

September 2, 2006
Prospect Varsity Football
Prospect vs. Fremd

The 2006 Knights made their home debut. The weather was ideal, the band looked sharp, the drum line was in fine form, the new scoreboard was lit and ready to go. The Knights kicked off and Ziegenfuss powered the ball into the Fremd end zone for a touchback. After that, maybe the best description of the game is to say "OUCH".

Fremd went on an 80 yard drive culminating in a touchdown scoring on a fourth and 8 from the 18 yard line. On the ensuing kickoff Prospect claimed good field position on an O'Mara return to the Prospect 42. Prospect facing a third and three committed their first of an eventual 5 turnovers that essentially sealed their fate.

At the end of the first quarter Prospect trailed 7-0 but was driving the ball with a string of four first downs. Then the second turnover gave the ball back to Fremd. Fremd drove the ball for their second score while claiming a 14 - 0 lead with 8:17 to go in the half.

After a Prospect 4 and out, Fremd takes a punt at midfield. Fremd then puts together a pair of first downs. After a holding call Fremd faces a second and 17. The pass goes over the middle and Dazzo steps up and grabs the ball. The field is spread and Dazzo uses some dazzling footwork and follows his blockers on a 65 yard interception return to the Fremd 22 yard line. A Mack 10 yard run garners the Knights a first down. On the following second down play, Sobey tucks the ball and scampers towards the goal line with only the Fremd cornerback between him and pay dirt. Munz makes the block that leaves the Fremd player on his hindquarters and Sobey is in for the score. With 3:45 to go in the half, it is Fremd 14 and Prospect 7.

Fremd is then held to four downs and out. Prospect picks up a first down but time is running out. Prospect on a busted play has a holding call which leaves them facing a first and 26. After a 17 yard pass to Dazzo, a 5 yard penalty against Prospect, and a sack of Sobey the Knights faced third and a bunch with only seconds left on the clock. Sobey drops back to pass, and sees OBrill who makes a nice catch (45 yard gain) but can't quite break free of the Fremd cornerback. He is tackled at the 10 yard line as time runs out.

The half-time show included the Marching Knights entertaining the crowd with the first two movements of their 2006 Show.

Prospect received the opening kickoff with a return to their 27 yard line. Facing a third and 4 it looked like the Knights would have a first down around the 40 when the ball popped loose and Fremd recovered the Knights third turnover.

On the next play the Fremd running back breaks free and is finally collared by Munz at the Prospect 27. Looking like another score in the offing, Kosac throws them for a two yard loss. Scanlan and Richardson then team up leaving Fremd facing a third and ten. Fremd goes to the air but Cherwin brings the receiver down. On fourth and 5 Fremd goes to the air but only ground touches the ball. The two teams then trade a couple of punts.

With 4:32 to go in the third quarter Prospect starts a drive from their own 20. A Sobey run and a pass from Sobey to Dazzo have the Knights at midfield. A 6 yard run by Mack and 6 yard scramble by Sobey gives the Knights a first down at the Fremd 39. On second down Sobey finds OBrill for a 37 yard touchdown pass. With 2:06 left in the third quarter Fremd leads 14-13.

On the kickoff the Knights players are claiming a fumble recovery but the officials rule the player was down at the 25. After a holding call Fremd is facing a first and 18. On a QB option play Fremd gains 23. As the third quarter comes to an end Fremd has the ball on the Knights 48 yard line facing a second and four.

Penalties become major factors in the remainder of this drive. Prospect draws a personal foul that puts the ball on the Prospect 33. Cherwin and Dazzo bring down the QB on an option play but not before a 12 yard gain. On first down Fremd gains 7 with Zusevics and Dazzo on the tackle. A Maratea and Richardson tackle brings out the chain gang. It is a Fremd first down at the 11. Fremd QB gains 3 on the next play. On second down a holding call helps the Knights with Fremd now facing second and 16. Baratti then drops the QB after a two yard gain. Fremd lets the clock run down calling time-out with 7:42 to go. On the next play the QB runs for a big gain but another holding call puts the ball back at the Prospect 22. The QB keeps it again and gets to the Prospect 13 before Munz makes the tackle. On a fourth and 12 Fremd converts the field goal giving the Vikings a 17-13 lead with 6:17 to go.

On the kickoff a Fremd player gets a helmet or hand on the ball and recovers the Knights fumble. Fremd goes to the ground to eat up yards and, more importantly, time. Prospect defense holds and Prospect starts their drive. A couple of passes to OBrill and a QB run has the ball on the Fremd 44. A sack of Sobey then leaves the Knights facing a 3rd and 25. On a QB scramble the Knights are now down to 4th and 19 with 58 ticks on the clock. The pass is up but Fremd steps in between the ball and the receiver resulting in Prospects 5th turnover and secures a Fremd 17-13 victory.

It's back on the road for the Knights as they regroup for the Hoffman Estates Hawks.