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Stout Defense

Marian's Long Strikes Spill St. Francis

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Marian's Spartans threw a stout defense and three long distance scoring strikes at St. Francis of Wheaton Saturday to mark up their first Metropolitan Catholic conference win, 19-0.

Steve Bergstrom scored two touchdowns and Jerry Nicolas the third as the Spartans evened their conference record.

But the major role went to Marian's defense, which locked St. Francis' ground game in a grip which allowed only 95 yards.

Bergstrom scored first on a 60-yard run and later took a pass from Tim Tierney to count another touchdown on a 50-yard play.

Nicolas scored in the closing minutes of the last quarter on a 48 yard run to cap the point total. Mike Schreiber ran over the extra point after the first touchdown.

Schreiber, who has been the Spartans' top runner, was sidelined for the game with an injury near the end of the first half, but Bergstrom took up the slack.

The latter paved the way for his own first touchdown midway in the first period when he intercepted a pass by John Maher and was tackled on the Spartan 30.

Two succeeding plays brought Marian a first down on the 40. Bergstrom scooted the remaining 60 yards for the score on the next play.

In the middle of the second quarter, working from the midfield stripe, Tierney ran to the west sidelines while fading to pass, fired cross-field to Bergstrom, and the latter raced down the east sidelines for the second touchdown.

Julio Grozzi's kick attempt for the extra point was blocked as was his last try in the fourth quarter.

That closing touchdown, like the first one, was set up by a pass interception. Greg Rohlf intercepted an aerial thrown by Greg Prouix and was tackled on the St. Francis 48.

On the next play, Nicolas cracked over his own right tackle and scampered to the final touchdown.

For St. Francis, the loss was the third of the season.

Marian rolled up 214 yards on the ground and 69 in the air.