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Vikes Turn on Power, Crush Marian

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Homewood-Flossmoor crunched out a workaday 24-6 victory Saturday over an outweighed and outgunned Marian team in the football opener at Flossmoor.

The Vikings, striking twice in the first half and doubling that in the third period, rarely let the Spartans show off, except for a second half aerial flurry.

Front line pressure on Spartan quarterback Tim Tierney played a key role in the game and prompted two of the Homewood-Flossmoor touchdowns.

Tierney, who lost a few teeth and the ball on the first play from scrimmage, suffered repeatedly in rushes, but gamely came back with a few passing strikes in the second half when Viking substitutions into a workout.

Ron Marsh, later ousted by a knee injury; Bill Tompkins; Steve Biitner, and tackle Charley Long scored the touchdowns for the winners, win only the latter two of somewhat spectacular note.

Claudio Cerullio, a lightweight junior who shared the Marian running load with veteran Jerry Nicolas, counted for the Spartans in the last minute of the first half. He got the opportunity when the Vikings gambled on fourth down and faltered.

All touchdowns were short-range projects except Biitner's. The Viking captain, in the first two minutes of the second half, gathered in a pass from Bob Monaghan and bolted down the east sidelines for a 55-yard scoring maneuver.

Long's moment of glory brought the last Homewood-Flossmoor touchdown. Marian's Tierney was interrupted while trying to pass from his 9-yard line; Long nabbed the straight-up, straight-down bobble and lumbered across the goal line.

Marsh in scoring the opening touchdown took over the career scoring for a Viking. He has 48 points, five more than the number counted by Phil Broughton in 1959-60.

The touchdown, an eight-yard run, was prompted when Tierney, rushed on a complex, fumbling maneuver on the first play, fired a pass which was intercepted by Tom Rump of Homewood-Flossmoor.

Starting at the Spartan 24, Tompkins chipped off eight yards and Marsh bolted for three. Biitner was knocked back five, regained it on the next play and added five more on the third try. Marsh then scampered around right end for the touchdown.

Marsh's conversion attempt was faulty; a pattern he followed after each of the succeeding touchdowns.

Tompkins' six pointer came in the second quarter to cap a 35-yard drive in five plays. He plowed through the Marian line from 10 yards out.

That march got its impetus when Tompkins and lineman Steve Messimer combined to return a Marian punt 20 yards to the 35. Tompkins fumbled as he was tackled and Messimer caught the ball and added a few yards to the runback.

Marian got its successful chance when, with 1:50 to go in the half, the Vikings bid for a first down on their own 32 with 14 yards to go. A pass failed, and the Spartans took over with a will.

Nicolas, after a faulty pass attempt, ripped through the Homewood-Flossmoor left side for 22 yards and then was caught only by a fingertip tackle.

Cerullio took over from there, slanting twice through the left side of the Viking defense as well and in five-yard cracks had the touchdown.

Besides the Viking front line and linebackers, Marian was hampered by the loss, perhaps for the season, of running back Steve Bergstrom, laid up two days earlier with a torn cartilage in his knee.

The Vikings, alternating Monaghan and sophomore Bob Majka at quarterback, pressed a passing game throughout the contest, but with quite limited success, beyond the one touchdown.

Homewood-Flossmoor 24, Marian Catholic 6

First downs- Marian 8, H-F 13

Total yards- Marian 163, H-F 300

Yards rushing- Marian 87, H-F 175

Yards passing- Marian 5 of 18, 76 yards, 3 INT; H-F 5 of 20, 125 yards

Fumbles lost- Marian 2, H-F 1

Marian rushing- Nicolas 10-75; Cerullio 7-31 (TD), Tierney 9-(minus 19)

Marring passing- Tierney 4 of 15, 63 yards, 3 INT; Schmal 1 of 2, 13 yards; Nicolas 0 of 1

Marian receiving- Cerullio 3-41; Nicolas 1-13