

GAME 2: Marian 63, Indianapolis Arlington 7

Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Indianapolis Arlington High School.

Where: 4825 N. Arlington Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. ([Yahoo map](#))

Records: Marian Catholic 1-0; Arlington 1-1.

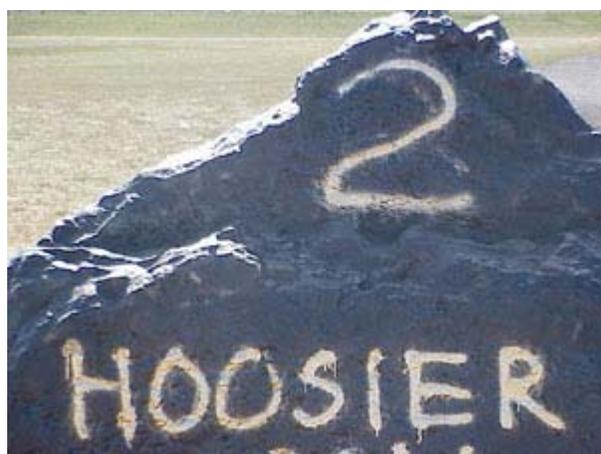
Last week: [Marian 45, Hales 14](#); Lawrence North 70, Arlington 6.

Week 3: Gordon Tech at Marian (Friday, [Decade of Champions](#)).

The series: This is the first meeting of the schools.

Notes: Marian Catholic head coach Dave Mattio and assistant Bob Bergstrom won their 201st contest (201-83) with last week's win over Hales. . . The Spartans are seeking a 2-0 start for the third time in four years. . . Marian's last contest vs. an out-of-state school resulted in 36-20 nonconference victory over Gary Wirt in 1989. . . **PLEASE NOTE** that Senior Parent Recognition Night has been moved to Friday, Oct. 25 when Marian hosts Carmel.

Sept. 6	1	2	3	4	Total
MARIAN SPARTANS	13	22	14	14	63
ARLINGTON	0	0	7	0	7



Marian Catholic made it two in a row on Friday night, as an opportunistic defense ignited things for a 63-7 nonconference victory at Indianapolis Arlington.

Marian rolls past Indy Arlington

INDIANAPOLIS- Marian Catholic used its defense to help ignite the offense Friday night as the Spartans made a long ride well worthwhile with a 63-7 nonconference victory over Arlington High School to give the visitors their third 2-0 start in four years.

The 63 points is a Marian school record.

Collin McKillip proved to be a catalyst on special teams for Marian, as the junior safety blocked a punt to lead to a touchdown and recovered a fumble on a kickoff to ignite another scoring drive. Meanwhile, Steve Koenig recovered the blocked punt in the end zone for a score and later added a touchdown on a 45-yard interception return.

"We really contained their quarterback and that helped us control the game," Koenig said. "We didn't allow him any room. Causing the turnovers on defense and getting some touchdowns on defense got everyone going and kept us excited the whole game."

Junior quarterback Joe Grubisic moved the Spartans well in the opening half, opening the scoring with a 1-yard plunge, hitting Milan Curry with a 62-yard scoring toss and Forrest McCain with an 8-yard touchdown pass to help Marian to a 35-0 halftime command.

"The defense gave us good field position all night," Grubisic praised. "Then we pounded the ball down the field behind some great line play. The defense put some points on the board and made our job so much easier tonight."

Koenig added a first-half score when he pounced on McKillip's blocked punt in the end zone and Travis Bushnell cashed in on another Arlington turnover with his 1-yard scoring run. Tim Rhoads booted three conversion kicks for Marian in the opening half.

The Spartans added to their lead as several reserves got opportunities in the second half. Mike Jedlicka fired a 17-yard touchdown pass to Curry in the third quarter and Chris Rodriguez scampered 28 yards for a score as the Marian lead swelled to 49-0.

Marian's fourth-quarter scores came on a 1-yard run by Daniel Johnson and Koenig's

interception return.

The Spartans' balanced rushing attack totaled 261 yards, as Rodriguez rushed for 78 yards, Bushnell for 69 yards and Johnson 68 more. Marian attempted just seven passes with three going for touchdowns.

CATEGORY	Marian	Arlington
First downs	23	6
Rush attempts / yards	45-261	25-49
Passing yards	115	71
Pass completions	4	6
Pass attempts	7	15
Had intercepted	0	1
Fumbles / lost	2/0	1/1
Penalty yards	3-30	3-28
Next opponent	GORDON	INDY NW

SCORING

MC- Joe Grubisic 1-yard run (Tim Rhoads kick), 4:09 first.

MC- Steve Koenig recovered blocket punt in end zone (kick failed), 2:11 first.

MC- Milan Curry 68-yard pass from Grubisic (Grubisic to Philip Cherry), 5:46 second.

MC- Travis Bushnell 1-yard run (Rhoads kick), 3:30 second.

MC- Forrest McCain 8-yard pass from Grubisic (Rhoads kick), 1:20 second.

MC- Curry 17-yard pass from Mike Jedlicka (Rhoads kick), 9:17 third.

MC- Chris Rodriguez 28-yard run (Matt Harris kick), 1:20 third.

A- DeRon Jenkins 32-yard pass from Marcus Minor (Santo Uribe kick); :43 third.

MC- Daniel Johnson 1-yard run (Harris kick), 5:23 fourth.

MC- Koenig 45-yard interception return (Harris kick), 2:43 fourth.

INDIVIDUALS

Passing: MC- Rodriguez 13-78 (TD), Bushnell 11-69 (TD), Johnson 10-68 (TD), Harris 4-16; A- Kevin Summers 5-15, Jerry Townsend 4-11.

Rushing: MC- Grubisic 2 of 3, 76 yards, 2 TD; Jedlicka 2 of 4, 39 yards, TD. A- Minor 4 of 11, 55 yards, TD; David Squires 2 of 4, 16 yards, INT.

Receiving: MC- Curry 2-87 (2 TD), Ryan Williams 1-20, McCain 1-8 (TD). A- DaJuan Marshall 4-31; Jenkins 1-32 (TD), Squires 1-8.

Interceptions: Koenig (MC), TD.