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Comes From Behind

Reserve QB Sparks Marian

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Quarterback fill-in Dennis Schmal and an oft-exploding Marian ground game brought the Spartans back from a halftime deficit to whip Lockport West 25-20 Saturday.

It was the first victory of the year for Marian after a loss in last week's opener. Lockport West, a new school, is still winless in two tries.

Marian played the entire game without captain and two-way guard Joe Krusinski and regular quarterback Tim Tierney. Both were sidelined with injuries.

Marian came back twice, after Lockport led 6-0 and 13-6. The Chicago Heights team scored its third and winning touchdown on a double reverse with less than five minutes left to play.

Defense had become only a memory by the fourth quarter, but in the first half, only Lockport could score. West's Wally Helix blocked an attempted quick-kick by Julio Grozzi, then recovered on the 12. Chuck Harris eventually scored from the 2 yard line for Lockport.

After that, it was all Marian.

Marian drove 75 yards only to be stopped in the second quarter, but the breaks evened up long enough for Marian to pull into a tie late in the third period. Lockport's Doug Brieden, attempting to lateral after catching a pass, threw wildly, and Marian's Mike Schreiber recovered on the enemy 42. Two plays later, Jerry Nicolas went 36 yards over his own right tackle and down the sidelines to score.

Lockport moved ahead again, two plays later, when Harris got behind the Marian secondary, grabbed a pass from John Buerger, and galloped 51 yards to the Marian 7. Harris took off again on the next play to score around left end.

Harris, who scored all but one of West's points Saturday, ran for the extra point to put Lockport ahead 13-6.

The Spartans closed the gap with 9:22 left in the game when Schreiber broke through the West defense on a delayed trap from 15 yards out, then moved ahead for good on the Schmall-to-Steve Bergstrom-to-Nicolas reverse. The winning play went 22 yards, and was set up by one of Buerger's two costly fumbles.

Bergstrom scored the last Marian touchdown on a 19-yard sweep with less than two minutes to play, and Grozzi added the Spartans' first extra point of the day.

On the first play after the Marian kickoff, Harris went 77 yards to score his 19th point, and the conversion was good.