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Marian Upset By St. Francis

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Marian lost all hopes for a winning season Saturday at Bloom field, losing to St. Francis of Wheaton 32-0 in the final game.

The loss gave the Spartans a 4-won, 5-lost slate and shoved them into third place in the final Catholic Metropolitan standings. Maryville is the champion and St. Francis de Sales the runnerup.

With injured quarterback Joe Bijak running the team for most of the contest, the Spartans were unable to unleash any attack, penetrating the St. Francis deep territory on just two occasions.

The Spartans looked like an entirely different team than which whipped Little Flower a week ago—displaying unsure offensive patterns and faulty tackling on defense. On the other hand, St. Francis, which had trouble winning this year, got its attack into high gear.

St. Francis looked anything like a team that had won only one of eight games, rapping the Spartan line and deep defense like a hatchet cutting wood.

The Knights from Wheaton opened up the scoring in the first period, scoring from 57 yards out in seven plays. Quarterback Steve Kelley rambled 30 yards for the score and then slipped by the Marian front wall for the extra point.

Kelley hit halfback Rich Grzenia with a 10-yard pass for the second Knight tally in the second period and added the extra point himself, again with a sneak.

Kelley didn't stop with the second marker as he engineered the Knight offense to a third tally. The quarterback didn't waste any time hitting paydirt the third time as he rifled a 15-yard pass to end Irish Sanders for the score. An intercepted Marian pass set up the third marker.

The fourth St. Francis score came on a 34-yard pass play from Kelley to halfback Brian Lentz. The extra-point was wide.

St. Francis ended its scoring for the afternoon with a 70-yard, eight play drive, capped by a five-yard touchdown run by halfback Paul Luehring. The point-after again was wide.

Marian coach Joe DeSoto shuffled his backfield corps, especially his quarterback, in an effort to get some sort of drive underway. As it turned out, it wasn't in the cards for the Spartans.

The contest was marred heavily by penalties, mostly of the 15-yard variety. Both teams were guilty of clipping and illegal use of hand infractions. One 15-yard Marian penalty aided the Knights in their third score.

It was the final game for seven Marian seniors, who along with their teammates, had high hopes for a winning season.

Linemen Jim Osika, Bob Bergin, Jim Christ and Don Curran and backs Carl Swanson and Bob McEvoy will discard their Spartan jerseys for the last time in what was a bitter defeat.

Young Marian quarterbacks Tim Tierney and Bob Dyke were installed at intervals for the injured Bijak, but neither could give the Spartan attack a semblance of potency.

Dyke hit on a 19-yard pass to Swanson in the first half and then connected with high scoring McEvoy on a 25-yard aerial the last play of the half. Neither airway effort led to anything, however.

St. Francis 32, Marian 0

First downs: St. Francis 10, Marian 8

Yards gained: St. Francis 234, Marian 163

Yards rushing: St. Francis 164, Marian 82

Yards passing: St. Francis 70 (4 of 8), Marian 81 (4 of 14, 2 INT)

Marian rushing: Swanson 8-29, McEvoy 7-19, M. Schreiber 5-20, McEwen 2-13.

Marian passing: Dyke 3 of 9, 71 yards, 2 INT; Tierney 0 of 3; Swanson 1 of 2, 10 yards.

Marian receiving: McEvoy 3-62, Swanson 1-19.