

## Making the Stops

The biggest defensive play was a blocked punt by Brad Johnson late in the second quarter. The special-teams gem led to the first TD of the game.

"That was a huge momentum switch in the ballgame," Farrell said. "That play really changed the field position (the Bison took over on the Hersey 23-yard line)."

Johnson has certainly paid his dues.

"He's a great leader in our practices," said Farrell, "and he's a key guy on a lot of special teams."

## Game Day

The top spot in the MSL East will be on the line when Rolling Meadows (5-2, 3-0) entertains the Bison on Friday night (7:30 p.m.)

Much of the Bison focus will be on Mustang quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo.

"He's a multi-threat kid," said Farrell of Garoppolo's ability to run and pass. "He creates a lot of opportunities for himself. He can avoid the pass rush, and he's big enough to get a rusher off him."

The Bison counter with talented junior quarterback Mike Garrity. He also has a knack for running when necessary, and has shown he can deliver the ball to receiver Mike Cornely .

"Both teams can run the football, have athletic quarterbacks and both teams are playing good defense," Farrell observed.

**"The coaches wanted me to call the plays for the JV team, so I'd have a better understanding of what works. I've definitely learned a lot. There's a lot of pressure, and it's fast-moving."**

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