

Players of the Week

Marian's Jeff Martin is Mr. Versatile. Unfortunately, the 5-foot-10, 180-pound senior halfback is also Mr. Unlucky.

Near the end of the Spartans' 30-9 bombing of Hillcrest, Martin, a three-year member of the varsity, suffered a broken ankle. The odds are astronomical against his returning this year.

Before the injury, Martin, the first offensive player of the week, was incredible.

HE RAN FOR 104 yards in 12 carries, scoring what turned out to be the winning touchdown early in the third quarter, caught three passes for 65 more yards, was on the receiving end of a two-point conversion and boomed three punts for a 43-yard average.

The injury was just another in a series Martin has suffered during his three-sport career. Last winter he was able to dress in just 18 of the Spartans' 24 basketball games and early last spring a slide into second base resulted in an injury which ended his baseball season.

"Jeff has a lot of natural ability, but he combines it with hard work," said Coach Dave Mattio. "He set a fine example for his teammates. He stepped into a leadership role this year and made our offense jell."

Our first defensive player of the week is no slouch either.

RICH SOUTH'S Mark Glotzbach was the most outstanding of the Stars who helped put Montini on the rocks.

The junior defensive back put a big smile on coach Rich Pikosz's face by making seven unassisted tackles and assisting on four others, knocking down two passes and intercepting another as the Stars romped 25-8.

Pikosz, who originally had two candidates for the honor decided at the last moment to nominate Glotzbach by himself.

"I just want to get him as much recognition as I can," Pikosz said. "He deserves it."

MISSION accomplished.

Other nominees on defense included Marina linebacker Mike Bartolomei, Bloom Trail tackle Rick Young, Homewood-Flossmoor linebacker Bob Torkelson, Rich Central tackle Bryan Meyers, Hillcrest linebacker Ron Vaught and Rich East linebacker Ed Desherow.

Additional offensive candidates were: Rich South running back Jim Sjoerdsma, Bloom Trail quarterback Mark Pena, Rich Central quarterback Doug Alhoriteh, Hillcrest tight end and placekicker Ted Chakos and Rich East tailback Jeff Koranda.

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