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Spartans' Schedule: Two for the Road

The time has arrived for Marian to face the highly unusual on its football schedule. The Spartans will play two road games in less than 24 hours Friday and Saturday.

Coach Joe DeSoto's club will travel to Wilmington Friday night to partake in Homecoming festivities there and head north to Chicago for an afternoon battle with Luther South on Saturday.

The back-to-back games resulted, of course, from an error in scheduling. Marian was to originally play Wilmington last Friday night, but it turned out that the Wildcats had a prior engagement with Crete-Monee. In order to honor the schedule, Marian is forced to play games on successive days.

It will be the first time in the history of south suburban area football that one school will be called up on the play two games, yet alone traveling dates, on successive days.

The whole matter has caused great worry in the Marian camp. Yet DeSoto and his Spartan charges have confidence in the outcome of the two tilts.

DeSoto is especially concerned about his line, which was dealt a big blow with the loss of junior mainstay Jim Addyman, who suffered a broken ankle in the Glenwood opener.

"I hope our line can hold up through these two games," said DeSoto, who has been running his charges through defensive paces since the Spartans edged Glenwood 12-7 two weeks ago.

The injury to Addyman has forced DeSoto to make some changes in the front wall. Sophomore Joe Wojdula, who tips the scales at 190, has been working in Addyman's spot opposite Bob Bergin, a 165 pound senior.

According to DeSoto, Wojdula has looked good in workouts and seems to be acclimating himself to the guard post.

With the proximity of the two games, DeSoto indicated that he would alternate his linemen, sending in fresh players at every opportunity.

The coach said he would call on Jim Osika, veteran, co-captain, and converted center Jim Christ for duty at tackles, along with 198 pound Dean Bartolini and 240 pound Bill Adler. He added that Christ would also work at center.

Newcomer John Ryan will be seeing some service as a defensive end, DeSoto said. The offensive flankers will be seniors Dick Hamilton and Don Curran, DeSoto said.

Bob Bosau and Frank Vesci will see some guard work. Vesci weighs 208 pounds, while Bosau is an 156 pound sophomore.

The Spartan backfield seems to be intact. This puts junior Joe Bijak at quarterback; Bob McEvoy and Jack Schreiber at halfbacks and senior Carl Swanson at fullback. DeSoto said sophomores Jocko McEwen and Mike Schreiber would be seeing action at halfback as well.

Bijak, who completed only one of seven passes against Glenwood in the opener, seems fully recovered from an arm injury. The quarterback's recovery might indicate that DeSoto has "souped-up" his attack with some aerial stunts.

At Wilmington, Marian will be meeting a team that likes to pass and run slants off a wing-T of both single and double variations. Fresh from Friday's rain-soaked tie with Crete-Monee, Wilmington is coached by Ed Murphy and led by backs Don Raridon, Barry Bock and Rick Danley.

The Wildcats' only loss in eight games last year was a 20-19 job to St. Patrick of Kankakee. Quarterback Raridon, a proficient passer, heads up the 'Cat offense.

Target for Raridon's passes is junior Mick Kaveney. Bock, an extremely talented punter, is also a sprinter, who can reel off 100 yards in 10.5. The Wilmington line is anchored by Bill Hall, 170 pound guard, and John Crishton and Bob Henke, 205 pound tackles.

Luther South has dropped its first two games, losing to Racine (Wis.) Lutheran 7-6 and Bogan, a new Chicago public high school, 12-0, in the rain last Saturday.

Second-year Luther coach Carl Stedman bases wing-T and straight formation attacks around the quarterbacking of Chuck Schmidt and Dan Anderson; running of halfbacks Joe Widlicka and Jay Lyons, and the plunging of fullback Jim Reiser.

South has a pony backfield with seniors Widlicka, Lyons and Reiser all weighing 160 pounds. Anderson is the team's best thrower, Stedman indicated.

Ed Doyle, a 205 pound tackle and center Dave Tanner at 210 are the South mainstays in the line.