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Marian Beats Back Charging Warriors

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Marian scored three times in the first half and then had to hang on to beat Crete-Monee 25-21 in a exhibition game played at the Bloom field Saturday afternoon.

Tim Massey sparked the Spartans return to winning ways as the senior back scored three touchdowns, gained 185 yards in 17 carries and caught a 12-yard pass from quarterback Greg Lee.

The Spartans early success came when they ran the trap series on Crete-Monee in the opening half for a total of 272 yards on the ground.

“It was Tim Massey and a good defensive line that won for us today,” was the way Marian coach Norm Mack commented on the game.

John Folta was not at all please with the work of his Warriors stating, “We gave them a pair of gift scores and if we could have had the ball one more time it would have been our game.”

Marian was without the services of two-year regular Joe Kalinowski, who is out for the season with a broken left hand.

To make up for the loss of Kalinowski, Mack shifted co-captain Jack Thar to an end position and alternated junior backs Larry Kuchyak and Bill Massey in the spot vacated by Thar.

The Spartans moved the ball to the 5 yard line in the first quarter, but failed to gain yardage after that as the period ended in a scoreless tie.

Then Marian moved the ball 58 yards in the next six plays when it regained the offense, setting up a first and 10 at the 13 yard line.

Mike Platt was stopped for no gain and Tim Massey was spilled for a two yard loss by Craig Manson before the Warriors gave Marian a real gift play.

Lee faded to pass, but the throw was short as Jerry Muehring batted the ball in the air and it came down in the hands of Steve Grivish to put the Spartans in front 6-0 with 8:42 left in the half.

Crete-Monee could not move after Platt’s kickoff and Denny Peters boomed a punt all the way to the 16, where Marian went right to work.

Lee picked up eight yards and Platt added five before Tim Massey went inside left end and cut back to his right to race 71 yards for a touchdown with 3:56 left and the Spartans in front 12-0.

The Warriors were stopped cold again and in three plays Marian went 43 yards for a first and goal to go inside the 5. Tim Massey plunged over and Grivish added the point after to make it 19-0 at the half.

Folta installed Terry Blaha at quarterback and moved Peters to an end to gain the first touchdown. On a double handoff Peters threw 48 yards to Bill Pope and Wally Malins converted to make it 19-7.

Malins kicked off and Tim Massey raced 90 yards for a touchdown with 8:59 left in the third quarter to make it 25-6 in what Folta termed as “another gift.”

With 29 seconds remaining in the period Blaha hit Peters with a short pass and the Warriors second half end did some fancy running to complete a 74 yard score. Malins’ conversion was perfect, making it 25-14.

Marian picked up a first down, but then Platt fumbled the ball at the Spartan 43 yard line and John Haffner recovered to put the Warriors back on the war path.

Jim Shutts gained short yardages on two running plays before Blaha hit Peters in the open, but his receiver lost balance and fell at the 8 yard line where it was first and goal to go.

Three plays lost nine yards for the Warriors and on the same double reverse, Peters ended up with the ball and tossed a perfect pass to Malins in the end zone.

Malins kick was good and the score narrowed to 25-21 with the clock still showing 5:36 left in the game.

The Spartans were in a hole when Jim Olson slipped to the turf at the 13 yard line on his attempt to run back the kickoff.

It was fourth down and about a foot to go when Mack ordered his team to gamble with the running play that could have cost the game.

Lee kept the ball on a quarterback sneak and just picked up enough for the first down that gave Marian the chance to kill the clock with 1:50 left to play in the game.

The Spartans were able to stop Crete-Monee's best ground attack as they limited Malins to a total of 31 yards on 11 carries. The Warriors gained only 51 yards running and 185 in the air.

Marian had its best offensive attack, rolling up 345 yards on the ground and 26 in the air in winning its third game of the year against five losses, the same as Crete-Monee.