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Little Flower Leveled

Third Straight for Marian

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Marian opened its home football season on the winning side, downing Little Flower 12-0 in a Catholic Metropolitan conference game at Bloom field Saturday.

It was the third straight win for the Spartans and second in a row in the CMC where they rank one loss behind league leading Maryville.

The Spartans gained 229 yards on the ground, but had the bulk of their success in a strong defensive game as they held Little Flower to 30 yards on the ground.

In the second half Marian's defense held so tight the Little Flower was limited to a minus total of six yards.

Marian went into the contest determined to register the victory for linebacker Bob "Jocko" McEwen, who was out of action with a concussion suffered in a non-football accident.

The Spartans scored their first touchdown with 1:15 left to play in the first half when quarterback Dennis Schmal completed a 39 yard drive by running over from the 15.

Ken Alger started Marian towards pay dirt when he recovered a Little Flower fumble by Bob Swanson.

On the next play, Steve Bergstrom ripped off a 29 yard gain to set up a first and goal to go on the 10. The Spartans were charged with backfield in motion before Schmal carried over for the score.

Marian made an earlier bid and moved within four yards of a touchdown but, Bill Dietz intercepted a Tim Tierney pass to kill off the drive.

Tom Bijak and Ken Alger, two of defensive standouts, teamed up to give the Spartans their final score with 4:35 left to play.

Little Flower dropped punter Bill Harris back to kick from the 10 yard line. Bijak rushed in to block the ball and Alger fell on it in the end zone for the score.

Marian had a total of 12 first downs for the contest while Little Flower was held to three, all in the first half.