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The Big Test

Andrean Will Be Marian's Toughest Foe

By Don Zeller

Marian will be seeking its second straight home victory when it meets high-powered Andrean Catholic of Gary Saturday at Bloom High field.

Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. following a frosh-soph encounter which will start at noon.

Both teams are fresh from high scoring victories last Saturday. Marian overwhelmed Angel Guardian of Chicago 52-0, while Andrean humbled St. Francis de Sales of Chicago 48-6. The Spartans beat St. Francis two weeks ago, 12-6.

Coach Joe DeSoto said he was pleased with the offensive showing against Angel Guardian. "It gave our kids a lot of confidence and showed we could score," he commented.

DeSoto pulled his first string backfield after the Spartans had run up a 20-0 lead. The frosh-soph backfield directed by freshman Bob Dyke continued to pile up yardage with freshmen Steve Bergstrom and Tom Bijak adding scores.

"The game gave our freshmen a change to really show their stuff," DeSoto said. "They are beginning to give the depth we need."

Senior defensive tackle and offensive center Jim Christ continues to be a standout performer in the line. The 200-pound lineman has been in for all but 10 plays in five games.

The Marian backfield has been bolstered by hard-running halfback Mike Kohl. The junior speedster is slated for a lot of action Saturday, DeSoto said.

Andrean, called by DeSoto, "the best team we will play all year," is led by high scoring Dale Marino, who tops the Gary area in scoring with 68 points. Marino, who carries 172 pounds on his 5-8 frame, tallied three times against St. Francis.

At the other half is 180-pound speedster Richard Stachert, a threat with his speed around the ends.

The all-junior squad, which beat Marian 14-12 last year as sophomores, is directed by quarterback Tom Franko, 170. Franko engineers a deceptive winged-T attack which also has a lot of power, DeSoto said.

The Fifty-Niners, coached by Red Doronbos, have a line averaging around the 190 mark.

"They're big and really have the horses," DeSoto remarked, "but we're about ready for a big test."