

<b>GAME 2: Marian Catholic 48, St. Joseph 20</b>
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**Kickoff:** 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2 at St. Joseph High School.

**Where:** 1840 S. Mayfair, Westchester.

**Records:** Marian Catholic 1-0; St. Joseph 0-1.

**Last week:** Marian 21, Andrew 7; Mount Carmel 53, St. Joseph 8.

**Last meeting:** Marian Catholic 41, St. Joseph 0 in 1997.

**The series:** The Spartans have captured all nine meetings, outscoring the Chargers by a 236-27 in six meetings during the 1990s.

<b>Sept. 2</b>	1	2	3	4	Final
<b>MARIAN SPARTANS</b>	7	21	14	6	<b>48</b>
<b>St. JOSEPH CHARGERS</b>	0	6	0	14	<b>20</b>

## Spartans rip St. Joseph to go 2-0

All facets of the Marian Catholic football team got into the act Saturday.

Senior quarterback Mike Gavin threw for three scores and ran for another.

The Spartan defense added a pair of safeties and stifled St. Joseph through three quarters.

Special teams contributed as well, with a blocked punt and Sergio Flores' 36-yard field goal.

It all added up to a 48-20 nonconference victory for the Spartans, who improved to 2-0 with a pair of road decisions to open the campaign.

Marian put some major heat on the quarterback to key a 42-6 bulge after three quarters. The Spartans collected five sacks and held the Chargers (0-2) to negative yardage on 14 plays.

"We just did a lot of stunting," explained Spartan senior Pat Carroll, who notched two sacks. "We came out in the first quarter and were a little stagnant. But they weren't picking up our stunts, so we went to more and that got us going for the rest of the game."

Although a 60-yard scoring run by Charles Hayden (16 carries, 126 yards) pulled St. Joseph within 7-6 early in the second quarter, the outcome was never in doubt.

Marian responded with a quick 67-yard drive, concluded when Gavin (12 of 16, 188 yards) hit Tom O'Brien with an 11-yard touchdown toss. Flores' second of four conversion boots made it 14-6.

Then the Spartans came up with safeties the next two times St. Joseph had the ball. Ryan Adams blocked a punt out of the end zone to make it 16-6, then Bryan Peterson knocked a pass into a Charger lineman's hands in the end zone for an 18-8 count.

The offense got back on the board with its next opportunity when Gavin hit Bris Dawkins with a short toss, the senior breaking tackles and dancing his way to a dazzling 25-yard score. After Marian recovered a muffed ball on the ensuing kickoff, Flores soon followed with a 36-yard field goal for a 28-6 halftime advantage.

With the comfortable lead, the Marian defense was able to get even more

aggressive. Buying time from a stingy secondary of Flores, Cedrick Middleton, Nick Mitidiero and Eric Papp, Carroll and Company up front were able to cause plenty of havoc. Peterson, Brian Munde and Jonathan McMahon also added sacks.

"You can't win with just one player, so we all contributed," Carroll said of the defense that allowed just 72 yards through three quarters. "We have a lot of talented players on defense and we work as a team."

Marian added second-half scores on Gavin's 9-yard pass to Mike DiGiulio and rushing touchdowns from Michael Holmes (1 yard) and Travis Bushnell (16 yards). Joe Marias led the Spartan ground attack with 75 yards on 14 carries.

CATEGORY	Marian	St. Joseph
<b>First downs</b>	20	8
<b>Rush att./yards</b>	42/199	31/91
<b>Passing yards</b>	209	81
<b>Pass completions</b>	13	7
<b>Pass attempts</b>	17	13
<b>Had intercepted</b>	2	0
<b>Fumbles/lost</b>	0/0	3/0
<b>Penalty yards</b>	14/97	6/50
<b>Next</b>	<b>CARMEL</b>	<b>HALES</b>

#### SCORING

**MC-** Mike Gavin 5-yard run (Sergio Flores kick), 0:00, first  
**SJ-** Charles Hayden 60-yard run (pass failed), 11:14, second  
**MC-** Tom O'Brien 11-yard pass from Gavin (Flores), 9:21, second  
**MC-** Safety, Ryan Adams blocked punt out of end zone, 7:15, second  
**MC-** Safety, St. Joseph receiver tackled in end zone, 6:09, second  
**MC-** Bris Dawkins 25-yard pass from Gavin (Flores), 3:59, second  
**MC-** Flores 36-yard field goal, 2:23, second  
**MC-** Mike DiGiulio 9-yard pass from Gavin (Flores), 8:25, third  
**MC-** Michael Holmes 1-yard run (Tim Rhoads kick), 0:50, third  
**SJ-** Ryan Keag 1-yard run (Hayden run), 8:38, fourth  
**MC-** Travis Bushnell 16-yard run (kick failed), 4:06, fourth  
**SJ-** Donald Parrott 43-yard pass from Ryan Olson (pass failed), 1:44, fourth

#### INDIVIDUALS

**Passing:** MC- Gavin 12 of 16, 188 yards, 3 TD, 2 INT; Donald Busse 1 of 1, 21 yards. SJ- Keag 5 of 10, 24 yards; Olson 2 of 3, 57 yards, 1 TD.  
**Rushing:** MC- Marias 14-75, Holmes 10-35 (TD), Bushnell 4-35 (TD), Busse 4-31, Gavin 8-15 (TD), Wail 1-5, DiGiulio 1-3. SJ- Hayden 16-126 (TD), Josh Belluomini 1-5, LaMarr Anderson 2-1, Derrick Crowder 4-0, Keag 8-(minus 41, TD).  
**Receiving:** MC- Dawkins 5-82 (TD), Devon Clark 2-44, O'Brien 2-32 (TD), DiGiulio 2-25 (TD), Dan Ziccardi 1-21, Marias 1-5. SJ- Parrott 2-57 (TD), Anderson 2-14, Brandon Thomas 1-7, Kyle Ealey 1-6, Dan Zarco 1-(minus 3).  
**Interceptions:** Ian Kovac, Marcos Placious (SJ).