

**CHICAGO HEIGHTS STAR- Sept. 19, 1965**

## **Repel Spartans**

# **Vikings Turn on Heat**

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Homewood-Flossmoor shrugged off some of its coach's mournful fears in the second half Saturday to batter out a 13-6 win over Marian.

The Vikings sloughed off a first half tendency to throw their best passes to the Spartans' John Towle and took over full control of the contest throughout the second half.

While Marian's eager early defense kept the Vikings on their haunches until half-time, the Vikings let their visitors have a net gain of only one yard through the last two periods.

Hot, humid weather blended with mistakes and penalties for a sluggish start as all of the scoring came later.

Steve Messimer, sometime lineman and fullback, scored first for the Vikings, after setting up the counter with a 35-yard run, and Randy Thompson bolted over for the other on his first carry as a varsity player.

Messimer's scoring plunge went four yards; Thompson's less than a yard.

Towle, who picked off three Homewood-Flossmoor passes, mad the third one pay off for a touchdown in the third period when he collected a pass from Bob Majka and charged 15 yards to the score. It was the best offensive and defensive move for Marian throughout the half.

Homewood-Flossmoor ground out 152 of its 209 yards after the intermission while Marian totaled 82 yards for the game.

The winners scored first, on Messimer's heroics, and despite Towle, Marian could never quite catch up.

After the defensive back put across his touchdown, to narrow the Homewood-Flossmoor advantage to 7-6, the center of the Viking defense rushed in to foil Steve Grivish's try for the extra point. Homewood-Flossmoor had gained its point advantage on the extra point pass from Bob Monaghan to end John Weinberg.

A pass bid for the extra point after the second Viking touchdown flopped under the Marian rush.

Thompson's insurance touchdown was set up when tall Mike Lockhart, one of the defensive standouts for the Vikings, hauled in a pass from Spartan quarterback Greg Lee on the Marian 21 in the fourth period.

Lockhart lumbered up the sidelines to the 6 yard line, then Messimer bolted through for the next five yards before Thompson charged into the end zone over his own right guard.

The first Viking touchdown came in the first six minutes after the half-time break and it capped a 64-yard march ripped off in nine plays. Craig Davis hammered out 15 yards in three carries and Messimer picked up four yards before the big fullback burst through the left side of Marian's defense and trundled 35 yard to the 15.

John West, how piled up much of the short yardage along with Davis, took the ball to the 4 yard line in three tries, then Messimer bolted over off his right tackle.

Towle's heroics on defense were the only glimmer of finesse in the first half as the two teams floundered about almost entirely in the Homewood-Flossmoor half of the field.

The first Spartan interception, however, was the work of Mike Platt, who also carried the load for Marian's rushing game. That maneuver gave Marian the ball on the Viking 15, but Homewood-Flossmoor, with the aid of a 15-yard penalty against the Spartans, held.

Towle got the ball back for his mates four plays later when he picked off a Majka pass and was tackled on the Viking 32. This Marian opportunity dribbled away on the 18 when Tim Massey fumbled and Viking linebacker Ron Kranz recovered.

Undaunted, Towle intercepted another pass, this one by Monaghan, late in the second period and ran it to the Viking 37. Big Dennis Sprinkel got this one back for the Vikings when Bill Massey fumbled.

The high interception total pointed up the fact that neither side did well in the air lanes- Homewood-Flossmoor got 16 yards that way and Marian managed 20.

The varied nature of the two halves is emphasized by the fact that Homewood-Flossmoor got over midfield only once, for one play, during the first half. Marian had only seven offensive plays in the second half, outside of punts, and gained only a yard.

Homewood-Flossmoor opens Southwest Suburban conference play next Saturday with a home game against Bremen.

**Homewood-Flossmoor 13, Marian 6**

**First downs:** Marian 6, H-F 12

**Total yardage:** Marian 80, H-F 207

**Yards rushing:** Marian 60, H-F 191

**Passing:** Marian 3 of 11, 20 yards, 1 INT; H-F 3 of 12, 16 yards; 4 INT.

**Fumbles lost:** Marian 2; H-F 0

**Marian rushing:** Lee 7-32; Platt 8-17, Klausner 3-11; B. Massey 3-6; T. Massey 3-(minus 6).

**Marian passing:** Lee 3 of 11, 20 yards, 1 INT.

**Marian receiving:** Kalinowski 2-16; Grivish 1-4.