

Marian Blanks Argo; That's 5

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Marian Coach Dave Mattio could teach Gerald Ford lessons in secrecy.

He didn't tell anyone fullback Joe Zarlengo was hurt last week, which would have gone a long way in explaining Zarlengo's disappointing day against Romeoville.

Argo wishes Zarlengo's ankle had never healed.

MUSCLING HIS way like that Zarlengo of old, joltin' Joe piled up 146 yards in 24 carries as the Spartans won their fifth consecutive Illini-8 contest with a 17-0 silencing of Argo yesterday in Summit.

Not quite as intense as in previous weeks, Marian didn't seem all that interested in pounding more lumps on the hapless Argonauts, muffing numerous opportunities to make the final score what Argo fans have grown accustomed to.

The Marian defense, however, did come prepared. Argo managed just 124 yards total offense, 2 of those on ground. The Spartans moved the pigskin to the tune of 299 yards, grinding out 270 of that sum on the earth route.

The most amazing thing about the first quarter is that it took Marian almost 11 minutes to score before Jeff Martin broke three tackles and scooted in from the 11.

THE MARCH was 61-yards in 12 plays, highlighted by Zarlengo's 16-yard run and a brilliant 19-yard run-or-die scramble by quarterback Nick Calvi.

That brought the ball to the Argo 9, but a personal foul on Marian moved the ball back 15 big ones. On a third-and-goal from the 22, receiver Shawn Janus and Marian got a huge break when Argo was called for interference.

That gave the Spartans a fresh set of downs of which they only needed one as Martin churned the rest of the way.

Tom Chisholm ran for two points and, thanks to a second quarter Mike Ciarlo fumble on the Argo 1, that's the way the count remained until the fourth quarter.

STARTING LATE in the third quarter, Marina, getting wind of Argo's upset hopes, drove the ball 97 yards, 66 of which Zarlengo gained.

Zarlengo ended the surge of scoring from the 7, earning his six points with earlier runs of 24, 15 and 11 yards.

The extra point was blocked.

Finally, with only 4:20 to play, Tom Foote (can you think of a better name for a kicker?), boomed a 25-yard field goal after Marian's advance stalled at the Argo 9.

Besides Zarlengo, Martin had 48 yards, Chisholm 43 and Mike Petrarca added 29 in the two times he carried.

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