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**Victory Will Do It**

**Marian Bids for Winning Campaign  
Defends Second Place**

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A lot of "if" are floating in front of Marian as the Spartans prepare for their season finale with St. Francis of Wheaton at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bloom field.

The question marks are centered around a second-place finish in the Catholic Metropolitan conference finish, a 5-won, 4-lost overall record and the first winning football season in the school's history.

First-year Spartan coach Joe DeSoto would like these question marks to turn up with a happy ending, but that can only happen if Marian can garner a victory.

The Spartans can hold second place in the Metropolitan loop if they can whip the Knights, a team that has been looking for a winning combination all season. The St. Francis club has won only one of eight games this season.

A tie would shove Marian into a second-place tie with St. Francis de Sales, which has completed its seson and is one of four teams the Spartans have conquered.

A loss would send the Marian gridders into third place, behind champion Maryville and runnerup De Sales. Maryville defeated the Spartans 25-19 two weeks ago.

As the final game approaches, DeSoto is pleased with two things about his club. He voiced praise for his young defensive unit, terming the job it has done as "remarkable and hard-nosed."

The youthful coach also was pleased over the team's point total and the Spartans work against opponent' scoring totals. Marian has an overall edge over its opponents in points- 141 to 127.

Marian's big wins were 52-0 over Angel Guardian and 34-0 over Little Flower last Saturday. A 39-6 drubbing by Wilmington was Marian's most lopsided defeat.

Marian's attack of late has been centered around the running of senior Bob McEvoy, the area's leading point producer, and the steadying influence of junior signal-caller Joe Bijak, who will not perform in Saturday's festivities however.

DeSoto said his quarterback would be out of action due to a dislocated shoulder injury suffered in the Little Flower game last Saturday. In Bijak's place, the Spartans mentor will send freshmen Bob Dyke and Tim Tierney to the quarterbacking job.

With McEvoy, who has scored 52 points this season, Swanson and Mike Schreiber in the backfield, DeSoto feels his club's chances for a win are still alive.

Dick Hamilton, a sure-handed junior end, will again man one flank on offense and senior Don Curran will bolster the other outpost.

The interior line, which has gained experience and confidence in every tilt, is comprised of seniors Jim Osika and Bob Bergin; junior Larry Pilotta and sophomore tackles Joe Wojdula and Dean Bartolini.

St. Francis coach Robert Murray, also in his first year at the helm, will counter with a light, but speedy ball club.

The Marian defense is comprised of seniors, juniors and a sprinkling of underclassmen. Comparatively young, the Marian defensemen have held opponents to two shutouts and on two occasions to single touchdowns.

Bergin, Swanson and Pilotta, along with freshman Tom Bijak bolster the defense from their linebacking posts and freshman Tierney, Jerry Lucas and Mike Schreiber are the deep backs.

Osika is the interior line's anchor with seniors Frank Rossi and John Ryan covering plays from their end posts.

An all-senior team, except for just three juniors, St. Francis employs a split-T, occasional spread attack, similar to that of Maryville, which swept under the Spartans.

Steve Kelly, as 175 pound senior, calls the shots for the Knights with backfield assistance from halfbacks Pat Luehring and Jim Kloud and senior fullback and team captain Jim Newhous.

The Knight line falls a bit short in the weight department with junior John Sidman at 210 pounds and senior Al McNair at 185, the biggest performers.

Seniors Jim Beier (145) and Irish Sanders (140) go at the end posts, with John Walker (145) and Sidman at guards; Jim Kehoe (165) and McNair the tackles, and Dan Boyce (165) at center.

St. Francis de Sales downed the Knights in their last tilt, 12-0 on two blocked punts. Marian defeated de Sales 12-6.