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Spartans Late Developers

By Bob Lueder

Marian's football season is rapidly coming to a close, but Spartan coach Norm Mack believes his club is just starting to hit stride.

"We'll be playing the toughest team on the schedule in DeLaSalle this Sunday," Mack stated. "Maybe we might just give them a little surprise though."

The new found pep with the Spartans can be based on the late season running of senior back Tim Massey, Marian's leading scorer with 36 points.

Half that total came in Saturday's 25-21, win over Crete-Monee when Massey scooted 90 yards with a kickoff, along with touchdowns on four and 71 yard runs.

The Spartans lacked a breakaway runner all year and were hoping on the return of Claudio Cerulli, but this never took place due to injuries before the season opened.

"I thought both Mike Platt and Mark Klausner did a fine job running, but they just could not go once they got past the line," Mack pointed out.

Tim Massey was given the call for part of the game at Carmel high and was turned loose against Crete-Monee picking up 185 yards in 17 carries.

This put the speedster in second place for rushing behind Platt and gave him the best average on the squad with a 5.2 mark.

Mack saw DeLaSalle Sunday when it dropped a 19-13 thriller to Holy Cross and called the Meteors a big team with some strong running backs.

Last year DeLaSalle dumped the Spartans 14-0 in the season finale and most of those players are back for the game Sunday at Gately field, 103rd street and Cottage Grove avenue with the kick-off slated for 1:30 p.m.

One of the things that pleased Mack the most was that his offense had a good day, the best of the season in the 25 points and 372 total yards. Mack pointed out that he will have five juniors in the lineup with the addition of either Larry Kuchyak or Massey's younger brother Bill to the backfield.

When Joe Kalinowski was ruled out for the year with a broken hand, Mack shifted blocking back Jack Thar to Kalinowski's end position and moved in Kuchyak and B. Massey as alternates.

"I thought that the defense did do a fine job with the exception of leaving themselves open a couple times for the long pass," Mack remarked.

The Spartans will be doing a lot of work up to game time in correction of their pass defense in hopes of stopping DeLaSalle in that phase of the game.

Mack was hoping that he would be able to give each of the 17 seniors on the squad a chance to see some action on Sunday.

The Spartan frosh-soph team will play their game with DeLaSalle at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Meteors field located at Wabash and 35th street, Chicago.