

**GAME  
8:  
Marian  
Catholic  
14,  
Fenwick**

**Kickoff:** 12 p.m. Sunday at Oak Park High School.

**Where:** 201 N. Scoville Ave., Oak Park.

**Records:** Marian Catholic 5-2; Fenwick 4-3.

**CMC White:** Marian 2-2; Fenwick 3-1.

**Streaks:** Spartans- 2 losses; Friars- 3 wins.

**Last week:** [Mount Carmel 36, Marian 14](#); Fenwick 16, Notre Dame 10.

**Week 9:** Carmel at Marian (Fri.); Fenwick at Mount Carmel (Sat.)

**Last year:** Fenwick 21, Marian Catholic 0 (Prep Bowl).

**The series:** Fenwick owns a 2-1 series lead with all three decisions coming in Prep Bowl contests.

**Notes:** Marian has allowed just seven first-quarter this season. . . The Spartans need one more victory to secure their 15th overall IHSA playoff bid. . . Marian has passed for a touchdown in each of its seven contests, but the team to rush for more yards is 7-0 in Spartan games. . . The final regular-season home game on Oct. 25 vs. Carmel will feature **Senior Recognition Night** for players, cheerleaders and parents.

Oct. 20	1	2	3	4	Total
<b>MARIAN SPARTANS</b>	0	7	6	13	<b>26</b>
<b>FENWICK FRIARS</b>	0	7	0	0	<b>7</b>



**First time starting quarterback Mike Jedlicka (left) passed for 218 yards with no interceptions.**

**While Marian tight end Andy Lietz (below) caught three passes for 78 yards Sunday to help lead the Spartans to the playoff with a 26-7 CMC White victory at Fenwick.**



**Marian (6-2) bound for playoffs**

Adversity certainly jumped in the path of Marian Catholic's football team this week.

After earlier losses of running back Travis Bushnell and quarterback Joe Grubisic, Sunday's first half saw Marian lose another receiver and offensive lineman.

Led by first-time starting quarterback Mike Jedlicka, however, Marian used some clutch offensive performances and a stingy defense to stare down adversity and secure a third IHSA playoff berth in four years with a 26-7 Chicagoland Metropolitan Conference White victory at Fenwick.

With the Marian defense pitching a second-half shutout, Jedlicka connected with Ryan Williams for their second scoring strike and Chris Rodriguez ran for two scores as the Spartans (6-2, 3-2) pulled away from a 7-7 halftime stalemate.

"It was a fun week of practice getting ready because I wanted to make the most of the opportunity," explained Jedlicka, who finished with 218 passing yards and no interceptions.

"It was a tough week because Joe and I are very good friends, but he knew he could be confident with me stepping in for him. We just had to work a lot on the timing. For the most part, we prepared well for a very important game."

Other than a 44-yard scoring drive set up by a Marian penalty, the Spartan defense responded consistently led by sold play up front from Adam Pack (two sacks), Adam Bohlen, Russell Rivers, Ryan Vaughan, Sean Waldron and Brian Aldeza.

The Spartan defenders forced eight Fenwick punts, yielded less than 100 yards in both the air and on the ground (134 overall) and pressured Friar quarterbacks into three interceptions- two by Calvin Rowe and one by Collin McKillip.

After some dropped passes and blocked field goal forced Marian to settle for a 7-7 halftime tie, the Spartans took command late in the third quarter to halt a two-game losing streak.

One play after a 38-yard punt return by Mike Lennie, Rodriguez ran off tackle and kicked it out down the right sideline for a 25-yard touchdown scamper. On Marian's next possession, the Jedlicka to Williams connection gave the visitors a cushion. Following a 64-yard bomb to give Marian a first-and-goal, Jedlicka hit Williams for a 6-yard scoring strike and 19-7 lead.

With the Spartan defense allowing just five second-half first downs for Fenwick, Rodriguez added the insurance score on a 45-yard jaunt with 1:40 to play.

Behind strong blocking from Gary Downing, Noe Arroyo, Tim Kelly, Kyle Fischer and Jon Scudella, Rodriguez finished with 146 yards on 22 carries. Williams caught four passes for 96 yards and Andy Lietz grabbed three aerials for 78 yards.

"We knew this was an important one," Jedlicka said of Marian's 15th state playoff bid. "We needed to assure ourselves a spot and not worry about being on the bubble. We knew Fenwick was a tough team, but good preparation got the job done today."

CATEGORY	Marian	Fenwick
<b>First downs</b>	13	11
<b>Rush attempts / yards</b>	29-134	46-91
<b>Passing yards</b>	218	43
<b>Pass completions</b>	11	4
<b>Pass attempts</b>	25	12
<b>Had intercepted</b>	0	3
<b>Fumbles / lost</b>	1/1	3/1
<b>Penalty yards</b>	4-30	3-35
<b>Next</b>	<b>CARMEL</b>	<b>Mt. Carmel</b>

## SCORING

**MC-** Ryan Williams 19-yard pass from Mike Jedlicka (Tim Rhoads kick), 11:24 second.

**F-** Sean Harmon 1-yard run (Michael D'Agostino kick), 2:43 second.

**MC-** Chris Rodriguez 25-yard run (kick blocked), 2:58 third.

**MC-** Williams 6-yard pass from Jedlicka (pass failed), 11:12 fourth.

**MC-** Rodriguez 45-yard run (Rhoads kick), 1:40 fourth.

## INDIVIDUALS

**Passing:** MC- Jedlicka 11 of 25, 218 yards, 2 TD. F- Michael Buzinski 1 of 4, 19 yards, 1 INT; Rich Krieger 3 of 8, 24 yards, 2 INT.

**Rushing:** MC- Rodriguez 22-146 (2 TD), Zach Denny 2-(minus 2), Jedlicka 5-(minus 10). F- Harmon 20-82, Casey Gough 13-11, Ken Grady 3-9, Jon Woods 6-7, Buzinski 3-(minus 8), Krieger 1-(minus 10).

**Receiving:** MC- Williams 4-96 (2 TD), Andy Lietz 3-78, Rodriguez 2-28, Bryan Smith 1-9, Milan Curry 1-7. F- Gough 2-21, Chris Pisani 1-19, Grady 1-3..

**Interceptions:** Marian- Calvin Rowe (2), Collin McKillip.