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Saints Turn To Platoon For Reserve

(Another in a series)

St. Aloysius Coach Andy Douglass has two things in mind as he sends his Crusaders against Reserve Sunday afternoon at Leona Godchaux Stadium in Reserve.

Kick-off time is 2:15 o'clock. The two things are equally important: a) that Crusaders operate more efficiently on their new "platoon" system; b) that they get back on even terms with the Wildcats who beat them 20 to 7 last year here.

By the platoon system Douglass figures to extract better efforts than his players gave in their 21 to 6 defeat by Baton last week.

"We couldn't have been better conditioned, and we should have looked an awful lot better. But, then, we were up against a powerful team," was Douglass' summation of the opening loss.

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Here's How Saints Changed

Here's a comparison between the St. Aloysius Crusader starting football teams of 1953 and this season:

1953	Pos.	1954
(164) Mathews	L.E.	Murphy (143)
(208) Wilson	L.T.	Foret (205)
(168) Macaluso	L.G.	Woringen (178)
(161) Callahan	C	Calahan (160)
(153) Breaux	R.G.	Bode (157)
(164) Sanders	R.T.	Sanders (166)
(160) Garres	R.E.	Garres (163)
(165) Neyrey	G.B.	Clark (150)
(145) LaCava	L.H.	LaCava (145)
(160) Arms	3.H.	LaCoste (146)
(160) Noullet	F.B.	Estrada (165)

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