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**Underclassmen Get Call**

**Marian Tries Rookies**

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Marian may take on next season's look a year early when it meets winless Little Flower of Chicago in a Catholic Metropolitan conference game at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bloom High field.

Coach Joe DeSoto, who saw his title hopes dashed by a 25-19 defeat at the hands of Maryville last Saturday, said he was planning to start an all-underclassmen team on offense against Little Flower.

"We still want second place," DeSoto said, "but it's about time we started working a little for next year."

The new backfield will be led by regular quarterback Joe Bijak, a junior. Junior Mike Kuhl is slated at fullback, and halfback duties will be split between junior Jack Schreiber, sophomores Jocko McEwen and Mike Schreiber, and freshman Steve Borgstrom.

Two juniors, Dick Hamilton and Jerry Lucas, will flank the young line. Hamilton, a regular end, was a standout on offense against Maryville, catching four passes for 84 yards and one touchdown.

Moving in with two regular sophomore linemen, guard Dean Bartolini and tackle Joe Wojdula, will be freshman Tom Bijak at guard, sophomore Larry Pilotto at center and junior Jim Pierson at tackle.

Moving up to the varsity for the last two games is talented freshman Jerry Nichols who has scored 10 touchdowns with the freshman squad this year.

However, DeSoto said his seniors will see plenty of action, especially on defense. The regular lineup will be inserted if the underclassmen fail to move, he added.

DeSoto blamed Saturday's loss on overconfidence after the Spartans had raced to a two touchdown lead.

"We got out in front on two quick drives then let down a little," DeSoto said. "Before we knew it, we were behind."

The real thorn in the Spartans side, however, was a heartbreaking call by one of the officials which cost Marian a touchdown.

On a fourth down play, the official whistled the ball dead when he thought the ball carrier had been tackled in a pileup at the line. However, the real back carrier, Mike Schreiber, was rambling loose for a touchdown.

"I was very unhappy and dissatisfied with one of the officials in the game," DeSoto declared. "That one call probably cost us the conference championship."

But DeSoto had nothing but praise for his battling Spartans. He singled out Mike Schreiber for his outstanding running. "He was the key to our whole backfield Saturday," DeSoto said.

The Marian coach also praised the work of quarterback Joe Bijak, halfback Bob McEvoy, fullback Carl Swanson, ends John Ryan and Dick Hamilton, and center Jim Christ.

Christ was injured and taken to the hospital, but examination showed only severely bruised ribs. He will be available for limited duty against Little Flower, DeSoto said.

The Lancers, who have lost all three starts in the conference, run out of a short punt formation.

The offense is directed by tailback Joe Moffatt, a talented 170-pound junior. Flanking Moffatt are seniors Tom Park and James Dine. Wingback in the versatile offense is sophomore Jack Dunne.

Little Flower's big line is led by left guard Tony Bruno who packs 215 pounds on this 5-9 frame. Bruno, an outstanding defensive player, was named lineman of the week Friday by a Chicago newspaper for his play in a scoreless tie with St. George's junior varsity.