

October 20, 2006
Prospect Varsity Football
Prospect vs. Buffalo Grove
(November 9, 2006)

For the regular readers of the Prospect Knights game recaps, we apologize for late delivery of this story. We appreciate all of the notes, emails, and letters of concern. Actually we did not receive any notes or emails, but we know you were concerned. A variety of stories are floating around as to why the story is getting posted so late. No, the BG students did not hijack the story before it got posted. No, the writer didn't go to the wrong game. No, the editor did not confiscate the first story. Okay, so we hope this explanation provides a clear understanding why the recap is posted so late.

October 20 is the Knight's last regular season home game for the 2006 season. It is also parents' night. The Moms looked absolutely marvelous. What can we say about the dads? Okay, that was probably enough said. Now on to the game!

Ziegenfuss kicks the ball in the end zone for a touchback.

BG starts their drive from the 20 yard line with a nice combination of pass and run putting together a string of 6 first downs. The drive lasts for four minutes and on their 12th play they go in for a touchdown. BG 7 – Prospect 0. The Prospect fans respond encouraging their team to get focused. On the BG kickoff O'Mara returns it to the BG 20 yard line. On the first play the hand off goes to the Mack Attack who finds the opening provided by his linemen and he runs 80 yards for the Prospect touchdown. So 13 seconds after the BG score the game is tied Prospect 7 and BG 7.

On the Ziegenfuss kickoff BG has a good return to their 41 yard line where Baratti makes the tackle. On first down BG is off to the races for a 30 yard run before Dazzo and O'Mara make the touchdown saving tackle. The next play is an incomplete pass. OBrill makes a tackle for no gain. BG then goes long but Munz makes the interception in the end zone. A series of runs by O'Mara, Mack and Sobey net the Knights 2 first downs but then the drive stalls. Cherwin makes the tackle after a 35 yard punt by Baratti.

Prospect defense shuts BG down and they are forced to punt from about their 15 yard line. The punt is shanked. Prospect has the ball at the BG 23 yard line. Prospect can't take advantage of the position and on fourth down BG sacks Sobey for a 10 yard loss.

BG gets 10 yards on three running plays. They go to the air and on third down Cherwin intercepts the pass at the Prospect 49 yard line. Prospect is back with the running game, Mack for 19 yards, Sobey for 7 and somebody for ten with the ball at the 15 yard line. Things are looking good but BG recovers a fumble and avoids the threat a second time.

BG strings together 3 first downs but there the drive stalls following tackles by Baratti, a massive line tackle, and then an incomplete pass. The punt puts the ball on the Prospect 4 yard line. On first down Sobey goes to the air, Cherwin makes a great catch at the

Prospect 31 yard line. O'Mara and Mack run for another Knights first down. Sobey finds O'Mara on a 21 yard pass play. Sobey runs for 6 yards to the BG 18 yard line with 44 ticks left in the first half. Sobey on the option gets to the 11 yard line and on the next play Sobey finds Munz in the end zone but he comes down out of bounds. The next pass is incomplete and on third down with 15 second left Sobey connects with OBrill. The half comes to an end Prospect 14 – BG 7.

BG kicks off to begin the half. Prospect returns the ball to the 40 yard line but a fumble occurs and BG claims the ball. On first down BG connects on a 23 yard pass play to the Prospect 17 yard line. BG gains 5 yards on the ground followed by an incomplete pass. On third down Baratti stuffs the QB for no gain. BG settles for a field goal and cuts the lead to 4 points. With 10:28 to go in the third quarter Prospect 14 - BG 10. Please look back at the time on the clock. It is a very nice clock in Gattas Stadium.

On the BG kickoff O'Mara fields it at the Prospect 17 yard and 14 seconds later he is scoring the touchdown with an 83 yard return. Cherwin connects again on the PAT. Prospect 21 BG 0.

On the Cherwin kickoff, GiambelUCA makes the stop at the BG 30 yard line. BG goes to the air the pass incomplete, and then Kosac gets a sack for an 8 yard loss. On third down the defensive line stops BG for no gain. O'Mara fields the punt and returns it to the Prospect 45 yard line.

A pass to Cherwin has Prospect at the BG 30 yard line. Sobey and O'Mara run the option play to perfection as Sobey pitches the ball at the last possible second and O'Mara goes for 27 yards. From there Sobey scores and it is Prospect 28 BG 10 with 5:57 to go in the third quarter.

BG starts from their 25 yard line but a holding call has them back at the 18 yard line. The next play is intercepted by Ziegenfuss and he returns it to the BG 31 yard line where the ball is knocked free with Munz recovering it.

Prospect does a nice job of getting themselves into a fourth and 19. BG fumbles the Baratti punt, but they recover it at their own 10 yard line. Maratea stops the run for only a yard gain. BG then completes two passes for 7 yards each. Two more passes has the ball at the BG 39 yard line. As the third quarter comes to an end BG is driving and has the ball at midfield. On the first play for the fourth quarter BG completes a 10 yard pass followed by a 10 yard run. But on the next play Ziegenfuss gets his second interception of the night. At the end of the play a BG player is called for unsportsmanlike conduct and Prospect takes possession at their 48 yard line.

On first down O'Mara runs for 30 yards but 29 of yards are going side to side for a gain of 1 yard – it was a snazzy set of maneuvers. On third down Sobey sees Munz wide open in the end zone for a 42 yard pass play. With 9:40 to go in the game Prospect 35 – BG 10.

GiambelUCA makes another tackle on the kickoff at the BG 37 yard line. On third down BG fumbles the ball at the line of scrimmage and Maratea comes up with the ball.

With Lazarz at QB, he and DiCaro take turns running the ball for a combined 14 yards. Lazarz then connects with Harris for a 7 yard gain to the 13 yard line. Lazarz on a series of runs goes in for the touchdown and Smith connects for the PAT. The score is Prospect 42 and BG 10 with 4:08 to go in the game.

BG is getting a little more than frustrated and receives their second dead ball penalty. Smith sends the kickoff through the end zone.

BG on first down runs for 11 yards with Harris making the tackle. On second down Radcliffe drops them for a one yard loss. He follows that with a tackle that drops BG for a 4 yard loss. GiambelUCA makes the tackle putting BG in a punting situation. Hennig fields the punt and returns it 7 yards to the Prospect 38 yard line. From there DiCaro and Lazarz combine on four running plays for 27 yards as the clock ticks to 0:00.

Prospect ends the regular season 8-1. At this point we should be saying bring on the first round of the playoffs, but as this story goes to press both, the first round and second round of playoffs are history – so bring on Meadows for a rematch game with the winner moving on to the semifinals.