

<b>5A FIRST ROUND: Marian Catholic 42, Chicago Dunbar 10</b>
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**Kickoff:** 7 p.m. Friday at Spartan Stadium.

**Where:** Joe Orr Road and Ashland Avenue, Chicago Heights.

**Records:** Dunbar 7-2; Marian Catholic 7-2

**Seeds:** Mighty Men #19; Spartans #14

**Winner:** Advances to play winner of Rockford Guilford (6-3) at Richards (9-0)

**Streaks:** Dunbar- 2 wins; Marian Catholic- 2 wins.

**Last week:** Dunbar 58, Bogan 0; Marian Catholic 32, St. Patrick 7.

**Last meeting:** Dunbar 28, Marian 21 in 1997 Prep Bowl title game.

**The series:** Prior to the teams' last meeting at Soldier Field, the Spartans captured all three previous decisions- all regular-season contests.

<b>Oct. 27 FINAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>CHICAGO DUNBAR</b>	0	0	10	0	<b>10</b>
<b>at MARIAN CATHOLIC</b>	7	21	0	14	<b>42</b>

## Spartans (8-2) stifle Dunbar

Marian Catholic used its economical offense Friday night when the Spartans hosted Chicago Dunbar in a Class 5A playoff opener.

The Spartans (8-2) ran just 22 first-half plays, but four went for touchdowns as Marian jumped to a 28-0 halftime bulge en route to a 42-10 victory. Marian will travel to Richards, a 41-12 winner of Rockford Guilford, in the second round next weekend.

Behind an offensive line of Nick Betts, Matt Bartolini, Mark Rueth, Ryan Cyrkiel, Chris McDonnell and Tom O'Brien, the Spartans churned out yardage on the ground in big chunks.

"We just wanted to come out and play the way we're capable," Marian senior running back Deon Bradley explained. "We wanted to establish the ground game early and just keep it going. We wanted to pound it and then break a few."

Bradley did break a few, including touchdown runs of 30 and 45 yards in the opening half. He also busted off a 57-yarder to finish with 192 yards on 16 carries to go over the 1,000-yard barrier for the season.

Bradley's first score was followed by a 4-yard scoring burst from Eric Papp to make it 13-0 early in the second quarter. Bradley's second scoring jaunt came with 2:35 to play in the half, but Marian wasn't done.

The Marian special teams set up the offense when Pat Carroll blocked a punt to give the Spartans possession at the Dunbar 25. It took Marian quarterback Mike Gavin just three plays to negotiate a score, as he hit Mike DiGiulio with a 4-yard TD pass with 52 ticks on the clock. Sergio Flores' second of four conversion kicks sent Marian to the locker room with a 28-0 command.

"We thought they would give us a tough game, but we just came out and gave the best effort we could," Bradley explained. "We knew this could be the last time the seniors wore these black jerseys on our home field, so we wanted to play as well as we could."

The Marian defense did yield points in the second half, when a bad punt snap led to a safety for the Mighty Men (7-3) and set up the visitors for a 41-yard scoring drive.

However, Marian put great pressure on Dunbar behind the likes of Carroll, Jonathan McMahon and Bryan Peterson (one sack each). For the night, Dunbar managed just 107 rushing yards on 52 attempts to go with three completions. The Mighty Men were tagged for losses on 13 plays.

After Dunbar pulled within 28-10, Marian got insurance.

Papp scored his third touchdown in as many carries over two weeks when his 6-yard burst made it 35-10 with 6:11 to play. Then Travis Bushnell got the capper on a 16-yard score with just 2:26 showing on the clock.

The defense added late insurance of its own with interceptions from John Sandrick and Flores.

On the evening, the Marian ground game netted 260 yards, as DiGiulio added 23 yards on the ground and Bushnell and Joe Marias 20 each.

The victory gave Marian its ninth consecutive home playoff victory, and the Spartans improved to 7-1 in their last eight playoff openers.

CATEGORY	Dunbar	Marian
<b>First downs</b>	15	12
<b>Rush att./yards</b>	52-107	21-260
<b>Passing yards</b>	48	25
<b>Pass completions</b>	3	3
<b>Pass attempts</b>	14	9
<b>Had intercepted</b>	2	0
<b>Fumbles/lost</b>	3-1	1-1
<b>Penalty yards</b>	8-62	11-95
<b>Next</b>	<b>CPL Playoffs</b>	<b>@Richards</b>

#### SCORING

**MC-** Deon Bradley 30-yard run, (Sergio Flores kick), 9:27, 1st

**MC-** Eric Papp 4-yard run, (kick failed), 11:48, 2nd

**MC-** Deon Bradley 42-yard run, (Don Busse to David Carcelli, 2 pt), 2:35, 2nd

**MC-** Mike Gavin 4-yard pass to Mike DiGiulio, (Sergio Flores kick), :52, 2nd

**Dunbar-** Safety, ball punted out of the end zone, 9:37, 3rd

**Dunbar-** DeShaun Davis 5-yard run, (Rodney Cobb, 2pt), 5:42, 3rd

**MC-** Eric Papp 6-yard run, (Sergio Flores kick), 6:11, 4th

**MC-** Travis Bushnell 16-yard run, (Tim Rhoads kick), 3:42, 4th

#### INDIVIDUALS

**Passing:** D- Keith Roberson 3 of 13, 48 yards, 2 INT; Ife Oyedokun 0 of 1. MC- Mike Gavin 3 of 9, 25 yards, 1 TD.

**Rushing:** D- DeShaun Davis 12-63 (TD), Rodney Cobb 18-42, Osagio Oviawe 3-13, Steve Holden 13-12, Roberson 6-(minus 23). MC- Bradley 16-192 (2 TD), DiGiulio 5-23, Joe Marias 4-20, Travis Bushnell 2-20 (TD), Eric Papp (2 TD), Don Busse 1-(minus 1), Gavin 2-(minus 4).

**Receiving:** D- Jeris Pendleton 2-33, Mario Jackson 1-15. MC- Bradley 1-12, Devon Clark 1-9, DiGiulio 1-4.

**Interceptions:** MC- John Sandrick, Sergio Flores.



## Class 5A Playoffs

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### SECOND ROUND

#11 Providence Catholic 14, #6 Libertyville 0  
#3 Richards 24, #14 **MARIAN CATHOLIC** 20  
#10 Rockford Boylan 25, #7 Rock Island 13  
#15 Hinsdale South 39, #2 Cahokia 15  
#5 Mount Carmel 28, #12 St. Rita 6  
#29 Woodstock 32, #13 Freeport 6  
#24 Hubbard 25, #25 Oswego 14  
#16 Bolingbrook 17, #1 Bloomington 14 (OT)

### FIRST ROUND

#11 Providence Catholic 56, #22 East Moline 14  
#6 Libertyville 28, #27 Carmel 21  
#14 **MARIAN CATHOLIC** 42, #19 Chicago Dunbar 10  
#3 Richards 41, #31 Rockford Guilford 12  
#10 Rockford Boylan 21, #23 Batavia 14  
#7 Rock Island 27, #26 Antioch 25  
#15 Hinsdale South 28, #18 Bradley-Bourbonnais 7  
#2 Cahokia 33, #30 Danville 7  
#12 St. Rita 41, #21 Chicago Mather 6  
#5 Mount Carmel 35, #28 Deerfield 9  
#13 Freeport 38, #20 Morgan Park 6  
#29 Woodstock 34, #4 Rolling Meadows 21  
#24 Chicago Hubbard 46, #9 TF South 0  
#25 Oswego 14, #8 Prairie Ridge 11  
#16 Bolingbrook 29, #17 Oak Forest 7  
#1 Bloomington 41, #32, Mt. Prospect 35 (3 OT)