
GAME 3: Marian Catholic 41, Gordon Tech 6

Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Marian Catholic's Spartan Stadium.

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

Records: Gordon Tech 0-2; Marian Catholic 2-0.

Streaks: Rams- 2 losses; Spartans- 2 wins.

Last week: Woodstock Marian 21, Gordon 14; [Marian 63, Indy Arlington 7](#).

Week 4: Mount Carmel at Gordon Tech (Sun.); Benet at Marian (Friday).

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

Notes: Friday will represent the third celebration of Decade of Champions leading up to the 2010 "50 years of football at Marian" celebration. . . Marian is seeking its third 3-0 start in four years. . . The Spartans 108 points in two games is their best two-game scoring output in school history. . . **PLEASE NOTE** that Senior Parent Recognition Night has been moved to Friday, Oct. 25 when Marian hosts Carmel.

Sept. 13	1	2	3	4	Total
GORDON TECH	0	0	0	6	6
MARIAN SPARTANS	14	7	20	0	41

Marian (3-0) thumps Gordon Tech

The Marian Catholic offense is learning to like the way the defense is setting the table.

For the third consecutive game, the Spartan defense granted the offense outstanding field position. Without traveling more than 57 yards on any scoring drive, Marian Catholic (3-0) found the end zone six times and christened its new home uniforms with a 41-6 Catholic Metropolitan Conference White victory over Gordon Tech.

Until Joe Grubisic's third touchdown pass of the night ignited a running clock late in the third quarter, the Spartan defense had yielded just 85 total yards and four first downs in building a 41-0 command.

"In the first half we contained their running back real well," assessed senior defensive leader Adam Pack. "We were able to hold the outside real well and then we got good pressure on the quarterback in the second half. Overall, it was a real good effort."

In 22 attempts, the Rams (0-3) managed just 28 yards on the ground, as Marian had superb efforts up front from Adam and Dan Pack (sack), Matt Peebles (sack), Adam Bohlen, Ryan Vaughan and Russell Rivers. Gordon Tech quarterback Josh Hise completed just nine of 21 under constant pressure.

Despite great field position, the Marian offense still came up with some long strikes on scoring plays of 47, 47, 42 and 34 yards.

After a punt on their initial possession, Marian struck quickly on its next two.

Following a 41-yard punt return by Ryan Williams to the Ram 2, Travis Bushnell hit Paydirt from 2 yards out. The Spartans went 56 yards the next time they touched the ball, the drive culminating in Grubisic's 18-yard touchdown pass to Andy Lietz. Tim Rhoads kicked the second of his five conversion boots and Marian was on its way with a 14-0 command.

Before the half, Chris Rodriguez scampered 34 yards for a score and 21-0 halftime command to please a robust "Decade of Champions" crowd. Rodriguez finished with 137 yards on 19 carries.

"We just keep giving the offense great field position and they march right down and score," Pack said. "It's a great plan and it's working."

Marian put away the Rams by scoring on three of its four third-quarter possessions, as the Spartans never punted the ball again after their first possession of the night.

Grubisic hit Lietz for another score from 47 yards away, Rodriguez went off tackle and then used his explosive speed for a 42-yard score, then Grubisic found Milan Curry on the fly for a 47-yard bomb and 41-0 bulge.

Grubisic finished a nifty 7 of 9 for 143 yards and three scores, while Mike Jedlicka also threw for 57 yards. Lietz led all Spartan receivers with four catches for 93 yards.



CATEGORY	Gordon	Marian
First downs	5	19
Rush attempts / yards	22-28	36-220
Passing yards	127	200
Pass completions	9	12
Pass attempts	21	23
Had intercepted	0	1
Fumbles / lost	1/0	2/2
Penalty yards	7-34	2-15
Next opponent	MT. CARMEL	BENET

SCORING

MC- Travis Bushnell 2-yard run (Tim Rhoads kick), 5:55 first.

MC- Andy Lietz 18-yard pass from Joe Grubisic (Rhoads kick), 1:12 first.

MC- Chris Rodriguez 34-yard run (Rhoads kick), 3:14 second.

MC- Lietz 47-yard pass from Grubisic (kick failed), 10:31 third.

MC- Rodriguez 42-yard run (Rhoads kick), 3:50 third.

MC- Milan Curry 47-yard pass from Grubisic (Rhoads kick), 1:19 third.

GT- Joe Miller 6-yard pass from Josh Hise (pass failed), 9:26 fourth.

INDIVIDUALS

Passing: GT- Hise 9 of 21, 127 yards, 1 TD. MC- Grubisic 7 of 9, 143 yards, 3 TD; Mike Jedlicka 5 of 13, 57 yards; Rodriguez 0 of 1, 1 INT.

Rushing: GT- Joe Wroblewski 17-43, Hise 5-(minus 15). MC- Rodriguez 19-137 (2 TD), Daniel Johnson 11-45, Bushnell 3-16 (TD), Forrest McCain 2-13, Grubisic 1-9.

Receiving: GT- Lonnie Mackey 3-85, Tim Salazar 2-19, Miller 2-9 (TD), Mike Ramirez 1-8, Will Locke 1-6; MC- Lietz 4-93 (2 TD), Ryan Williams 5-38, Curry 1-47 (TD), Rodriguez 2-22.

Interceptions: Ryan Travis (GT).