

Marian Grinds Out Win in I-8 Opener

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When a team's total offense matches its output of penalty yardage, the results of any football game are obvious, and that was certainly the case in Marian's home and Illini-8 opening 30-6 win over an over matched Joliet East squad yesterday at Sarff Field.

The Kingsmen have had great difficulty for the past two years in putting together an offense, and mustered 75 yards in failing to tally any points. The Joliet East defensive unit accounted for the only score by returning a Marian fumble 73 yards with 10 minutes left to play.

Taking frequent advantage of the Kingsmen-mistakes, Marian keyed its second win in three games this year with first quarter 18-yard drive, and another march of 23 yards in the following period that gave all the necessary offense to the Spartans, who along with Joliet Catholic, Lockport, and Joliet Central, sit atop the I-8.

DAVE MATTIO'S men had a conservative game plan, using their highly-regarded passing attack only six times yesterday, all of the aerial display coming in the first 24 minutes, while managing to rush for 189 yards, mostly in the final half.

The first indication of penalties came when the Kingsmen clipped on the opening kickoff, putting Joliet East in a hole from which it never escaped.

After making its best advance, to its own 41-yard line, on its first drive, Joliet East was forced to punt and junior halfback Mike Petrarca broke away down sideline for a 35-yard return that set up the first of four Marian touchdowns, going out of bounds at the Kingsmen 18.

The drive was dealt an immediate setback as the Spartans were given a 15-yard holding penalty, the first of 110 yards in infractions piled up by Marian. But senior quarterback Karl Volkman revived the drive with a 15-yard pickup, and junior fullback Byron Anderson, making his first start on the offensive platoon, after playing in the lie-in the

opening two Marian games, added two straight four-yard gains, the second of which resulted in Marian jumping ahead 6-0. SOPHOMORE Jimmy Dee, a 5-foot-7, 150-pound halfback, continued the underclass theme in the Marian backfield by bolting up the middle for the two extra points.

With Kingsmen quarterback Ernie DeLeon only able to complete one of his first seven passes for just 10 yards, Joliet East went to its running game, but junior tackle Jeff Scheid pounced on a Kingsmen fumble at the Joliet East 23 to start another short but effective drive.

Volkman's quarterback keeper began the march for seven yards, and Jerral Stringer, a 6-foot, 190-pound senior halfback, picked up another four yards to the Joliet East 12. The Spartans were faced with a third-and-eight situation when Volkman hit his favorite target, 5-10 senior Mark Blankenberger, on a look-in to the one yard line. Junior Mark Jurczyk capped the effort by crossing the goal on the next lay for what turned out to be the winning points. Volkman swept the left end for another successful two-point play to give the Spartans a commanding edge of 16-0 going into the locker room.

Less than a minute in the third period when the Spartans began their third scoring drive.

JURCZYK broke loose from the tiring Joliet East defense for a fast 20 yards, and Petrarca went for 12 as did Volkman. Petrarca went in from three yards out for a 22-0 lead. Don Prior's kick made is 23-0.

Brian Blue replaced Volkman temporarily at quarterback and was hit hard by Joliet East's George Kincy who recovered the loose ball and scampered 73 yards to enable Joliet East to put its six points up. With just 1:37 left to play, Blankenberger went over from three yards out.

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