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It's Unusual But. . .

Marian Is Confident

DeSales, Foe In CMC Game, Also Winless

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It's unusual, to say the least, but an air optimism pervades this week in the football camp of Marian's winless Spartans.

Despite two straight setbacks, every manjack on the Spartan roster, from Coach Joe DeSoto down to the last substitute, is confident of success Friday night when Marian faces St. Francis DeSales.

The Metropolitan Catholic Conference encounter (Marian's second, DeSales' first loop game) will be played at Gately stadium, 103rd street and Cottage Grove, beginning at 8 p.m.

Spartan enthusiasm stems from a greatly-improved performance in last Saturday's 20-12 loss to Plainfield, plus the fact that the DeSales team is slow, inexperienced, and winless, too.

DeSales dropped an 18-6 opener to St. Viator of Arlington Heights, then fell 33-12 to Chicago DeLaSalle last week.

In an effort to take advantage of the host team's lack of speed Friday, DeSoto has added another sprinter to his "pony" backfield. He has moved Jack Schreiber from halfback to fullback, partly because of the speed factor and partly because regular fullback Joe Bijak is nursing a back injury suffered last Saturday.

Joe Bijak is expected to play Friday, however as is younger brother Tom Bijak (middle linebacker) and tackle Jim Pierson— another pair of walking wounded. Both picked up severe charley horses in their last outing.

With Jack Schreiber joining either Tim Tierney or Bob Dyke at quarterback and two of the Jerry Nicholas – Mike Schreiber – Mike Kuhl halfback trio, Spartan backs will average a feathery 150 pounds a player.

Ends Dick Hamilton and John Patti, tackles Dean Bartolini and Pierson, guards Joe Wojdula and Jim Addyman and center Larry Pilotto comprise the Marian forward wall.

DeSales Coach Ed Stelmaszek has only four lettermen in his starting lineup and bemoans the overall "green" hue of his squad. Three of the veterans are back – quarterback Frank Wilhelm, right half Jim Nasella and fullback Augie Schultz. The other monogram winner is tackle Joe Zvonkovich.