

Marshall Lineup Changes Work Henry Not Surprised at Defense

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FALLS CHURCH — No, Ed Henry is not surprised his team has started the season with two straight shutouts and yes, Ed Henry has been playing musical chairs with his lineup at Marshall High School.

Marshall, now 2-0 on the young season, rolled over Edison of the Gunston District, 27-0, last Friday night and Henry attributes part of the reason for success to a few lineup changes he's made.

One important change made on defense has been the removal of Jim Day from the defensive tackle position and the insertion of Day at line-backer.

"We know he's a great athlete and in the down (interior line) position he just wasn't as good. So we brought him up to linebacker and the difference is remarkable. This was a move we had to make and it has helped the defense," Henry remarked.

As for the shutouts, they have become one of the trademarks of an Ed Henry-coached team.

"We work hard on defense and I've averaged about four or five shutouts a season during my coaching career. I looked for about the same thing this year because we had experienced men returning in key defensive positions. Our defense is experienced and it will get better," Henry said.

The game of musical chairs started last Friday night when a few injuries forced Henry to make some changes in the offensive line.

Mike Culhane, a starting guard, wound up playing center when Cliff Carroll was injured. Carroll, a 5-6, 165-pounder and one of the smallest centers around, was injured in the second quarter of the Edison game.

Culhane, according to Henry, "had never snapped the ball in a scrimmage. We've had him snapping in practice

but when he moved over from guard on Friday night it was the first time he's ever snapped the ball under pressure."

Another move Henry was forced to make because of an injury may lead to a battle between brothers to gain a starting position.

Junior guard Mike Kinsman, 5-10, 170-pounds, was injured in the Edison game and his place was taken by his brother, Martin Kinsman, 5-8, 150. "That move worked out all right, in fact Marty did well in the position," Henry commented.

Both Kinsman and Carroll are expected to be back in action on Friday night when

the Statesmen open play in the Great Falls District against Yorktown.

Henry also made a couple of lineup changes in the Edison game that appear to have strengthened the offense.

Second string quarterback Brent McDaniel went to the tight end position and Tommy Davis, who has been tried at many positions, finally wound up at wide receiver.

McDaniel, who has been the understudy of Mike Oliff since he was a freshman, had been riding the bench.

"We realized that we couldn't keep an athlete with his potential on the bench. Playing No. 2 to Oliff is a tough act

to follow and it means seeing very little action. At 6-3, 195 Brent was the biggest man on the ball club. He's a good target, has good hands and he's big and strong. We couldn't leave all of that on the bench for long so we put him in at tight end for the Edison game.

"Davis is another kid we had to find a spot for. He's 5-8, 150-pounds and a sophomore. He's another great athlete and was the No. 2 pitcher on the baseball team this past summer. During pre-season practice we had him at defensive back, wide receiver, alternate quarterback and running back. So I put him in

there as wide receiver and this, along with the addition of McDaniel, really helped our offense," Henry said.

The presence of Davis and McDaniel in the lineup opened the game up for the Statesmen against Edison. Davis, despite his 150-pounds, blocked well downfield and McDaniel blocked well in his first game.

Asked about Yorktown, Henry commented:

"I was impressed with their defense in the Wakefield game. Of course they were clobbered by Annandale last Friday night, but then I think Annandale has the best club in Northern Virginia. They'll be tough for us."

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Northern Region AAA Standings

GREAT FALLS DISTRICT

Teams	League					All Games				
	W	L	T	PF	PA	W	L	T	PF	PA
Langley	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	14	37
Herndon	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	33	27
Marshall	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	34	0
Madison	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	27	46
Yorktown	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	56
Washington-Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	13	40
Oakton	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	44	22
McLean	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	64