

## Homecoming 2013

### GAME 4: Benet Academy 40, Marian Catholic 7

**Kickoff:** 7:30 p.m. Friday at Dave Mattio Field.  
**Where:** Joe Orr Road, just west of Ashland Avenue.  
**Live media:** game broadcast on [High School Cube](#).  
**2013 records:** Benet Academy 4-0; Marian Catholic 2-2.  
**ESCC records:** Benet Academy 1-0; Marian Catholic 0-2.  
**Last week:** Benet Academy 30, Crete-Monee 6; Notre Dame 35, Marian Catholic 0.  
**Streaks:** Redwings- 4 wins; Spartans- 2 losses.  
**Next week:** St. Viator at Benet (Fri., 7:30 p.m.); Marian at Champaign Central (Fri., 7 p.m.).  
**Last year:** Benet Academy 44, Marian Catholic 6.  
**The series:** Marian has won nine of the last 12, giving the Spartans an 18-7 overall advantage in the series. The Redwings snapped a four-game series losign streak with last year's decision.  
**Notes:** This marks first meeting in Chicago Heights since 2007 when Marian earned a 34-3 victory... Spartan kicker Chris Taborn, also the soccer team's goalie, is a perfect 13-for-13 in conversion kicks... Benet has outscored three nonconference foes by a 92-18 margin... Marian was shut out last week for the first time since a Week 7 setback to Carmel Catholic in 2010... The Spartans are averaging more than 10 yards per pass completions... The Redwings are one of three ESCC teams (Joliet Catholic, Notre Dame) to open the campaign 4-0... As a league the ESCC owns a 20-8 record thus far in nonconference play.

Sept. 27	1	2	3	4	Total
<b>BENET ACADEMY REDWINGS</b>	7	17	6	10	<b>-40</b>
<b>at MARIAN CATHOLIC SPARTANS</b>	7	0	0	0	<b>-7</b>



Spartan quarterback Patrick Schmidt awaits the snap on Friday in action vs. visiting Benet.

### Homecoming spoiled as Spartans booted by Benet Academy

The good news Friday was that Marian Catholic's bend-but-don't-break defense forced four field goals attempts against Benet Academy.  
 The bad news is the Spartans made a monster out of Redwing kicker John Duvic.  
 The senior kicker booted field goals of 40, 53, 54 and 32 yards, along with booming eight touchbacks to send a Marian Homecoming crowd home disappointed with a 40-7 ESCC loss to the Redwings.  
 "We stuck together and never quit," Spartan linebacker Gage Bonczek said of a Spartan defense that got stingier after falling behind 21-7 midway through the second quarter. "No matter what happens, we just refused to let each other down. We competed."  
 "They just have an excellent kicker and they were a great opponent."  
 Just as impressive as the long field goals were touchbacks that left Marian 80 yards away from the end zone on eight occasions.  
 Until the final two possessions of the game, the best starting field position of the game for Marian (2-3, 0-3) was the Spartan 30-yard line on a fair catch of a punt.  
 Marian was not able to respond to its plight well, as the Spartans only penetrated Benet territory once before the reserve Redwing punter booted a zero-yard punt to give Marian possession at the Benet 49-yard line with 30 ticks remaining in the contest.  
 Marian made the most of its one 80-yard drive, as the Spartans looked like they might make a game of it in the early going.  
 Trailing 7-0 after Benet's first possession, Marian marched 80 yards in 11 plays for the tying score.  
 Marian moved the chains four times on the drive, as Ki-Jana Crawford rushed for a first down on a direct snap and Patrick Schmidt connected with Emilio Garza and Crawford for first downs to move the Spartans to the Benet 37-yard line.  
 Three plays later, Dillon Burns pulled in a screen pass and dashed and darted into the open for a 37-yard touchdown. Chris Taborn's conversion boot pulled Marian even at 7-7 with 2:47 to play in the opening quarter.  
 That was the last time Marian would sniff the red zone, leaving the home team longing to get back to nonconference play after an 0-3 start in the ESCC.  
 "We're going to bounce back," Bonczek vowed. "We'll be 3-3 after next week."  
 The Spartans hope a Friday nonconference visit to Champaign Central will be the tonic. Marian rolled past Central, 38-0, a year ago and the Spartans have won their last three nonconference contest.  
 It will be a welcome hiatus from the ESCC schedule, where Benet (5-0, 2-0) handed Marian it third straight lopsided loss.  
 After Marian pulled even in the contest, the Redwings scored on two of their next three possessions. Brad Sznajder notched his second rushing score and a 42-yard burst and fullback Nick McTarnaghan burst into the end zone from 4 yards out to give Benet a 21-7 cushion. Duvic sent the Redwings into intermission with a 24-7 command with a 40-yard field goal with 1:00 to play in the half.  
 With Benet looking to expand the lead in the second half, Marian got a better push up front from the likes of Apelete

Houngbo, Gage Bonczek, Brian Richardson, Drew Robinson and Bryan Hurt. The result was just two Redwing first downs and some failed third-down conversions on the first two possessions of the second half.  
 Duvic responded, however, booming field goals of 53 and 54 yards, in each case with some room to spare.  
 The lead expanded to 30-7. With Marian gaining just 27 rushing yards on 21 attempts for the night, the margin was insurmountable.  
 The Redwings accounted for the final tally with a pair of fourth-quarter scores, as John Hatfield burst to paydirt from 1 yard out and Duvic added a 32-yard field goal.  
 Marian's only offensive success came in the passing game, as Schmidt finished eight of 19 for 93 yards. Crawford pulled in five passes for 43 yards and Garza had two grabs for 13 yards. Burns proved to be Marian's biggest offensive threat with the 37-yard aerial score and 35 yards rushing.  
**Sophs:** The young Spartans fell to 1-3 with a 35-7 loss to the Redwings.

CATEGORY	Benet Academy	Marian Catholic
First downs	15	6
Rush attempts / yards	37-180	21-27
Passing yards	156	93
Pass completions	13	8
Pass attempts	23	19
Had intercepted	0	1
Fumbles / lost	0 / 0	1 / 0
Penalty yards	6-45	3-25
Next	ST. VIATOR	at Champ. Central

**SCORING**

**BA-** Brad Sznajder 5-yard run (John Duvic kick), 8:32 first.  
**MC-** Dillon Burns 37-yard pass from Patrick Schmidt (Chris Taborn kick), 2:47 first.  
**BA-** Sznajder 42-yard run (Duvic kick), 9:26 second.  
**BA-** Nick McTarnaghan 4-yard run (Duvic kick), 5:26 second.  
**BA-** Duvic 40-yard field goal, 1:00 second.  
**BA-** Duvic 53-yard field goal, 8:45 third.  
**BA-** Duvic 54-yard field goal, 4:57 third.  
**BA-** John Hatfield 1-yard run (Duvic kick), 8:19 fourth.  
**BA-** Duvic 32-yard field goal, 5:32 fourth.

**Rushing:** BA- Sznajder 16-124 (2 TD), McTarnaghan 7-39 (TD), Jack Beneventi 3-8, Hatfield 5-5 (TD), Myles McKernin 1-3, Rick Scheuller 5-1. MC- Burns 14-35, Steven Adams 1-4, Ki-Jana Crawford 3-1, Patrick Schmidt 1-(minus 4); Jordan Briggs 2-(minus 9).  
**Passing:** BA- Beneventi 13 of 23, 156 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT. MC- Schmidt 8 of 19, 93 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT.  
**Receiving:** BA- Liam Cadman 6-59, Nick Surges 2-33, Joe Weidenbach 2-24, Ryan Gillespie 1-24, McTarnaghan 1-10, Patrick Peterson 1-6. MC- Crawford 5-43, Burns 1-37 (TD), Emilio Garza 2-13.  
**Interceptions:** Joe Weidenbach (BA).

