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## **Golden Toe, Errant Pass; Plainfield Beats Marian Huskie Wildcats Wear Down Lighter Foe in Second Half**

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Plainfield tackle Bob Searle's golden toe provided the lid for Marian's coffin Saturday and an errant Spartan pass from center late in the fourth period was the final nail.

The result was a 20-12 setback for Marian in the Bloom field attraction, second for the Spartans in as many outings.

However, Marian Coach Joe DeSoto still could find a silver lining in the black clouds of defeat, for any resemblance between the Spartans' performance of Saturday and their 31-0 opening-day loss to Maryville was at best accidental.

Marian twice held the lead in the contest, scoring on long passes by sophomore Tim Tierney, but the huskie Wildcats finally wore down their hosts.

Two extra points from placement by Searle actually made the difference, since the final Plainfield score was an outright gift.

Marian scored the second time it had the ball, taking over on the Wildcat 34 after Plainfield's Rick Jewett managed only a 10-yard punt with the wind at his back.

On a fourth down and 14 situation at the Plainfield 27, Tierney spotted senior halfback Mike Kuhl keeping company with no one on the Wildcat goal line and lofted a floater into his arms.

Kuhl played "hot potato" for a moment, but finally clasped it to his tummy and stepped into the end zone for six points.

Randy Dewar, Plainfield's aerial arm, got the tally back midway through the second period. With the ball on Marian's 49, Dewar arched a long one into the wind toward Bob Hill on the Spartan 20.

Bob Dyke was back to defend and made the mistake of trying to intercept. Despite a well-timed leap, the ball eased over Dyke's finger tips into the waiting hands of Hill, who ambled over the goal to tie the score.

The tie lasted only until Searle's extra point made it 7-6 and that was the way the two teams left the field at the half.

Undaunted, Marian marched for its second touchdown moments into the third period. Five rushing plays moved the ball 16 yards to Plainfield's 41 and here Tierney took over.

He sent flanker Mike Schreiber deep into the right flat, drawing a Plainfield defender with him, then ushered halfback Jerry Nicolas into the defensive gap. Nicolas grabbed Tierney's pass in full stride and went zooming home for a 12-7 Marian lead.

The visitors, however, went ahead to stay early in the fourth period, marching 60 yards in five plays and abetted by a 15-yard penalty against the Spartans.

The Wildcats also were extracting quite a physical toll as they moved: Five Marian gridgers were flattened at one time or another during the march, two on the same play.

Key maneuver for the Wildcats was a pass-lateral play which ended with Dewar throwing 28 yards to Roger McGrath on the Spartan six. Wing back Jewett circled right to left for the score on the very next play and Searle made it 14-12.

On the next series of downs, Spartan punter Julian Grozzi had to eat the ball on the Marian 8-yard line after a bad pass from center. The play cost the losers 30 yards. Dewar's three-yard fourth-down pass to McGrath provided the final touchdown.

Plainfield had a 160-119 edge in yardage, most of it coming from Dewar's seven completions for 104 yards. Tierney's 68 aerial yards and Nicholas' 40 on the ground accounted for the bulk of Marian's total.