

Lincoln v. Chiles
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The Chiles Timberwolves pulled out a hard fought 3 – 0 district victory over the Lincoln Trojans on a chilly wet Friday night at Chiles Stadium. The match was aptly nicknamed the “Mud Bowl” due to recent heavy rains causing swamp like field conditions with standing water. Chiles entered the match with a 7-6-1 record. Lincoln entered the match with a 13-0-0 record.

Chiles starting lineup announced as follows:

#22 - Samuel Weeks
#16 - Cole Hoffman
#15 - Nicolai Modrow
#14 - Chris Kessler
#12 - Nathan Eppinger
#11 - Jake Parker
#10 - Alex Schroepfer
#7 - Kent Deckerhoff
#4 - Justin Dillenschneider
#2 - Derek Reed
Taylor Kostrzewa – keeper

Chiles kicks off the match, and the ball goes back and forth near midfield with neither team in clear control. The muddy field and water puddles interfere with passing attempts. Chiles’ first shot occurs when Jake Parker takes a pass back after a throw-in and shoots in the 8th minute but Lincoln’s keeper stops. Lincoln then drives back to Chiles’ territory and shoots, but Taylor Kostrzewa makes the stop.

The Timberwolves strike early when Taylor clears the ball to Cole Hoffman who begins a drive at midfield by passing to Jake Parker. Jake then sends the ball through to Nicolai Modrow who beats Lincoln’s keeper and shoots a GOAL in the 9th minute!

Chiles 1 – Lincoln 0.

Joey Antworth subs in for Derek Reed. Lincoln players slip and fall on the wet field. The wet field also interferes with Lincoln’s quick passing style. After a midfield struggle, Lincoln drives into Chiles’ territory along the near sideline and moves in to shoot. Lincoln shoots but misses left in 10th minute.

Chiles drives back and Lincoln clears out. Jake Parker throws in to Samuel Weeks who shoots in 13th minute, but Lincoln’s keeper makes the stop. Lincoln clears and drives to Chiles’ territory. Justin Dillenschneider tries to clear, but standing water on the field slows the ball and reduces the effect of Justin’s kick. Lincoln regains the ball and tries to center it in front of Chiles’ goal for a shot, but Taylor Kostrzewa grabs for the stop.

Taylor clears to midfield, and Nicolai Modrow, Chris Kessler, and Cole Hoffman work the ball around. However, Lincoln steals the ball, drives to Chiles' side, and shoots but misses over the top of the goal in the 17th minute.

The Timberwolves drive back to Trojan territory on the goal kick. In trying to set up a shot, Joey Antworth passes back to Alex Schroepfer who, in turn, sends the ball up to Evan Cameron. Evan passes to Jake Parker, but Lincoln steals the ball. Chris Kessler then regains the ball and sends it back up to Evan who takes a shot that Lincoln's defense blocks out. After the Chiles throw-in, Cole Hoffman takes a shot that the Lincoln defenders try to head out but unintentionally deflect to the top and inside of their own goal resulting in a Chiles SCORE in the 19th minute!

Chiles 2 – Lincoln 0.

In subsequent play, Lincoln steals the ball at midfield and works around in front of Chiles' goal setting up a shot. While in the center of the field, but well outside the box, Lincoln fires a shot in the 23rd minute, but the attempt is too distant and the ball slows on the muddy field allowing Taylor Kostrzewa to make the stop.

Lincoln gets another shot attempt when, on a fast break from midfield, Taylor Kostrzewa comes out of the goal and slides in the mud to make a stop but misses the ball. Lincoln's forwards then pick the ball up in Chiles' corner and send a shot from the sideline, but Taylor scrambles back in the box and makes the grab in the 27th minute.

The Timberwolves defense makes further highlights when Lincoln picks the ball at midfield and drives down the far sideline to the corner in Chiles' territory. Joey Antworth clears the ball out. Lincoln throws in high landing in front of Chiles' goal, where Justin Dillenschneider pounds the ball out big. Lincoln then throws in from the Chiles side and drives. Chiles cannot clear. Lincoln's Pat Olschlager takes a shot and Taylor Kostrzewa makes a great sliding stop. A subsequent Chiles penalty just outside the box allows a Lincoln free kick as a high floating ball that Taylor swats out.

Colby Sowerby subs in for Jake Parker. Matt Salib comes in for Joey Antworth. Bryant McBride comes in for Evan Cameron. Daniel Campbell comes in for Nicolai Modrow. Further play before halftime provides no shooting and neither team in dominant control.

HALFTIME

During halftime, the Chiles Lady Timberwolves dance team performs to "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" on a muddy water soaked field wearing thin outfits in freezing 45 degree temperature conditions. Portions of the dance involve the Lady Timberwolves rolling in the mud on the field. The fans applaud the girls' dedication.

SECOND PERIOD

Derek Reed comes back in for the second period. Lincoln kicks off. Lincoln loses the ball out just on their side of midfield. Nathan Eppinger throws in to Jake Parker. Jake advances the ball by juking a Lincoln defender and driving down the near sideline. Jake crosses in to Nicolai Modrow who shoots but misses wide right in the 43rd minute.

A subsequent Lincoln drive ends when Justin Dillenschneider clears the ball out to midfield on the near sideline. Lincoln throws in to the Chiles side, where Jake Parker tries to clear but slips in the mud. Chris Kessler then steals from the Lincoln forwards and sends the ball up and across field to Nicolai Modrow, but Lincoln clears the ball out. Jake then throws in to Nicolai who passes to Derek Reed, but Lincoln clears out. Derek then throws in as a cross to Cole Hoffman who shoots in the 50th minute, but Lincoln's keeper stops.

Lincoln's keeper clears the ball to midfield, and their midfielders try to send through to their forwards. However, Alex Schroepfer stops this advance at midfield with a big header. Chris Kessler then grabs the ball and passes to Cole Hoffman. Cole then passes to Nicolai Modrow who, in turn, sends the ball to Jake Parker where the Lincoln defenders clear out the endline. Cole kicks the corner from the near sideline as a high looping ball that allows Samuel Weeks to score a GOAL with a powerful head that Lincoln's keeper cannot stop! Samuel scores in the 52nd minute.

Chiles 3 – Lincoln 0.

Bryant McBride subs in for Cole Hoffman. In further play, both Derek Reed and Jake Parker steal Lincoln throw-ins, but cannot drive through the Lincoln defense. The Lincoln forwards and midfielders mount several attacking drives, but Alex Schroepfer and Justin Dillenschneider clear out. Lincoln finally drives down deep to Chiles' territory on the far sideline and shoots in the 58th minute but misses left.

Colby Sowerby comes in for Nicolai Modrow. Matt Salib comes in for Derek Reed. Midway through the second period, the play is tight with both teams driving back and forth but no shots. After the water break, Luke Olsen comes in for Jake Parker. Lincoln commits a penalty just beyond their box. Matt Salib takes the free kick as a shot but misses right in the 64th minute.

Joey Antworth subs in for Bryant McBride. Chiles tries to set up another shot when Alex Schroepfer clears the ball as a feed up to Luke Olsen who then passes to Colby Sowerby along the near sideline, but the Lincoln defenders steal the ball. Conor Munro comes in for Chris Kessler.

Ali Farsi comes in for Luke Olsen; Daniel Campbell comes in for Colby Sowerby; and Dylan Farrell comes in for Samuel Weeks. In the final highlight of the game, Lincoln gets a fast break and drives towards Chiles' goal, but Taylor Kostrzewa comes out of the box sliding in the mud to make a big grab at the 18 to stop Lincoln's attempted goal shot.

The wet muddy and cold Timberwolves celebrate the victory with their loyal fans.