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Hasten to Wheaton

Spartans on Speed Spree

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“Maybe we’re on our way,” Coach Joe DeSoto summed up his Marian’s football team’s outlook after a victory over Lockport West.

The Spartans were vastly improved in whipping West 25-20.

“They had the desire and never let down,” DeSoto cheerfully stated. “This one they said was for Tim (Tierney) and Joe (Krusinski).”

Captain Krusinski, a guard, and Tierney, the number one signal caller, were both out of action with injuries.

It is expected that the pair will be back for some action when the Spartans journey to Wheaton Saturday for a Catholic Metropolitan conference game with St. Francis.

Marian’s undefeated frosh-soph will play at noon, while the varsity game is slated for 2 p.m.

St. Francis will be looking for its first win of the year after losing to St. Procopius 25-14 and Immaculate Conception 19-6.

DeSoto made one change in the lineup that appeared to pay off with, Larry Pilotto shifted back to center after an experiment at fullback in the first game.

This gave the Spartans a swift moving backfield of Mike Schreiber, Jerry Nicolas and Steve Bergstrom.

Nicolas galloped to a pair of touchdowns on 36 and 22 yard runs. Schreiber raced 51 yards for the final score.

Dennis Schmal did a capable job of filling in at quarterback for the injured Tierney, while Len Ignelzi earned the top reserve spot at running back.

Schmal’s performance last week will give him another crack at starting even with the return of Tierney.

“This will give me a chance to try Tierney as a fullback replacement for Schreiber and also could mean I will have two quarterbacks with game time under their belts,” DeSoto explained.

Three more players who will see a great deal more action are linemen Ken Alger, 165-pound senior; Terry Prokup, a 205-pound junior, and junior Jim Corradetti, 155.

DeSoto pointed out that there could be at least two more changes in the lineup by the time Saturday arrives. “We’re simply going to have the 11 best men on the field.”

Leading the Spartans in rushing is Nicolas, who has gained 143 yards and owns a 10.2 average per carry. Next in line is Schreiber with a total of 126 yards, while Bergstrom follows on 93.

John Mulhollan tops the pass receivers with two catches for 26 yards from a team total that has netted 75 yards on nine completions in 16 attempts.