

McGugan's Out But Marian's In

With star tailback Tim McGugan on the sidelines with an injured ankle, Marian Catholic stuck together for a 15-7 victory over previously unbeaten host Bolingbrook yesterday afternoon in the Illini-8 opener for both clubs.

The Spartans iced the game in the second period on Tom Klupchak's two touchdowns - one via a 20-yard pass from quarterback Mike Matchinis and another on a one-yard plunge late in the first half.

Rich Fordon kicked a 29-yard field goal with 9:38 to go in the fourth quarter to complete Marian's scoring.

MCGUGAN, WENT out of action early in the first quarter and after the game was wearing a plastic cast. But Marian, now 2-1 overall, found a new workhorse in Klupchak, who carried 27 times for 76 yards to fill the void.

Klupchak's second quarter TD pass from Matchinis capped a 12-play, 56-yard Spartan drive.

For the most part, Marian stuck to the ground, attempting just three passes on the afternoon.

Marian's second TD was set up when Dan Lagone recovered a Bolingbrook fumble on the Raider 46. On the 12th play, Klupchak scored for a 12-0 lead.

Marian Catholic's defense was superb, limiting Bolingbrook to just one first down in the middle two quarters. Bolingbrook, however, did score its only points with 42 seconds left in the half when J.C. Bowden scampered 35 yards and Gordy action-kicked the extra point.

BOLINGBROOK totaled 105 yards against Marian, just 23 of those yards coming in the passing department. Marian Catholic had 163 total yards, 143 on the ground.

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