

GAME 4: Carmel Cathoic 41, Marian Catholic 0

Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Dame Mattio Field (Spartan Stadium)..
Where: Joe Orr Road, just west of Ashland Avenue, Chicago Heights.
Tickets: \$5 adults; \$3 students; \$2 Marian students (ID); \$2 senior citizens.
Live media: Game broadcast on [High School Cube](#).
Records: Carmel Catholic 1-2; Marian Catholic 1-2.
ESCC records: Corsairs 0-1; Spartans 0-1.
Last week: Joliet Catholic 34, Carmel 14; Marian Central Catholic 42, Marian Catholic 0.
Last year: Carmel Catholic 41, Marian Catholic 7.
Streaks: Corsairs- 1 loss; Spartans- 2 losses.
Next week: St. Patrick at Carmel., Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Nazareth at Marian, Fri. 7:30 p.m.
The series: The Corsairs have prevailed in 12 of the last 13 contests and hold a 15-10 overall series edge. The Spartans last victory came in Mundelein with Marian earning a 20-17 overtime decision in 2009.
Notes: The teams played in one of the IHSA's highest scoring games in history when Carmel captured a 73-55 decision at Spartan Stadium in 2006... The Spartans are hoping to halt a 16-game losing streak in the ESCC... The Corsairs currently own a four-game winning streak in the series.... Marian currently owns a 1-0 record at Dave Mattio Field and an 0-2 mark on the road... On deck for the Spartans is a Sept. 26 Homecoming date against ESCC foe Nazareth Academy.

Sept. 19	1	2	3	4	Total
CARMEL CORSAIRS	7	7	20	7	-41
at MARIAN CATH SPARTANS	0	0	0	0	-0



Spartan Antonio Albon awaits the snap on Friday in ESCC action against visiting Carmel Catholic.

Spartans start strong, fizzle in ESCC loss to Carmel Catholic

Host Marian Catholic looked nothing like a team that had lost 16 straight games in the East Suburban Catholic at the outset of Friday's meeting with Carmel Catholic.

But what looked like a promising return to Spartan Stadium turned for the worse in the third quarter and the Spartans eventually dropped their third straight game with a 41-0 setback to the Corsairs (2-2, 1-1).

Marian (1-3, 0-2) trailed by just 14-0 at halftime, but had the Corsairs on their heels on a couple drives. The Spartans' initial possession netted 57 yards and four first downs, then Marian drove to the Carmel 2-yard line the third time it had the ball.

"Our offensive line played very well in the beginning of the game," said junior receiver Luis Unzueta, singing the praise of Grayson Madey, Michael Gnezda, Vincent Magana, John Schmitz and Jack Doyle. "But we've just gotta keep it going. We need to keep working on offense and defense."

For a team that got blanked for a second straight contest, Marian punted just three times.

The initial positive drive eventually stalled at the Carmel 25-yard line. Along with a first down on a penalty, the Spartans got two first-down runs from quarterback Cameron Thomas (eight carries, 30 yards) and another from Antonio Albon (19 carries, 66 yards).

However, after advancing inside the Carmel 25-yard line, Marian eventually turned the ball over on downs.

Opportunity knocked again two possessions later when Addison Klausner jumped on a Carmel fumble to set up the home team 34 yards from the end zone.

Thomas connected with Albon for a first down and the senior tailback rushed 6 yards for another and a fresh set of downs at the Carmel 8-yard line. Another Albon carry got Marian to the 1-yard line, but the Spartans again turned the ball over on downs.

The second half didn't prove as productive for the Spartans, who managed only three first downs after the intermission.

Marian turned the ball over on three of its first four second-half possessions, and Carmel capitalized each time. Before the final period began, the Corsairs' lead swelled to 34-0.

While Carmel may not be as deceptive as its glory days, it's still quite diverse with a seldom-used efficient passing game.

Nine different Carmel ballcarriers churned out 211 rushing yards. Meanwhile, the visitors completed just four passes- going for 170 yards and three touchdowns. While the Corsairs

clearly earned their 14-0 halftime lead with 70- and 98-yard drives, the three Marian turnovers led to quick strikes in the second half.

Carmel struck with balance, as Noah Turner, Rondel Jamison and quarterback Michael Huiras (four of eight, 170 yards, three touchdowns) each scored twice. When Jamison tallied on a 20-yard burst early in the fourth quarter, Marian was faced with its second running clock in two weeks.

Along with Albon grinding out some tough yards for three of the Spartans' 10 first downs, Unzueta was the bright spot for Marian. The junior hauled in three passes for 73 yards, with each reception earning a first down.

"We've been working real hard on throwing the ball," Unzueta explained. "Cam and I did a lot of work together during the week. It was all work and preparation."

While Marian had a promising 107 yards in the opening half, the Spartans managed just 75 yards after halftime.

The road will not get any easier for Marian, which will host Nazareth Academy next Friday in a Homecoming tilt at 7:30 p.m.

Sophomores: In an ESCC shootout, the young Spartans fell to the Corsairs, 43-24.

CATEGORY	Carmel Catholic	Marian Catholic
First downs	15	10
Rush attempts / yards	46-211	34-94
Passing yards	170	88
Pass completions	4	5
Pass attempts	8	11
Had intercepted	0	2
Fumbles / lost	1 / 0	3 / 1
Penalty yards	7-49	2-20
Next	ST. PATRICK	NAZARETH

SCORING

CC- Noah Turner 56-yard pass from Michael Huiras (Michael Pabst kick), 9:31 first.

CC- Rondel Jamison 51-yard pass from Huiras (Pabst kick), 0:36 second.

CC- Huiras 1-yard run (Pabst kick), 8:34 third.

CC- Huiras 1-yard run (kick blocked), 6:20 third.

CC- Turner 55-yard pass (Pabst kick), 1:12 third.

CC- Jamison 20-yard run (Pabst kick), 11:54 fourth.

Rushing: CC- Jamison 12-75 (2 TD), Michael Huiras 13-49 (2 TD), Zaiver Barnes 4-40, #37 7-16, Dan Godziszewski 3-10, Emmett Graham 1-7, Pete Bitto 2-7, Eric Steiner 3-4, Ryan Holley 1-3. MC- Antonio Albon 19-66, Cameron Thomas 8-30, Robert Clifton 4-(minus 1), Matt Mindak 3-(minus 1).

Passing: CC- Huiras 4 of 8, 170 yards, 3 TD, 0 INT. MC- Thomas 4 of 9, 56 yards, 0 TD, 2 INT; Mindak 1 of 2, 32 yards.

Receiving:CC- Turner 2-111 (2 TD), Jamison 1-51 (TD), Steiner 1-8. MC- Luis Unzueta 3-73, Albon 1-7, London Ross 1-6.

Interceptions: Dan Huiras (C), Adam Roessler (C).

