

Marian's Defense Quiets Joliet West

Marian Catholic's football team is still undefeated and has yet to yield a second touchdown this season.

Coach Dave Mattio's Spartans stifled Joliet West 12-0 Friday night at Joliet to remain among those atop the Illini-8 conference with 3-0 marks.

Marian's scoring was compatible with the yards its offense produced. The running attack produced 212 and the passing added 13 for 225 yards, just a bit more than twice the length of a football field.

JOE ZARLENGO smashed three yards with 6:23 in the first quarter for Marina's initial tally and quarterback Nick Calvi ran a 15-yard keeper with 7:34 left in the game to account for the clincher.

After both scores, Marian attempted to run for two-point conversions and the forays didn't work.

The defense, which has yielded only six points in three games, stopped Joliet West by halting the rushes of Tom Cassels and Tim Matichak.

Cassels, who has some 100 yard=plus games, was held to a mere 20 yards in 12 carries, while the best Matichak could do was 62 yards in 18 tries.

ZARLENGO made it (just) his third straight 100 yard gain. He rushed for exactly 100 yards in 15

tries. Calvi, with a 15-yard TD scamper, had 26 yards in seven carries. Tom Chisholm carried seven times for 64 yards, Mark Blankenberger twice for seven yards.

Marian's offense was hampered by 40 yards in penalties and two lost fumbles, but it was a fumble which set up the Spartans' first score.

Rusty Lombardi, West punter, dropped one on the Marian 8 yard line in the first quarter and safety Jim Martin bobbled the ball before picking it up and scurrying 51 yards to the Joliet 41.

Four plays later Zarlengo was in the end zone with a touchdown.

EARLY in the fourth quarter, the score 6-0, Marian punted from its own 24, but the play was called back and Joliet penalized 15 yards.

The penalty resulted from safetyman Lombardi raising his hand for a fair catch, but failing to wig wag as required by the rules.

The infraction gave the Spartans new life, a first down on their own 42. Five plays later it was Calvi in for the touchdown.

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