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Prospect Varsity Football
Prospect vs. Hersey

The Knights return home sporting a 3-1 record and begin their MSL East divisional play against the Hersey Huskies. The Huskies take the field following a flag that says M.U.S.H. While MUSH makes sense, the apparent acronym left this writer scratching in the dirt.

Prospect Ziegenfuss kicks off and Hersey begins their first drive on the ground. Three runs net Hersey about 8 yards. Stops were made by Mack, Baratti, Hamman, and Munz. The punt gives Prospect the ball on their 18 yard line. The Knights after runs by Mack and O'Mara face a third and one – they come up short. Hersey returns the favor on another four and out. Big defense plays from Baratti and OBrill.

Prospect again finds themselves starting from their 18 yard line. This time O'Mara fires them up with a 25 yard run followed by a Sobey 43 yard run. Three plays later Sobey completes an 8 yard touchdown pass to Cherwin. Prospect 7 – Hersey 0 with 4:22 to go in the first quarter.

On the kickoff Moore and Hamman provide great coverage as Hersey is stopped at their own 9 yard line. A nice tackle by Maratea, a fumble and one yard gain has Hersey punting from their end zone. The punt only gets to the 27 yard line. Two penalties in the next 4 snaps prevent the Knights from full capitalizing on their field position. But the Cherwin Side Step does garner the Knights 3 points at the end of the first quarter. Prospect clamps down again, this time behind tackles from Richardson. Prospect can't get anything going but Dabrowski saves a turnover by recovering a Knights fumble.

Hersey starts their next drive in good field position on their own 48 yard line. Hersey earns their first, first down on a 17 yard pass. Hersey then gets a running first down to the Prospect 16 yard line. They continue to find some day light on the ground and three plays later it is Prospect 10 and Hersey 7.

Prospect next drive starts at their 30 yard line. They didn't feel this was a big enough challenge so they get called for holding in two of their first three plays yet still manage to get a first down. On the next set of plays they try a false start. They achieve a first down on a nine yard pass to OBrill and then a Sobey 6 yard run. On the next play Dabrowski makes a great block that

springs Mack for 8 yards. Passes to OBrill and Ziegenfuss setup a Sobey three yard run to give Prospect a 17-7 lead at halftime.

Second half begins with the Mack Attack and O'Mara taking charge of the ball. In this series they combined for 62 yards. The drive also featured two 10 yard receptions from Sobey to Cherwin. One might think that 82 yards would be enough for a touchdown but Prospect penalties still left them short of the goal. A Baratti run solved that problem with the Knights leading 23-7.

An OBrill interception quickly brings a Heresy drive to close. Sobey finds OBrill going down the sidelines and unleashes 51 yard pass reception giving the Knights a 30-7 lead.

Defensive plays by Cherwin and Richardson resulted in Heresy punting the ball. The Knights quickly find the end zone on a 5 play scoring drive culminating with a 7yard pass from Sobey to Ziegenfuss. Prospect 37-Hersey 7.

As the fourth quarter starts Cherwin intercepts a pass and returns it 32 yards as the Knights lead 44-7 with Smith connecting on the PAT.

A nice tackle by DiCaro and great passage coverage by Moore forces a Hersey punt.

Prospect quickly finds the end zone on 24 yard run from Lazarz and DiCaro running for 31 yards and the touchdown. Prospect 51- Hersey 7.

Hersey does have a good kickoff return to midfield. They then put together a four play scoring drive.

On Prospect's next play the two teams looked to be in a rugby scrum. 21 players moved around as though they were playing kindergarten soccer game. All of sudden 25 yards down field DiCaro was waltzing his way with ball into the end zone. The officials were trying to determine what happened as they had joined in on the soccer match and also missed DiCaro's scamper to daylight, Final call the dead ball. Right or wrong call? All we can say for sure is the look in DiCaro's eyes were the same as the 7 year old who was sneaking a cookies out of his mother's cookie jar. Prospect ran out the clock on runs by DiCaro, Beyer and Lazarz.

Now it is time to visit the South Middle School classmates at Rolling Meadows.