

Aug. 27	1	2	3	4	Final
ANDREW T-BOLTS	0	0	0	7	7
MARIAN SPARTANS	6	0	8	0	14

Spartans throttle ranked Andrew

It was visiting Andrew that came in with the big-name offense for Friday night's nonconference opener at Marian Catholic.

However, Marian's big-play defense made the biggest statements of the night in a 14-7 victory over Andrew, which was ranked by several Chicagoland newspapers. While the Spartans yielded 155 rushing yards, big plays catapulted Marian to the successful decision.

Two fourth-quarter comeback bids by the T-Bolts were stifled, as Mike Parro recovered an Andrew fumble and Tom Bijak picked off a pass deep in Marian territory with 1:25 to play in the contest.

Marian also produced the deciding points on the defensive side of the ball. After backing up Andrew to its own 3-yard line, Nick McDonnell burst through the line and blocked a punt off the foot of T-Bolt Marc Dulkowski. Ted Karagias pounced on the ball for a 12-0 Spartan command.

A fake kick on the conversion resulted in senior Tom Raczka hitting Tom O'Brien for two points.

"We played real well as a team and that's what made the difference," explained Parro, who was in the face of Andrew signal-caller Dulkowski all night by blitzing from his linebacker slot. "After last season (a 2-7 finish), we had to earn some respect."

Behind Parro and 1.5 sacks each from Karagias and Justin McMulin, the Spartans limited Andrew to 2-for-12 in the passing department.

Despite a 21-yard scoring run by Vince Massat that narrowed the final margin, Marian kept the vaunted Andrew attack off the board for more than 24 minutes.

"We had a little incentive because of some things that were said in the paper," Parro added. "We just went out and did what we had to do."

Bijak also got in the act on offense with a 2-yard touchdown run to open the season's scoring. The workhorse finished with 67 yards in 21 carries. Deon Bradley added 40 yards on the ground, while junior quarterback Mike Gavin was 9 of 18 for 106 yards.

CATEGORY	Andrew	Marian
First downs	10	17
Rush att./yards	28-151	41-92
Passing yards	24	113
Pass completions	2	10
Pass attempts	12	19
Had intercepted	1	0

Fumbles/lost	3/1	2/1
Penalty yards	57	50
Next	L.-WAY	CARMEL

SCORING

MC- Bijak 2-yard run (kick failed), 4:08 first quarter.

MC- Karagias recovered blocked punt in end zone (Raczka to O-Brien), 3:37, third.

AND- Massat 21-yard run (Manning kick), 11:53, fourth.

Passing: AND- Dulkowski 2 of 12, 24 yards, 0 TD, 1 int.; MC- Gavin 9 of 18, 105 yards, 0 TD, 0 int.; Raczka 1 of 1, 8 yards, 0 TD, 0 int.

Rushing: AND- Massat 11-86 (TD), Kratochwill 11-58, P. Miller 3-21, Dulkowski 3-(minus-10); MC- Bijak 21-66 (TD), Bradley 11-35, Gavin 8-8; Raczka 1-(minus-17).

Receiving: AND- P. Miller 1-12, S. Miller 1-12; MC- Carreras 3-41, Clark 3-31, Munde 2-21, Guch 2-20.

Interceptions: Bijak (MC).