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| GAME 5: Marian Catholic 21, Benet Academy 6 |
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Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22 at Spartan Stadium.

Where: 700 Ashland Avenue, Chicago Heights.

Records: Benet Academy 2-2; Marian Catholic 3-1

CMC White: Benet Academy 1-1; Marian Catholic 1-1.

Last week: St. Patrick 21, Benet 14; Joliet Catholic 34, Marian Catholic 18

Last meeting: Marian Catholic 41, Benet Academy 17 in 1997.

The series: The Spartans own a 10-4 series advantage, including two post-season wins. Benet's last win was a 14-10 decision in 1977.

Tidbits: Marian Catholic has won five straight on its home turf.

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| Sept. 22 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Final |
| BENET REDWINGS | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| MARIAN SPARTANS | 7 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 21 |

Spartans (4-1) turn back Benet

He was starting to become known as the "forgotten man."

Iowa-bound Devon Clark had been a virtually invisible part of the Marian Catholic offense through the first four games.

"We've been talking all week about stepping up and making plays," Clark explained. "I was in a situation where I could make a couple plays and everything worked out for the best."

Clark certainly came out of his shell on Friday when the Spartans hosted Benet Academy. He grabbed touchdown passes of 36 and 28 yards from Mike Gavin in the second quarter, as Marian improved to 4-1 (2-1) with a 21-6 Catholic Metro White victory over the visiting Redwings.

The win came before a drenched "Decade of Champions" night crowd.

Gavin also scored on a 1-yard run to open the scoring. Sergio Flores' first of three conversion kicks gave Marian a 7-0 lead before lightning sent the teams to the locker room for more than a half-hour.

When they returned, Benet (2-3, 1-2) pulled closer when Eric Mayer burst into the end zone from 6 yards away. However, Marian held the lead when the conversion kick missed to the left.

It was all Clark's show from there. A personal foul set up Marian at the Benet 32. Three plays later, Gavin (10 of 16, 157 yards) connected with Clark (four catches, 107 yards) down the left sideline for the score.

The second touchdown toss came with just 22 seconds remaining in the opening half. On second down, Clark went streaking down the middle of the field and pulled in Gavin's toss for a 28-yard score.

"I was under some pressure, but I just worked hard to do the job," Clark explained. "I knew I needed to make some plays. We really needed to bounce back after last week (loss to Joliet Catholic)."

The Marian offense didn't manage a first down until less than two minutes remained in the second half. However, the defense answered the challenge, as Eric Papp had an interception and John Sandrick and Brian Mundee notched sacks. The Spartans also eventually held Benet on a fourth-and-goal after punter

Flores had sent the Redwings deep with a 49-yard punt.

Deon Bradley was Marian's top ground-gainer on Friday, toting 19 times for 88 yards.

| CATEGORY | Benet | Marian |
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| First downs | 13 | 11 |
| Rush att./yards | 33/112 | 30/92 |
| Passing yards | 134 | 157 |
| Pass completions | 12 | 10 |
| Pass attempts | 27 | 16 |
| Had intercepted | 1 | 0 |
| Fumbles/lost | 2/0 | 0/0 |
| Penalty yards | 21 | 55 |
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SCORING

MC- Mike Gavin 1-yard run (Sergio Flores kick), 6:47, first.

BA- Eric Mayer 6-yard run (kick failed), 1:47, first

MC- Devon Clark 36-yard pass from Mike Gavin (Sergio Flores kick), 8:09, second

MC - Devon Clark 28-yard pass from Mike Gavin (Sergio Flores kick), :0:22, second

INDIVIDUALS

Passing: B- James Maggio 12 of 27, 134 yards, 1 INT; MC- Gavin 10 of 16, 157 yards, 2 TD.

Rushing: B- Ryan Koller 15-84, Mike Wheeler 4-21, Mayer 8-11 (TD), Maggio 6-(minus 4); MC- Deon Bradley 19-88, Joe Marias 1-1, Gavin 10-(minus 5, TD).

Receiving: B- Kevin Zendrick 3-46, P.J. McCarthy 2-26, Colin Carrier 2-21, Mayer 2-15, Dave Bushias 1-15, John Garrett 1-7, Tim Brdar 1-4; MC- Clark 4-107 (2 TD), Tom O'Brien 2-34, Bradley 2-19, Bris Dawkins 1-6, Dave Carcelli 1-2.

Interceptions: Eric Papp (MC).