

Second Round of 2006 Playoffs
Jacobs Golden Eagles VS Prospect Knights
November 3, 2006

The Knights take their game on the road as they travel to Jacobs High School in Algonquin. Mary Beth does a phenomenal job with tailgating setup as the tent and signage have a prime location. It is a chilly; some might say cold, but calm evening.

The field is located 30 feet lower than the high school. This topography provides the Knights a wonderful entrance as they follow the drum line down the hill through the gate and past the cheering Prospect fans.

Jacobs kicks off with O'Mara returning the kickoff to the 25 yard line. The Knights first play results in a 4 yard loss. Sobey responds connecting with Munz on a 25 yard pass play. O'Mara then runs for 30 yards and two plays later he scores on a 9 yard run. With 10:39 to go in the first quarter it's Prospect 7 – Jacobs 0.

Cherwin kicks off and Jacobs start their drive at the 32 yard line. Jacobs garners a first down, but on their third play Ziegenfuss makes an interception at the Prospect 29 yard line. Prospect can't take advantage of the interception with Baratti punting on fourth down.

On first down the Jacobs QB starts right but runs into trouble then reverses left where he finds running room for a 19 yard gain. Three more running plays provide Jacobs another first down. On the next play O'Mara makes a tackle after a 5 yard gain. An illegal procedure results in a second and 10 for the Golden Eagles. A sweep right is read by Hamman who drops them for a 2 yard loss. A third down QB scramble is stopped for no gain and a Jacobs punt. Two O'Mara runs get the ball to almost midfield but the Prospect drive stalls. Baratti punts the ball to the Jacobs 30 yard line.

At tackle by Hamman and a 1 yard gain by Jacobs brings the first quarter to a close – Prospect 7 and Jacobs 0.

Jacobs is then forced to punt with the ball going out of bounds at about midfield. O'Mara runs for four yards on first down. On second down he hurdles a linebacker goes for 28 yard before ending up out of bounds in rolling around in the sand of the long jump pit. He comes out shaking the sand out of his ears and helmet. O'Mara and Sobey then combine for almost 10 yards on three runs. Prospect elects to go for a field goal and Cherwin connects from 32 yards out. With 9:10 to go in the half it is Prospect 10 and Jacobs 0.

Did we just hear correctly? The PA announces that Rolling Meadows is leading Libertyville 7-3 at half-time.

Cherwin kicks off and Jacobs returns the ball to their 36 yard line. On First down Cherwin tires of kicking the ball and decides he would like to catch it.

O'Mara then runs for over 30 yards on the first two plays. A pass to OBrill (someone else may deserve credit for catching this Sobey pass) get the Knights to the Jacobs 11 yard line. On the next play O'Mara runs for the touchdown. With 7:39 to go in the half Prospect 17 – Jacobs 0.

Jacobs returns the Cherwin kickoff to the Algonquin 30 yard line. Richardson makes the first tackle after a 5 yard gain. Ziegenfuss and Hamman stop the QB but not until he made a first down. Hamman stops a screen pass for no gain. Jacobs then connects on a 36 yard pass. A face mask call then provides Jacobs a first down at the Prospect 30 yard line. Tackles by Hamman, Scanlan and Richardson are not enough to stop another Jacobs' first down at the Prospect 19 yard line. On the next play Jacobs goes for the TD but OBrill intercepts at the goal line and returns it to the Prospect 9 yard line with 2:53 to go in the half.

Three runs by O'Mara results in a first down at the 21 yard line. The O-Line provides great pass protection with Sobey finding OBrill open at the Jacobs 49 yard line. Sobey then hits Cherwin at the 35 yard line. Sobey connects with OBrill at the 21 yard line. Interference is called on a pass to Munz putting the ball at the 15 yard line. A pass into the end zone is intercepted. The quarter then comes to an end. Prospect 17 Jacobs 0.

Cherwin kicks off to begin the second half. Tackles by Richardson, Scanlan, Cherwin, and Baratti has Jacobs facing a 4th and 2 yards to go. They gamble and make the first down as Kosac and Cherwin make a stop after a three yard gain. Two plays later Maratea strips the ball and recovers it at the Jacobs 42 yard line.

O'Mara starts on the ground but a holding call has the Knights facing second and long. Back to O'Mara who runs for 19 yards. Three more O'Mara carries and Prospect is second and goal at the 6 yard line. A Jacobs sack drops the Knights back to the 14 yard line. The Knights settle for the Cherwin field goal. With 3:51 to go in the third quarter Prospect 20 – Jacobs 0.

Cherwin kicks off with Jacobs returning the ball to their 44 yard line. After tackles by Hamman and Kosac the Eagles are facing another 4th and short. They make a first down as Cherwin makes a crunching tackle. Jacobs is back to the ground with Hamman and Munz making stops but Jacobs has the first down at the Prospect 31 yard line. As the quarter comes to an end Jacobs is facing a third down and 9 yards to go. Prospect 20 – Jacobs 0.

As the fourth quarter begins Jacobs goes to the air completing a 13 yard pass with OBrill making the stop at the Prospect 17 yard line. Kosac and Baratti stop their next run for no gain. On second down Scanlan and Maratea drop them for a 1 yard loss. Jacobs runs for nine yards before being stopped by Ziegenfuss, Munz, and Cherwin. On fourth down play Jacobs get a first down the Prospect 4 yard line. A fired up Hamman and Maratea drop Jacobs for a two yard loss. Then Scanlan and Richardson stop them for no gain. On third down they go to the air but OBrill tips the pass away. Facing fourth down and must

score Jacobs calls a time out. They return to the field ready to call the play but see something they don't like and call a second timeout. They go back to the air and OBrill steps up again to knock the pass away. Prospect gets the ball on downs.

O'Mara immediately picks up 16 yards. He follows that with a 17 yard gain. Their drive stalls and Baratti punts to the Jacobs 37 yard line. Jacobs is desperate to get some pints on the board. On first down they go to the air their only problem is Cherwin is on the receiving end and returns the ball to the Jacobs 26 yard line.

On first down O'Mara gains 8 yards. Jacobs stops the Knights on second down. Sobey drops back on third down; the O-line provides great protection. Sobey finds Munz in the corner of the end zone for the score. The Knights then convert 2point PAT with Sobey carrying the ball. With 5:03 left in the game Prospect 28 Jacobs 0.

The Knights then us the double kickoff – on the first kickoff by Ziegenfuss the Knights are called offside. After the penalty Cherwin kicks off and Munz makes his third tackle on a kickoff at the Jacobs 33 yard line.

Jacobs is four and out with tackles by Richardson and on fourth down Maratea makes the stop. Prospect takes possession. On first down Lazarz runs for 8 yards which is followed by a DiCaro 7 yard gain to the Jacobs 23 yard line. Lazarz on a keeper then goes the distance for the 4th Prospect touchdown. Smith converts on the PAT. With 2:01 to go Prospect leads 35 to 0.

At this point a murmur is heard in the crowd that Meadows has pulled off the upset and beaten Libertyville. The crowd is seeking confirmation and the cell phones keep reporting the same news.

Smith kicks off with Hubert making the tackle at the Jacobs 30 yard line. Three running plays bring the game to a close.

The Meadows' win is confirmed, so instead of game in Libertyville, on November 11 at 7:00PM the Knights will host the Mustangs in a rematch of what proved to be the divisional championship game.