

## 7A IHSA Playoffs: (Game 10): Marian Catholic-49, Chicago Bogan-06



**Kickoff:** 7 p.m. Friday at Hanson Stadium.

**Where:** 5501 W. Fullerton Ave, Chicago ([Yahoo map](#)) ([PDF Directions](#)).

**Tickets:** Priced at \$5 and will be available at the gate ONLY on West side of stadium.

**Parking:** Lots available on the East and South sides of stadium.

**Records:** Marian Catholic 6-3; Bogan 9-0.

**7A seeds:** Marian #8; Bogan #1 (in 8-school quadrant).

**Streaks:** Spartans- 3 losses; Bengals- 9 wins.

**Week 9:** Marist 49, Marian Catholic 0; Bogan 26, Gage Park 0.

**At stake:** Winner plays winner of Plainfield North at St. Rita in Second Round.

**The series:** This will be the first-ever meeting between the schools. Marian's last meeting with a Chicago Public League foe in the playoffs resulted in a 13-10 loss to Morgan Park in the first round of the 2002 Class 7A playoffs. The Spartans are 6-2 overall vs. the Chicago Public League in the playoffs.

**Notes:** Marian had played five IHSA playoff opponents, while Bogan has played just one team with a record above .500 (a 42-14 victory over 6-3 Julian)... Seven of the 10 teams in the ESCC qualified for the IHSA playoffs... The Bengals have outscored nine foes by an average of 35 points per game, the largest margin among Class 7A qualifiers... The Spartans own a 6-1 record this season when playing on artificial turf... Bogan has not won an IHSA Playoff game since 1982, with all three Bengal IHSA wins coming over Chicago Public League schools.

### PLAYOFF HISTORY

**Appearances:** Marian Catholic 19; Chicago Bogan 14.

**Last:** Marian lost to Naperville North, 21-0, in first round of 2007 8A Playoffs.

Bogan lost to St. Charles, 34-0, in first round of 1996 6A Playoffs.

**Playoff records:** Marian Catholic 24-17, Chicago Bogan 3-13.

**Best advancement:** Marian beat Geneseo, 13-6, for 1993 Class 4A title; Chicago Bogan advanced to the Class 5A quarterfinals in 1980, 1981 and 1982.



Oct. 30 at Hanson Stadium	1	2	3	4	Total
<b>MARIAN SPARTANS</b>	21	14	14	0	<b>-49</b>
<b>at CHICAGO BOGAN</b>	0	6	0	0	<b>-6</b>



**Marian's offense rushed for 402 yards in a 49-6 victory over Chicago Bogan at Hanson Stadium Friday to open the Class 7A IHSA Playoffs.**

## **Spartans demolish Bogan to open Class 7A Playoffs**

The only thing competitive about Marian Catholic's Class 7A playoff visit to Bogan on Friday was whether the Marian offense or defense would have a more impressive night.

Call it a draw.

The Spartan offense churned out 402 rushing yards and scored on seven of its first nine possessions.

The Marian defense yielded just 111 yards and chalked up a school-record six interceptions (breaking the record of five last set in 1992).

When the final horn sounded Friday at Chicago's Hanson Stadium, the Spartans were on their way to the second round of the playoffs with a 49-6 demolition of the Bengals.

Marian, which snapped a three-game losing streak, will await the winner of Plainfield North vs. St. Rita in a second-round Class 7A matchup, while Bogan sustained its first loss of the year to fall to 9-1.

"All we talked about all week was that this was a new season," explained Wes Fleming, who had two of Marian's six pickoffs (also a Class 7A playoff record). "Now, we're 1-0 and we want to keep it rolling.

"The coaches prepared us very well this week. They had some very good athletes, but we shut them down right from the start. We just ran them out of their options."

It was a turn back the clock night for Marian.

Much like when the Spartans opened the campaign with a 6-0 mark behind a power rushing offense, Marian punished the Bengals on the ground Friday. Five different ballcarriers found the end zone, as Marian rode a stellar offensive line of Brian Kelly, Michael Foster, Alexander Bell, James Jackson, Tim Michels and Jeffrey Bona to the tune of 402 yards via the infantry.

"Everything clicked tonight," assessed Spartan senior tailback Joe Hess, who scored twice and led Marian with 134 yards on just eight carries. "We took it to them right from the start and sent them backward all night. This feels great right now. It makes us feel like we can conquer the world."

The defense also bounced back to early-season form, never allowing #1-seeded Bogan inside the Marian 40-yard line. The defense also set up the offense superbly early on, as the #8 Spartans rolled to an early 35-0 command.

Marian's pickoff parade wasted little time in stepping off. Three plays into the contest, Tony Alozie intercepted a pass to set up the Spartans 27 yards from the end zone. Within four plays, Jeruel Taylor exploded through a hole for a 4-yard score. The conversion kick was blocked, but Marian was on its way with a 6-0 lead just 3:19 into the contest.

A quick three-and-out set up Marian again at the Bogan 35. The visitors needed just three snaps this time, with Joe Sanfratello barreling into the end zone from 2 yards away. Sanfratello added the conversion run for a 14-0 lead.

Although Marian fumbled the ball away on its third chance, the Bengals tossed interceptions on back-to-

back possessions (Fleming, Bryon Bajorek) to give Marian the ball at its own 40-yard line.

Finally facing a longer field, the Spartans were unphased, as Taylor eventually got loose on a 37-yard scoring scamper to make it 21-0 on the first of Adam Hutchison's five conversion boots.

Taylor also cracked the rushing century mark for Marian on 100 yards on 11 carries. Jesse Steward ran for 74 yards on six totes and Joey Walker rushed for 63 yards on six carries. Marian was extremely efficient on the wet turf, compiling the 402-yard rushing night on just 48 attempts.

Stunned with a 21-0 deficit after one quarter in its then 9-0 campaign, Bogan had no better success stopping Marian in the second quarter.

Hess capped off a 59-yard drive with a 53-yard scoring dash and Walker skirted around end on a reverse for a 12-yard score to complete an 11-play, 71-yard drive. Bogan answered with an 85-yard kickoff return by Vance St. George for a 35-6 halftime margin, but it would prove to be the Bengals' lone highlight of the night.

The Marian defense was even more dominant in the second half, limiting Bogan to two first downs and 35 total yards after the intermission. Fleming, Bajorek and Mark Crosetto added interceptions, while the Spartan sack list for the night included Javar Murphy, Josh Mayers and Michael Toliver.

"We really wanted to come back from our loss last week (49-0 at Marist)," Fleming explained. "We worked hard all week in practice and we came out with a lot of energy."

Meanwhile, the Marian offense didn't lose any energy in the second half.

Marian took the second-half kickoff and engineered its longest drive of the night. The Spartans travelled 75 yards in five plays, as Hess followed up a 50-yard jaunt by Walker with a 5-yard scoring rush. Marian concluded the scoring for the night on its next drive, as a 40-yard drive was culminated by a 1-yard sneak from quarterback John Rhode. As the lead swelled to 49-6 with 3:56 to play in the third quarter, the game was concluded with a running clock.

While Marian averaged 8.4 yards per rush on Friday, the Bengals didn't have a play carry for more than 18 yards and finished the night with just four first downs.

The win sends Marian to the second round of the IHSA playoffs for the first time since 2006, as the Spartans will seek their first eight-victory season since 2000.

CATEGORY	Marian Catholic	Chicago Bogan
First downs	15	5
Rush attempts / yards	48-402	20-53
Passing yards	0	58
Pass completions	0	6
Pass attempts	5	18
Had intercepted	0	6
Fumbles / lost	3 / 2	1 / 0
Penalty yards	4-40	8-40
Next	<b>7A 2nd Round</b>	<b>TBA</b>

## SCORING

**MC-** Jeruel Taylor 4-yard run (kick blocked), 8:41 first.

**MC-** Joe Sanfratello 2-yard run (Sanfratello run), 5:09 first.

**MC-** Taylor 37-yard run (Adam Hutchison kick), 0:47 first.

**MC-** Joe Hess 53-yard run (Hutchison kick), 8:58 second.

**MC-** Joey Walker 12-yard run (Hutchison kick), 2:07 second.

**B-** Vance St. George 85-yard kickoff return (pass failed), 1:53 second.

**MC-** Hess 5-yard run (Hutchison kick), 9:32 third.

**MC-** John Rhode 1-yard run (Hutchison kick), 3:56 third.

**Rushing:** MC- Hess 8-134 (2 TD), Taylor 11-100 (2 TD), Jesse Steward 6-74, Walker 6-63 (TD), Sanfratello 7-27 (TD), Trevor Woolfolk 3-6, Byron Munoz 2-2, Rhode 2-1 (TD), Rob Cifelli 2-(minus 2); Brandon Spruill 1-(minus 3). B- Darrell Taylor 9-40, Kareem Aduwonle 8-17, Emmanuel Bibbs 1-1, Terrence Walker 2-(minus 5).

**Passing:** MC- Rhode 0 of 5, 0 yards. B- Aduwonle 5 of 14, 56 yards, 0 TD, 5 TD; Walker 1 of 4, 2 yards, 0 TD, 1 INT.

**Receiving:** B- Bibbs 3-32, St. George 1-18, DeAndre Bingham 2-8.

**Interceptions:** Brian Bajorek 2 (MC), Wes Fleming 2 (MC), Tony Alozie (MC), Mark Crosetto (MC).

