

**GAME 2: Marian Catholic 53, St. Joseph 6**

**Kickoff:** 1:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Joseph High School.

**Where:** 1840 S. Mayfair Ave., Westchester.

**ESCC records:** Marian 1-0; St. Joseph 0-1.

**Last week:** Marian 20, Notre Dame 19; Benet Academy 47, St. Joseph 20.

**Last meeting:** Marian Catholic 43, St. Joseph 12.

**Week 3:** Carmel at Marian Catholic (Fri.); St. Joseph at Notre Dame (Fri.)

**The series:** Marian has a 10-0 all-time record and has scored at least 40 points in the last five meetings.

**Notes:** The Spartans have won seven straight in week two of the season. The Spartans' next home contest is Friday, Sept. 12, when they host top-ranked Carmel at 7:30 p.m. for

[Decade of Champions.](#)

Sept. 6	1	2	3	4	Total
MARIAN CATH. SPARTANS	20	27	6	0	-53
ST. JOSEPH CHARGERS	6	0	0	0	-6



**Marian Catholic's Andy Lietz pulled in four touchdown passes Saturday to lead the visiting Spartans to a 53-6 ESCC victory at St. Joseph.**

## Lietz' 4 touchdowns lead Marian (2-0) past St. Joseph

It doesn't get much more efficient than this.

Marian Catholic scored eight of the first 10 times it touched the football and never sent the punter on the field en route to a 53-6 East Suburban Catholic demolition of St. Joseph on Saturday in Westchester.

How efficient?

Prior to the second-half kickoff return for the score the mercifully capped the second straight 47-point loss for the Chargers (0-2), the Spartans (2-0) scored on drives of 3, 1, 1, 1, 5, 5 and 1 play.

"We wanted to come out strong and play with a lot of confidence right from the start," senior wide receiver Andy Lietz explained. "We played with confidence and got it done today."

Nobody was more efficient than Lietz on Saturday.

He caught just six passes, but four went for touchdowns from 7, 44, 14 and 52 yards away. Lietz finished with 177 yards receiving.

While neither played much more than a quarter, a pair of Marian quarterbacks also posted gaudy numbers.

Joe Grubisic was four of seven for 113 yards and three touchdowns. He also initiated the Spartan scoring with a 17-yard touchdown run.

Mike Jedlicka was six of seven for 142 yards and two scores.

"We had everything working for us today," Lietz assessed. "The line did a great job with protection and both of our quarterbacks threw the ball well today. They hit me with some nice passes in the open and I was able to go right to the end zone."

Lietz' final touchdown catch came with 3:03 to play in the opening half and the fourth Matt Harris conversion kick of the day sent Marian into the intermission with a 47-6 lead.

Including a one-play scoring drive of its own, you could say the St. Joseph offense was efficient

as well. The Chargers ran just 33 plays, but that was because the Marian defense forced eight St. Joseph punts and yielded only four first downs (two via penalty).

Excluding an 80-yard touchdown run by Charger tailback Terrance McCoy, the Spartan defenders held the hosts to minus-17 yards on the other 32 plays.

Sparked by a stingy effort up front by Brian Aldeza, Robert Johnson, Noe Arroyo, Ryan Vaughan and Jacob Zsuppon, Marian's defense threw the Chargers for negative yards on 11 plays. St. Joseph did not snap the ball in Marian territory the entire contest.

The defense was also ignited by a fumble recovery by Brad Wisowaty, blocked kicks by Tim Kelly and Vaughan, and sacks from Zsuppon and Johnson.

Grubisic got Marian rolling early with his touchdown run and scoring tosses to Lietz for a 20-0 command. Following the Charger score, Marian receiver Bryan Smith ripped the ball from a defender's hands for a 27-6 Spartan lead. After Sean Whitfield (10 carries, 48 yards) followed Jon Scudella into the end zone for a 7-yard rushing score, the Spartans claimed a 34-6 lead.

As an exclamation point, Chris Rodriguez returned the second-half kickoff 76 yards to end the scoring for the afternoon less than 20 seconds into the final half.

An 18-4 advantage in first downs helped Marian seal its 11th victory over the Chargers in as many tries.

"Bryan (Smith) had a big day last week and today was my day," Lietz said. "We'll see somebody else step up with some big plays next time. Now, it's time to move ahead and work for another victory next week."

The Marian **freshmen** improved to 2-0 with a 34-6 win over St. Joseph, as Joe Barker, Clifton Gordon and Don Settle scored rushing touchdowns and Kendell Greer and Joe Frjelich caught touchdown passes from Jack Krause and Derek Middleton. Jack McCormick added two conversion kicks and Corey White recorded a safety.

CATEGORY	Marian Cath.	St. Joseph
<b>First downs</b>	18	4
<b>Rush attempts / yards</b>	33-169	19-38
<b>Passing yards</b>	255	25
<b>Pass completions</b>	10	3
<b>Pass attempts</b>	15	14
<b>Had intercepted</b>	0	0
<b>Fumbles / lost</b>	0-0	2-1
<b>Penalty yards</b>	6-55	5-29
<b>Next</b>	<b>CARMEL</b>	<b>at Notre Dame</b>

## SCORING

**MC-** Joe Grubisic 17-yard run (Matt Harris kick), 9:45 first.

**MC-** Andy Lietz 7-yard pass from Grubisic (kick blocked), 6:56 first.

**MC-** Lietz 44-yard pass from Grubisic (Harris kick), 4:30 first.

**SJ-** Terrance McCoy 80-yard run (kick blocked), 4:12 first.

**MC-** Bryan Smith 34-yard pass from Grubisic (Harris kick), 11:01 second.

**MC-** Sean Whitfield 7-yard run (Rocky Linder kick), 7:52 second.

**MC-** Lietz 14-yard pass from Mike Jedlicka (kick failed), 4:58 second.

**MC-** Lietz 52-yard pass from Jedlicka (Harris kick), 3:03 second.

**MC-** Chris Rodriguez 76-yard kickoff return (kick failed), 11:41 third.

## INDIVIDUALS

**Passing:** MC- Grubisic 4 of 7, 113 yards, 3 TD, 0 INT; Jedlicka 6 of 7, 142 yards, 2 TD, 0 INT; Zach Denny 0 of 1. SJ- Andrew Belluomini 3 of 14, 25 yards.

**Rushing:** MC- Whitfield 10-48 (TD), Grubisic 3-46 (TD), Andrew Hebda 7-37, Daniel Johnson 3-23, Evan White 1-5, Jedlicka 2-4, Denny 4-4, Kevin Coffey 2-2, Linder 1-0. SJ- McCoy 8-76, Greg Emmons 5-13, Frank Romirez 2-(minus 3), Belluomini 3-(minus 18), Brian Gorka 1-(minus 30).

**Receiving:** MC- Lietz 6-177 (4 TD), Smith 2-41 (TD), Rodriguez 1-19, Whitfield 1-18. SJ- Pierre Walters 2-18, Robert Collins 1-7.

**Interceptions:** None.