

Oct. 1	1	2	3	4	Final
MARIAN SPARTANS	0	7	6	8	21
PROVIDENCE CATH.	6	15	7	20	48

Providence spills Spartans

Marian Catholic's inability to run the ball Friday night at Providence Catholic meant a couple things for the Spartans.

The visitors rolled up 215 passing yards.

However, hurling the ball up early and often also translated to seven sacks and four interceptions.

Providence (5-0, 3-0) made the most of Marian's miscues, scoring 27 points off Marian turnovers en route to a 48-21 Catholic Metropolitan Conference Blue victory. In scoring 48 points for the second straight year against Marian, the Celtics tallied twice on defensive touchdowns.

"We did a very poor job of marking their blitz," Marian offensive coordinator Ron Guagenti said after watching the Spartans commit six turnovers. "We worked hard all week on securing our weak side and they came through a couple times untouched to force fumbles. Our offense gave them four touchdowns and that's just putting the defense in too big a hole."

Providence scored on three straight first-half possessions, taking advantage of a Marian interception and fumble for a quick 21-0 lead. The Spartans narrowed the margin to 21-7 by halftime, as Mike Gavin (15 of 24, 143 yards) hit Luke Carreras (eight catches, 75 yards) with an 11-yard scoring toss.

Marian hung around for much of the third quarter. After the Celtics expanded their cushion to 28-7 on a 54-yard fumble return, Gavin polished off an 11-play, 72-yard drive with a 3-yard plunge.

It was the only positive yardage on the ground for the Marian signal-caller. Despite 53 yards from Deon Bradley and 49 from Tom Bijak, all the sacks added up to just 39 yards on the ground for Marian.

The Providence lead swelled to 48-13 on a pair of rushing scores and a 96-yard interception return by Matt Martino before Marian added a consolation score.

After setting things up with a long pass connection from senior reserve quarterback Tom Raczka to Jason Guch (six catches, 80 yards), Marian eventually scored when Ryan Cyrkiel and Nick Lopez opened the hole for Bradley's 24-yard scoring burst.

"We're still right there," Guagenti concluded. "Every game is important, but we still have three games to win at least two and get in the playoffs. Then, once you're in the playoffs anything can happen."

CATEGORY	Marian	Providence
First downs	15	11
Rush att./yards	36/39	31/103
Passing yards	215	137

Pass completions	20	9
Pass attempts	33	15
Had intercepted	4	1
Fumbles/lost	3/2	2/2
Penalty yards	58	40
Next	MARIST	at Loyola

SCORING

PC- Rigsby 10-yard run (kick failed), 1:03, first quarter.

PC- Rigsby 2-yard run (Flynn pass to Strubbe), 9:32, second.

PC- Strubbe 7-yard pass from Flynn (Gross kick), 6:43, second.

MC- Carreras 11-yard pass from Gavin (Carreras kick), 2:06, second.

PC- Glynn 54-yard fumble return (Gross kick), 5:07, third.

MC- Gavin 3-yard run (kick failed), 1:40, third.

PC- Pizzolato 4-yard run (kick failed), 10:01, fourth.

PC- Flynn 5-yard run (Gross kick), 9:04, fourth.

PC- Martino 96-yard interception return (Gross kick), 5:24, fourth.

MC- Bradley 24-yard run (Raczka pass to Palumbo), 3:20, fourth.

Passing: MC- Gavin 15 of 24, 143 yards, 1 TD, 3 INT; Raczka 5 of 9, 72 yards, 1 INT.

PC- Flynn 9 of 15, 137 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT.

Rushing: MC- Bradley 10-53 (TD), Bijack 16-49, Raczka 1-(minus 3); Gavin 9-(minus 60); PC- Rigsby 10-38 (2 TD), Pizzolato 8-26 (TD), Battain 7-18, Cleveland 1-6, Flynn 1-5 (TD), Doyle 2-5, Quigley 1-3, Brown 1-2.

Receiving: MC- Guch 6-80, Carreras 8-75 (TD), Clark 4-28, Palumbo 2-22; PC- Strubbe 6-117 (TD), Carli 1-14, Battain 1-5, Anderer 1-2.

Interceptions: Papp (MC); Battain, Glynn, Summers, Martino (PC).