H-F at Marian Catholic

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

What to expect: H-F leads this highly intense series 8-4. The Vikings enter the season without the expectations that buckled them like a 3-and-2 curveball a year ago and led to a 4-5 season. H-F is relying on underclassmen at the skill positions: QB Tim Williams and WR Gerald Butler are sophomores, while WRs Keaton Fisher and Steve Buchko are juniors. Though RB Malik Norman can make things happen, expect the Vikings to go to the air frequently. Marian (1-8 in '08) welcomes back RBs Joe Hess, Joe Sanfrantello, Jesse Steward and Joe Walker, and WR Austin Guaccio. Expect Spartan QB John Rhode to hand the ball off frequently in an attempt to keep the Vikings offense on the sidelines.

Prediction: Marian Catholic 17, H-F 7.

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