

FRIDAY'S ILLINOIS FOOTBALL ROUNDUP – August 29, 2014



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Marian Catholic 49, Hyde Park 6: Robert Clifton and Tyrice Richie each rushed for first-quarter touchdowns as the Spartans rolled in their lightning-delayed season opener.

Clifton rushed three times for 85 yards, while Richie rushed three times for 65 yards.

Deaven Covington carried 11 times for 63 yards and scored on runs of 2 and 3 yards.

"We had a couple good reads and defended the run well," sophomore linebacker Montreal Blade said. "Overall, it was a pretty good game. The defensive line played real good and the linebackers were aggressive. We were a tough defense to face (Friday)."

The Marian defensive line of Addison Klausner, Warren Allen, Matthew McCray and Sage Sopko forced Hyde Park into negative-yardage plays 12 times. At halftime, when Marian took a 35-0 command, the Thunderbirds had minus-23 yards. Hyde Park only got into positive yardage on its final drive of the night against Marian's reserves.

Six Spartans had a hand in quarterback sacks, including McCray, Klausner, Kyle Taylor, Joshua Woodley, Ryan Cook-Hemp and Warren Allen.

Meanwhile, Shaun Adetunji added an interception for the Spartans, and Blade added a blocked punt to set up Marian at the Hyde Park 4-yard line.

The Marian offense was efficient as well, as the Spartans didn't punt.

Along with a lightning delay, the only thing that stopped the Spartans were two turnovers and the halftime clock.

Marian also had great balance on offense with four backfield mates rushing for 58 yards or more.

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MC -- Robert Clifton 66 run (Matthew Taborn kick), 1st 11:39

MC -- Tyrice Richie 66 run (Taborn kick), 1st 6:55

MC -- Deaven Covington 3 run (Taborn kick), 2nd 9:49

MC -- Cameron Thomas 4 run (Taborn kick), 2nd 9:19

MC -- Thomas 4 run (Taborn kick), 2nd 5:43

MC -- Covington 2 run (Taborn kick), 3rd third

MC -- Antonio Abron 6 run (Taborn kick), 4th 11:52

HP -- Derek Austin 14 run (kick failed), 4th 3:54

INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING -- MC, Clifton 3-85, 1 TD; Richie 3-65, 1 TD; Thomas 8-58 2 TDs.

PASSING -- MC, Thomas 3-10-49, INT.

RECEIVING -- MC, Richie 1-24; Luis Unzueta 1-14; Jacob Cavazos 1-11.