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Marian Romps

Nicolas Tallies Five Times

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It was Jerry Nicolas day Saturday afternoon as Marian rolled over Maryville for the first time in the school's history, 37-0 at Bloom field.

Nicolas, the Spartans' shifty fullback, ran for five touchdowns and gained 212 yards to receive a standing ovation from the home fans.

"You would have to say this was about our best game," Spartan coach Tom Mitchell said following the victory. "That Nicolas sure did a great job."

Marian had to wait four years before they defeated John Abraham's Terriers, who appear headed towards the Catholic Metropolitan cellar after three titles.

Marian's only score of the day without the help of Nicolas came early in the first period when Ron Adcock attempted a punt from his own 10-yard line. Tom Bijak and Dave Mattio teamed up to block it and John Mulhollan carried the loose ball in for a score.

The 6-0 score held up until 6:47 remained to the intermission when Nicolas took a pitchout from quarterback Tim Tierney and ran nine yards.

The Spartans defense held and they started a 76 yard march. Tierney hit Jack Thar with a pass that gained 31 and Steve Bergstrom's first running play of the year netted a short gain.

Nicolas sprinted up the middle for 13 more prior to a Tierney to Bergstrom pass that gave the Spartans a first down on the 13 yard line.

On the next play, Nicolas took a handoff and raced around his right end for a score and Mike Platt's point attempt was blocked to make it 18-0 shortly before the half.

Nicolas was the big attraction in the second half as he gained 156 yards, not including a 61 yard touchdown run called back on a penalty.

Three plays later, he went over guard on a delayed run and over-powered the secondary for a 33 yard touchdown to run the score to 24-0.

Maryville was held for only three yards in its series and after the Spartans were hit with a pair of penalties Tierney passed to Joe Kalinowski on the Terriers 41.

Tierney called the "Nicolas special" around right end and his fullback raced down the side lines for a 59 yard touchdown. Tierney ran for the point and it was 31-0.

Nicolas' best run of the day came on the final touchdown when he tried to go to the right.

This time the defense was waiting, but Nicolas reversed the field to break in the open for a 44 yard run.

The big day gave the Marian senior a career total of 1,713 yards and 138 points to set a new Spartan record in both departments.