



In 1969, Kimball, undefeated and ranked No. 2 in the state's Associated Press rankings, awaited Dondero. Pictured above is the play that crushed a dream for Kimball, Dondero's two-point conversion that gave the Oaks a stirring 8-6 upset for the ages. In 1975, the first year of playoffs, Kimball returned the favor when the Knights stunned top-ranked and undefeated Dondero 20-19 by stopping the Oaks on the game's final play from the Kimball goal line. (Kimball Lancer, 1970.)



Playing the Oak Stump Game could be a head-turning experience for players and fans alike. Here a Royal Oak Kimball defender is turned upside down after a bruising block administered by a Royal Oak Dondero back in the 1979 game at Kimball. Coming into this game Dondero was 7-1 and champion of the now-defunct Metro Suburban Athletic Association (MSAA) in 1979 while Kimball was an uninspiring 4-4. Nonetheless, Kimball took down the Oaks in a 27-7 triumph. (Kimball Lancer, 1980.)