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BUFFALO, OKLA. — A week after letting a comfortable lead slip into a narrow victory against Class B Canton, the No. 3 ranked Dawgs of Forgan chose not to travel down that avenue again on Friday night. Scoring on five of their seven first half possessions, racking up 265 first half yards, while limiting the Bison to 36 first half yards the Bulldogs cruised their way to a 44-0 shutout. Much different than the previous week the offense seemed to open Pandora's box, while the defense played with intensity, thundering hits, and assignment sound football.

Things started out Forgan's way when Buffalo took the opening possession only to be stuffed and forced to punt on a fourth and nine. Andy Fox got things rolling with a 28 yard punt return to set the Bulldog's up at the Bison 34 yard line. Rhett Radcliff took a keeper on Forgan's opening snap for five yards for a second and ten. After a holding penalty and incomplete pass on the following plays put the Dawg's in a third and 15. At the 9:37 mark Radcliff kept again on an option play to the left and cut inside to race for a 39 yard touchdown for a 6-0 Bulldog lead. Another holding penalty pushed the Bulldogs back and the pass on the conversion attempt from Radcliff to Fox ended short of the end zone.

Buffalo's next chance would prove much more of the same, being forced to punt on a fourth and eight. Giving the Bulldogs the ball back at the Forgan 35. With 6:21 on the clock Dusty Armstrong turned the corner and scorched the Bison defense for 65 yards to give Forgan a 12-0 lead. Fox ran it in on the point after attempt to give the Dawgs a 14-0 cushion. The defense kept thumping, forcing another fourth and long punt. Forgan had driven to the Bison 15 when Radcliff found another seam for a 15 yard touchdown run and a 20-0 first quarter advantage. Morris and Ryan Radcliff would end the first quarter with a four yard sack of Buffalo's Levi Gray on third and six play.

After Fox again had a long punt return setting the Dawgs up at the Bison 25, things didn't start quite as well as the previous possessions. A fumble on first down gave Forgan a 20 yard loss back to the Buffalo 45. On second and 30, Radcliff Kept for 10 yards to set up a second and 20.

The Jr. quarterback broke free again for 30 yards for a first and goal at the five yard line. Radcliff would

eventually push it in from the one and then again find paydirt on the two point attempt to give Forgan a 28-0 lead with 9:20 left in the second quarter.

Buffalo's next touch would again see another punt, only this one being blocked by Sr. Matt Morris giving Forgan the ball inside the Buffalo 47 yard line. On a third and five Armstrong took a rush for 17 down to the Bison 25. On the next play Radcliff would hit his twin brother Ryan through the air for a leaping 25 yard touchdown pass and 34-0 score with 3:37 left in the second quarter. The two teams exchanged fumbles on consecutive plays and Forgan ran out the clock for a 34-0 halftime lead.

The Bulldog's drove on the first possession of the second half and Armstrong finished the drive off with a 15 yard field goal, to build the score to 37-0 in favor of the Dawgs. That would be the last possession the starters would see as the younger back-ups played in the remaining second half. The youth came out to play with the same pride, as they drove down to the Bison seven yard line and Sophomore quarterback Dalton Lemieux sprinted a keeper up the middle for a 43-0 lead. Armstrong kicked the point after attempt to finish the scoring at 44-0.

Forgan finished the night with 389 total yards of offense while holding Buffalo to a total of 55. Rhett Radcliff lead all rushers with 11 carries for 124 yards. Defensive stats were not available at press time, but senior Taylor Eagan and friends certainly played an impressive and physical game. Forgan improved to 2-0 and will host Tyrone (2-0), while Buffalo falls to (0-2) and will travel to No. 2 Shattuck (2-0) next Friday.