

**First Round: Marian Catholic 21, Brother Rice 14****Kickoff:** Friday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.**Where:** Spartan Stadium, Joe Orr and Ashland, Chicago Heights.**Records:** Brother Rice 6-4; Marian Catholic 6-4.**Streaks:** Crusaders- 1 loss; Spartans- 2 losses.**Last week:** Lincoln-Way East 40, Brother Rice 7; Morgan Park 13, Marian Catholic 10.**Last meeting:** Marian 21, Brother Rice 14 (1997).**Series:** The Spartans have won both meetings, including a 6-0 decision in 1996.**Notes:** This marks Marian's fifth appearance in the Prep Bowl Tournament. The Spartans have advanced to the Prep Bowl title game at Soldier Field in two of their last three appearances. Marian owns an overall Prep Bowl record of 8-3.

<b>Nov. 8</b>	1	2	3	4	<b>Total</b>
<b>BROTHER RICE CRUSADERS</b>	0	7	7	0	<b>14</b>
<b>MARIAN SPARTANS</b>	21	0	0	0	<b>21</b>



**Marian quarterback Mike Jedlicka scored on a pair of quarterback sneaks to lead the Spartans to a 21-14 Prep Bowl victory over visiting Brother Rice on Friday.**

**Marian (7-4) topples Brother Rice to advance in Prep Bowl**

Marian Catholic's football team was outplayed for the better part of three quarters Friday night when the Spartans hosted Brother Rice in a Chicagoland Prep Bowl first-round contest.

But a 21-0 first-quarter lead and a huge 48-minute effort from senior defensive end Adam Pack allowed the Spartans (7-4) to advance to the second round with a 21-14 victory.

Pack had three-and-a-half sacks and forced a fumble to help Marian overcome three turnovers of its own.

"We were able to keep up a good push and go after them," explained Pack, who led a solid effort up front from Ryan Vaughan, Dan Pack, Brian Aldeza and Adam Bohlen. "We made their quarterback go to the outside and we were able to get to him and force some bad throws.

"The sacks really get me going. I think they make me keep playing and go a lot harder."

Despite the early lead, it didn't look like the Spartans would keep playing this season when the momentum shifted in the second half.

Marian managed just one first down between early in the second quarter and the start of the final period.

However, good pressure on the quarterback and a couple key plays by the Marian special teams allowed Marian to keep its season alive and go 3-0 all-time against the Crusaders (6-5).

Helped by a strong wind that stifled Crusader punter Scott Hayden, Marian scored on its first three possessions. After a 35-yard connection from Mike Jedlicka to Ryan Williams (eight catches, 104 yards), Jedlicka scored on a 2-yard sneak behind Jon Scudella and Tim Kelly. The first of three Tim Rhoads' conversion kicks gave Marian a 7-0 lead just 2:07 into the contest.

Rice appeared to hold on Marian's next possession, but Steve Koenig took a short snap on a fake punt and raced 48 yards for a 14-0 command. Another short punt set up Marian for a 1-yard Jedlicka sneak as the Spartan lead swelled to 21-0 with 2:56 to play in the

opening quarter.

Despite the huge differential, the contest was in doubt until the final minutes.

Rice appeared set for a last-ditch possession when Marian punted with just more than three minutes to play. But Crusader Tom Dwyer fumbled the punt and Kyle Fischer pounced on the ball to keep possession in Marian's hands.

Tailback Chris Rodriguez eclipsed the 100-yard barrier (27 carries, 110 yards) on the final possession to salt away the remaining clock.

Jedlicka finished 9 of 18 for 107 yards to balance a Marian ground game that produced 154 yards.

The Spartan defense yielded just 90 yards on the ground in 34 attempts as six sacks totaled 45 yards in losses.

Marian, which has advanced to the Prep Bowl title game in two of its last three appearances, will host Notre Dame (13-0 winner over St. Patrick) on Friday at 7 p.m.

"This was tough to get up for right after losing in the playoffs," Pack admitted. "But now it's easy to get up for games because it means we keep playing. This win is nice, but now we have to get ready to play the next game."

CATEGORY	Brother Rice	Marian
First downs	14	11
Rush attempts / yards	34-90	40-154
Passing yards	163	107
Pass completions	14	9
Pass attempts	26	18
Had intercepted	0	1
Fumbles / lost	2/2	3/2
Penalty yards	0-0	2-10
Next	season over	NOTRE DAME

**SCORING**

**MC-** Mike Jedlicka 2-yard run (Tim Rhoads kick), 9:53 first.

**MC-** Steve Koenig 48-yard run on fake punt (Rhoads kick), 7:06 first.

**MC-** Jedlicka 1-yard run (Rhoads kick), 2:56 first.

**BR-** Tom Dwyer 39-yard pass from Dan Nicholson (George Anderson kick), 9:16 second.

**BR-** John Burns 9-yard run (Anderson kick), 1:31 third.

**INDIVIDUALS**

**Passing:** BR- Nicholson 14 of 24, 163 yards, TD; Mike Murphy 0 of 2, 0 yards. MC- Jedlicka 9 of 18, 107 yards, INT.

**Rushing:** BR- Burns 14-81 (TD), Jerry Martin 7-27, Jim Miller 4-21, Brendan Lavin 1-(minus 1), Nicholson 8-(minus 38). MC- Chris Rodriguez 27-110, Koenig 1-48 (TD), Matt Harris 2-3, Ryan Williams 1-2, Mike Jedlicka 9-(minus 9) (2 TD).

**Receiving:** BR- Dwyer 9-128 (TD), Mike Mikaitis 1-10, Burns 1-9, Murphy 2-8, Miller 1-8. MC- Williams 8-104, Mike Lennie 1-3.

**Interceptions:** Mikaitis (BR).

	Marian (7-4)	
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
7	CARMEL*	43
	Class 7A Playoffs	

	Brother Rice (6-5)	
49	Bogan	6
31	St. Viator	7
14	Fenwick	10
48	St. Rita (6 OT)	51
35	St. Laurence	21
12	De La Salle	19
20	Marist	14
0	St. Patrick	38
16	Loyola Academy	10
	Class 8A Playoffs	

10	<b>at Morgan Park</b>	13
	<b>Prep Bowl</b>	
21	<b>BROTHER RICE</b>	14

7	<b>Lincoln-Way East</b>	40
	<b>Prep Bowl</b>	
14	<b>at Marian Catholic</b>	21