

Ryan Greene Throws Four First-Half Touchdowns As Notre Dame Beats Marian Catholic

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Notre Dame's Chris James runs for one touchdown, catches another.



Notre Dame's Pat Cravens makes his way through the Marian Catholic defense en route to a touchdown Friday evening in Niles. | Michael R. Schmidt/For Sun-Times Media

Notre Dame 35, Marian Catholic 0

THE SKINNY

In the closing minutes of the second quarter, Notre Dame senior quarterback Ryan Greene dumped a pass down to Chris James. The dynamic senior running back was able to find an open lane for a 33-yard touchdown reception. That gave the Dons a comfortable 28-0 halftime lead.

TURNING POINT

Down 7-0 in the first quarter, Marian Catholic (2-2 overall, 0-2 ESCC) intercepted a pass to halt a Notre Dame (4-0, 1-0) drive and give itself possession at midfield. However, three offensive penalties and a sack pushed Marian Catholic back to its own 5-yard line.

The Spartans had to punt the ball away and Notre Dame scored on the next possession when Greene found senior wide receiver Pat Cravens for a 53-yard touchdown pass.

THE STAR

Greene led the attack by throwing for 204 yards and four touchdowns. His favorite target was Cravens, who snagged five receptions for 115 receiving yards and two touchdowns. All of Greene's stats were accumulated in the first half.

BY THE NUMBERS

James had 97 yards rushing and one touchdown on 16 carries. He also had four catches for 45 yards and a touchdown.

QUOTABLE

"The offensive line put it together tonight. We couldn't have had a better game on homecoming." — Greene