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Marian, Nicolas Rout Warriors

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Marian's fired-up Spartans brought along an awesome arsenal Friday when they invaded the citadel of Crete-Monee to conquer the Warriors, 56-6.

The heroes were many among the Spartans. If Sister Mary Mannes, school principal, or Don Berg, athletic director, were to award medals for combat heroism the waiting line would resemble a Marine corps chow formation at 6 a.m.

Jerry Nicolas, the Spartans' senior halfback, exploded 76 yards down the west side line the first time Marian was on the offensive. The off-tackle spurt when the game was four minutes gone placed Nicolas' yards gained from scrimmage career total for Marian at 2,063 yards.

Nicolas went on to score three more touchdowns, bringing his TD total for this year to 14 in eight games. The 170-pound halfback weaved and dodged his way through the Warriors' no-man's land for 137 yards on nine forays, average of 15.2 yards per skirmish.

Quarterback Tim Tierney, leading Marian's field forces like a colonel bucking for promotion to brigadier general, scored two touchdowns himself and passed to his Spartan lieutenants for four others.

Tierney toted the ball for 107 yards in a dozen assaults at the Warriors' defenses for an average carry of 9.9 yards.

But, let's start at the beginning of this hot war. Crete-Monee received the kickoff without the services of its main offensive strength, halfback Wally Malins who was sidelined with a leg injury.

The Warriors advanced 51 yards after the kickoff on probes by Dave Kelley, Denny Peters and Larry Pilkins through the Spartans' main line of resistance. The offensive ended when quarterback Ricky Dunlap called upon his airpower at the Spartans' 24 yard line and the bomb was intercepted by Dennis Schmal.

Nicolas ammunition followed. He scooted 76 yards for a touchdown with eight minutes remaining in the first quarter.

The Warriors then racked up three first downs after the kickoff on skirts into enemy territory by Kelley and Peters and air successes by Dunlap to end Creig Manson and fullback Peters. The offensive was thwarted on the Spartans' 31-yard line and Crete-Monee was to accomplish only one other first down for the remainder of the battle.

With the situation well in hand, Marian's combat team began to devastate the Warriors' fortress.

A screen pass after a 15-yard penalty against Marian for holding sailed expertly from Tierney to Nicolas and the 5-9 halfback rambled 69 yards for a second touchdown.

Shortly after the second phase of the conflict began, Marian tackle John Towle blocked a punt. Warrior lineman Don Berbig scuttled Nicolas for a four-yard loss on Crete-Monee's 19-yard line but the Spartans halfback retaliated by taking a pitch-out from Tierney and tossing 17 yards to John Meno.

Nicolas boomed through the Warriors' front line for two yards and the touchdown. Mike Platt kicked the extra point.

With the score 19-0, Marian kept its war machine under wraps for seven minutes until Tierney romped around right end on a pass-run option. The touchdown followed Dennis Schmal's second interception of a Warrior pass.

Tierney took an azimuth and found end Ed Scott in the end zone with second seconds left in the half. The four-yard air power demonstration climaxed a 19 yard offensive following a Warriors fumble.

The second half scoring was anti-climactic; the outcome of the battle had been resolved. A Tierney to Steve Bergstrom pass for 29 yards made the score 38-0 in the third quarter when Platt again kicked successfully.

Tierney repeated to Bergstrom with 4:06 left in the third quarter. The battle report became 50-0 when Tierney scooted 10 yards following a second blocked punt by Towle.

Marian was penalized a sixth time for 15 yards with three minutes gone in the fourth quarter. Undaunted, field general Tierney handed off to Nicolas, his main calvary threat, and he responded with bursts of 15, seven, eight, nine and five yards to score the final humiliation.

Crete-Monee kept battling its adversary and came up with a consolation touchdown with less than two minutes left to play in the encounter. Defensive linebacker Art Sainz jolted Tierney with a midsection tackle, the ball popped up, Sainz grabbed it and ran 15 yards into the end zone.