

Scouting Illinois Prep Football -- Week 2

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(Records in parentheses)

Bloom Twp. (0-1) at Marian Catholic (1-0)

When: 6 p.m. today.

Breaking it down: Based on Week 1 results, the now-annual battle for bragging rights in Chicago Heights would seem to tilt in the Spartans' direction. Marian Catholic definitely opened some eyes with its 34-18 whipping of Homewood-Flossmoor last Friday, and it should enter this contest sky-high emotionally. What made the Spartans' performance impressive was that they shoved the Vikings into an inescapable 28-0 hole by halftime. The trio of Joe Sanfratello, Joe Hess and Joe Walker fueled Marian's offense with a combined 138 rushing yards and five TDs, while the Spartans forced two turnovers and limited H-F to 61 net yards on the ground. On the flip side of all those good feelings sits the Blazing Trojans, who were stunned in overtime by Thornwood. Not only did Bloom Twp. fail to generate any points, it also committed 15 penalties for 125 yards. The Blazing Trojans' two best scoring opportunities went awry because of fumbles in the red zone. Adding to Bloom's concerns is the mind-set of Marian players, who are anxious to avenge last year's 13-7 loss to the Blazing Trojans at Sarff Field. --
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