

September 30, 2006
Prospect Varsity Football
Prospect vs. Rolling Meadows

The evening began as a dark and dreary night. As the fans started pouring into the home of the Mustangs they were joined by a light rain. But it was apparent early on that rain was not going to ruin the evening for fans or players. Fortunately the rain came to an end prior to the kickoff and both teams were anxious to claim first place in the division.

But before we get into the game results there are a couple of observations that are needed. First, do you think the Mustangs could use a new scoreboard and a new sound system? Second, this writer got tucked in with the Prospect student body. This prime location permitted this reporter to stand for most of the game. That coupled with the inability to hear the announcer contributed to poor coverage of the evening's magnificent Prospect defense. Okay, enough of the excuses let's get into the game results.

The Mustangs kickoff was fielded by Ziegenfuss who returned it 20 yards to the 30 yard line. The Mack Attack ran 11 yards run for a first down. But the Knights were soon forced to punt. Baratti put Meadows back to their 25 yard line. On third down the Mustangs go to the air and complete the pass. Fortunately Cherwin was on the receiving end and returned it 30 yards to give Prospect a 7-0 (Cherwin also with the PAT) with 8:48 to go in the first quarter.

On the kickoff was it Cherwin kicking off – no Ziegenfuss – no it was Cherwin. The ball heads towards the Mustang's sidelines. Scanlan kicked into high gear and recovered the kickoff at the Meadows 30 yard line. What a nice turn of events! Prospect was soon facing a 4th down and 8. Sobey went to the air and connected with Munz at 20 yard line. Munz shook off the tackler and then followed a Cherwin block into the end zone. With 7:04 to go in the first quarter Prospect 14- RM 0.

The Mustangs took no chances on the kickoff as they called a fair catch at their 23 yard line. Meadows puts together three first downs getting to the Prospect 25 yard line. Here the Knights defense clamps down. On first down a mass of Knights stop the run for no gain. Baratti then makes the tackle with the Mustangs facing third and nine. They try a screen pass but it falls incomplete. They go back to the air on fourth down but the ball and receive do not make connection.

An O'Mara run, a pass to Cherwin, and a penalty on the Mustangs gets the ball to midfield. As the first quarter comes to a close it is Prospect 14 and Meadows 0.

Meadows picks off a pass as the second quarter begins, but they can't get their offense started. Prospect and Meadows exchange some punts. On Meadows last possession of the half they begin to drive aided by a defensive hold call. But once again the defense corrals the Mustangs. Richardson and Baratti stop the QB for no gain. Kosac sacks the QB for an eight yard loss and Meadows is forced to punt the ball. At the half Prospect 14 Meadows 0.

Meadows is four and out at the start of the second half with Knights starting their drive from midfield. On third down Sobey connects on a 35 yard pass to Munz for a first down at the Meadows 15. Three plays later Mack carries it in from the ten. Cherwin converts the PAT and the Knights lead 21-0.

Meadows is again forced to punt. The Knights are in good field position, but penalties stall their next drive. Mustangs another four and out gives Prospect the ball at their 31 yard line. A 33 yard pass reception to Cherwin, a 9 yard run by O'Mara and penalty on the Mustangs has the ball well into Meadows territory. On the next play from the 26 yard line Sobey goes end zone and Munz goes airborne for his second touchdown reception of the evening. Prospect 28 – Meadows 0.

As the fourth quarter starts Meadows make their last drive of the game. A thirty-three yard pass completion gets the ball into Prospect territory. The Mustangs eventually get the ball to the Prospect 4 yard line. On first down they get the ball to the Prospect 2 yard line then the defensive line throws Mustangs for a 4 yard loss. Meadows go to the air on third and fourth down but coverage and pressure on the QB results in two incomplete passes.

With 6:21 to go Prospect takes over at their 6 yard line. A procedure call puts the ball on their 3 yard line. A QB keeper gets the ball back to the six yard line. On the next play O'Mara runs for a big gain but a holding call takes the ball back to the three yard line. On third and 13 Radcliffe goes to the air and hits Munz for a first down at the 20 yard line. Another procedure call and a snap that gets away provides the Mustangs their only score of the night on a safety.

Meadows could not move the ball, and from there on out it was DiCaro running (21 yards on 4 carries) to close out the game.

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