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Marian Faces Rebels

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Marian's injury-riddled Spartans will be gunning for an upset win Saturday when they travel to Lansing for a game with TF South.

It will be the last road trip for Marian, which will be at home for games with St. Anne, Crete-Monee and Marmion Military in the final three weeks.

Coach Joe DeSoto fears injuries may wreck his team's chances for a successful season.

Lost for the season is veteran linebacker Jocko McEwen, who suffered a brain concussion while practicing wrestling holds with a friend.

Fullback Mike Schreiber who has earned three football letters, hasn't come back from a foot injury and DeSoto fears he also may be out for the year.

DeSoto is hoping that guard and linebacker Tom Bijak will be ready for TF South. A knee injury kept him on the sidelines last week.

The Rebels are ready to unload, since they dropped their last two starts, the most recent to TF North, 21-0.

With Schreiber out, Len Ignelzi, a 150-pound junior, will get the starting call at fullback.

Slated for some spot work are juniors Jim Hannigan and Dane Mattio. Mattio is only 5-3 and weighs about 130 pounds, but can pour on the speed when he has a chance.

"I've been toying with the idea of changing the offense pattern around to give my halfbacks more of a chance to run," DeSoto reported.

This would effect Steve Bergstrom and Jerry Nicholas, who have been the mainstays among the backs.

Marian's defense has been one of the strongest in the area, with the chief weakness coming on pass defense, though DeSoto thinks he may have the difficulty solved.