

Homecoming night was set, the queen and king were crowned, the parade and bonfire were over, and the soccer team had won their game. It was time for the football team to continue on their way to winning the MSL East title.

Wheeling went with a squib kick that Baratti covered at their 31 yard line. The Knights immediately went airborne Sobey hitting Munz for a 14 yard gain; Sobey followed that with a 28 completion to Dazzo. As Prospect looked on the verge of a touchdown, Wheeling's defense then rose to the occasion. The Knights settled for Cherwin field goal—did that ball hit the scoreboard? Max, you have some explaining to do!! With 10:00 minutes to go in the first quarter, Prospect 3 - Wheeling 0.

On the Prospect kickoff Wheeling returns to their 25 yard line where Scanlan makes the tackle. Wheeling goes to the air and gets a first down to their 44 yard line. Tackles by Mack and Richardson stop the drive. Wheeling punts with O'Mara making a fair catch at the Prospect 32 yard line.

Sobey immediately connects with Cherwin for a first down. A pass to OBrill has the ball at the Wheeling 28 yard line. But this first of 6 holding calls against the Knights, puts the ball back to the 42 yard line. A 10 yard pass to OBrill followed by an 18 yard completion to Dazzo gets the first down at the Wheeling 14 yard line. Speaking of lines, the Prospect O Line provided awesome protection throughout the night. The Mack Attack got up a head of steam and scored on a 14 yard run. Prospect 10 – Wheeling 0.

With 5:15 things are looking like it was time to start the homecoming celebration. One small glitch - Wheeling didn't get the message. On the kickoff Wheeling does a reverse and Cherwin finally makes the tackle at the Prospect 39 yard line. Five plays later Wheeling scores on a 17 yard run. With 3:02 to go Prospect 10 Wheeling 7.

Wheeling defense then stops the Knights for a 4 and out. Wheeling then capitalizes 5 plays later on a 51 yard run to take a 13-10 lead with 10:40 to go in the half.

Prospect's next possession is cut short as the second holding call results in a third and 27. Prospect defense responds behind tackles by Maratea and Richardson. A pass to Dazzo and a run by O'Mara give the Knights a first down. A pass to Munz and a Sobey keeper gives the Knights another first down. Sobey then throws the Knights back into the lead with a 20 yard completion to Cherwin. Prospect 17 – Wheeling 13.

When you think you have seen all the possible calls in a game, Prospect is called for a procedural call before they kicked off. Cherwin sized up the ball a little too much which resulted in the 5 yard penalty. Wheeling returns the kickoff to their 31 where Scanlan makes the tackle. Kosac and Baratti stop Wheeling on first down. Wheeling goes airborne and Cherwin picks the pass and returns for what appears to be his third interception for a TD but a block to the back negates the touchdown. However, the ball belongs to the Knights.

An O'Mara run and pass to Cherwin set the stage for Sobey to scamper into the end zone. Prospect 24-Wheeling 13.

On the kickoff a Senft tackle coupled with a Wheeling hold had the Wildcats starting from their 20 yard line. Mack and more drop Wheeling for a two yard loss. A procedure call moves the back to the 13 yard line. Mack and Maratea then drop the QB. Wheeling goes airborne on third down but on pressure from Kosac the ball falls incomplete. The punt has Prospect starting from their 44 yard line with 1:47 to go in the half.

A 16 yard connection from Sobey to Cherwin has the Knights poised for another score. But that would be much too easy, so a QB sack and a holding call have the Knights back at their 42 yard line. From there a 10 yard completion to Mack and 14 yard run by O'Mara has the Knights facing 4<sup>th</sup> and 4 with 27 seconds to go. A pass to Munz provides the Knights a first down with 21 ticks left on the clock. The Knights are out of timeouts. On the next play a fumble occurs while the Knights recovered the ball as the clock keeps ticking. Sobey gets the play called and spikes the ball. Cherwin is facing a 43 yard FG attempt. Wheeling gets a little anxious and it is now a 38 yard attempt. The kick is up and kicker goes down – roughing the kicker call. Cherwin instead of needing to pull out a three wood can settle for a wedge shot in for the score. Cherwin makes the kick as the clock expires, Prospect 27 – Wheeling 13.

The Marching Knights halftime show was flawless. The fireworks were great as long as you were not seated behind the press box.

GiambelUCA and Kosac provide great coverage on the kickoff stopping Wheeling at the 20 yard line. A penalty moves them back to the 10 yard line. Four plays later Wheeling is punting from their 13 yard line. Punt goes up, but Smith is sailing through and gets a hand on the ball. Senft pulls the ball down at the 17 yard line. Sobey is pleased to get an early return to the field. He nestles the ball in his right arm and scampers in for the touchdown. 9:42 to go in the third quarter, Prospect 34 Wheeling 13.

Ziegenfuss kicks the ball deep and Hennig makes the stop at the 14 yard line. The Wildcats and Knights trade punts. Wheeling then starts a drive from their 38 yard line. OBrill makes a nice tackle and drops Wheeling for a loss. On the Wildcats next play they find a crease in the line for a 21 yard gain before Baratti and Munz bring him down. Wheeling attempts a pass that falls incomplete. Baratti makes a tackle after an 8 yard gain followed by a Kosac tackle leaving Wheeling facing a fourth and 1. Wheeling goes for it and the Prospect line makes a great stop and the ball comes back to Prospect with 2:37 to go in the quarter.

A nice run by O'Mara is called back on a penalty. A 23 yard pass play to Cherwin gives the Knights a first down. The Mack Attack rambles for 42 yards to the Wheeling 5 yard line. On the next play Sobey scores and Smith gets the PAT. Prospect 40 – Wheeling 13.

Wheeling is stopped on their next drive by tackles by Scanlan and Maratea. On third down they attempt to go to the air but Kosac and Richardson combine for a sack at the Wheeling 9 yard line.

O'Mara returns the punt to the Wheeling 40 yard line. A high snap results in a 17 yard Prospect loss with Lazarz scampering to recover the ball. DiCaro runs for 13 yards, but Prospect is forced to punt. Wheeling makes some headway on their drive. On third down they go for the end zone but O'Mara has other ideas as he intercepts the pass for a touchback.

Lazarz is back at QB and starts off with a QB keeper for 5 yards. Followed by a Beyer 24 yard gain. DiCaro runs for 7 yards to the Wheeling 27 yard line. Another holding call has Prospect facing a second and long. Lazarz follows a great block and runs for 31 yards, but it is called back for an illegal block. He then follows that with a 24 yard run and Prospect keeps the drive alive, DiCaro goes for 19 yards and comes up just short of the score. Prospect runs out the clock.

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Prospect was last seen heading south to visit our neighbors in Elk Grove.