

## Homecoming 2012

### GAME 6: Marian Catholic 38, Champaign Central 0

**Kickoff:** 7:30 p.m. Friday at Spartan Stadium.  
**Where:** Joe Orr Road, just west of Ashland Avenue, Chicago Heights.  
**Live media:** game broadcast on **High School Cube**.  
**Records:** Champaign Central 0-5, Marian Catholic 0-5.  
**Last week:** Decatur MacArthur 30, Champaign Central 6; Benet 44, Marian Catholic 6.  
**Week 7:** Danville at Champaign Central (7:30 p.m. Friday); St. Patrick at Marian (7:30 p.m. Friday).  
**Streaks:** Maroons- 5 losses; Spartans- 5 losses.  
**The series:** This will mark the first meeting between the schools.  
**Notes:** Marian is hoping to avoid its first 0-6 start since 2005 when the Spartans finished with a 2-7 mark... The ESCC is currently 2-0 vs. the Big Twelve this year with Notre Dame defeating Normal and St. Patrick topping Bloomington... Both teams have played four foes (of five) with winning records, as Champaign Central opponents are combined 16-9 and Marian opponents are a combined 18-7... The Spartans have scored exactly one touchdown in each of their five contests this fall.

Sept. 28 (PEP RALLY PHOTOS)	1	2	3	4	Total
<b>CHAMPAIGN CENTRAL</b>	0	0	0	0	<b>-0</b>
<b>at MARIAN CATHOLIC</b>	17	14	0	7	<b>-38</b>



The Marian offense helped ignite a 38-0 Homecoming victory over Champaign Central on Friday.

### Spartans crush Champaign Central for Homecoming victory

A little bit of confidence and momentum can work wonders.  
 Troy Nutall gave host Marian Catholic a shot of both when he exploded for a 51-yard touchdown run on the Spartans' second play from scrimmage.  
 The steamroller got going from there, as the Spartans scored on their first five possessions en route to a 38-0 Homecoming victory over Champaign Central.  
 "It was definitely a big momentum-gainer," explained Nutall, who ignited a 402-yard rushing attack with 156 yards on an efficient 11 carries. "It was a great start like we haven't been getting. It gave us a lot of strength to work hard and finish off a game."  
 "It was a great feeling to bust loose like that. I just got into the open field and had nothing but green in front of me."  
 In the battle of winless teams, Marian looked nothing like a team fighting for its first victory on Friday.  
 Along with a dominant defensive that produced the first Marian shutout since early 2010, the Marian offense churned out more than 10 yards per rush on Friday. In the opening half, Marian had 12 first downs to none for Champaign, and held a 264-7 differential in yardage.  
 With the defense forcing five punts in the opening half, Marian scored early and often.  
 The Spartans' second possession netted just 35 yards, but concluded with a 23-yard field goal from Chris Taborn, who finished the night with eight points.  
 Courtesy of a poor punt, Marian needed to travel just 15 yards for its third score, as quarterback Ki-Jana Crawford sneaked 1 yard to give the Spartans a 17-0 command before the opening quarter concluded.  
 Dillon Burns actually led Marian in rushing with 158 yards on 15 carries. He got into the scoring act on the fourth possession, culminating a 15-play, 85-yard drive with a 4-yard touchdown plunge and 24-0 lead with 4:39 to play before halftime.  
 With an offensive line of Gage Bonczek, Jesse Kilbourn, Jim Carlson, Jake Wagner and Justin Scott opening gaping holes, Marian scored one more time before the intermission, as Nutall burst through the line and faked and juked his way for a 48-yard score. Only the clock stopped the Spartans on their final possession of the half, as total domination sent Marian into halftime with a 31-0 command.  
 The only thing in question in the second half was a Marian shutout, and the Spartan defenders were up to the challenge.  
 With a defensive front of Harris, Drew Robinson, Brian Richardson, Jeremy Simmons and Gideon Woods (two sacks) dominating the line of scrimmage, Champaign was limited to 8 yards passing and minus-1 yard rushing in the opening half.  
 Behind some punishing hits from Spartan linebackers Shane Ratkovich, Jacob Forney and Timothy Mason, the Maroons never did get into a comfort zone. Champaign's passing game was just 6-for-23 on the night, as several receivers were separated from the ball when Marian defenders delivered major blows.  
 Eventually, the defensive backs reaped their benefits as well with interceptions by Patrick Swanson, Justin Harris and Louis Longo.  
 "The offense finally matched the good efforts the defense has been giving us," Nutall said. "They've played well all season and hopefully the offense will play great the rest of the season."  
 The Maroons threatened the shutout only once, when they got half of their eight first downs on the initial possession

of the second half. On third down from the Marian 10-yard line, Swanson picked off a pass in the end zone. A clipping penalty prevented the senior from polishing off a 102-yard touchdown return.

With the result well in hand, Marian added just one insurance score in the second half.

Following an interception by Harris, Marian needed just two plays to hit paydirt early in the fourth quarter. Starting at their own 25-yard line, fullback Bryan Hurt picked up 7 yards on first down. Then, Burns got loose on a 68-yard jaunt for a 38-0 lead.

It took Marian just 40 rushing attempts to churn out the 402 infantry yards, as the Spartans finished with a 14-7 advantage in first downs. Fullback Ratkovich finished with 76 rushing yards on just three carries.

"This will definitely get us going for some wins the rest of the season," Nutall concluded. "Now, we've got some nice momentum to fight in the rest of our conference games."

Marian's next chance will be back at Spartan Stadium on Friday, when the Spartans host an ESCC challenge against St. Patrick.

**Sophomores:** The Spartans had their offense going early, but eventually sustained a 34-20 loss to the Maroons.

CATEGORY	Champaign C.	Marian Catholic
First downs	7	14
Rush attempts / yards	27-87	40-402
Passing yards	22	9
Pass completions	6	1
Pass attempts	23	2
Had intercepted	3	0
Fumbles / lost	1 / 0	1 / 1
Penalty yards	3-12	9-78
Next	DANVILLE	ST. PATRICK

**SCORING**

**MC-** Troy Nutall 51-yard run (Chris Taborn kick), 11:22 first.

**MC-** Taborn 23-yard field goal, 5:54 first.

**MC-** Ki-Jana Crawford 1-yard run (Taborn kick), 3:03 first.

**MC-** Dillon Burns 4-yard run (Taborn kick), 4:39 second.

**MC-** Nutall 48-yard (Taborn kick), 3:22 second.

**MC-** Burns 68-yard run (Taborn kick), 11:48 fourth.

**Rushing:** CC- Timothy Turner 13-37, Jamal Stovall 8-28, Cashmere Blissit 1-14, Rylan Harris-Newman 2-9, Tion Posey 3-(minus 1). MC- Burns 15-158 (2 TD), Nutall 11-156 (2 TD), Shane Ratkovich 3-76, Bryan Hurt 2-9, Crawford 7-5 (TD), Markus Burden 1-(minus 1), Andrew Leavell 1-(minus 1).

**Passing:** CC- Stovall 5 of 21, 22 yards, 0 TD, 2 INT; Turner 1 of 1, 0 yards; Jacob Henss 0 of 1, 0 yards, 0 TD, 1 INT. MC- Crawford 1 of 2, 9 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT.

**Receiving:** CC- Kendrell Thompson 2-13, Henss 2-11, Spencer de Vriese 1-0, Turner 1-(minus 2). MC- Hurt 1-9.

**Interceptions:** Patrick Swanson, Justin Harris, Louis Longo (all MC).

