates and friends," NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said in a statement.

The NHL already has been mourning three unexpected deaths of players in recent months, including a suicide and an accidental drug overdose.

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