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Warriors, Spartans Battle

Marian Sure Of a Rough Afternoon

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Marian's Spartans are certain of one thing: they'll be in for a rough afternoon of football when they tangle with Crete-Monee in the final home game of the season at Bloom field Saturday.

The Spartans and Warriors are both headed for losing seasons, but John Folta's mob is out to settle a score.

The particular score in question is a 56-6 pasting handed out by Marian in the 1964 battle.

Dave Mattio and Joe Kalinowski are the only two Spartans back from that team, on which Jerry Nicolas had his greatest night on the football field in a one-sided victory.

Even Marian coach Tom Mitchell left the scene, leaving the task up to Norm Mack to rally the forces of a team that has a present 2-won, 5-lost record.

Mack and Folta are coaches with a lot in common. It will be the first time in the area that a pair of ex-Bloom athletes will be at the helm of rival teams.

Folta was a guard with the 1947 Trojans, while Mack played the same position 10 years later and both were with outstanding high school grid teams before attending Northern Illinois.

"We know that Crete-Monee will be fired-up on Saturday and I look for a real good game," commented Mack.

It will be the last meeting of the schools as a larger southeast Suburban conference schedule will force the Warriors to drop the Spartans from the schedule.

Actually, Marian has played its best ball at Bloom field. It lost to Lockport West I the final minute, 15-13, and beat Little Flower 13-6 and St. Francis DeSales 9-0.

Only one injury worries Mack and that is the pinched nerve and sprained wrist suffered by Kalinowski in last week's 13-7 loss at Carmel of Mundelein.

The Spartans came to life in the second half of that game, playing their best football of the season.

"I see no real changes in the lineup for this week," Mack reported. "We just have to get a good offense to click and we could win."

Marian has shown a good defensive line for most of the season and has gained more points from this phase of the game than on offense.

Greg Lee played the entire game at quarterback against Carmel and the junior did have his best day, completing five passes and scoring a touchdown.

Pacing the Spartans on offense is senior Mike Platt with 334 yards gained in 98 rushing attempts for a 3.4 average.

Mark Klausner ranks second with a total of 230 yards, but Tim Massey saw more service at Mundelein and may be the other backfield starter again with Jack Thar, who is used mainly as a blocker.

The Spartans' final game of the year has been changed to Sunday, November 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Gately field.