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Winless Spartans Invade Coach DeSoto's Home City

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Gary native Joe DeSoto returns home. . . with about as much enthusiasm as Daniel entering the lions' den.

Such a "lack" is understandable when you consider that DeSoto will be sending his winless Marian football Spartans against powerful Andean Catholic in a Saturday night (8 p.m.) clash at Gilroy Stadium.

For the faithful, Gilroy Stadium is located a few blocks south of the Tri-State expressway's Grant street exit in Gary.

Any hopes that DeSoto has of springing an upset come from (a) an improved, though losing, performance against Wheaton St. Francis last Saturday, and (b) a few offensive surprises which he doesn't care to make public.

But the cold, hard facts of the matter are that Andean Coach Richard (Red) Dornbos will field a starting team that includes 10 veterans from the 1961 squad— which scored a 31-6 victory over the Spartans.

Andean's attack is built around senior right halfback Dale Marino, Gary area scoring champion last season, and three other backs whom even DeSoto regards highly— Dave Mills, Richard Stackert and Jim Hysong.

If Andean has a weakness, it could be at quarterback where neither Dave Coval nor Jim Coachys, both junior newcomers, have been able to lay claim to a full-time starting job.

Andean, as school of 1,500 students, has a 5-1 record to date, opening with victories over Chesterton (13-6), Gary Froebel (14-7), Wheaton St. Francis (20-7) and Hobart River Forest (16-13) before losing to Hobart (21-7). Last week, Andean defeated Muskegon, Mich., Central Catholic, 14-6.

Marian will be without the services of soph halfback Mike Schreiber Saturday. Mike, the team's No 3 ground gainer, suffered a badly-bruised hip in a 13-6 loss to Wheaton St. Francis last Saturday. X-rays revealed no fracture but the injury is serious enough to keep the young speedster sidelined this week.

Jack Schreiber, who took brother Mike's spot Saturday and gained 46 yards in 11 carries, will get the starting call along side of soph Jerry Nicholas, with Mike Kuhl in reserve.

Joe Bijak will be at fullback, with Tim Tierney and Bob Dyke the alternating quarterbacks. Tierney also could see halfback service, if needed.

On the Spartan front line will be ends Dick Hamilton and John Patti, tackles Jim Pierson and Dean Bartolini and guards Joe Wojdula and Joe Krusinski and center Larry Pilotto.

Krusinski did a "real good" job filling in for co-captain Jim Addyman last week, according to DeSoto. Addyman, of course, is out for the season with a fractured jaw.

All DeSoto asks Saturday night is a little help from Lady Luck in the scoring department. "We've moved the ball well all season," he laments, "but we just can't score."

The statistics bear him out. Despite four straight losses, the Spartans have a 36-34 edge in first downs over their foes and trail by only 22 yards in the total yardage department, 624 to 602. Nicholas (200 yards

in 29 carries) and Tierney (seven pass completions for 178 yards) have accounted for the lion's share of Marian's gains.

But a look at the scoreboard isn't quite as cheerful. The Spartans have been outpointed 83-24 in four outings.

"If only we could break loose Saturday. . ." DeSoto says dreamily. He can't think of a finer time.