

Second Round: Notre Dame 14, Marian Catholic 7**Kickoff:** Friday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.**Where:** Spartan Stadium, Joe Orr and Ashland, Chicago Heights.**Records:** Notre Dame 6-5; Marian Catholic 7-4.**Streaks:** Dons- 3 wins; Spartans- 1 win.**Last week:** Notre Dame 13, St. Patrick 0; Marian Catholic 21, Brother Rice 14.**Last meeting:** Notre Dame 17, Marian Catholic 14 (Oct. 4).**Recap:** Visiting Marian Catholic rebounded from a 17-0 halftime deficit, but still fell short in this year's CMC White battle. It was the Spartans' first loss after a 5-0 start, as Marian was outgained on the ground, 208-76.**Series:** The Dons have captured three of the last five, but Marian owns a 6-3 series lead.**Notes:** Marian improved to 4-1 in Prep Bowl openers. 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 9-3. The Spartans have won their last two Prep Bowl meetings when facing a team for the second time in a season.

Nov. 15	1	2	3	4	Total
NOTRE DAME DONS	0	0	0	14	14
MARIAN SPARTANS	0	0	7	0	7



Host Marian Catholic took a third-quarter lead, but saw its season end on Oct. 15 with a 14-7 Prep Bowl setback against visiting Notre Dame.

Marian (7-5) falls to Notre Dame for second time

Marian Catholic's defense put forth a valiant effort Friday night in Chicago Heights, picking up right where it left off after blanking Notre Dame in the second half of an earlier 17-14 CMC White loss to the Dons.

But there were two things the Spartan defense couldn't conquer on Friday night. Notre Dame tailback Dean Cademartori and the final dagger in an injury-riddled campaign.

Marian lost its second starting quarterback in Mike Jedlicka (collarbone) at halftime and Cademartori rambled through the Spartan defense for two scores, as Notre Dame tripped Marian for the second time this season, 14-7, to eliminate the Spartans from the Prep Bowl playoffs.

After a scoreless first half, Marian managed just a single first down in the second half. Meanwhile, Cademartori carried for the first time in the second half, rushing just nine times for 83 yards and scores of 2 and 1 yards.

Marian had Dons' quarterback Dan Bukal on the run most of the night, as Steve Koenig, Ryan Vaughan, Dan Pack and Adam Pack combined for four sacks.

Even when the Spartan defense buckled for Notre Dame's only substantial drive of 89 yards for a score, Sean Waldron came up with a huge block of the conversion to help Marian maintain a 7-6 edge early in the fourth quarter.

"I thought we were still in command," Waldron explained. "But I guess I was wrong. There were still more big plays to be made. We needed to step up. It's all about making plays, and as a team, we didn't make enough big plays tonight."

Trouble met Marian right away on the ensuing kickoff. A slip on naked turf meant the Spartans had to start on their own 4-yard line, then a fumble on the next play gave Notre Dame possession on the Marian 3. Three plays later, the Spartans (7-5) saw their final

lead of the season disappear.

The Spartans' fate was sealed when a Notre Dame punt was muffed for a turnover with 37 seconds to play.

Chris Rodriguez moved from tailback to quarterback in Jedlicka's spot in the second half. On just his fourth carry from that position, the fleet junior got loose for a 68-yard touchdown scamper. Tim Rhoads' conversion boot gave Marian a 7-0 lead with 7:41 to play in the third quarter.

Rodriguez finished with 102 yards on 15 carries, but the scoring play proved to be Marian's lone first down of the second half. Along with the touchdown and muffed punt, the Spartans' second-half possessions consisted of three punts, a fumble and an interception.

The offense sustained the most devastating blows via the injury bug this season.

"It's very rare to have so many injuries for one team in a season," Waldron said. "You can't do much about it except to try to step it up. We did that and gave a good effort, it just wasn't enough tonight."

Marian rushed for 134 yards compared to 116 on the ground for the Dons, marking the first time in 12 Spartans contests that the better rushing team did not prevail.

Meanwhile, Marian completed just four pass on the night in 13 attempts. Andy Lietz caught a pair of passes for 14 yards, as Notre Dame ran off 67 total plays to just 38 for the host squad.

CATEGORY	Notre Dame	Marian
First downs	13	5
Rush attempts / yards	39-116	25-134
Passing yards	126	22
Pass completions	13	4
Pass attempts	28	13
Had intercepted	0	1
Fumbles / lost	1/0	3/1
Penalty yards	3-25	7-45
Next	TBA	season over

SCORING

MC- Chris Rodriguez 68-yard run (Tim Rhoads kick), 7:41 third.

ND- Dean Cademartori 2-yard run (kick blocked), 10:42 fourth.

ND- Cademartori 1-yard run (John Cullotta run), 9:17 fourth.

INDIVIDUALS

Passing: ND- Dan Bukal 13 of 28, 126 yards. MC- Mike Jedlicka 3 of 9, 20 yards; Chris Rodriguez 1 of 4, 2 yards, INT.

Rushing: ND- Cademartori 9-83 (2 TD), Cullotta 18-59, Joe Giorango 4-10, Bukal 8- (minus 36). MC- Rodriguez 15-102 (TD), Jedlicka 4-26, Evan White 3-13, Daniel Johnson 2-3, Ryan Williams 1-(minus 10).

Receiving: ND- Jack Schumack 4-56, Tom Draths 3-38, Matt Kilian 4-22, Joe Begale 1-6, Bill Desario 1-4. MC- Andy Lietz 2-14, Williams 2-4.

Interceptions: Joe Pauley (ND).

	Marian (7-5)	
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	

	Notre Dame (7-5)	
20	Holy Cross	0
0	Maine South	25
16	Benet Academy	24
28	Marist	27
13	Carmel	21
17	Marian Catholic	14
10	Fenwick	16
7	Mount Carmel	27
27	Gordon Tech	8
	Prep Bowl	

10	at Morgan Park	13
	Prep Bowl	
21	BROTHER RICE	14
7	NOTRE DAME	14

27	Benet Academy	7
13	St. Patrick	0
14	at Marian Catholic	7