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The Forgan Bulldogs continued their end-of-season domination with a quick 32-6 win over Balko-Hardesty on Friday night in Balko and, in the process, secured the District C-1 championship.
For head coach Doug Bowles, not beating the Bison by the mercy rule was a good thing.
“I really don’t like to do that if I can keep from it,” Bowles said.
It gave his younger players a little more playing time against a Balko squad that’s better than its 2-7 record my indicate.
“They’re much-improved from what they were early,” Bowles said. “They did a couple things that we hadn’t seen but basically we played our second team in the second half.”
Rhett Radcliff and Matt Morris each had two touchdowns for the Bulldogs.
One of Radcliff’s scores was on a busted play. He was supposed to pass it, but the coverage was too good, so he just ran it in. The second was an option keeper for a score.
In the first half, Bowles played the second team offense, and in the second half, played his second team offense and left the first team defense in until the fourth quarter.
“We felt like we eeded to get a full game in,” Bowles said.
The Bulldogs will tune up for the playoffs in its final regular season game of the year next week at home against Boise City. Bowles was trading film with the Wildcat coaches Saturday morning.
Boise City got its first win of the year 50-0 on Friday against Goodwell-Yarbrough.
“They’ve got a kid back that hasn’t been there since the second game,” Bowles said. “I’m sure that’ll help them some.”
The Wildcats have a decent running back and quarterback.
“They’ve struggled because they’ve got a bunch of young kids,” Bowles said. “They had a bunch of kids that they were counting on that moved this summer. That would have really made them a lot more competitive.”
The Bulldogs will host the first round of the playoffs and likely take on Corn Bible Academy on Nov. 12.