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Where's My Line? Marian Coach Asks

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Marian will be out to recover lost prestige when it travels to Lockport West for a game at 8 p.m. Friday.

It will be the final tune-up for the Spartans before they open the Catholic Metropolitan conference against Little Flower on Sunday, October 4.

A dejected coach Tom Mitchell stated, "We just didn't get what we expected out of the line," in reference to the 24-6 loss to Homewood-Flossmoor.

They (H-F) out-hustled us all the way and once they scored it seemed as though that took the fight right out of us," Mitchell commented.

The Spartans plan a big shake-up in the line. Mitchell couldn't name one player he thought did an outstanding job.

No report was given as to who would be moved up or who would be dropped down. Mitchell adding, "That will come after a hard week's work."

Offensively, the backfield will stay the same with veteran quarterback Tim Tierney slated to call the plays.

Jerry Nicolas, called "the finest back on the field for both clubs Saturday" by his coach, will run out of the fullback position.

At the halfbacks will be a pair of juniors Jack Thar and Claudio Cerullio. The latter played well as a last minute replacement for the injured Steve Bergstrom.

Bergstrom's leg is in a cast due to a knee injury and it is not known how long he will be out of the lineup.

The Marian coaching staff was able to watch Lockport West lose to Geneva 16-6 Friday.

Don Seitzberg will have most of his team which lost to Marian last year returning and hopes that backfield ace Chuck Harris will be back in the lineup.

Harris missed the Geneva game, causing Seitzberg to switch quarterback John Buerger to a running back and moving in number two signal caller Larry Greenfield.

Rounding out the Lockport West backfield will be Joe Barone and Van Williams.

"Lockport West uses a slot back and splits the end," Mitchell reported. "They are about the same size as us and it should be a real good game."

The Spartans use an offense similar to Lockport West and plan no changes with the strong emphasis being on defense.

"We just have to keep the opposition from moving the ball as well as H-F or we'll be in for a lot of trouble," Mitchell concluded.