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Spartans Sputter

DeSales Hits Marian

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St. Francis de Sales thought it was the perfect football host Friday night, but Marian had other ideas on that subject.

St. Francis won the important Catholic Metropolitan conference contest 20 to 6 at Gately stadium in Chicago.

It was St. Francis' first conference and season win in three starts and third straight loss for the Spartans.

Actually the game was a 50-50 split affair — Marian stealing the statistical show and the Pioneers the football game.

The winners piled up a 13 to 0 halftime advantage and were never headed. Marian's attack rolled for 201 total yards, but the Spartans sputtered in key situations, especially, within touchdown range.

The Pioneers aided their winning cause by recovering four Marian fumbles and intercepting two Spartan aeriels. Marian converted one Pioneer fumble into its only score of the night.

It was the passing arm of St. Francis quarterback Frank Wilhelm and the hard-charging rushes of fullback Augie Schultz that spelled defeat for the Chicago Heights eleven.

Wilhelm hit on six of 13 passes for 54 yards and one touchdown while Schultz rambled all over the lot for 60 yards and 4.3 per carry try. He also scored one touchdown.

Marian's big ground gainers were sophomore halfback Jerry Nicholas (49 yards in six carries) and senior fullback Joe Bijak (43 yards in eight tries).

"Fundamental mistakes hurt us again," said Marian coach Joe DeSoto, who praised the running of the Pioneers' Schultz.

"He's one the best runners in the league- no doubt about it- he hurt us bad," said the Spartan mentor.

St. Francis only gained 93 yards on the ground all night with Schultz knifing his way for nearly three-quarters of the total.

St. Francis, playing an eight man defensive line, forced Marian to go wide and throw several flat passes.

Marian's success in performing offensive maneuvers was limited. Quarterback Tim Tierney whipped a 52 yarder to halfback Mike Schreiber in the first period for the longest completion of the night.

This was just one of many Marian long-gainers that just didn't quite get the job done.

If it hadn't been for the Marian center Larry Pilotto, the Spartans might have been shutout. The alert pivot man fell on a de Sales fumble on the St. Francis 2 yard line midway in the third peiod.

It took the Spartans just one play to score- Bijak cutting over into the end zone. Julian Grossi's point after was low and wide.

After a scoreless first quarter, St. Francis broke the ice with a seven point play in the second period. The score came by the way of a fumble by Marian halfback Jack Schreiber.

Pioneer end Ken Truse fell on the loose ball in the end zone after Schreiber had fumbled on his own 1 yard line.

Schultz intercepted a Tierney pass on the Marian 27 late in the second period to set up the second Pioneer marker.

Seven plays later, Schultz plunged over from the 2. The extra point was wide and St. Francis had its 13 point halftime bulge.

After Marian had come back to score in the third period, St. Francis iced the contest with a fourth period tally. The touchdown drive covered 43 yards in seven plays – Wilhelm passing the final three yards to halfback Jim Nasella for the score.

The Pioneer quarterback then found Nasella alone in the end zone again, hitting him with the extra-point pass.

Marian's rotating quarterbacks- Tierney and Bob Dyke combined for five completions in 15 tosses, good for 88 yards. Tierney hit on two of nine and Dyke three of six.

Marian led in all statistical departments, except penalties. St. Francis was penalized 80 yards for rules infractions and the Spartans 40.

Marian outrushed its foe 113 yards to 93; outpassed the Pioneers 88 to 54 yards and led in total yards 201 to 147. Marian accumulated nine first downs to St. Francis' eight. The Spartans lost the ball on fumbles four times and the Pioneers three.