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## **Marian at Low Ebb**

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Marian will close out its football affiliation with the Catholic Metropolitan conference when it plays St. Francis DeSales in a Homecoming game at the Bloom high school field Saturday afternoon.

The combination of injuries and morale forced Spartan coach Norm Mack to spend most of the week trying to revamp his program.

“We reached a real low when Maryville beat us 19-6 last week,” Mack stated. “This was a team that should not have given us trouble.”

Joe Kalinowski, Greg Lee and John Towle were among the starters not suited up for the game, but Mack thought this was not excuse for the loss.

“The team as a whole is going to have to begin running, blocking and tackling starting now or there will be some changes,” Mack warned.

The Spartans have a weak 1-won, 4-lost record for the season and after Saturday the competition will get real tough.

Jerry Schultz took over Lee’s quarterbacking duties at Maryville and even if the latter is able to recover from his shoulder injury in time, Schultz will get the start.

Kalinowski would be the toughest to replace. The 6-2 senior end has been a two-year regular and is able to go on both offense and defense.

Marian’s staff is about ready to count halfback Claudio Cerulli lost for the season. The senior, who was figured on to be the top ball carrier, has not seen any action. Cerulli has been out of a cast for three weeks, but his doctor will not give clearance for contact work.

Three of the Spartans hope to be out of the doghouse in time to be ready for the DeSales game. Towle sat out the Maryville game for disciplinary reasons, while Mike Platt and Mike Fanning, both Spartans, staged a battle of their own on Saturday causing the former to be ejected from the game.

Maryville scored all its points after recovering fumbles, two of them attempted punt returns, a weak spot with Marian most of the season. Tim Massey, who leads the Spartans in scoring, may be switched to that position for Saturday’s game. The senior halfback has done well handling kickoffs.

“I think this was the biggest setback for Marian in football in the school’s history, including that 81-6 lacing by Andean a few years back,” Mack said.

Mack thought that senior co-captain Dave Mattio did a good job at his tackle position, but that the remainder of the line was poor.

Greg Maher, the leading ground gainer with last year’s frosh-soph team who was making his first varsity appearance last week, is expected to be used more against DeSales.

In rushing statistics, Platt continues to lead the pack with 226 yards in 61 attempts for an average of 3.7 with Mark Klausner ranking second.

The Spartans, who are headed for the Suburban Catholic league next year, trail in all the offensive statistics after the half way point of their schedule.