

**CHICAGO HEIGHTS STAR- Sept. 16, 1962**

## **Abraham, Maryville Spoil Spartans' Season Opener**

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Marian had one mission in life Saturday— stop Maryville Academy's John Abraham. The Spartans didn't do it.

Running over and around the stunned Spartans, young Mr. Abraham had a hand in 19 points as the Des Plaines team romped to a 31-0 victory over Marian at Bloom field in a game which served as the season and Metropolitan Catholic conference openers for both teams.

Abraham finished his day's work with 110 rushing yards, two pass receptions for 25 yards and one pass completion for 25 more.

The Spartans made a battle of it in the first half, but a series of third quarter mistakes turned the game into a rout.

Maryville's first thrust was halted by a fumble but the Academy got a break moments later when Marian's Julian Grozzi fumbled a pass from center on a punt attempt.

After taking over on the Spartan 35, it appeared the visitors were going nowhere when Abraham chased down a bad pass from center for a 16-yard loss.

But, Abraham passes 26 yards to Mike Spenser, then circled left end for 25 more yards and a 6-0 lead.

Marian's only threat of the day followed as the Spartans, behind the running of junior Mike Schreiber and sophomore Jerry Nicolas, marched from their own 11 to Maryville's 29 before losing the ball.

Three plays later, Maryville was on top 12-0. Abraham circled right end for 44 yards, left end for 13 and right end for 14.

The Des Plaines squad really applied the pressure in the third period. Marian inexplicably failed to punt on a fourth down and six situation at its own 14 and the Academy quickly capitalized.

Abraham legged it 15 yards around right end for the score three plays later.

Three plays after the kickoff, Maryville's Pat Donley intercepted a Bob Dyke pass and raced 11 yards to the Spartan end zone.

Late in the third period, Tim Tierney was tackled on the Marian 14 while attempting to pass and lost the ball. Four plays later, Academy quarterback Pete Kaiser elbowed over for the score.

A sixth Academy touchdown was nullified by a penalty in the fourth period.

Marian had a 134-132 edge in rushing yardage, thanks mainly to 63 yards from Nicolas and 50 from Mike Schreiber.

But the Spartans' aerial game, which Coach Joe DeSoto earlier had said "must produce," provided only three yards. . . and four Marian tosses were intercepted.

**Maryville Academy 31, Marian 0**

**First downs:** Marian 10, Maryville 0

**Yards rushing:** Marian 134, Maryville 132

**Yards passing:** Marian 3 (1 of 10, 4 INT), Maryville 72 (7 of 11, 2 INT)

**Fumbles lost:** Marian 1, Maryville 2

**Yards penalized:** Marian 52, Maryville 44

**Marian rushing:** Jerry Nicholas 11-63, Mike Schreiber 10-50, Joe Bijak 11-21, Jack Schreiber 3-14, Tim Tierney 2-(minus 6), Julian Grozzi 1-(minus 8).

**Marian passing:** Bob Dyke 1 of 7, 3 yards, 3 INT; Tim Tierney 0 of 3, 1 INT.

**Marian receiving:** Dick Hamilton 1-3