

**GAME 3: Marian Central Catholic 42, Marian Catholic 0**

**Kickoff:** 7:30 p.m. Friday at Marian Central Catholic High School.  
**Where:** 1001 McHenry Avenue, Woodstock ([Google map](#)).  
**Records:** Marian Catholic 1-1; Marian Central Catholic 2-0.  
**Last week:** Shepard 14, Marian Catholic 7; Marian Central Catholic 21, McHenry 7.  
**Last meeting:** Marian Catholic 27, Marian Central Catholic 13 (1982).  
**Streaks:** Spartans- 1 loss; Hurricanes- 2 wins.  
**Next week:** Carmel at Marian Cath., Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Marian Central at Nazareth, Sat. 1:30 p.m.  
**The series:** The 1982 Marian Catholic victory represents the lone previous meeting.  
**Notes:** All 10 teams in the ESCC have won at least one contest through two weeks of play... The Spartans are hoping to halt a 15-game losing streak in ESCC contests... The Hurricanes scored at least 40 points in six games last year... The lone previous meeting came when Marian Catholic played as an independent... Tyrice Richie (two touchdowns) and kicker Matthew Taborn are the only Spartans to score in both games this year... Friday will mark the first-ever ESCC contest in football for the Hurricanes.

Sept. 12	1	2	3	4	Total
<b>MARIAN CATHOLIC SPARTANS</b>	0	0	0	0	<b>-0</b>
<b>at MCC HURRICANES</b>	33	9	0	0	<b>-42</b>



Spartan quarterback Cameron Thomas was under siege on Friday in a 42-0 ESCC loss at Marian Central Catholic.

**Spartans throttled by weather, Marian Central Catholic**

WOODSTOCK, IL.- Marian Catholic's offense looked like it was running in mud during Friday's East Suburban Catholic Conference opener at Marian Central Catholic.

The host Hurricanes looked like they were playing on a perfect turf field on a sunny day. Marian Catholic had an excuse... the teams were playing in a quagmire.

Marian Central Catholic, meanwhile, lived up to its nickname, looking completely comfortable in the miserable elements in running away with a 42-0 decision in the Hurricanes' first-ever ESCC contest.

The visitors had no answer for MCC's offense, as the Hurricanes scored on their first five possessions to take a 33-0 command by the time the first-quarter horn sounded.

MCC added a safety and another score on its first snap of the second quarter for a 42-0 bulge and ensured the second half would be played with a running clock.

Highlights for the Spartans (1-2, 0-1) were as rare as finding a dry blade of grass on Friday.

Marian Catholic's Tyrice Richie made an outstanding one-handed grab on a pass by Cameron Thomas for a 26-yard gain late in the second quarter. The most spectacular play of the game sent the Spartans inside the MCC 25-yard for one of only two occasions on the night.

Thomas moved Marian Catholic into the red zone on a keeper, but the drive concluded with a Spartan fumble that sealed the 42-point margin at the intermission.

Even with the big aerial gainer, the visitors finished with minus-1 yards in the opening half, while Marian Central had a perfectly balanced 150 rushing yards and 150 through the air.

For the night, Marian Catholic had only three plays carry for more than 10 yards (13-yard rush by Matt Mindak, 11-yard dash by Antonio Albon), as the Spartans managed just 33 total yards on the sloppy grass/mud.

Meanwhile, the Hurricanes proved in a hurry that they belonged in the ESCC.

Efficiency was an understatement for the host squad, as the Hurricane scoring drives consisted of four, three, four, four and five plays in the opening quarter. Then Jarryd Cabusao dashed 50 yards on the initial snap of the second quarter to give himself a pair of scores. Receiver Jordan Niemeyer (four catches, 100 yards) also scored twice as the favorite target of Miami-Ohio bound Billy Bahl (nine of 11, 150 yards).

While MCC made things look easy in the steady downpour, the Spartans also put out the welcome mat on a couple occasions in the 'Canes ESCC debut.

A fumbled snap led to a 9-yard punt and eventual 20-yard MCC drive, and another fumble takeaway set up the Hurricanes just 23 yards away from the end zone. For the night, Marian Catholic had three turnovers and continually battled difficult field position.

The Spartans had no giveaways via interceptions, but the Richie catch highlighted the passing game as the Spartan quarterbacks finished just one of 12 for 26 yards with three sacks.

Despite a few mishaps, Marian Catholic got a decent effort from its defensive front of Warren Allen, John Schmitz, Jarek Harrington and Matthew McCray to help stem the tide.

Nevertheless, the Hurricanes 342-33 advantage in total yards was impressive on the dicey terrain.

The Spartans finished with seven first downs for the evening, however, four came via penalties and three occurred on the final possession of the night. Hoping to avoid the shutout, Marian Catholic drove from its own 38-yard line to the Hurricane 12 as the fourth-period clock was winding down.

Chain-moving runs by Mindak and Albon, along with a Marian Central personal foul, moved the Spartans into the red zone for a second time. But with the Spartans lining up for a field goal attempt on the contest's final play, a fumbled snap (Marian Catholic's fifth fumble to go with two muffed punts) ensured the shutout.

Primarily in mop up duty, Mindak led the Spartan rushing attack with 23 yards on seven totes, while Albon finished with 10 yards on nine carries.

**Sophomores:** The Spartans suffered their first loss with a 13-12 setback to the Hurricanes, despite a pair of touchdowns by Justin Hall.

CATEGORY	Marian Catholic	Marian Central
First downs	7	15
Rush attempts / yards	28-7	30-192
Passing yards	26	150
Pass completions	1	9
Pass attempts	12	12
Had intercepted	0	0
Fumbles / lost	5 / 2	1 / 0
Penalty yards	2-10	11-105
Next	CARMEL	at Nazareth

**SCORING**

**MCC-** Jordan Niemeyer 29-yard pass from Billy Bahl (kick failed), 8:47 first.  
**MCC-** Bahl 6-yard run (pass failed), 7:27 first.  
**MCC-** Niemeyer 44-yard pass from Bahl (Jake Higgins kick), 4:37 first.  
**MCC-** Jarryd Cabusao 8-yard run (Higgins kick), 3:11 first.  
**MCC-** Eric Ruschke 23-yard pass from Bahl (Higgins kick), 0:00 first.  
**MCC-** Safety, punt snap fumbled out of end zone, 10:13 second.  
**MCC-** Cabusao 50-yard run (Higgins kick), 10:00 second.

**Rushing:** MC- Matt Mindak 7-23, Antonio Albon 9-10, Tyrice Richie 3-2, Cameron Thomas 7-(minus 5), Jacob Cavazos 1-(minus 8), Matthew Taborn 1-(minus 15). MCC- Cabusao 4-77 (2 TD), Mike Velazquez 9-54, Emmitt Peisert 10-47, Thomas Welch 2-22, Billy Bahl 1-4 (TD), Jack Niemaszek 3-(minus 6), Joseph Budmayr 1-(minus 6).

**Passing:** MC- Thomas 1 of 11, 26 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT; Mindak 0 of 1, 0 yards. MCC- Bahl 9 of 11, 150 yards, 3 TD, 0 INT; Budmayr 0 of 1, 0 yards.

**Receiving:** MC- Richie 1-26. MCC- Niemeyer 4-100 (2 TD), Eric Ruschke 2-33 (TD), Cole Bokowy 2-19, Velazquez 1-(minus 2).

**Interceptions:** none.



