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Marian Makes Metro Start

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Marian will meet St. Francis De Sales of Chicago at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bloom high field in its first venture in the Catholic Metropolitan conference.

The Spartans, still recovering from a pair of humiliating defeats last week-end, have spent the week picking up the pieces of an offense which netted only six points while two opponents were running up a 58-point total.

Coach Joe DeSoto indicated he is seriously considering starting a pair of talented freshmen, quarterback Bob Dyke and halfback Steve Borgstrom, in an attempt to get some punch in the backfield.

“Some boys are not performing like we expected and there may be a lot more new faces in the lineup Saturday,” DeSoto said.

The 24-hour nightmare started for the Spartans Friday night when powerful Wilmington romped to a 39-6 homecoming victory and ended with a 19-0 whitewash by Luther South in the rain Saturday.

“The boys were very tired after the Wilmington game and we just didn’t have it,” DeSoto said. “We were in scoring territory several times against Luther but didn’t have enough gas to put it over.”

St. Francis also found the past week-end a little tough, losing to Thornton Fractional North, 33-15.

Scouting reports indicate the Spartans will have their hands full again Saturday. St. Francis makes use of a powerful running game with the added ability to strike quickly by air.

“Every man in their backfield can throw,” DeSoto said, “and they have big ends.”

Marian’s line, apparently unable to contain a running attack, will meet a big forward wall averaging near the 200-pound mark,” DeSoto said.

However, DeSoto, in his first year at Marian, is far from pessimistic. “We’ve been beaten good, but we have a fair chance to win the conference title,” he declared. “But it will depend upon how much the boys want to win it.”

Fullback Carl Swanson and halfback Bob McEvoy continue to lead the Spartans’ ground attack. Swanson gained 28 yards in eight carries and McEvoy 25 in seven attempts against Wilmington.