

GAME 1: Marian Catholic 53, Urban Prep Englewo

Kickoff: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26 at Dave Mattio Field (Spartan Stadium).

Where: Joe Orr Road, just west of Ashland Avenue, Chicago Heights.

Tickets: \$5 adults; \$4 students; \$3 Marian students (ID); \$2 senior citizens.

Live media: game broadcast on High School Cube.

2015 records: Urban Prep 3-6; Marian Catholic 1-8.

Streaks: Lions- 1 win; Spartans- 8 losses.

Next week: Urban Prep at TF South (Fri, 7 p.m.); Marian at Yorkville (Fri., 7:15 p.m.).

Last meeting: Marian Catholic 42, Urban Prep 8.

The series: Last year marked the initial meeting in the series.

Notes: A former Marian Catholic assistant, Coach Sean Mele takes over his third program as he leads the Spartans have not dropped a season-opener since 2012... this marks the sixth straight year Marian Catholic at home... Coach Mele is just the third coach for the Spartans since 1976... Marian currently owns a Chicago Public League foe... the Spartans will try to snap a four-game losing streak on their home-field opponent, 133-7, during the current three-game opening-week win streak.

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Marian's Chases Love scored on an interception return to give Marian Catholic to a 53-16 opening night victory.

Spartans romp past Urban Prep to open campaign with lopsided victory

Third-year starting quarterback Cameron Thomas wasted no time getting the party started on Marian Catholic's first touchdown of the season less than three minutes into the season opener.

The Spartans added to the party early and often, scoring in a variety of ways en route to a 53-16 opening night victory over Urban Prep-Englewood for a fourth straight victory on opening night.

"It was amazing to have all of our weapons get involved; the defense even scored two touchdowns and threw for another. "Everybody contributed and it was amazing."

Indeed, Marian scored on a fumble return and interception return. Meanwhile, Thomas hit Victor Brown on a 40-yard touchdown pass. The Spartans finished with five rushing touchdowns. Christian Simmons found the end zone twice on his own.

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"Our line play was phenomenal tonight," assessed Thomas, praising an offensive front of Warre Robertson, Jimmy Kleszynski, Ryan Peick and Nathan Williams. "And Christian had a huge night. E responded to every situation."

The Spartans were halted on downs on their second possession of the game, but they scored th ball in the opening half. After the only misfire, the defense got into the act quickly as Allen scoop for a 12-0 advantage.

Marian then scored 27 points by the time it snapped the ball three more times.

Simmons exploded for an 89-yard jaunt to paydirt, Akinyemi pulled in the 50-yard bomb, Chas yards for a score and Thomas capped the blitz with a 39-yard scamper. All three offensive scores possession.

The defense created plenty of havoc on its own, as pressure up front from Kleszynski, Allen, Rc Crowder produced impressive results. Urban Prep didn't get inside the Marian 35-yard line in the plays go for negative yards. The Spartans also had first-half interceptions by Darrwin Perkins and

Before halftime, Marian also scored on a 28-yard burst by Simmons and a 12-yard run by John clock in the second half.

Urban Prep, which did manage 231 total yards to Marian's 399, got a pair of consolation touch

"We're just going to take it week to week and improve on all facets," Thomas explained. "We'll g some wrinkles and try to be back next week even better."

During the current four-game opening night win streak at Dave Mattio Field, Marian has now o

CATEGORY	Urban Prep
First downs	12
Rush attempts / yards	27-82
Passing yards	149
Pass completions	9
Pass attempts	26
Had intercepted	3
Fumbles / lost	3 / 1
Penalty yards	3-25
Next	at TF South

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MC- Cameron Thomas 5-yard run (kick failed), 9:28 first.

MC- Warren Allen 41-yard fumble return (kick failed), 6:20 first.

MC- Christian Simmons 89-yard run (run failed), 4:32 first.

MC- Victor Akinyemi 50-yard pass from Thomas (Jimmy Kleszynski kick), 1:55 first.

MC- Chase Love 67-yard interception return (Kleszynski kick), 10:53 second.

MC- Thomas 39-yard run (Kleszynski kick), 8:16 second.

MC- Simmons 28-yard run (Kleszynski kick), 4:53 second.

MC- John Schreiber 12-yard run (Kleszynski kick), 2:10 second.

UP- Jaylen Green 3-yard run (Travis Cuthrell to David Stanton), 9:43 fourth.

UP- Cuthrell 1-yard run (Cuthrell run), 2:10 fourth.

Rushing: UP- Green 10-62 (TD), Devin Howard 12-25, Robert Dupont 2-4, Cuthrell 2-(minus 3)
MC- Simmons 10-168 (2 TD), Thomas 5-61 (2 TD), Schreiber 6-40 (TD), Jordan Rogers 4-33, Joe Sean Mascolino 3-(minus 16).

Passing: UP- Howard 7 of 20, 89 yards, 0 TD, 3 INT; Cuthrell 2 of 5, 60 yards; Green 0 of 1. M
0 INT; Mascolino 0 of 1.

Receiving: UP- Jeremiah Moss 2-60, Cuthrell 4-53, Jeremy Hogan 2-40, Green 1-(minus 4). M

Interceptions: Chase Love (TD), Darrwin Perkins, Max Kinast.

