

**GAME
7:
Mount
Carmel
36,
Marian
Catholic
14**

Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Spartan Stadium.

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

Tickets: Marian will pre-sell tickets through Friday in the Athletic Office and Student Activities (Room 213). Prices are \$4 for adults, \$2 for Marian students and senior citizens, \$3 for other students and \$1 for grade-school students.

Records: Mount Carmel 5-1; Marian Catholic 5-1.

CMC White: Mount Carmel 2-1; Marian 2-1.

Streaks: Caravan- 3 wins; Spartans- 1 loss.

Last week: Mount Carmel 31, Loyola 0; [Notre Dame 17, Marian Catholic 14.](#)

Week 8: Notre Dame at Mount Carmel (Sat.); Marian at Fenwick (Sun.).

Last meeting: Mount Carmel 31, Marian 7 (1999 5A state title game).

The series: The Caravan has won all eight meetings, including two in the IHSA playoffs.

Notes: Marian has outscored the opposition, 130-17, in the first half this season. . . The Spartans need one more victory to secure their 15th overall IHSA playoff bid. . . Marian has a passing and rushing touchdown in each of its first six contests. . . The teams are in a three-way tie for second in the CMC White.

| Oct. 11 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total |
|---------------------|---|----|---|----|-------|
| MT. CARMEL CARAVANS | 0 | 14 | 7 | 15 | 36 |
| MARIAN SPARTANS | 6 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 14 |



Marian quarterback Joe Grubisic tossed a pair of first-half touchdown passes for a 14-14 tie, but the Spartans eventually dropped a 36-14 decision to Mount Carmel.

Marian (5-2) falls to Caravan

For the better part of the contest Friday night, host Marian Catholic exchanged blows with powerful Mount Carmel on even ground. The Spartans forged a 14-14 halftime tie and were within a touchdown of the Caravan until the final four minutes of the contest.

Ultimately, Marian's passing attack couldn't keep stride with Mount Carmel's physical offensive line. The Caravan churned out 420 yards on the ground and blanked Marian in the second half for a 36-14 Catholic Metropolitan Conference White victory.

The Spartans' second straight setback left them at 5-2 overall and 2-2 in the loop, but both teams left the field Friday knowing a young Marian team has matured.

"This has been a big learning experience," said receiver Milan Curry, whose touchdown catch gave Marian an early 6-0 lead. "We lost tonight, but a lot of people didn't have the confidence in us to stay close to them. We hung with them for a long time. This shows we have a lot of faith in ourselves."

Marian made believers of the Caravan until the bitter end. Mount Carmel (6-1, 3-1) didn't put

away the contest until four minutes remained when quarterback Dan O'Brien burst into the end zone for his second score and a 28-14 Caravan lead.

Mount Carmel added another score on Jamie Medlock's 12-yard run with 0:48 on the clock to make the final outcome look much worse than the competitiveness of the contest.

Marian battled its visitors on even terms for much of the contest with a potent passing attack. Junior slinger Joe Grubisic finished 23 of 36 for 239 yards.

First-half scoring tosses to Curry for 7 yards and Chris Rodriguez for 10 yards allowed Marian to go into the locker room with a 14-14 tie.

"We knew it would be tough running against them (44 yards), so we passed well against them in the first half," Curry explained. "But they picked up some of our tendencies in the second half. We just couldn't get it done in the fourth quarter, but we were trying all the way."

Curry finished with eight catches for 74 yards, while Ryan Williams also grabbed eight for 81 yards. Andy Lietz pulled down four passes for 60 yards and Rodriguez three for 37 yards.

Despite a total of 250 yards through the air, Marian was unable to achieve balance with the 44 rushing yards on 21 attempts. Grubisic was also sacked four times and both of his interceptions came deep in Caravan territory.

Mount Carmel marched down the field after the second-half kickoff for the eventual winning score. O'Brien completed a seven-play, 72-yard drive with a 1-yard sneak for the score.

Buoyed by a 74-yard touchdown run in the first half, Mount Carmel's Greg Owens finished with 235 rushing yards on 23 carries. Medlock ran for 102 more.

| CATEGORY | Mt. Carmel | Marian |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| First downs | 20 | 18 |
| Rush attempts / yards | 44-420 | 21-44 |
| Passing yards | 48 | 250 |
| Pass completions | 4 | 24 |
| Pass attempts | 7 | 41 |
| Had intercepted | 1 | 2 |
| Fumbles / lost | 0/0 | 0/0 |
| Penalty yards | 4-45 | 3-25 |
| Next | NOTRE DAME | at Fenwick |

SCORING

MC- Milan Curry 3-yard pass from Joe Grubisic (kick blocked), 6:36 first.

Mt. C- Bryan Hamey 1-yard run (Kelly Karlen kick), 8:50 second.

Mt. C- Greg Owens 74-yard run (Karlen kick), 6:53 second.

MC- Chris Rodriguez 10-yard pass from Grubisic (Grubisic to Rodriguez), 1:37 second.

Mt. C- Dan O'Brien 1-yard run (Karlen kick), 9:04 third.

Mt. C- O'Brien 5-yard run (Karlen kick), 4:00 fourth.

Mt. C- Jamie Medlock 12-yard run (Frank Lenti to Brett Kellam), 0:48 fourth.

INDIVIDUALS

Passing: Mt. C- O'Brien 4 of 7, 48 yards, INT. MC- Grubisic 23 of 36, 239 yards, 2 TD, 2 INT; Mike Jedlicka 1 of 5, 11 yards..

Rushing: Mt. C- Owens 23-235 (TD), Medlock 11-102 (TD), O'Brien 6-71 (2 TD), Hamey 4-12 (TD). MC- Rodriguez 8-39, Jedlicka 1-18, Evan White 1-(minus 2), Ryan Williams 1-(minus 2), Grubisic 9-(minus 4), Curry 1-(minus 5).

Receiving: Mt. C- Ryan Waite 3-37, Scotty Schroeder 1-11. MC- Williams 8-81, Curry 8-74 (TD), Andy Lietz 4-60, Rodriguez 3-37 (TD), White 1-2.

Interceptions: Jerry Hudson, Mt. Carmel (2); Calvin Rowe, Marian.