

Sept. 20	1	2	3	4	Total
MARIAN CATH. SPARTANS	13	6	14	7	-40
NAZARETH ROADRUNNERS	0	0	0	0	-0



Marian Catholic's Joe Grubisic threw for three scores and rushed for two in leading the Spartans to a 40-0 win at Nazareth on Saturday.

Marian blanks Nazareth to improve to 3-1

Marian Catholic's defense knew exactly what it needed to do Saturday when the Spartans visited Nazareth Academy for an East Suburban Catholic Conference test.

The job was made easier by knowing exactly what the Roadrunners were going to do.

With the Spartans shutting down the Nazareth running game (1 total yard on 11 attempts), the host team was forced to throw the ball and play right into Marian's hands.

Combined with a balanced offensive attack, the formula translated into the Spartans' first shutout in 11 games, a 40-0 whitewash of the Roadrunners to improve Marian to 3-1 overall and in the ESCC.

"All the defensive backs, linebackers and linemen played very well together today and because of it we got a shutout," explained senior Brad Wisowaty, who had a sack and fumble recovery. "They spread the field pretty well and you knew what they were trying to do. On most plays, we were able to figure out what they were going to do."

Nazareth (0-4) had little choice but to try to pass the ball. With a stingy effort up front from Noe Arroyo (four extra-point kicks), Brian Aldeza, Mike Izguerra and Ian Turak, the Roadrunners didn't have a rushing play of more than 8 yards.

While Nazareth quarterback Peter Zavagnin did throw for 222 yards, he was picked off by Zach LoMonaco and Ryan Vaughan, and the Spartans forced turnovers on a pair of fumbles.

Meanwhile, Marian quarterback Joe Grubisic and receiver Andy Lietz are learning to like playing under the sun. After the duo teamed up for four touchdowns in Marian's other afternoon contest this year, they again led the Spartans on Saturday.

Lietz reeled in touchdown catches of 7 and 8 yards to help spark the visitors to a 19-0 halftime lead. Grubisic added a touchdown toss of 22 yards to Malcolm Parker and rushed for two more scores to key the lopsided decision.

Grubisic finished 22 of 34 for 270 yards while adding 65 yards on the ground. One of nine pass-catchers for the day, Lietz finished with nine receptions for 100 yards. On the ground, Chris Rodriguez carried 21 times for 135 yards and a 2-yard score.

In total, Marian's offensive line of Jon Scudella, Dan Kwiatkowski, Tim Kelly, Stephen Peternell and Keith Clark paved the way for 517 yards in offense and 23 first downs.

Wisowaty punted the ball just one time Saturday, as Marian scored on three of its first four possessions of the second half to invoke a running clock the final 11 minutes of the game.

Parker's score made it 26-0 before an interception set up Rodriguez' 2-yard score and a 33-0 Marian command. Grubisic capped the scoring when his 1-yard sneak culminated a 10-play, 58-yard drive early in the final period.

Mike Jedlicka also turned in a productive day, catching a pair of passes for 50 yards and throwing for 36 more yards on three completions. Parker finished with 52 yards receiving and Rodriguez pulled in three passes for 27 yards. Bryan Smith, Steve Busse, Zach Denny, Walter Fisher and Ryan

Owens all got into the aerial act with receptions for Marian as well.

"This brings us back up after last week (37-22 loss to Carmel)," Wisowaty concluded. "Now, we can get started on a new streak."

SOPHOMORES: Andrew Eagen and Bryce Horath each notched rushing scores to lead Marian (3-1) to a 14-6 victory at Nazareth on Saturday. Joe Frigo keyed the defense with a pair of interceptions.

FRESHMEN: Marian improved to 4-0 with a 20-6 victory over Nazareth. After only five plays in the opening quarter, the Spartans capped an 80-yard drive with a 14-yard touchdown pass from Derek Middleton to Kendall Greer. Jack McCormick added the extra point. Nwanna Alozie ran 45 yards to paydirt and Don Settle finished the Marian scoring with a 17-yard run. Johnathon Jack caused a fumble in what turned out to be a huge turning point in the contest.

CATEGORY	Marian Cath.	Nazareth
First downs	23	6
Rush attempts / yards	40-211	11-1
Passing yards	306	222
Pass completions	25	13
Pass attempts	38	29
Had intercepted	0	2
Fumbles / lost	0-0	2-2
Penalty yards	3-20	2-5
Next	at St. Viator	at Notre Dame

SCORING

MC- Andy Lietz 7-yard pass from Joe Grubisic (Noe Arroyo kick), 7:26 first.

MC- Grubisic 6-yard run (run failed), 2:19 first.

MC- Lietz 8-yard pass from Grubisic (pass failed), 0:46 second.

MC- Malcolm Parker 22-yard pass from Grubisic (Arroyo kick), 8:06 third.

MC- Chris Rodriguez 2-yard run (Arroyo kick), 3:50 third.

MC- Grubisic 1-yard run (Arroyo kick), 11:03 fourth.

INDIVIDUALS

Passing: MC- Grubisic 22 of 34, 270 yards, 3 TD, 0 INT; Mike Jedlicka 3 of 4, 36 yards.

NZ- Peter Zavagnin 13 of 28, 222 yards, 0 TD, 2 INT; Jamie Fennessy 0 of 1, 0 yards.

Rushing: MC- Rodriguez 21-135 (TD), Grubisic 10-65 (2 TD), Andrew Hebda 5-11, Jedlicka 4-0. NZ- John Grogan 3-4, #10 2-4, Matthew Schiffler 1-0, Zavagnin 5-(minus 7).

Receiving: MC- Lietz 9-100 (2 TD), Parker 2-52 (TD), Jedlicka 2-50, Rodriguez 3-27, Steve Busse 2-24, Bryan Smith 2-22, Ryan Owens 2-18, Zach Denny 1-9, Walter Fisher 1-7. NZ- Kevin Frymire 9-137, Charles Hayes 2-81, Grogan 1-3, Greg McNutty 1-3..

Interceptions: Zach LoMonaco, Ryan Vaughan (MC).