

Tournour Turns Corner And Hawks Surprise Spartans

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Hillcrest rose up for its best effort of its series against Marian yesterday at Sarff field, and thanks to Bob Tournour's 46-yard touchdown return of an intercepted pass with just four seconds separating two squads from an apparent overtime session, the Hawks were rewarded with a stunning 20-14 conquering of the Spartans.

Although it was Hillcrest's first win in three tries over Marian, the Hawks determined effort throughout was apparent. The SICA East club made it a habit to prove Marian's mistakes quite costly.

The first instance came right from the game's opening kick-off, when the Hawks pounced on Marian's fumble of the boot on the Spartan 26 yard line.

TERRY JOHNSON, Hillcrest's left-handed throwing quarterback, found wide receiver Joe Toczyl, for a 41-yard pickup the 10 before junior halfback Andy Formas cracked the remaining distance on the following play for a sudden 6-0 Hawk edge.

Bob Klupchak scampered 46 yards with a pass theft of his own to set the Spartans up on the Hillcrest 22 midway into the first quarter.

Marian halfback Tim McGugan, rushed 99 yards (same as the team total ground yards for the Spartans) was given four consecutive assignments from there knotting the count at 6 apiece with a 12-yard jaunt around right end. Dave Brockhagen's run was stopped short.

After yielding six of Hillcrest's first downs in the opening period (the Hawks finished with a 13-12 edge), Marian's defense stiffened during the following quarter, finally forcing a Hawk fumble; which linebacker Tom Zarlengo grabbed on the Marian 29-yard stripe.

THE HAWKS were whistled for 116 yards worth of penalties, and a personal foul assessed against Hillcrest once Marian took possession launched a Spartan drive which resulted in the go-ahead score just before halftime.

Marian quarterback Mike Matchinis connected with tight end Jeff Boylan for a 33-yard advance,

delivering the Spartans to the Hawk 15.

Saddled with a third down and 23 yards to go situation, after being dumped behind the line of scrimmage, Matchinis had his choice of two targets on his next loss, picking McGugan for his 33-yard scoring heave. The combination of Matchinis to McGugan clicked for the conversion as well, lifting Marian eight points ahead, 14-0.

Hillcrest was the more aggressive bunch in the second half, backing up the Spartans into a punting situation on their opening possession of the third period.

HAWK JUNIOR Warren Taylor partially blocked a Matchinis punt, enabling Hillcrest to gain control on the Marian 15. It took six plays for the Hawks to capitalize, but after running mate Ron Shupryt crashed down to the Spartan 1-yard stripe, Formas tallied his second touchdown of the afternoon with 4:38 in the third period.

That marker still left Hillcrest two points shy, determining an attempt for a quick tie by a two-point attempt. Johnson elected to pass for the points, and tight end Tony Dunbar snared the aerial for the 14-14 count.

Each side stalled itself with turnovers after that, as on one sequence of the final quarter, Marian's Don Zych pilfered a pass, Hawk Dexter Wilson recovered a fumble, then Spartan Dan Lagone nabbed the ensuring Hawk bobble.

Marian did manage to penetrate close enough for a Rich Fordon field goal try in the final two minutes, but the boot fell short, and on the following possession. Tournour sped across with the deciding score.

The Hawks, who evened their slate to the same 1-1 mark that Marian now holds, earned a slight edge in total offense, gaining 182 yards to 168 for the Spartans' Senior signal caller Johnson completed eight of his 14 passes for 74 yards, while Shupryt led the Hillcrest ground effort with 51 yards in six carries.

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