

GAME 9: Benet Academy 66, Marian Catholic 7

Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Benedictine University.
Where: Yackley Road and Maple Road, Lisle.
Records: Marian Catholic 1-7; Benet Academy 5-3.
ESCC records: Spartans 0-6; Redwings 3-3.
Last week: Notre Dame 35, Marian Catholic 7; Joliet Catholic 27, Benet Academy 0.
Last year: Benet Academy 40, Marian Catholic 7
Streaks: Spartans- 7 losses; Redwings- 1 loss.
Next week: Marian- season over; Benet- IHSA Playoffs TBA.
The series: The Redwings have won two in a row, but Marian has captured nine of the last 13 overall contests and holds an 18-8 advantage in the series. The Spartans last win came in 2011 with a 27-7 decision at Benedictine.
Notes: Benet is one of eight (of 10) ESCC teams still alive for an IHSA Playoff berth... Marian needs to score six points to tally a season total of 100 or more points for a 16th consecutive year... Spartan kicker Matthew Taborn is a perfect 13-for-13 on conversion kicks this season... Marian needs 82 rushing yards to reach 1,000 for the campaign and quarterback Cameron Thomas needs 27 passing yards to reach 500... The Spartans are at minus-15 for turnovers (23-8) for the year... Marian is trying halt losing streaks of current (seven), road (12) and ESCC (20)... The Marian freshmen will seek a 7-2 finish when the host Benet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, on the heels of a 9-0 campaign last year.

Oct. 24 (Benedictine Univ.)	1	2	3	4	Total
MARIAN SPARTANS	0	7	0	0	-7
AT BENET ACADEMY	17	28	14	7	-66



Marian's Sean Taylor looks to get open on Friday in ESCC action against Benet Academy at Benedictine University.

Spartans crushed at Benet Academy in ESCC, season finale

Benet Academy had several share the wealth on Friday, as seven different players caught passes and five different players scored touchdowns.
 For Marian Catholic, it was just a matter of sharing the blame.
 Both the Spartan offense and defense stumbled on Friday, as Marian Catholic couldn't muster much energy on either side of the ball in a 66-7 setback to the Redwings at Benedictine University.
 The setback concluded a 1-8 campaign for the Spartans (0-7 in ESCC), who dropped their 21st straight in conference play.
 However, Marian can look forward to a bright future, as a slew of sophomores gained valuable playing time during a frustrating season. The bulk of Marian's productivity will return next year, including freshman Justin Hall, who averaged 28 yards on a pair of kickoff returns and had a huge impact this year on both the freshman and sophomore levels.
 The Spartans will look to build around back-to-back strong freshman campaigns as athletes gain more maturity. After a 9-0 season on the frosh level a year ago, the Marian freshmen finished this year with a five-game winning streak for a 7-2 mark.
 On Friday, however, the Spartans looked the part of youngsters playing against veterans. Benet scored on 10 of 12 possessions and gained a 24-3 advantage in first downs.
 A Spartan offense that had showed promise of late struggled on Friday, as Marian scored exactly seven points for a fourth straight game (five contests overall). Courtesy of a couple long pass plays, the Spartans had 117 yards of offense at halftime. For the game, they finished with 100 total yards, including minus-5 on 17 rushing attempts.
 With a Marian defense forced back onto the field quickly at most times Friday, the results were not good. In nine first-half tries, Marian's longest possession lasted just 1:39.
 The results were five possessions for Benet (6-3, 4-3) by early in the second quarter and five scores... a 31-0 differential with more than eight minutes to play in the second quarter.
 Marian displayed signs of life late in the second period, as the Spartans forced the Redwings to turn the ball over on downs at the Marian 39-yard line.
 One play later, sophomore quarterback Cameron Thomas hit sophomore Tyrice Richie on a fly pattern down the left sideline for a 61-yard touchdown. Kicker Malik Osborne booted the conversion kick and Marian had whittled the deficit to 31-7 with 5:29 to play in the half.

Thomas was also involved in Marian's other big play of the contest, as he pulled in a 34-yard aerial from Matt Mindak. Beyond the two plays netting 95 yards, the Spartans had just 5 more total yards, as 25 of 37 snaps went for zero or negative yardage.

Any momentum quickly eluded Marian, as the next two Spartan possessions ended in interceptions, the lone turnovers in the contest.

Benet cashed in on both occasions, scoring twice in the final 67 seconds of the half to take a 45-7 surplus into the locker room.

Each of the Spartans' four second-half possessions resulted in punts, as Marian had minus-17 yards after the intermission.

Sophomores: The young Spartans fell to the Redwings, 41-7.

Freshmen: Marian topped Benet, 34-27, to conclude the year with a five-game win streak and finish 7-2, as Justin Hall scored twice and three another touchdown pass. Chase Love added a pair of touchdown passes and Victor Akinyemi had two receiving scores.

CATEGORY	Marian Catholic	Benet Academy
First downs	3	24
Rush attempts / yards	17-(minus 5)	48-337
Passing yards	105	84
Pass completions	5	8
Pass attempts	20	15
Had intercepted	2	0
Fumbles / lost	1 / 0	3 / 0
Penalty yards	8-51	5-35
Next	Season over	IHSA Playoffs

SCORING

B- Brad Sznajder 11-yard run (Matt Tromp kick), 11:39 first.
B- Riley Guay- 29-yard field goal, 6:12 first.
B- Jack Sznajder 19-yard run (Tromp kick), 2:10 first.
B- B. Sznajder 8-yard run (Tromp kick), 11:04 second.
B- Rick Scheuller 5-yard run (Tromp kick), 8:16 second.
MC- Tyrice Richie 61-yard pass from Cameron Thomas (Malik Osborne), 5:20 second.
B- Joe Moseley 15-yard pass from J Sznajder (Guay kick), 1:07 second.
B- B Sznajder 6-yard run (Guay kick), 0:28 second.
B- Moseley 21-yard pass from J. Sznajder (Guay kick), 9:57 third.
B- Marty Doezen 29-yard run (Guay kick), 3:32 third.
B- Scheuller 5-yard run (Guay kick), 3:52 fourth.

Rushing: MC- Thomas 5-15, Justin Hall 1-2, Robert Clifton 1-1, Antonio Albon 2-(minus 2), Deaven Covington 2-(minus 3), Richie 4-(minus 4), Matt Mindak 2-(minus 14); BA- B. Sznajder 24-203, Colin Hall 4-21, J. Sznajder 4-43, Doezen 3-33, Scheuller 8-26, Charlie Sandor 5-11.

Passing: MC- Thomas 3 of 13, 74 yards, 1 TD, 2 INT; Mindak 2 of 7, 31 yards.

Receiving: MC- Richie 3-62, Thomas 1-34, Clifton 1-9. BA- Moseley 2-36, B. Sznajder 1-12, Scheuller 1-11, Karl Schmidt 1-8, Patrick Ramatowski 1-8, Max Seegebrecht 1-5, Tromp 1-4.

Interceptions: Jack Brown (B), Liam Masse (B).

