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All systems are in the go position as the countdown for Marian's football season reaches the final stages with blast-off set for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Homewood-Flossmoor field.

The Spartans are hoping to get off to a winning start and make up for a loss to the Vikings in the opener last year.

Marian went on to post a 5-won, 3-lost and 1-tie record, best mark in the school's history.

Coach Norm Mack reported, "Our passing is sharp, we're running quick and hitting hard," pointing up the fact that he is pleased with the team to date.

Tom Krysynski, who is working with the backs this fall, said that things are all going well with his group.

The Spartans received a bonus when it was reported last week that co-captain Jack Thar would be with the team for the Viking battle.

Thar, who made an impressive showing in the H-F game in 1964, was hobbled by a knee injury from surgery earlier, but is now ready for action.

It is expected that the Spartans will use Thar for spot service to back up Tim Massey, Mark Klausner and Mike Platt, the starters.

Greg Lee, a 6-foot junior, has won the nod as the opening quarterback from Jerry Schultz, who transferred in from Kankakee's Bishop McNamara this season.

Veteran Joe Kalinowski is a certain starter at end, along with Steve Grivich, who transferred in from Texas. Stan Jendresak and Don Thomas are the top reserves.

Athletic Director Don Berg said, "I think that the school is building into an area power. A win on Saturday would be a big push."

The Spartans had a strong scrimmage on Saturday and according to Mack, "It was a real pleasant surprise to see what the squad did."

Mack has been putting a lot of extra work with the linemen.

In the offensive unit will be Dave Mattio and Joe Marconi at tackles, Mike Fanning and Craig Snyder at guards and Tim Gaffney at center.

Marian's lineup will be made up of six seniors and five juniors. Kalinowski and Mattio are the only regulars from the team of last year.

The Spartans will play all their games on Saturday with the first home contest coming September 25 at Bloom field against Lockport West.

Latest word on the injury to Claudio Cerulli, who had a broken bone in his ankle, is that the Spartan back will be out of his cast earlier than expected.

Cerulli was the number two ball carrier behind Jerry Nicolas last season and his return will be a big addition to Marian's chances.