

**2002
IHSA
Class
7A
Playoffs**

Class 7A First Round: Morgan Park 13, Marian Catholic 10

Kickoff: Saturday, Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.

Where: Gately Stadium, 103rd & Corliss, Chicago.

Records: Marian Catholic 6-3, Morgan Park 6-3.

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

Last week: Carmel 43, Marian 7; Morgan Park 28, Curie 14.

Last meeting: Marian 21, Morgan Park 14 (1988 5A playoffs).

Series: The Spartans have won both meetings, including a 1973 victory.

Notes: Marian owns a 6-1 playoff record vs. the Chicago Public League.

Nov. 2	1	2	3	4	Total
MARIAN SPARTANS	3	7	0	0	10
MORGAN PARK MUSTANGS	0	0	6	7	13



A strong defensive effort led by senior linebacker Steve Koenig was not enough Saturday, as Marian dropped a Class 7A playoff contest to Morgan Park at Gately Stadium, 13-10.

Marian (6-4) bounced from 7A playoffs by Morgan Park.

Despite several missed opportunities on Saturday when Marian Catholic battled Morgan Park at Gately Stadium in a Class 7A playoff opener, things looked good for the Spartans when they opened up a 10-0 halftime lead.

However, the visitors ran out of breaks when the Mustangs (7-3) completed the comeback with 1:55 on the clock to advance to a second-round meeting against Stagg with a 13-10 decision.

As it turned out, the same scenario on Marian's first possession and Morgan Park's last proved to be the difference in the contest.

A blocked punt by Steve Koenig on the game's opening drive had set up Marian at the Morgan Park 27. However, eight plays later Marian quarterback Mike Jedlicka was stuffed on a fourth-and-goal at the Mustang 1.

Meanwhile, Morgan Park's Cinque Chapman scored on a fourth-and-goal from the Marian 1 for the eventual game-winner.

Marian's offense managed just 42 yards rushing and 94 passing for the day, as it was unable to capitalize on a pair of Spartan interceptions (Brad Wisowaty, Calvin Rowe), a poor Mustang punting game and five sacks of Morgan Park quarterback Andre Downing.

"They didn't do much different in the second half, we just didn't execute today and we didn't block very well," Jedlicka explained. "We had our chances when we were down on the goal line. I tried to sneak it in and just couldn't get there. We just didn't have very good efficiency on offense.

"Then in the second half they just pinned their ears back and put on a lot of pressure. They have some very fast individuals on their defensive line."

Marian managed just a single second-half first down and its only second-half snap that netted more than 6 yards (a 30-yard gain) eventually ended with a fumble and turnover.

Despite the offensive woes, it appeared for much of the contest that a 26-yard field goal from Tim Rhoads and a 7-yard scoring toss from Jedlicka to Chris Rodriguez would be enough.

Marian held after a Morgan Park first-and-goal at the 7 midway through the final quarter. Then the Spartans thought they had a winning 85-yard connection from Jedlicka to Rodriguez in the game's final seconds. However, Rodriguez was whistled for touching down his knee back at the Spartan 13- a phantom call according to the Marian sideline.

"I didn't really see the play well, but everybody on the sideline said his knee never touched down and `C-Rod´ said it never touched down," Jedlicka said.

In the end, Morgan Park caught the two biggest breaks- one on the officials' call and the other on the play that set up the winning drive. Downing had thrown an apparent interception, but the ball slipped through the hands of a Spartan defender and into the hands of Mustang receiver Randy McCoy for a 42-yard gain.

The setback, just Marian's second against a Chicago Public League team in eight playoff meetings, spoiled a strong effort by the Marian defense.

The five sacks, which came on combined efforts from Ryan Vaughan, Adam Pack, Adam Bohlen, Sean Waldon and Dan Pack, helped limit the Mustangs to 49 yards on the ground. Downing passed for 140 yards, but completed just eight of 24 passes.

The Spartans (6-4) will now await an invite to the Chicagoland Prep Bowl Tournament, an event they won in 2000.

CATEGORY	Marian	Morgan Park
First downs	6	12
Rush attempts / yards	27-42	36-49
Passing yards	94	140
Pass completions	9	8
Pass attempts	18	24
Had intercepted	0	2
Fumbles / lost	3/2	3/0
Penalty yards	6-45	3-25
Next	Prep Bowl	at Stagg (7A)

SCORING

MC- Tim Rhoads 26-yard field goal, 0:25 first.

MC- Chris Rodriguez 7-yard pass from Mike Jedlicka (Rhoads kick), 7:06 second.

MP- Brandon King 11-yard pass from Andre Downing (kick failed), 7:06 third.

MP- Cinque Chapman 1-yard run (Edward Kelly kick), 1:55 fourth.

INDIVIDUALS

Passing: MC- Jedlicka 9 of 18, 94 yards, TD; MP- Downing 8 of 24, 140 yards, TD, 2 INT.

Rushing: MC- Daniel Johnson 6-22, Evan White 5-15, Rodriguez 11-13, Jedlicka 5-(minus 8). MP- Chapman 19-55 (TD), Pagel Williams 1-16, Brandon King 1-12, Chris Jones 1-4, Byron Miles 2-1, Downing 12-(minus 39).

Receiving: MC- Rodriguez 5-70 (TD), Ryan Williams 1-29, Andy Lietz 1-9, Bryan Smith 1-7, White 1-(minus 1). MP- Randy McCoy 2-70, King 4-49 (TD), Williams 1-13, Wally Martin 1-8.

Interceptions: Brad Wisowaty, Calvin Rowe (both Marian).

	Marian (6-4)	
45	at Hales Franciscan	14
63	at Indy Arlington	7
41	GORDON TECH*	6
28	BENET ACADEMY*	7
35	at St. Patrick	0
14	at Notre Dame*	17
14	MT. CARMEL*	36
26	at Fenwick*	7

	Morgan Park (7-3)	
20	Marist	15
28	Richards	35
24	Fenger	6
6	Hubbard	7
51	Mather	0
18	Dunbar (OT)	24
20	Simeon	7
61	Amundsen	7

7	CARMEL*	43
	Class 7A Playoffs	
10	at Morgan Park	13

Appearances: 15.

Last: 2000.

Record: 23-13.

Best: 1993 Class 4A state champ.

Openers: 11-3 record.

28	Curie	14
	Class 7A Playoffs	
13	MARIAN CATHOLIC	10

Appearances: 7.

Last: 2001.

Record: 3-6.

Best: Second round (three times)

Openers: 3-6 record.

CLASS 7A FIRST ROUND PAIRINGS (in bracket order, seeds precede school name)

#1 Libertyville 34, #8 Belvidere 17
 #4 Zion-Benton 35, Rockton Hononegah 28
 #2 Lake Zurich 38, #7 Mundelein 21
 #3 McHenry 42, #6 Deerfield 17

#1 Buffalo Grove 35, #8 Maine West 12
 #5 Glenbrook North 35, #4 St. Charles North 6
 #2 Prospect 35, #7 Glenbard West 14
 #3 Hersey 34, #6 St. Patrick 0

#1 Hubbard 78, #8 Young 6
 #4 St. Rita 39, #5 Dunbar 22
 #2 Stagg 44, #7 Simeon 18
 #3 Morgan Park 13, **#6 Marian Catholic 10**

#1 Oswego 26, #8 Belleville West 7
 #4 East St. Louis 27, #5 Bolingbrook 12
 #2 Pekin 31, #7 Romeoville 28
 #3 Edwardsville 31, #6 O'Fallon 0