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A Fine Effort

Marian Beaten by Andean

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Marian played one of the best games in the school's history, but still dropped a 7-0 contest to Gary Andean Saturday afternoon.

A large Homecoming crowd turned out for the upset minded Spartans' first game of the year at home against one of Indiana's powers.

The Spartans were stopped on two long drives and had an 85-yard touchdown run by Jerry Nicolas called back on a penalty.

Andean, on the other hand, was able to score on a 25 yard pass on the last play of the half.

The tide of the game changed after Nicolas' long run, cancelled when Dave Mattio was detected clipping at the line of scrimmage.

The Spartans were deep in their own territory and booted the ball out to the 36 yard line where Andean quarterback Jim Gutowski went to work.

After two incomplete passes, Gutowski connected to Tom Bilunas for nine yards and carried for two more to give the Fighting 59ers a first down at the 25 with four seconds to the half.

Gutowski faded deep as the time ran and hit Bilunas in the end zone for the winning touchdown.

Don Warner booted the extra point to give Andean the 7-0 lead at the intermission break.

The Spartans gained a total of 48 yards in the first half, while Andean rolled up 106 in quest of their third straight Chicago Metropolitan conference victory.

There were three fumbles, two by Marian, and an intercepted pass by each team as both clubs appeared anxious in the third quarter.

Marian started a drive on its own 19-yard line that started when Tom Bijak fell on a loose ball and the Spartans appeared to be rolling.

The Spartans drove for three first downs and with the help of a pair of roughness penalties on Andean moved to the 26-yard line where the march ended.

Marian's defense remained strong and held twice before the Spartans got the ball back when Bijak blocked a punt at the 11 yard line with 2:50 left in the game.

The Spartan quarterback tried the same play for one yard that still left him short of a first down and fumbled on the next attempt as the 59ers took over.

Gutowski took no chances in the final minute of play and carried the ball three times for short gains to kill off the clock.

Marian now shows a 1-won, 2-lost and 1-tie record for the year while Andean has won four and tied once, while leading the CMC with a perfect 3-0 mark. One bright spot in the Marian cause saw the return of back Steve Bergstrom for a short period. Bergstrom has been out of the lineup all season with a knee injury.