

September 9, 2006
Prospect Varsity Football
Prospect vs. Hoffman Estates

As game three reached starting time the sun was already low in the sky the temperature was ideal and the stage was set at the Home of the Hawks. The Hawks were circling in the air with the anticipation that the Knights might be a wounded victim after the Fremd game.

The Knights offense armor was shined and ready for combat. Following a Mack Attack 15 yard kick-off return to the 30 yard line, the offense started things a rolling. Prospect went on a 9 minute scoring drive to take an early 7-0 lead. The drive featured O'Mara running four times picking up 42 yards. A 17 yard connection from Sobey to OBrill and finally 5 yard run by Sobey for the score.

The Hawks not be outdone had three crucial plays converting on two three down plays and a fourth down play to keep a drive going. Even with some nice stops by Baratti, Cherwin, Richardson, and Kosac, the Hawks kept their drive going finally pushing the ball across with 2:32 to go in the quarter. Tying the score 7-7.

As the Knights started their drive they had their first of many procedural calls but Sobey passes to Munz (9yds) and Cherwin (33yds) quickly put the Knights well into Hawk territory. A 9 yard loss and a holding call had the Knights facing a third and 27. Sobey hit OBrill for a 13 yard gain but it is still 4th and long at the 27 yard line. The Knights go for the first down and payday comes as Sobey finds Cherwin for the touchdown the Knights lead 14-7 with 10:55 to go in the half.

Ziegenfuss kick off goes into the end zone. The Hawks plan to go airborne but a Zusevics sack results in a 9 yard loss. The Hawks punt to their 45 yard line. A Prospect turnover provides the Hawks good field position. Coach Pearlman's daughter is not happy with what she is watching and heads on the field to give the team some timely advice. She must have shouted out her instructions as Mom brings her back before she gets out of the end zone. What ever she said worked as OB comes up with an interception.

The Mack Attack takes charge on the next series picking up 63 yards on 4 carries and touchdown. Prospect 21 – Hawks 7 with 4:49 to go in the half.

The Hawks starts a drive but OBrill steps up a gain with his second pick of the night. The Knights then have penalties called on them on 3 of the next 4 plays. The Mack Attack decides it is time to get the offense going. The line blasts a hole for a 38 yard gain. He follows with a run to the Hoffman 5 yard line. Sobey on a keeper scores to provide Prospect a 28-7 lead at half time. Mack finishes the half with 125 yards running.

The Hawks initial drive is thwarted by Kosac sack forcing a punt. A pass to Dazzo (23yads) and an O'Mara run (39yds) have the Knights on the Hawks 9 yard line with O'Mara then scoring and Smith's PAT gave the Knights a 35-7 lead. With 8:39 to go in the third quarter things are looking good. But from here to the end of the game it was anything but good for the Knights.

On the ensuing kickoff the Hawks mount a drive that finds the Knights back to the wall as the Hawks have a first down on the Prospect 2 yard line. On first down the Hawks gain a yard on the next run Maratea and others drop the runner for a 1 yard loss. The Hawks go airborne and fail on two attempts – Prospect first down 99 yards to go. On their first play the snap carries through the end zone for a Hawk safety. 35-9

On the Prospect punt Hawks start their drive at the Prospect 48. The Knights D stops them on plays by Baratti and Scanlan. Hawks' punt gives Prospect ball on their 30 yard line. The next two plays have elusive snaps from with the second one ending up in a Hoffman Estates TD score now 35-16 with 6:45 to go in the game.

On the Prospect next possession a penalty stops a drive and a short punt gives the Hawks the ball on the Prospect 34 yard line. The Hawks quickly capitalize. The big play is a batted pass which is still caught by the Hawks at the Prospect 4 yard line. Hawks find the end zone two plays later bringing the score to 35-24.

The Knights cover the onside kick and run out the clock. Prospect now 2-1 and looking forward to next weeks game with the Palatine Pirates and the seniors' former sophomore Coach Pettrica.