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## 2014 Marian Football Season Highlights

### Homecoming 2014

GAME 5: Nazareth Academy 56, Marian Catholic 17

**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:** Nazareth 4-0; Marian Catholic 1-3.  
**ESCC records:** Roadrunners 2-0; Spartans 0-2.  
**Last week:** Nazareth 56, Marian Central 35; Carmel Catholic 41, Marian Catholic 21.  
**Last year:** Nazareth Academy 52, Marian Catholic 21.  
**Streaks:** Roadrunners- 4 wins; Spartans- 3 losses.  
**Next week:** Nazareth at Benet (Fri., 7:30 p.m.); Marian Catholic at Joliet Catholic (Fri., 7:30 p.m.).  
**The series:** The Roadrunners have won three straight to take a 6-5 edge in the series. The winning squad has scored at least 26 points in 10 of the 11 contests. The last Spartan victory came with a 29-28 victory in 2010.  
**Notes:** Nazareth owns the most explosive offense in the ESCC, scoring at a 49.8 points per game clip... The Spartans haven't been shut out in three consecutive games since 1967... Marian's last Homecoming victory came in 2012 with a 38-0 decision over Champaign Central... The Marian freshmen vs. Nazareth will serve as the tuneup for Friday's contest at 5 p.m., while Marian will play a JV tilt at Nazareth on Saturday at 9 a.m.

Sept. 26 (Pep Rally Photos)	1	2	3	4	Total
NAZARETH ROADRUNNERS	42	14	0	0	-56
at MARIAN CATH SPARTANS	7	0	3	7	-17



Marian's offensive line tries to get some push on Friday during an ESCC battle against visiting Nazareth.

### Spartans drop ESCC test vs. Nazareth to spoil homecoming

Marian Catholic showed sparks on Friday night. Rushing... passing... the Spartans showed sparks. However, it wasn't enough sparks to prevent a 56-17 ESCC loss to Nazareth Academy, as the Spartans saw their homecoming spoiled with a 17th straight loss in conference play. While Marian (1-4, 0-3) scored in three of four quarters and avoided its third straight shutout, Nazareth looked every bit of one of the state's top teams and now is averaging more than 50 points per game. Despite an early score for the host Spartans that produced a 14-7 margin, the Roadrunners (5-0, 3-0) left little at chance when the turned things into a 42-7 blowout by the end of the opening quarter. Faced with its third straight second-half running clock, Marian took advantage by gaining a 10-0 scoring margin after the intermission. However, the most encouraging aspect for the home team was an improved passing game and an additional rushing threat in the opening half. After Nazareth jumped to a 14-0 command before it had its third offensive snap of the night, Marian responded in impressive fashion. Faced with a third-and-11 from its own 31-yard line, Spartan quarterback Cameron Thomas

broke into the defensive backfield on a draw and scampered 69 yards for a score. With Matthew Taborn staying perfect on the year with a conversion kick, the Spartans pulled within 14-7 with less than four minutes elapsed in the contest.

Marian's offense continued to show some sparks with seven first downs before halftime, but the efficiency paled in comparison to the Roadrunners.

Along with a defensive score, Nazareth scored on all six of its first-half possessions. The visitors were efficient, as none of the scoring drives lasted more than four plays.

For the second straight week, Marian fell victim to an extremely efficient passing attack, as Roadrunner starting quarterback Jonah Beauduy was four of four for 160 yards and three touchdowns.

Marian had multiple first downs on three possessions after the scoring drive, but none of the possessions carried into Nazareth territory.

Success came more easily for Marian in the second half, as Nazareth moved the chains on only one occasion. Although Marian didn't gain a first down after taking the second-half kickoff, the Spartans quickly gained new life when Steven Adams jumped on a muffed punt at the Nazareth 35-yard line.

Reserve quarterback Matt Mindak (three of six, 87 yards) hit Robert Clifton for a first down, but the drive stalled on the Roadrunner 25. From there Taborn boomed a 42-yard field goal to put the margin at 56-10.

Marian also responded quickly when the Spartans forced a quick three-and-out. On a second-and-16, Mindak hit London Ross with a screen pass and the senior eluded a couple tacklers and dashed 66 yards for a score. It represented the first time Marian found the end zone twice in a contest since opening week.

With an offensive line of Michael Gnezda, John Schmitz, Vincent Magana, Jack Doyle and Grayson Madey, Marian had its most balanced offensive effort of the year.

Along with 85 rushing yards and the score, Thomas finished four of nine for 35 yards via the air. While Ross was Marian's top receiver, Jacob Cavazos pulled in two passes for 26 yards and Luis Unzueta had a pair of receptions for 19 yards.

The Spartans will try to halt a four-game losing streak next Friday when they visit Joliet Catholic for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

**Freshmen:** The young Spartans rolled to a 44-22 decision over the Roadrunners behind five touchdowns from Justin Hall.

CATEGORY	Nazareth Academy	Marian Catholic
First downs	12	9
Rush attempts / yards	26-200	30-87
Passing yards	160	122
Pass completions	4	7
Pass attempts	6	16
Had intercepted	0	0
Fumbles / lost	1 / 0	2 / 2
Penalty yards	4-35	3-25
Next	at Benet	at Joliet Cath

**SCORING**

**NZ-** Julian Love 54-yard pass from Jonah Beauduy (Michael Hillsman kick), 11:19 first.

**NZ-** Xavier Burgos, recovered fumble in end zone (Hillsman kick), 9:38 first.

**MC-** Cameron Thomas 69-yard run (Matthew Taborn kick), 8:02 first.

**NZ-** Christopher Simmons 44-yard pass from Beauduy (Hillsman kick), 7:02 first.

**NZ-** Nolan Dean 2-yard run (Hillsman kick), 3:10 first.

**NZ-** Love 23-yard pass from Beauduy (Hillsman kick), 0:23 first.

**NZ-** Dean 20-yard run (Hillsman kick), 0:08 first.

**NZ-** Dean 2-yard run (Hillsman kick), 9:05 second.

**NZ-** Dean 58-yard run (Hillsman kick), 6:44 second.

**MC-** Taborn 42-yard field goal, 4:06 third.

**MC-** London Ross 66-yard pass from Matt Mindak (Taborn kick), 11:45 fourth.

**Rushing:** NZ- .Dean 9-138 (4 TD), Beauduy 4-34, Frank Bakovich 3-12, Burgos 1-9, Karlas Delano Robinzine 4-7, Mark Mercado 2-3, Edward Claudio 1-1, Andrew Rouse 1-(minus 1), James Eraci 1-(minus 3). MC- Thomas 9-85 (TD), Antonio Albon 8-20, Robert Clifton 4-7, Mindak 1-1, Ross 1-(minus 1), Christian Simmons 4-(minus 1).

**Passing:** NZ- Beauduy 4 of 4, 160 yards, 3 TD; Rouse 0 of 2, 0 yards. MC- Thomas 4 of 9, 35 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT; Mindak 3 of 6, 87 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT; Jesiah Jones 0 of 1..

**Receiving:** NZ- Love 2-77 (2 TD); Simmons 1-44 (TD); Kevin Jackson 1-39. MC- Ross 2-66 (TD), Jacob Cavazos 2-26, Luis Unzueta 2-19; Clifton 1-11.