

GAME 6: Joliet Catholic 63, Marian Catholic 7

Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Joliet Memorial Stadium.
Where: 3000 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet.
Live media: Game broadcast on [High School Cube](#).
Records: Marian Catholic 1-4; Joliet Catholic 4-1.
ESCC records: Spartans 0-3; Hilltoppers 3-0.
Last week: Nazareth 56, Marian Catholic 17; Joliet Catholic 31, Marian Central 21.
Last meeting: Joliet Catholic 64, Marian Catholic 13 (2011).
Streaks: Spartans- 4 losses; Hilltoppers- 4 wins.
Next week: Marist at Marian, Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Joliet Catholic at Nazareth, Sat., 1:30 p.m.
The series: With 11 consecutive victories in the series, JCA has taken an overall command of 28-8-1. The Spartans' last win came with a 26-14 decision in 1994. Dating back to Illini-8 days, the Hilltoppers represent Marian's most longstanding rival.
Notes: Marian plays back-to-back contests vs. the ESCC leaders, as Nazareth and Joliet Catholic are the lone 3-0 teams in conference play. The Hillmen come in with a six-game ESCC winning streak, while the Spartans have dropped 17 straight games in conference action. In Marian's first six years in the ESCC, the Spartans and Hilltoppers were the only teams to win conference titles, including shared crowns between the two in 1990 and 1991... After sustaining back-to-back shutout losses, the Spartans scored in three of four quarters last week vs. Nazareth.... Marian has allowed 42 and 33 points in opening quarters this year; on its last visit to Joliet Memorial Stadium, the Hillmen scored 34 points before the four-minute mark of the opening quarter.

Oct. 3	1	2	3	4	Total
MARIAN CATH SPARTANS	7	0	0	0	-7
JOLIET CATH HILLTOPPERS	28	28	0	7	-63



Spartan Jacob Cavazos releases on a pass route Friday during the visiting Spartans' 63-7 ESCC setback at Joliet Catholic Academy.

Spartans throttled in ESCC visit to rival Joliet Catholic

With the efficiency that host Joliet Catholic displayed on Friday night, it was clear that Joliet Memorial Stadium would continue to be a House of Horrors for Marian Catholic.

For a second straight visit, Marian surrendered more than 60 points en route to its fifth consecutive loss, a 63-7 ESCC demolition at the hands of the rival Hilltoppers.

Joliet Catholic (5-1, 4-0) scored on eight of its first 10 possessions in the contest, taking a 56-7 command by halftime and nearly matching the output of a 64-13 victory over the Spartans in 2011 in the teams' last meeting.

The win also kept the Hillmen on a first-place showdown course when they visit Nazareth Academy next Saturday.

The opening of the contest seemed harmless for Marian (1-5, 0-4), which had a stellar defensive stand on the opening possession of the contest and scored for a third straight quarter.

On the first snap of the game, the Spartans forced a fumble and backed up JCA to its own 7-yard line. A punt ensued two plays later, but Marian was faced with three-and-outs and punts on its first two possessions as well.

Meanwhile, the Hilltoppers got things rolling and took a 14-0 command... but Marian quickly answered.

Taking a kickoff with his heels nearly on the end line, sophomore Tyrice Richie scampered 99 yards on a kickoff return to pull the Spartans within one score. When Matthew Taborn booted the conversion, Marian trailed just 14-7 with just more than seven minutes elapsed in the contest.

From there, Joliet Catholic dominated with incredible efficiency.

After failing on the initial third-down attempt, the Hillmen didn't face another third down until the second half.

After the lone punt of the game, only a fumble (recovered by Marian's Vincent LeRose) halted JCA in the first half. The Hilltoppers' only "long" scoring possession lasted seven plays, as the host team scored eight times before halftime on possessions lasting just three, three, one, seven, two, two, two and one play.

The net result was 28 points in each of the first two quarters and a dominant 447-71 yardage differential by the intermission.

For the night, four JCA backs rushed for at least 66 yards as the Hillmen churned out 340

rushing yards on 10.0 yards per tote.

More efficiency? The JCA passing game needed just four completions in six attempts by Cade Earl to net 180 yards and two touchdowns.

Marian's numbers were all Richie and quarterback Cameron Thomas. Richie led Marian with 46 rushing yards on 11 attempts and Thomas also carried 11 times for 34 yards. The duo also represented all of Marian's passing game, as Thomas hit Richie twice for 27 yards and the opposite halfback-to-quarterback connection was good once for 10 yards.

However, it was difficult for Marian to mount many offensive numbers on the night, as 12 JCA tackles for loss netted minus-35 yards for the Spartans.

A fourth straight running clock contest gave Marian most of the time of possession in the second half, including the Spartans best drive of the contest.

Starting at its own 27-yard line, Marian moved the chains three times to advance into Joliet Catholic territory. A Thomas-to-Richie aerial connection gained one first down and the infantry netted three more on first-down runs by Thomas and London Ross.

However, the drive eventually stalled at the Hillman 30-yard line.

JCA capped off matters with a 12-play, 73-yard scoring drive to account for the final margin.

Marian returns home on Friday, site of the Spartans' lone victory, when it entertains Marist at 7:30 p.m. for the final home contest of the campaign.

Sophomores: Marian fell to the Hillmen, 26-13.

Freshmen: The young Spartans improved to 4-2 with a 48-0 whitewash of the Hilltoppers.

CATEGORY	Marian Catholic	Joliet Catholic
First downs	9	19
Rush attempts / yards	39-130	34-340
Passing yards	37	180
Pass completions	3	4
Pass attempts	12	6
Had intercepted	2	0
Fumbles / lost	1 / 0	2 / 1
Penalty yards	4-29	3-15
Next	MARIST	at Nazareth

SCORING

JC- Harold Davis 66-yard pass from Cade Earl (Brian Bravo kick), 7:16 first.

JC- Nick Borgra 2-yard run (Bravo kick), 5:03 first.

MC- Tyrice Richie 99-yard kickoff return (Matthew Taborn kick), 4:48 first.

JC- Michael Johnson 71-yard pass from Earl (Bravo kick), 4:28 first.

JC- Borgra 5-yard run (Bravo kick), 0:07 first.

JC- Borgra 35-yard run (Bravo kick), 8:51 second.

JC- Johnson 17-yard run (Bravo kick), 7:19 second.

JC- Drew Voss 3-yard run (Bravo kick), 4:51 second.

JC- Davis 35-yard run (Bravo kick), 3:18 second.

JC- Jordan Green 11-yard run (Bravo kick), 5:45 fourth.

Rushing: MC- Richie 11-46, Cameron Thomas 11-34, Deaven Covington 3-12, Christian Simmons 2-11, Matt Mindak 3-10, Robert Clifton 2-7, London Ross 1-6, Antonio Albon 6-4. JCA- Green 6-70 (TD), Borgra 6-92 (3 TD), Voss 5-66 (TD), Johnson 5-66 (TD), Davis (5-38 (TD), Mark Sienko 2-6, Brandon Bolek 1-3, Earl 1-0, Cameron Behymer 3-(minus 1).

Passing: MC- Thomas 2 of 11, 27 yards, 0 TD; 1 INT; Richie 1 of 1, 10 yards. JCA- Earl 4 of 6, 180 yards, 2 TD, 0 INT.

Receiving: MC- Richie 2-27, Thomas 1-10. JCA- Davis 2-91 (TD), Johnson 1-71 (TD), Borgra 1-18.

Interceptions: Brandon Bolek, Peter Riccolo (both JCA).

