

September 16, 2006
Prospect Varsity Football
Prospect vs. Palatine

At game time came the conditions were excellent for the fourth game of the season.

Ziegenfuss kicked off and in typical fashion the ball sailed into the end zone. Palatine quickly showed they were not going to hold back as they went for the first down on fourth and short at their own 29.7 yard line. They made the first down. From there they ran off three additional first downs driving the ball deep into Prospect territory. Again they faced 4th down and very short at the Prospect 19 yard line. Rather than attempt the field goal the Pirates sailed their ship for another first down. This time the Baratti served as a torpedo as he propelled through their rudder, I mean runner, for a one yard loss.

The Knights initiated their own drive as they put together 6 first downs. Highlighted by a series of runs by Parker O'Mara not be confused with another famous redhead with a similar name Scarlet O'Hara. For the night Parker almost had enough yards (293 yds) that he could have visited Scarlet in Atlanta. The offensive line blasted holes and O'Mara shook tackles as he gained 59 yards in the first quarter. However the Knights' drive was cut short largely the result of a couple of penalties, but Cherwin provided the leg power to convert a 37 yard field goal and give the Knights a 3-0 lead with 10:56 to go in the first half.

Palatine started another drive running off 5 first downs. Palatine converted on 5 pass plays a couple coming with heavy pressure on the quarterback. They also capitalized on strong running. With the ball at the Prospect 10 yard line Palatine finally threw an incomplete pass. On the next play Cherwin stepped between the receiver and the ball for an interception and return the ball to the Prospect 18 yard line.

The Knights began their second drive of the evening as O'Mara continued the ground attack. During this drive he scampered for another 68 yards. The Knights scored on a Baratti two yard plunge giving them a 10-0 lead with 1:28 to go in the half.

On the kickoff Palatine returned the ball to their 30 yard line. From their 39 yard line, Palatine attempted for the third time to go for a first down on 4th and one. The Prospect defense stops them again. A pass play to OBrill gives the Knights a first down at the Palatine 28 yard line with 58 second left

in the half. A pass to Munz gets the ball on the Palatine 11 yard line. After a gain to the five yard line another Prospect penalty results in calling on Cherwin for his second field goal. As the second quarter finishes Prospect leads 13-0.

Ziegenfuss returns the second half kickoff 10 yards to the Prospect 26 yard line. The Knights start another long drive. O'Mara continues racking up the yards. Sobey connects on four passes the final one a seven yard completion to the Palatine 15 yard line. A 9 yard run by O'Mara and a Sobey keeper nets Prospect their second touchdown of the evening. With 3:33 left in the quarter Prospect leads 20-0.

On the kickoff Palatine finds gap in coverage and scores their first touchdown. Prospect 20-Palatine 7.

On the Palatine kickoff Beyer returns the ball 11 yards to the Palatine 30 yard line. A couple of penalties curtail the Prospect drive. As the fourth quarter the starts Baratti punts the ball for the first time by either team.

Palatine starts with great field position at the 49 yard line. After two first downs Palatine finds themselves again in a 4th down play at Prospect 31 yard line. This time they try a sweep right but Baratti and Munz have other ideas stopping them for no gain.

With 8:22 to go in the game Prospect takes over. The handoff from Sobey goes to O'Mara and he shifts right, then left, then right and finally straight to the end zone on this 69 yard run. Prospect 27- Palatine 7.

Palatine takes the kickoff at 27 yard line and mounts their second long drive of the evening. Palatine runs off 4 first downs with the last one getting them to the Prospect 2 yard line. On their first play Palatine takes on the left side of the Prospect defensive line. Prospect stops them. On second down the Knights throw them for a loss of 1. On third down the Pirates gain back the yard they loss. So once again Palatine faces a 4th down play. They run a QB keeper and this time they find daylight and score their second touchdown.

Final Score Prospect 27 – Palatine 14.

The Knights go back home to face the Hersey Huskies on the Thursday night match-up in first game in the East Division.