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Wide Open Game

Marian Loses on TD Ruling

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The work of Maryville academy triple threat star John Abraham and an official's peculiar decision proved most costly to Marian Saturday as the Spartans were defeated 25-19 in a wide open game at Bloom field.

Abraham, the Academy's 175 pound fullback, was instrumental in all of his team's scoring, chalking up three touchdowns himself and passing for another.

Marian's scores came on a one-yard sneak by quarterback Joe Bijak; a 31-yard pass play from Bijak to end Dick Hamilton, and a 15-yard run by halfback Bob McEvoy. Another touchdown run of 57 yards by halfback Mike Schreiber was nullified due to an oddity in an official's call.

The oddity occurred when the officials had whistled a line play dead. As it turned out, the officials thought the ball carrier had been tackled in a pile-up, but the real ball carrier, Schreiber, was rambling loose for a touchdown. After a short confab, the officials awarded the ball to Maryville.

Marian started out to make the outcome a rout. The Spartans ran 16 consecutive plays and tallied twice before the invaders from Des Plaines could get their hands on the pigskin.

Using a quick huddle, Coach Joe DeSoto's charges raced 70 yards in 12 plays for the first score and then picked up a Maryville fumble on the ensuing kickoff to set up their second.

A 23-yard pass play from Bijak to his favorite targe, Hamilton, was the big play in the 40-yard second touchdown drive. Bijak then fired to Hamilton again, this time in the end zone for the score.

But when Maryville first got its hands on the ball, it made it click. Seven plays from 30-yards out netted the first Academy marker, capped by a 10-yard trap play by Abraham.

Maryville first showed how its offense really works in the second quarter when it put on a 71-yard sustained march in 10 plays for the score and a 13-12 halftime lead.

Abraham found end Ken Cameron loose in the end zone hit him with a 15-yard aerial for the marker. An Abraham to Pete Kaiser pass gave the Academy eleven its first point after touchdown.

Maryville took command of the action in the third period, scoring twice. Abraham hauled in quarterback Al Raya's pass and outraced the Marian defenders 44 yards to the end zone and the third Academy tally. Abraham's point-after attempt was unsuccessful.

Maryville halfback Al Sabanas intercepted a Bijak pass on the Marian 20 and carried the ball to the Spartan five to set up the final Academy touchdown. Sabanas bucked the Spartan line for no gain, but on the next play, Raya rifled a short pass to Abraham for the score.

Marian bounced back in the final quarter to score the period's only touchdown. First having control of the football at midfield, the Spartans covered the distance in eight plays- McEvoy running 15-yards for the touchdown.

In winning the important Catholic Metropolitan conference game, Maryville crept closer to the title, winning its third game in four tries. For the Spartans it was their first loss against one win. Marian has two league games to play, while the Academy has finished its league slate.

Vicious tackling and blocking on both sides highlighted action- with several injuries proving it. Several Spartans were shaken up only later to return to action. One Spartan, center Jim Christ was unable to return to the game, after being removed to the hospital on a stretcher. Christ had only missed 10 plays in six games prior to the incident.

MARYVILLE 25, MARIAN 19

First downs: Maryville 5, Marian 13

Yards gained: Maryville 213; Marian 274

Yards rushing: Maryville 94, Marian 181

Yards passing: Maryville 118 (6 of 13), Marian 93 (5 of 9, 2 INT)

Marian rushing: J. Schreiber 3-27, McEvoy 9-49 (TD), M. Schreiber 7-31, Swanson 16-44, J. Bijak 7-16 (TD).

Marian passing: J. Bijak 5 of 9, 93 yards, 1 TD, 2 INT.

Marian receiving: Hamilton 4-84 (TD); M. Schreiber 1-9