

GAME 3: Carmel 21, Marian Catholic 10**Kickoff:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.**Where:** 1 Carmel Parkway, Mundelein**ESCC records:** Marian Catholic 1-1; Carmel 2-0.**Streaks:** Spartans- 1 win; Corsairs 16 wins.**Week 2:** Marian 53, St. Joseph 0; Carmel 44, Benet Academy 28.**Week 4 (7:30 p.m. Friday):** Nazareth at Marian Catholic; Carmel at Notre Dame.**Last year:** Carmel 37, Marian Catholic 22.**The series:** The Corsairs have averaged 37 points in winning last three contests to narrow Marian's command of the series to 9-6.**Notes:** The Spartans have won six consecutive league contests on the road... Carmel's last loss came to Mount Carmel in the 2002 IHSA state quarterfinals... The losing team in Marian's first two contests failed to gain positive rushing yardage... Spartan graduate [Rodney Harrison](#) starts at strong safety for the defending Super Bowl champ NE Patriots.

Sept. 10	1	2	3	4	Total
MARIAN SPARTANS	10	0	0	0	-10
CARMEL CORSAIRS	7	7	7	0	-21



Marian's Malcolm Parker awaits the snap during Friday's 21-10 ESCC setback at Carmel.

Carmel erases early deficit to turn back Marian

Things couldn't have looked much better early on for Marian Catholic when it visited defending state champion Carmel for a week three East Suburban Catholic Conference battle on Friday night.

Showing little respect for the Corsairs' 16-game winning streak, the Spartans stunned the host crowd when they jumped to an early 10-0 lead.

However, it only proved to be a wakeup call for Carmel, which responded with 21 unanswered points to pull away to 3-0 with a 21-10 victory.

Marian, which will host Nazareth Academy Friday for "Decade of Champions," fell to 1-2 with the setback.

The Spartans blitzed Carmel with a pair of early scores, capitalizing on a strong defensive effort out of the gate.

After a Corsair three-and-out, Marian sophomore Clifton Gordon ignited the visitors on their opening possession with a quick 30-yard scamper. Gordon eventually found the end zone first, as his 4-yard touchdown run gave Marian a 7-0 command courtesy of Noe Arroyo's conversion boot.

The defense set up the next Spartans score as Mike Buxbaum's hit caused a fumble that was scooped up by Joe Siegert. Marian eventually increased the lead to 10-0 on a 33-yard field goal from Arroyo with 6:04 to play in the opening quarter.

Carmel got on the board late in the opening quarter, as Tyler Ankney hit Sean McGrath with a 12-yard scoring toss.

The Corsairs took their first lead of the contest with 11 seconds to play in the half, as

Ankney used another fade pass to connect with John Coffey for a 3-yard touchdown pass. Kevin Cook's conversion boot gave Carmel a 14-10 edge at the half.

Marian had its opportunities to do damage in the second half, but trips to the red zone resulted in some dropped passes that stifled drives.

Carmel, however, eventually increased the margin late in the third quarter as a 20-yard scoring jaunt by Jimmy Patempa increased the lead to 21-10.

The Spartan defensive unit held Carmel in check for the most part, holding the defending Class 6A state champs to just seven second half points. In its first two victories of the season, the Corsairs had rolled up 42 and 44 points.

Freshmen: Marian scored 20 unanswered points to take a 20-14, but eventually surrendered a late touchdown to visiting Carmel in a 21-20 loss. A scoring run by Malcolm Allen (37 yards) and a fumble recovery by Craig James made the score 14-12 after conversions failed for Marian. However, Allen raced 64 yards for the go-ahead score and Jake Pozywio's two-point conversion gave the Spartans a temporary 20-14 command.

CATEGORY	Marian	Carmel
First downs	15	20
Rush attempts / yards	30-112	48-236
Passing yards	108	80
Pass completions	10	7
Pass attempts	21	10
Had intercepted	0	0
Fumbles / lost	0 / 0	1 / 1
Penalty yards	2-25	3-30
Next	NAZARETH	at Notre Dame

SCORING

MC- Clifton Gordon 4-yard run (Noe Arroyo kick), 7:43 first.

MC- Arroyo 33-yard field goal, 6:04 first.

C- Sean McGrath 12-yard pass from Tyler Ankney (Kevin Cook kick), 1:31 first.

C- John Coffey 3-yard pass from Ankney (Cook kick), 0:11, second.

C- Jimmy Patempa 20-yard run (Cook kick), 2:11 third.

INDIVIDUALS

Passing: MC- Zach Denny 11 of 21, 108 yards.

Rushing: MC- Gordon 15-64 (TD), Denny 13-28, Sean Whitfield 2-20.

Receiving: MC- Cameron Williams 3-23, Whitfield 2-32, Malcolm Parker 2-24, Walter Fisher 2-24, Gordon 2-5.

Interceptions: none.