

**CHICAGO HEIGHTS STAR- Oct. 1, 1961**

## **Wilmington's Backs Chew Up Spartans**

Marian ran into a snarling den of Wilmington Wildcats celebrating a homecoming Friday night and were pretty well chewed up, 39-6, on the winner's field.

Wilmington, led by two powerful running of halfbacks, Jim Cooper and Barry Bock, rolled up 264 yards on the ground in addition to 128 on the air lanes. The Spartans managed 107 yards on the ground and 64 in the air.

The Cooper-Bock combination ran off 204 yards and scored five of the Wildcats touchdowns. Cooper, a 170-pound senior, tallied three times, once on a 19-yard pass from quarterback Don Raridon.

The seven bus loads of Marian students who jourined to Wilmington, had little to cheer about until late in the fourth quarter when quarterback Tom Bijak rolled 14 yards around right end for the Spartans' only score.

The consolation tally came with 2:31 remaining in the game after Carl Swanson had recovered a fumble on the Wilmington 42-yard line. On the next play Bijak tossed a 28-yard screen pass to Dick Hamilton, who was rolled out of bounds on the 14.

A moment later Bijak took the snap, rolled around right end went into paydirt untouched when Mike Schreiber threw a key block at the 5. Swanson's extra point was wide right.

The Wildcats showed signs of things to come when they marched 89 yards for the first touchdown with only 4:57 gone in the game.

Cooper took the opening kickoff but was nailed in his tracks at the 21. A penalty moved the ball half the distance back to the goal line on the 11. On the first play, Raridon caught Marian unaware and lofted a 57-yard aerial to Cooper who gathered it in at midfield and romped to the Spartans' 21.

Bock cracked off a first down on two carries to one 22, before Raridon picked of five on a bootleg around end. On the next play Bock scooped up a Copoer fumble on the 14 and went over untouched. Bock's extra-point try was wide.

Marian took the kickoff and moved to two quick first downs on a pair of 11-yard passes by Bijak, one to Don Curran and the other to halfback Mike Schreiber, but were forced to punt three plays later from the 46 yard line.

Wilmington took the ball in their own 30 and moved quickly to the Marian 6, mainly on the running of Cooper who reeled off a 31-yard jaunt around right end. But the Spartans were spared this time when Bob McEvoy fell on Bock's fumble in the end zone.

The Wildcats came knocking on the door again shortly before the end of the half when the Spartans, attempting a surprise reverse on fourth down on their own 11, was stopped short of a first down at the 21.

Cooper carried three straight times to the 1-yard line before Bock dover over for the score with 3:51 left. Bock picked up a bad pass from center and flipped an aerial to Mike Kaveney for the extra point.

The touchdown gates opened wide in the second as Cooper and Bock powered through large holes. The Wildcat line was ripping in the Marian forward wall.

Wilmington tallied twice in the third quarter and picked up two more in the fourth, before Spartan coach Edmund Murphy and Joe Devine, Marian mentor, cleared the benches.