

**GAME 8: Saint Viator 45, Marian Catholic 14**

**Kickoff:** 7:30 p.m. Friday at Dave Mattio Field.  
**Where:** Joe Orr Road, just west of Ashland, Chicago Heights.  
**2013 records:** Saint Viator 4-3; Marian Catholic 2-5.  
**ESCC records:** Saint Viator 1-3; Marian Catholic 0-4.  
**Last week:** Saint Viator 45, South Bend Washington 6; Saint Patrick 42, Marian Catholic 21.  
**Streaks:** Lions- 1 win; Spartans- 5 losses.  
**Next week:** St Viator at Marian Catholic (Fri., 7:30 p.m.); Carmel at Saint Patrick (Hanson), 11:30 a.m.  
**Last year:** Saint Viator 31, Marian Catholic 21.  
**The series:** The Lions halted a two-game losing streak last year, but Marian holds a 14-4 overall command in the series that dates back to 1966.  
**Notes:** St. Viator is hoping to secure a playoff berth with a win, as seven of the nine ESCC teams are still alive in the IHSA playoffs hunt... Marian scored in three different quarters last week for the first time since week two... The Spartans are looking to improve on a 2-2 mark at home this year... The series has seen at least 45 total points scored in the last five meetings... Spartan senior Ki-Jana Crawford has scored a touchdown in four contests this year.

Oct. 18	1	2	3	4	Total
<b>SAINT VIATOR LIONS</b>	7	17	7	14	<b>-45</b>
<b>at MARIAN CATHOLIC SPARTANS</b>	0	7	0	7	<b>-14</b>



The Marian defense tries to get penetration on Friday in ESCC action against visiting Saint Viator.

**Spartans throttled by ESCC foe Saint Viator**

Marian Catholic's defense tried to give the offense a few opportunities on Friday night. Stingy at times, the defense got a mixed back in return from the offense. While there were a few good tricks, the overall treats were few as the host Spartans dropped their sixth straight with a 45-14 ESCC loss to Saint Viator.

The Spartan offense put together an impressive 14-play, 72-yard drive in the second quarter to give a sparse home crowd some hope with a 21-7 deficit.

And all-around standout Ki-Jana Crawford scored in his fifth game of the year, pulling in a 41-yard aerial from Patrick Schmidt for another score.

However, that was essentially the extent of the Marian highlights for Friday, as they watched another ESCC foe move a step closer to the IHSA playoffs at the Spartans' expense.

Still perhaps seeking enough playoff points or another victory, Saint Viator improved to 5-3 and 2-3. Meanwhile, the Spartans fell to 2-6 over and 0-5 in the ESCC, where it will conclude play next Saturday with a 1 p.m. visit to Nazareth Academy.

At times, Marian had some highlights on defense. Crawford picked off a pass and Brian Richardson and Bryan Hurt combined on a sack. All in all, the defensive front of Richardson, Hurt, Gage Bonczek, Drew Robinson and Apelete Hougbo didn't make things easy on the Lions.

In the end, however, the Spartans were torched for six touchdown passes. Starting Lion quarterback Bobby Calmeyn finished 22 of 39 for 263 yards and five scores. Matthew Darling caught three touchdown passes, and Ben Dickey pulled in his second TD pass midway through the fourth quarter from reserve signal-caller Tyler Johnston.

Any hope of the Marian defense sparking an upset was thwarted by fatigue, as Saint Viator eventually ran off 63 plays.

The Lions took the lead for good on the opening possession of the contest, going 66 yards on nine plays for a score. Marian forced a punt and a turnover on downs on the next two St. Viator chances, but the offense couldn't respond until the visitors had found the end zone two more times.

After a 50-yard touchdown aerial made it 14-0, the Lions took advantage of a gift when Marian fumbled the ball away on its own 18-yard line.

The Spartans finally dented the scoreboard when Dillon Burns culminated the 14-play scoring drive with an 8-yard touchdown burst. Chris Taborn stayed perfect on the year with the conversion kick to make it 21-7 with 3:01 to play in the opening half.

The defense presented another opportunity for Marian, as Crawford picked off a Calmeyn toss and returned it to the Marian 46-yard line.

However, two holding penalties eventually necessitated a punt and Saint Viator responded with a 32-yard field goal from Michael Fitzpatrick as the halftime horn sounded for a 24-7 halftime differential.

Marian's offense continued to sputter in the second half, as the Spartans managed first downs on just two of six possessions in the half.

A 17-yard burst by Burns (14 carries, 64 yards) was followed by another 7-yard tote before Crawford streaked down the right sideline and pulled in the 41-yard touchdown toss from Schmidt (14 of 26, 122 yards).

Marian's lone other possession of the half that netted chain-movers came on the final one of the game with several reserves on the field.

Spartan backup quarterback Matt Mindak engineered a drive that produced three first downs. He hit Will Allen with a 37-yard toss to the Lion 5-yard line, but the clock eventually halted the Spartans.

Crawford proved to be Marian's most potent threat, as he grabbed eight receptions for 92 yards.

**Sophomores:** The Spartans saw a late lead escape in a 21-19 setback to the Lions.

CATEGORY	Saint Viator	Marian Catholic
First downs	18	11
Rush attempts / yards	23-110	33-73
Passing yards	284	159
Pass completions	23	15
Pass attempts	40	27
Had intercepted	1	0
Fumbles / lost	0 / 0	2 / 1
Penalty yards	2-10	6-45
Next	ST. PATRICK	at Nazareth

**SCORING**

**SV-** Matthew Darling 5-yard pass from Bobby Calmeyn (Michael Fitzpatrick kick), 9:23 first.  
**SV-** Joey McIntyre 50-yard pass from Calmeyn (Fitzpatrick kick), 11:04 second.  
**SV-** Ben Dickey 6-yard pass from Calmeyn (Fitzpatrick kick), 10:07 second.  
**MC-** Dillon Burns 8-yard run (Chris Taborn kick), 3:01 second.  
**SV-** Fitzpatrick 32-yard field goal, 0:00 second.  
**SV-** Darling 9-yard pass from Calmeyn (Fitzpatrick kick), 4:01 third.  
**MC-** Ki-Jana Crawford 41-yard pass from Patrick Schmidt (Taborn kick), 11:52 fourth.  
**SV-** Darling 55-yard pass from Calmeyn (Fitzpatrick kick), 10:40 fourth.  
**SV-** Dickey 21-yard pass from Tyler Johnston (Fitzpatrick kick), 7:25 fourth.

**Rushing:** SV- McIntyre 19-102, Johnston 1-13, Darling 1-6, Calmeyn 2-(minus 11). MC- Burns 14-64 (TD), Andrew Leavell 7-15, Emilio Garza 1-2, Matt Mindak 4-(minus 1), Schmidt 7-(minus 7).  
**Passing:** SV- Calmeyn 22 of 39, 263 yards, 5 TD, 1 INT; Johnston 1 of 1, 21 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT. MC- Schmidt 14 of 26, 122 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT; Matt Mindak 1 of 1, 37 yards.  
**Receiving:** SV- Dickey 7-87 (2 TD), Darling 5-86 (3 TD), Brian Peters 7-55, McIntyre 4-54. MC- Crawford 8-92 (TD), Christian Henderson 2-15, Burns 2-9, Garza 2-6.  
**Interceptions:** Crawford (MC).

