

GAME 6: Marian Catholic 30, Marist 14
--

Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Marist High School.

Where: 4200 W. 115th St., Chicago.

Records: Marian Catholic 4-1; Marist 2-3

CMC White: Marian Catholic 2-1; Marist 0-3.

Last week: Marian Catholic 21, Benet 6; St. Patrick 27, Marist 12.

Last year: Marian Catholic 21, Marist 6.

The series: The RedHawks last won in a 14-0 decision in 1998, but Marian Catholic holds an overall series lead of 10-2.

Tidbits: The Spartans have held opponents to single-digits in six of their last eight regular-season contests. Marist is the last team to shut out Marian Catholic.

Sept. 29	1	2	3	4	Final
MARIAN SPARTANS	7	7	0	16	30
MARIST RedHAWKS	7	0	7	0	14

Spartans (5-1) throttles Marist

Marian Catholic had to find a way to stop the bleeding on Friday night when host Marist shredded the Spartan defense for 187 rushing yards in the opening half of the teams' Catholic Metropolitan White contest.

While the Marian offense gave the RedHawks a dose of their own medicine in the second half, the Spartan defense answered the call to key a 30-14 Marian victory.

"We knew we had to stop their run in the second half," Marian lineman Brian Munde explained. "We just played our goal-line defense all over the field. That was basically it."

Munde proved to be the playmaker for a Marian defense that yielded only 6 rushing yards in the second half.

Munde made the hit on a fumble (recovered by Jimmy Siegert) that set up the eventual winning score for Marian (5-1, 3-1), a 1-yard run by Deon Bradley that gave the Spartans a 21-14 lead early in the fourth quarter. Seconds later, Munde sacked Marist quarterback Mike Costello in the end zone for a safety and 23-14 cushion.

"Things hadn't been going well in the first half," Munde admitted. "But I just came in unblocked on the fumble and went in to make a big hit. Then I just had the fire going on the safety."

Bradley also had a huge second half. After just 27 yards in the opening half, the senior tailback finished with 170 yards on 27 carries, including an 11-yard touchdown run with 4:04 to play for the clinching score. On the initial go-ahead score, Bradley followed up the RedHawk turnover with runs of 13 and 11 yards before following Chris McDonnell and Matt Bartolini into the end zone from a yard out.

Despite the rough first half for the defense, Marian had used Air Mail to take a 14-7 command at the intermission. Spartan quarterback Mike Gavin completed just four passes for the night, but two went for touchdowns and he averaged more

than 40 yards per completion.

Marian responded to an early 7-0 Marist lead when Gavin hit Devon Clark (two catches, 87 yards) with a 41-yard scoring strike. The first of four Sergio Flores' conversion boots tied matters at 7-7.

On a third-and-18 late in the second quarter, Gavin hit Bris Dawkins (two catches, 75 yards) with a 40-yard scoring bomb to provide the halftime margin.

The safety accounted for Marian's lone sack of the night, but solid pressure from Jonathan McMahon and John Sandrick helped limit Costello to four of 15 passing accuracy with three interceptions (Ben Zerante, Sandrick, Eric Papp).

CATEGORY	Marian	Marist
First downs	18	15
Rush att./yards	40/182	41/193
Passing yards	162	81
Pass completions	4	4
Pass attempts	13	15
Had intercepted	1	3
Fumbles/lost	1/0	1/1
Penalty yards	82	84
Next	McNAMARA	CARMEL

SCORING

Mst- John Quinlan 1-yard run (Nick Roe kick), 4:05, first.

MC- Devon Clark 41-yard pass from Mike Gavin (Sergio Flores kick), 3:20, first.

MC- Bris Dawkins 40-yard pass from Gavin (Flores), 2:34, second.

Mst- John O'Reilly 25-yard pass from Mike Costello (Roe), 2:22, third.

MC- Deon Bradley 1-yard run (Flores), 10:57, fourth.

MC- Safety (Brian Mundeck sacked QB in end zone), 10:45, fourth.

MC- Bradley 11-yard run (Flores), 4:04, fourth.

INDIVIDUALS

Passing: MC- Gavin 4 of 12, 162 yards, 2 TD, 1 INT; Don Busse 0 of 1; Mst- Costello 4 of 15, 81 yards, 1 TD, 3 INT.

Rushing: MC- Bradley 27-170 (2 TD), Mike DiGiulio 2-11, Joe Marias 2-5, Busse 1-4, Gavin 8-(minus 8); Mst- Brian McGuire 11-83, J. Quinlan 17-62 (TD), Tim McManigal 8-39, Costello 5-9.

Receiving: MC- Clark 2-87 (TD), Dawkins 2-75 (TD); Mst- Tim Quinlan 1-31, O'Reilly 1-25 (TD), John Horn 1-16, McGuire 1-9.

Interceptions: Ben Zerante, John Sandrick, Eric Papp (MC), Jason McGahan (Marist)..