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Football by the Numbers

Age oldest active player was the last time Fremd missed the playoffs

1

Players to record a reception this year

9

Seasons since the Vikings started 0-3

20

Points scored by freshmen Sam Beutler and Andy Stark

28

Yardage of the longest passing play of the season

60

Rushing yards allowed by the Viking defense

709

Vikings bounce back after rocky start

John Reising
Lead Sports Editor

The Vikings knew last Thursday's game against Buffalo Grove was a must-win. With an 0-3 record and the team on the brink of playoff elimination, Fremd played with a sense of urgency, scoring first and refusing to look back on the way to a 26-14 win.

"Being 0-3, it's a playoff game every game," senior wide receiver Jeffrey Diegel said. "We know that, and we have to execute."

The Vikings controlled the game, amassing 239 yards rushing, committing no turnovers and controlling the time of possession.

"We won the turnover battle, and going into the game, we were -8 [in turnover ratio]," head coach Mike Donatucci said. "We had no big bust defensively and won the time of possession which are all things you're looking at winning."

Fremd scored first on the opening play of the second quarter as freshman quarterback Sam Beutler threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Diegel.

On the Vikings' next possession, Fremd bruised their way to another touchdown behind senior running back Justin Wallace.

"Offensively, we were more aggressive with our play calling than in previous games," Wallace said.

The Vikings came out after halftime and scored on their



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GET OFF ME. Senior Justin Wallace fends off a Buffalo Grove defender during a 26-14 victory on Sept. 16.

first series on a run from junior running back A.J. McGhee to put Fremd up 20-0.

The Bison scored on a drive late in the third quarter, but turnovers plagued them in the fourth quarter as senior defensive back Vince Farella hauled in two interceptions for the Vikings.

Fremd was able to run down the clock on an eight-minute drive that resulted in a goal-line touchdown from Beutler.

Beutler credited the senior leadership of the offensive line and the backfield for the drive.

"[Senior] offensive lineman Evan Schaeffer did a great job helping me out with plays in the

huddle," Beutler said. "We relied on our run game throughout the game which took some pressure off of me."

On Sept. 10, the Vikings faced Elk Grove for their home opener, losing 29-22.

Fremd fell behind early as Elk Grove senior quarterback Nick Meyer connected with senior running back Mike Wary for a 67-yard touchdown pass minutes into the first quarter.

Three minutes later, the Grenadiers found the endzone on another Meyer touchdown, and Fremd was down 13-0 halfway through the first quarter.

"A game is 48 minutes [long],

and we know that no matter how many points we're down with whatever time is left, we can respond," Diegel said.

Fremd battled back, making it a 22-15 game in the fourth quarter.

However, Elk Grove responded as their defense held Fremd short on a fourth down run, and they went on to score to put the game out of reach, 29-15.

"Against Elk Grove, our will was there, but we gave up too many big plays that cost us," Wallace said.

Tonight, the Vikings head to Schaumburg, led by senior running back Shepard Little.

Boys soccer prevails against conference opponents

Brett Tudela
Sports Editor

The Vikings took on the Barrington Broncos in an MSL West showdown on Sept. 15.

Senior forward Lorenzo Savino returned from a one-game red card suspension and did not wait long to make his presence known.

Eight minutes into the game, Savino scored on a rebound from a shot by senior forward Matthew Burkhardt.

Savino took the ball on the counter attack two minutes later, beating two defenders on his way to scoring the Vikings' second goal early in the first half.

"It felt delightful to come back and get two quick goals," Savino said.

Barrington gained some momentum midway through the first half and scored, leaving Fremd up 2-1 at halftime.

Barrington stepped up the pressure during the second half and was able to attack Fremd offensively.

"Whatever their coach told them at halftime seemed to stick because they out worked us in the second half," head coach Steve Keller said.

The Viking defense held their own against the Broncos offensive, led by senior captain and goalie Scott Sutarik.

"They were pressing high, kicking the ball



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SOLID D. Senior Alex Bochat clears the ball with his head in the Vikings 6-2 victory over Buffalo Grove on Sept. 14.

and running, but we stayed composed to keep the lead," Sutarik said. "I had to keep the ball out of the net."

Keller was impressed with his goalie's demeanor and stability toward the end of the game.

"He was huge," Keller said. "He's a good

goalie. He comes out and gets corners and has excellent reflexes."

Fremd was able to shut down Barrington the remainder of the game and hold on to the 2-1 victory.

On Sept. 14, the Vikings took on the Buffalo Grove Bison at home in a MSL crossover game.

The Vikings found themselves ahead 2-0 going into halftime from goals by senior midfielders Alex Prelipceanu and Ryan Molley.

A penalty kick from senior captain and defender Spencer Filosa put Fremd up 3-0 early in the second half.

"We came out, played our game, took our opportunities and finished," Filosa said.

The game opened up from that point when senior forward Jake Nedza scored two goals, the first of which was scored when he blocked a clearance by Buffalo Grove's goalie into the net.

Buffalo Grove netted two goals on senior goalie Matt Russo before the game was capped off by the Vikings' sixth goal on their way to a 6-2 win.

A severe thunderstorm on Sept. 21 postponed the boys soccer game against Wheeling until a later date.

The Vikings played Rolling Meadows Wednesday night and will play Elk Grove tomorrow afternoon at home.