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Busy Weekend

Schedule Mix Gives Marian Double Duty

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A scheduling error is the most talked-about item in the Marian football camp. As a result of the mistake Spartan gridders will have to turn into ironmen.

Marian was originally slated to play Wilmington High September 22 but that school had a prior agreement to play Crete-Monee on that date.

As a result, Marian will now face Wilmington on September 29 at night and then travel to Luther South the following day for an afternoon encounter.

It appears that this will be the first time in south suburban area high school football history that one school has played two games on successive days.

To make schedule matters even worse, some original schedule sheets had Marian meeting a school names Willington on September 22. As it turned out a school by that name couldn't be found. A spelling error on the master schedule copy turned out to be the answer as it should have been Wilmington instead of the mistaken Willington.

"We'll just have to honor that September 29 date with Wilmington and the play Luther on the next afternoon, that's all we can do now," said Marian athletic director Bob Webb.

Through all the scheduling confusion, some things remain clear. Marian will face Glenwood School for Boys in the opener in Glenwood Saturday and then move into the ironman schedule the following two ball games.

Marian's first home game will be against St. Francis de Sales on October 7. All Marian home games will be played at Bloom's Memorial field.

This season Marian will be playing in the newly-organized Catholic Metropolitan conference, which consists of St. Francis de Sales, St. Francis of Wheaton, Angel Guardian, Little Flower and Maryville Academy of Des Plaines. Marian played basketball games against some of these same teams last year.

As the first game nears, Marian has some of its starting positions set to go. A veteran backfield will anchor the team, starting its first year under the reins of Joe DeSoto, former Hammond Bishop Noll freshman grid coach.

The backfield on opening day should line up with Joe Bijak at quarterback, Jack Schreiber and Bob McAvoy at halfbacks and Carl Swanson at fullback.

Swanson was named Marian's most valuable football performer last season. Mike Schreiber, Jack's sophomore brother, will be behind Bijak as the signal calling post, it was indicated.

In the front line, DeSoto will wend Jim Osika, a 185 pounder and either Joe Wojdula or Dean Bartolini, both 175, at tackles and Bob Bergin and Jim Addyman, both 160 and lettermen at guards.

The center position has been held down by 178 pound Jim Christ, another senior letterman. On the flanks, DeSoto will send either Frank Rossi or Dick Hamilton on the left side and Don Curran, a converted halfback, to the right side. Curran seems set for a starting end role.

Addyman suffered from an early practice session charley-horse last week, but has recovered and is seeing action as a first team guard. His running mate Bergin is a senior while Wojdula and Bartolini are both sophomores.