

# 2015 Rocket Family

## JM Rocket Football



### 2015 JM Rocket Varsity Football Season

Date	Result	Opponent	Location
<b>Big Southeast Red District Regular Season</b>			
Sat Aug 22	W 32-7	Austin	JM Stadium
Fri Aug 28	L 21-27 2OT	Owatonna	JM Stadium
Fri Sep 4	L 14-24	Mankato West	Mankato West High School
Fri Sep 11	W 35-7	Rochester Century	Roch Century High School
Fri Sep 18	W 43-13	Faribault	JM Stadium
Fri Sep 25	W 6-0	Northfield	JM Stadium
Fri Oct 2	L 13-21	Rochester Mayo	Mayo Stadium Field
Fri Oct 9	W 48-14	New Prague	New Prague High School
<b>1AAAAA Section Tournament</b>			
Wed Oct 14	W 35-6	Austin	JM Stadium
Tue Oct 20	W 28-21	Rochester Mayo	Mayo Stadium Field
Sat Oct 24	W 15-12	Northfield	JM Stadium
<b>Class AAAAA MN State Tournament</b>			
Sat Oct 31	L 20-42	Mankato West	Lakeville North High School



# 2015 State Class AAAAA JM Rocket Varsity Roster

#	Name	HT	WT	Pos	GR	#	Name	HT	WT	Pos	GR
2	Isaiah Levi	6'	140	WR/S	11	44	Kori McCarthy	5' 8"	205	RB/DL	11
3	Dylan Sutter	5' 8"	145	WR/CB	11	45	Luke Johnson	6'	200	TE/LB	12
4	Cazz Martin	5' 7"	165	RB/CB	12	46	Steven Bruggenthies	5' 7"	160	RB/LB	10
5	Dontrel Johnson	5' 9"	150	WR/CB	12	50	Jonathan Cole Ray	6'	210	OL/DL	11
6	Shahan Ameen	6' 1"	200	RB/DE	11	51	David Nguyen	6' 2"	265	OL/DL	12
7	Aaron Limberg	6'	170	QB/DB	9	52	Reid Gerber	6' 2"	230	OL/DL	11
8	Sean Healy	5' 7"	165	MGR	11	53	Riley Sammon	5' 6"	220	OL/DL	11
9	Alex Welder	6' 4"	215	TE/DE	12	54	Caleb Gee	5' 7"	195	OL/DL	12
10	Adam Hussein	5' 9"	145	WR/CB	11	55	Emmanuel Tetteh-Jada*	6' 3"	270	OL/DL	12
11	Brice Kukuzke	6' 1"	205	WR/DE	11	56	Boone Matzke	5' 8"	160	OL/DL	12
12	Jared Juth	5' 11"	175	QB/LB	11	57	Matt Groata	6' 1"	180	OL/LB	10
14	Eric Byrne	6'	155	K	10	59	Jake Boguslawski	5' 10"	165	OL/S	11
16	Caleb Gronholz	5' 6"	155	QB	10	60	Damian Chaloner	5' 11"	195	OL/DL	12
18	Ron Burks	5' 9"	140	WR/CB	11	61	Matthew Smiley	5' 6"	200	OL/DL	10
20	Andrew Killian	5' 8"	150	WR/CB	11	62	Shahin Feramarzi	6'	220	OL/DL	12
21	Caleb Johnson	5' 8"	165	WR/LB	11	65	Khavy Vath	6'	210	OL/DL	12
22	Logan Saltou*	5' 9"	160	WR/S	12	66	Andrew Gangelhoff	6'	225	OL/DL	11
23	DJ Hardin Jr.	5' 10"	175	WR/CB	12	67	Chandler Starr	6' 1"	200	OL/DL	12
24	Josh Mattison*	5' 10"	200	RB/LB	12	68	Gavin Schaefer	6' 4"	240	OL/DL	10
25	Riley Schreader	6' 1"	210	RB/LB	12	70	Calvin Blume	6' 4"	250	OL/DL	11
26	Darnell Wheatley	5' 10"	180	RB/LB	11	74	Malik Thomas	5' 9"	215	OL/DL	10
27	Jordan Velez	5' 10"	185	WR/LB	11	77	Isaiah Haines	6'	280	OL/DL	11
28	Bernard Charles	5' 7"	135	RB/DB	10	78	Ethan Haase	6'	210	OL/DL	12
29	Taylor Badger	5' 9"	145	K	9	79	Hunter Newer	6'	240	OL/DL	12
30	Griffin Ferguson	6' 2"	165	WR/S	11	80	Logan East	5' 8"	150	WR/CCB	11
32	Brady Tuckner*	6' 2"	195	TE/LB	12	81	Eric Stai	6' 2"	160	WR/DB	10
33	Jesse Hanson	5' 10"	165	RB/DL	12	82	Jordyn Dee	6' 5"	220	WR/DE	12
34	Martin Korpue	5' 9"	215	RB/DL	12	83	Matthew LaCroix	6' 1"	200	TE/DE	11
35	Caleb Banks	6' 1"	195	WR/LB	12	84	Jonathan Hickman	5' 11"	170	WR/DB	12
38	Dylan Livingston	5' 11"	180	TE/LB	12	85	Jared Poole	6' 1"	165	WR/LB	10
39	Austin Brown	5' 9"	165	RB/DB	10	86	Matt Carpenter	6'	170	WR/LB	12
40	Jason McGinn	5' 7"	180	RB/LB	11	87	Monterrius Ridley	6' 1"	180	WR/S	11
41	Quin Hardy	5' 7"	165	RB/DB	10	88	Matthew Thompson	6' 3"	195	TE/DE	10
42	Elijah Hollins	5' 8"	175	RB/DE	11	89	Chaz Morris	5' 9"	115	MGR	11

\* 2015 Captains

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Rochester running backs Lourdes - Mason Carstens Century - Aaron Ajke Mayo - Greg Henry John Marshall - Josh Mattison

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SECTION 1AAAAA

# Raiders, Rockets are big-school favorites

With Faribault gone, there will be a new section champion

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The defending section champ is gone, last year's runner-up has new faces at key positions and every team feels like it can make some noise come playoff time.

Without a conference championship to play for—a byproduct of the new district scheduling plan implemented for football teams across the state this season—teams will focus throughout the regular season on positioning themselves for home-field advantage in the postseason.

And that will be an intriguing battle to watch in Section One, Class AAAAA.

Faribault, which beat Rochester Mayo in overtime for the section championship a year ago, has moved out of Section 1.

Mayo has played in the past three section finals, but has to replace 15 starters, including a pair who are playing Division I football this season, all-state linebacker Gunnar Grimsrud and linebacker/receiver Zach Robertson.

The Spartans still expect to challenge for a spot in the section title game, but a survey of coaches in the six-team Section 1AAAAA field indicates Northfield and Rochester John Marshall should be tabbed as the favorites.

Rochester Century hopes to build on a 4-1 start to last season, which included a victory against rival John Marshall. The Panthers struggled down the stretch, but they spread the ball around to a handful of underclassmen, who are now experienced varsity veterans.

Owatonna brings back a strong core group of players from last season's 6-4 team, including its quarterback, Alex Emanuelson, and two of its top three rushers, Alec Holcomb and Sam Hylle.

Austin was just 3-6 last season, but two of those losses were one-score games. The Packers have 20



Post-Bulletin file photo

Rochester John Marshall running back Cazz Martin looks for running room in a game against Northfield last season. The Rockets and Raiders are expected to be the favorites in Section 1AAAAA this season.

seniors on the roster, led by Brandon Edgar and Nate Conner, who combined for nearly 1,900 rushing yards last season.

Mayo also has one of the top running backs in southeastern Minnesota. Senior Greg Henry carried for 1,163 yards and 11 touchdowns. He'll run behind a stout line, led by senior three-year starter Jon Lorang and fellow senior Levi Poppe.

But the teams to watch appear to be Northfield and John Marshall. The Raiders edged JM 27-21 at JM in Week 6 last season. It was one of three one-score losses for JM in a 5-5 season that ended with a loss at Faribault in the section semifinals. Northfield lost just twice in its first season back in the Big Nine Conference, both times to eventual Class AAAAA state champion Mankato West.

JM has a talented and athletic senior class leading the way, including 5-foot-10, 200-pound running back Josh Mattison, who has a good mix of size and speed. Imposing lineman Emmanuel

Tetteh-Jada (6-3, 270) and athletic tight end/linebacker Brady Tuckner (6-2, 195) are also two of the best at their positions in the section.

"I think it will be extremely competitive, just like last season," JM coach Kevin Kirkeby said of the balance in Section 1AAAAA.

Northfield has one of the toughest players in the section for an opposing defense to match up against, 6-foot-9 Luke Harris, who can play quarterback, receiver or tight end for the Raiders, who went 8-2 last year. The team's leading rusher, Josh Chlan, also returns.

"I expect the section to be very competitive," Northfield coach Bubba Sullivan said. "I don't think there is a weak team in the section."

## JOHN MARSHALL

John Marshall is coming off a 5-5 season in which three of its losses occurred by a combined total of eight points. With some talented and experienced players back at all positions, the Rockets are among the favorites to come out of the section this season.

JM, which has more than 150 kids out for football this season, is loaded with upperclassmen. The Rockets' six returning offensive starters and eight returning defensive starters are all seniors. That group includes big and athletic lineman Emmanuel Jada, who goes 6-foot-3, 260 pounds and runs a 4.90-second 40-yard dash. Jada will lead the Rockets lines on both sides of the ball.

Among the Rockets' skill players to watch is senior Josh Mattison, who appears to be one of the top running backs in the section. He'll also start at outside linebacker. Other returning two-way starters for JM are Cazz Martin (running back/receiver/cornerback) and DJ Hardin (running back/receiver/cornerback). Receivers Matt Carpenter and Trell Johnson, safety Logan Saltou, and linebackers Riley Schreder, Dylan Livingston and Brady Tuckner all started last

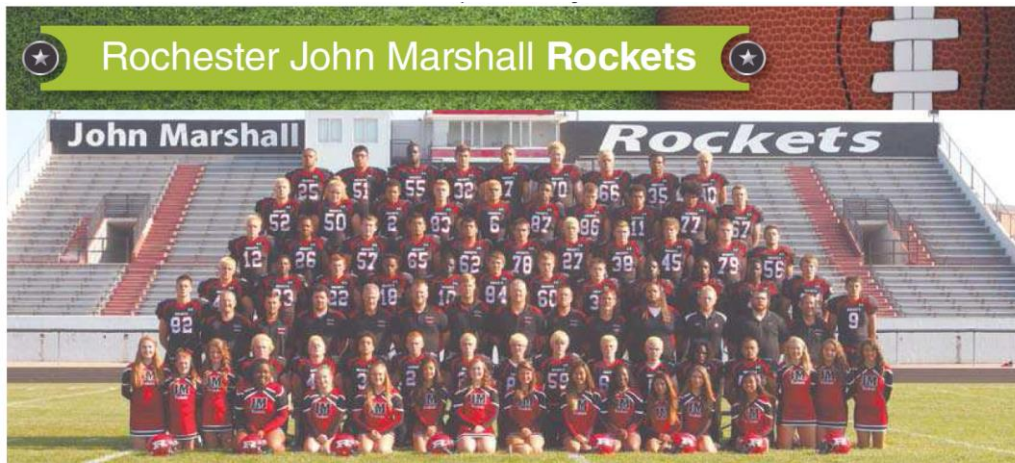
Tuckner, Saltou, Mattison and Jada will serve as team captains.

In addition to Mattison and Martin, coach Kevin Kirkeby anticipates 6-foot-1, 200-pound senior Shahan Ameen seeing time at running back.

"(Mattison) has incredible strength, balance, speed, patience and vision," Kirkeby said. "Martin has outright speed, vision and a great inside/outside game, and Ameen (brings) speed, strength and size."

Kirkeby said Jack Stein and Jared Juth will both challenge for time at quarterback.

"Our team speed and overall strength," Kirkeby said about what JM's strengths will be this season. "The defense has really come together and the team speed on defense is fun to watch."



Front Row: Angela Tuckett, Rachel Jerabek, Jocelyn Smith, LaShawna Sayavong, Cally Salmon, Jasmine Smith, Kayla Phen, Khanyi Nesengani, Jennifer Lara, Paris Ingebrinson, Angelynn Nhean

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Row 4: Kori McCarthy, DJ Hardin Jr., Logan Sallou, Ron Burks, Adam Hussein, Jonathan Hickman, Damian Chaloner, Jesse Hanson, Martin Korpuu, Dorell Johnson, Elijah Hollins, Josh Mattison

Row 5: Jared Juth, Darnell Wheatley, Jordan Martinov, Khary Vaih, Shahan Feramazi, Ethan Haase, Jordan Velez, Dylan Livingston, Luke Johnson, Hunter Newer, Boone Matzke

Row 6: Cole Ray, Isaiah Levi, Matthew LaCroix, Shahan Ameen, Ridley Montemmas, Matt Carpenter, Brice Kukuzke, Isaiah Haines, Chandler Starr

Row 7: Riley Schreder, David Nguyen, Emmanuel Tetteh-Jada, Brady Tuckner, Jack Stien, Calvin Blume, Andrew Gangehoff, Caleb Banks, Griffin Ferguson

## 2015 Schedule ROCHESTER JOHN MARSHALL

AUG. 22	Austin.....	H	7 p.m.
AUG. 28	Owatonna.....	H	7 p.m.
SEPT. 4	Mankato West.....	A	7 p.m.
SEPT. 11	Rochester Century.....	A	7 p.m.
SEPT. 18	Faribault.....	H	7 p.m.
SEPT. 25	Northfield.....	H	7 p.m.
OCT. 2	Rochester Mayo.....	A	7 p.m.
OCT. 9	New Prague.....	A	7 p.m.

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## COACH Kevin Kirkeby



Kevin Kirkeby is in his second season as head coach at John Marshall, where he was an assistant from 1997-2008. Kirkeby is a graduate of Glencoe High School and of Luther College, where he played football and ran track.

# Week 1: JM vs. Austin

## High school football ready for big return

Many game times changing for Saturday openers

BY PAT RUFF  
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Saturday marks the beginning of high school football games in southeastern Minnesota and the rest of the state.

Feels a little bit strange, doesn't it?

It should, because this is a different kind of start, with Week One games being played on a Saturday rather than a Friday. It's also coming a week earlier than normal. That's thanks to TCF Bank Stadium being unavailable the third Saturday of November, when Prep Bowl title games are normally played.

This year's state championships happen two weeks into November at TCE.

Rochester and Rochester-area fans will get an indication Saturday about just how big to dream when it comes to their teams. It's the first time this season that their guys are hitting for real.

One Rochester team that's made a habit of satisfying the big dreamers is Lourdes.

The Eagles are coming off another state championship season, with last year's 35-14 win in the Class AAA title game putting a wrap on a perfect 13-0 campaign. Lourdes gets its start at 2 p.m. Saturday by traveling to St. Charles.

Another Rochester-area team that's out to defend a state title is Grand Meadow. The Nine-Man juggernaut was also perfect a year ago, going 14-0.

As for Rochester's three public schools, John Marshall hosts Austin on Saturday, Mayo travels to Faribault, and Century plays at Winona.

### Some games times changed

The forecast for rain and possible storms has led to several games in the area being moved to the afternoon.

JM's home game with Austin is now set for 1 p.m. The Lourdes 2 p.m. kickoff with St. Charles is a change.

Other changes to reach the P-B before Friday's press time were: Dover-Eyota at Byron (to 3 p.m.); Faribault Bethlehem Academy at Wabasha-Kellogg (to 4 p.m.); and Triton at Kasson-Mantorville (to 1 p.m.)

Check postbulletin.com for any changes that are made after today's press time.

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## Week 1 high school football game previews

### Austin at John Marshall

1 p.m. Saturday at John Drews Field

**Records:** It's the season opener for both teams. JM finished 5-5 last year, Austin 3-5.

**Last meeting:** JM beat Austin 51-27.

**Austin notes:** The Packers have 20 seniors out for football, almost all of whom played last year. Austin had a strong end to its 2014 season, nearly upsetting Owatonna in its section quarterfinal game. Austin is led by seniors Brandon Edgar (970 yards rushing last year, with 14 touchdowns) and Nate Connor (810 yards rushing).

**JM notes:** JM returns six offensive starters and eight defensive, all of them seniors. Josh Mattison is the main man on offense. He came on strong last year, including rushing for 223 yards in a win over Century. But the Rockets have a bunch of weapons to go with him, and are loaded with speed and strength on both sides of the ball. One question, though, is how productive its quarterback play will be. Neither of its top two candidates there — senior Jack Stien and junior Jared Juth — started last year.

**JM roster omission:** Junior running back/defensive lineman Kori McCarthy (5-foot-8, 205 pounds) was not included in the JM roster that was published in Tuesday's Post-Bulletin.

**Next:** JM hosts Owatonna next Friday, while Austin hosts Winona.

— Pat Ruff



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**Mayo, JM, Lourdes win**

High school football season kicks off » **D1**



## Sports

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# Rockets rally to roar past Packers

### Rochester teams go 3-for-4 on opening day

Post-Bulletin staff

Rochester John Marshall needed one half to get its act together.

But once it did, Austin was no match for the Rockets in the football opener for both teams Saturday afternoon at John Drews Field.

JM had been billed as a Big Nine Conference favorite this season. However, the Rockets looked anything but in the first half before turning things around and romping to a 32-7 win.

JM used a big game from reserve running back Cazz Martin and much-improved defense after intermission to get things done. Martin finished with 134 yards rushing, including 110 in the second half.

JM's defense turned stout against the run, and the Rockets also used a 37-yard interception return for a touchdown by Dontrel Johnson to help pull away in the second half.

The Rockets scored three touchdowns in a nine-minute span in the third quarter to secure the victory.

• Rochester Mayo opened its season on the same field where it ended last season.

This time, Mayo left Bruce Smith Field in Faribault with a convincing 50-21 victory against the Falcons, who beat the Spartans in last season's Section One, Class AAAAA championship game.

Faribault had no answer Mayo running back Greg Henry, who finished with 206 total yards and four touchdowns. Quarterback Tra Grimsrud, making his first varsity start, completed 9 of 16 passes for 182 yards and two touchdowns, a 40-yard play to Mitch McCarty and a 71-yard strike to Henry.

Grimsrud and Ray Motley also had one rushing touchdown each for the Spartans.

Mayo was strong defensively, too, as lineman Hunter Loehrer led the way with three sacks.

Mayo (1-0) doesn't leave Rochester for the next three weeks. It plays at rival Century on Friday, then plays host to Austin on Sept. 4



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**Rochester John Marshall running back Cazz Martin is pursued by Austin's Jon Gallagher during a high school football game Saturday at John Drews Field in Rochester.**

and New Prague on Sept. 11.

• The defending Class AAA state champions from Rochester Lourdes opened the season with a victory, but St. Charles didn't go down easily.

The Saints were up 6-0 after one quarter and had a chance to go up two scores but couldn't capitalize.

Lourdes took the lead for good in the second quarter as an 84-yard touchdown run by Mason Carstens and a 7-yard scoring pass from Noah Hillman to Carter Greguson

propelled them to a 16-6 halftime lead.

Josh Fritzjunker and Pat Leary also scored for Lourdes in the 38-25 victory, with Luke Leistikow, Parker Wendt, Keagan Maloney and Cody Nicklay scoring for St. Charles.

• Rochester Century rallied from a 14-0 halftime deficit to force overtime, but Winona's Tanner Remlinger scored on a 3-yard run in the second overtime to give the Winhawks a 20-14 victory.

Century scored both of its touchdowns in the third quarter. Aaron Ajke scored on

a 6-yard run, then quarterback John Bickle plunged in from a yard out to tie the score and force overtime.

The Panthers blocked a Winona field-goal try in the first OT, then Century missed on its opportunity. Century turned the ball over on its second possession of overtime, then Winona sealed the victory with two consecutive runs by Remlinger.

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### SCOREBOARD

**Big Southeast District**  
Rochester John Marshall 32, Austin 7  
Rochester Mayo 50, Faribault 21  
Mankato East 33, New Prague 12  
Mankato West 28, Owatonna 6  
Winona 20, Rochester Century 14, OT

**Southeast District**  
Plainview-Elgin-Millville 36, Winona Cotter 6  
Stewartville 33, Chatfield 6  
Triton 20, Kasson-Mantorville 6  
Cannon Falls 24, Zumbrota-Mazeppa 6  
Rochester Lourdes 38, St. Charles 25  
Byron 28, Dover-Eyota 20  
Caledonia 55, La Crescent 7  
Lake City 21, Pine Island 13

**Mid-Southeast District**  
Blooming Prairie 8, Rushford-Peterson 6  
Lewiston-Altura 61, Medford 7  
Goodhue 27, Kenyon-Wanamingo 7  
Fillmore Central 25, Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton 13  
Southland 28, St. Clair 7  
Mankato Loyola 34, Hayfield 7  
United South Central 20, Kingsland 10  
Faribault BA 36, Wabasha-Kellogg 6

**District 9 Southeast**  
Grand Meadow 49, Lanesboro 14  
Mabel-Canton 48, Glenville-Emmons 0  
Randolph 10, Houston 8  
Spring Grove 72, Lyle/Pacelli 8

### HEROES AND HIGHLIGHTS

• **Garett Huemann** rushed 23 times for 143 yards and on defense forced two fumbles as Goodhue downed Kenyon-Wanamingo 27-7.

• **Jared Landher** returned the opening kickoff 87 yards and was Southland's leading rusher with 77 yards on 14 carries in the Rebels' 28-7 victory over St. Clair.

• **Mitchell Schmitz** rushed for 124 yards and two touchdowns and caught a pass for another TD as Caledonia routed La Crescent 55-7.

• **Chase Rahman** had a 58-yard run for a touchdown and a 55-yard punt return for another as Plainview-Elgin-Millville beat Winona Cotter 36-6.

• **Tait Kelly** threw a 31-yard touchdown pass to **Kipp Adams** with just 5.4 seconds remaining to lift Red Wing to a dramatic 20-15 victory against Northfield. The Wings had to go 97 yards in less than two minutes on the game-winning drive.

# Rockets romp in second half

JM gets it together against Austin

BY PAT RUFF  
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The Rochester John Marshall football team had received its share of pre-season hype.

Many considered the Rockets — along with Northfield — a top team in the Big Southeast District and Section One, Class AAAAA. JM returns a pack of seniors, with upper-crust athletes at most positions.

For the first 24 minutes of JM's season opener Saturday against Austin, the Rockets looked like a favorite all right. A favorite to disappoint.

JM wasn't doing much of anything well, especially the basics such as blocking, tackling and passing.

"We weren't wrapping up on our tackles, and offensively we'd execute at times, but then get hit with penalties," Rockets second-year coach Kevin Kirkeby said.

It's a good thing JM was allowed another 24 minutes. Because it used them to show that there really is plenty of promise with this team.

JM scored the final 32 points of the game — 26 of them after intermission — and routed the Packers 32-7.

JM trailed 7-6 at halftime, but it never lost confidence.

"At halftime, everyone remained calm and communicated with each other about what we had to do," JM's star offensive/defensive lineman Emmanuel Tetteh-Jada said.

That worked.

Cazz Martin was, individually, the biggest beneficiary. The speedy halfback took advantage of JM's on-point and rigorous second-half approach to finish with a game-high 134 yards rushing and three touchdowns. He ran 110 of those after intermission, including a 64-yard touchdown sprint.

Martin didn't hesitate to give credit where it was due.

"Our offensive line came out and did a lot better in the second half, and our fullbacks (Riley Schreuder and Shahan Ameen) really blocked well for me," Martin said.

Martin, who had three of JM's five touchdowns, carried the ball 17 times. He wouldn't have had nearly that much action had starting halfback Josh Mattison not left in the first quarter with a foot injury and never returned. The severity of the injury is unknown.

JM quickly showed that the second half was going to be vastly different than the first. It got that started by forcing Austin — which had success passing and running



Photos by Scott Jacobson / sjacobson@postbulletin.com

Austin's Kaden Igou wraps up the legs of John Marshall running back Josh Mattison during Saturday's game at John Drews Field. For more photos of this game, go to [postbulletin.com/gallery](http://postbulletin.com/gallery).



Austin's Nate Conner tries to get around end on a running play.

before intermission — to punt on its first possession.

Seven plays later Martin capped a 50-yard drive with a 2-yard touchdown run. The big play in the march was a 26-yard run by junior halfback Ameen, who finished with 72 yards on just seven carries. That 26-yard run also ended with Austin being called for a 15-yard penalty.

JM had its first lead of the game. But what followed wasn't just positive for the Rockets, it positively put the game away. On Austin's opening play of its next drive, JM cornerback Dontrel Johnson stepped in front of a Jakob

Crouch pass and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown.

Then came the nail. Austin immediately turned the ball over again, this one by fumble. Seven plays later JM was in the end zone, a 30-yard drive capped by a 9-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jack Stien to Jordan Velez.

Austin barely knew what hit it, as JM scored 20 points in less than nine minutes. The Packers never came close to recovering.

"JM executed and played better in the second half," Austin coach Brett Vesel said. "But we got tired. We have to do a better job of conditioning."

## John Marshall 32, Austin 7

Austin.....7 0 0 0 — 7  
John Marshall....0 6 19 7 — 32

### First quarter

A — Jakob Crouch 1 run (Nate Conner kick), 10:12. Drive: 7 plays, 48 yards, 2:32. Key play: JM 15 penalty.

### Second quarter

JM — Cazz Martin 13 run (run failed), 7:11. Drive: 7 plays, 51 yards, 3:48. Key play: Martin 13 run.

### Third quarter

JM — Martin 2 run (run failed), 6:52. Drive: 8 plays, 50 yards, 3:33. Key play: Shahan Ameen 26 run.

JM — Dontrel Johnson 37 interception (Eric Byrne kick), 6:33.

JM — Jordan Velez 9 pass from Jack Stien (kick failed), 3:18. Drive: 7 plays, 30 yards, 3:01. Key play: DJ Hardin 9 run.

### Fourth quarter

JM — Martin 64 run (Byrne kick), 6:23. Drive: 3 plays, 74 yards, 1:02.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	A	JM
First downs .....	15	16
Total net yards .....	292	312
Rushes-yards .....	37-133	38-270
Passing yards .....	159-42	
Comp.-att.-int. ....	16-37-2	5-12-0
Fumbles-lost .....	3-2	4-3
Penalties-yards .....	6-75	10-90
Points-avg. ....	4-38.5	3-35.5

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

Austin — Jakob Crouch 12-39, Nate Conner 15-54, Jon Gallagher 7-36, Elijah Anderson 1-5, Jesse Synogroun 1-(minus 2), Tate Hebrink 1-0. John Marshall — Cazz Martin 17-134, Shahan Ameen 7-72, Josh Mattison 6-30, DJ Hardin 2-11, Jack Stien 4-23, Logan Saltou 1-0, Darnell Wheatley 1-0.

#### Passing

Austin — Crouch 15-36, 2 interceptions, 145 yards; Tate Hebrink 1-1-0-0 for 15 yards. John Marshall — Jack Stien 2-7-0-1 for 20 yards; Jared Juth 3-5-0-0 for 22 yards.

#### Receiving

Austin — Conner 2-23, Tyler Tupy 3-17, Jany Gash 4-58, Jason Stoullil 4-34, Andersen 3-27. John Marshall — Dontrel Johnson 1-4, Matt Carpenter 2-21, Jordan Velez 2-17.

# Week 2: JM vs. Owatonna



**Last week:** JM got off to a slow start against Austin, trailing 7-6 at halftime. But the experienced and talented Rockets then completely took over and won 32-7. Owatonna started its season with a 28-6 loss to defending state champion Mankato West.

**Last meeting:** Owatonna slipped past JM 25-24 last year. The Huskies successfully recovered a pair of onside kicks and outscored JM 12-0 in the fourth quarter.

**John Marshall notes:** JM got a scare on Saturday when star halfback Josh Mattison was lost early in the game with a foot injury. It doesn't appear to be too severe, as Mattison is expected to play against Owatonna. The Rockets showed their depth at running with Cazz Martin stepping in and rushing 17 times for 134 yards. His backup, Shahan Ameen, had 72 yards on just seven carries. JM



knows its going to need to be more diverse offensively than it was against Austin. Look for the Rockets' two quarterbacks — Jack Stien and Jared Juth — to throw more than in Week 1. JM has had a tough time against Owatonna in recent years. It hasn't beaten the Huskies since 2005.

**Owatonna notes:** The Huskies aren't the dominant team we've seen recently. That actually started last season when they went from state champions in 2013 to 6-4 last year. Owatonna has a veteran defense, led by tackle Austin Abbas and linebacker Alec Holcomb.

**JM assistant coaches (original list was incomplete):** (Varsity) Kevin Kirkeby, Dirk Erickson, Scott Glandon, Tim O'Neill, Mike Williams; (B squad) James Knutson, Peter Dokken, Brendan Adams, Shane Hewitt, Tim Burkholder; (C squad) Brian Becker, Ian Naatz, Kyle Milnes, Tyler Britt.

**JM coach Kevin Kirkeby:** "Owatonna has a lot of kids returning from last year's team. They've got hard runners and their defense flows pretty well and fills holes well." — Pat Ruff

## City football leaders

### TEAM

#### OFFENSE

Team	Rush	Pass	Total
Mayo	192	182	374
Lourdes	263	68	331
John Marshall	270	42	312
Century	63	114	177

#### DEFENSE

Team	Rush	Pass	Total
John Marshall	133	159	282
Mayo	90	235	325
Century	201	130	331
Lourdes	129	270	399

### INDIVIDUAL

#### Passing

	Comp	Att	Yards	TD	INT
Tra Grimsrud, Mayo	9	16	182	2	0
John Bickle, Century	12	28	114	0	0
Noah Hillman, Lourdes	6	11	68	1	0
Jared Juth, JM	3	5	22	0	0
Jack Stien, JM	2	7	20	1	0

#### Rushing

Player	Att	Yards	Avg.
Mason Carstens, Lourdes	26	205	7.9
Greg Henry, Mayo	25	135	5.4
Cazz Martin, JM	17	134	7.8
Shahan Ameen, JM	7	72	10.2
Aaron Ajke, Century	16	67	4.1
Zach Wolf, Mayo	2	41	20.5
Josh Mattison, JM	6	30	5.0
Jake Groteboer, Lourdes	5	29	5.8
Carter Greguson, Lourdes	3	24	8.0
Ray Motley, Mayo	2	21	10.5
Josh Fritzkunjer, Lourdes	1	20	20.0
Lucas Fisher, Century	2	7	3.5
Joey Ferraro, Century	1	6	6.0

#### Receiving

Player	Rec	Yards	Avg.
Greg Henry, Mayo	2	73	36.5
Mitch McCarty, Mayo	2	60	30.0
Lucas Fisher, Century	4	54	13.5
Nate Sheridan, Mayo	3	43	14.3
Eric Philipps, Century	5	37	7.4
Josh Fritzkunjer, Lourdes	2	29	14.5
Carter Greguson, Lourdes	2	23	11.5
Elijah Anderson, Century	2	22	11.0
Matt Carpenter, JM	2	21	10.5
Jordan Velez, JM	2	17	8.5
Jake Muehlenbein, Lourdes	1	11	11.0
Cooper Ramaker, Mayo	2	6	3.0
Joe Macken, Lourdes	1	5	5.0
Dontrel Johnson, JM	1	4	4.0
Gabe Supalla, Century	1	1	1.0

#### SCORING

	TD	FG	2pt	1pt	Pts
Greg Henry, Mayo	4	0	0	0	24
Cazz Martin, JM	3	0	0	0	18
Mason Carstens, Lourdes	2	0	2	0	16
Carter Greguson, Lourdes	1	0	1	0	8
Mitch McCarty, Mayo	1	0	1	0	8
Aaron Ajke, Century	1	0	0	0	6
Josh Fritzkunjer, Lourdes	1	0	0	0	6
Trajan Grimsrud, Mayo	1	0	0	0	6
Dontrel Johnson, JM	1	0	0	0	6
Jordan Velez, JM	1	0	0	0	6
Pat Leary, Lourdes	1	0	0	0	6
Ray Motley, Mayo	1	0	0	0	6
John Bickle, Century	1	0	0	0	6
Jacob McCabe, Mayo	0	0	0	4	4
Noah Hillman, Lourdes	0	0	1	0	2
Eric Byrne, JM	0	0	0	2	2
Francis Villeneuve, Century	0	0	0	2	2

# Local sports

BIG SOUTHEAST DISTRICT (RED SUBDISTRICT) FOOTBALL



• That was a 10-year hex that Rochester John Marshall was trying to snap. Against the odds, it didn't

happen.

Owatonna beat the Rockets for the 11th straight time Friday, getting it done in dramatic fashion. The Huskies used a big second half and then a pair of overtimes to rally to a 27-21 win.

It left the No. 7-ranked Rockets 1-1 and wondering what hit them after turning in a dominant first half.

JM led 14-0 at intermission thanks to a rugged and fast defense, and a strong running game led by Cazz Martin. The speedy senior had 104 yard rushing and two touchdowns in the first half, one of his TDs covering 41 yard just before intermission.

But there was little of that from the Rockets the rest of the way.

There was also no passing game, as JM finished the contest with zero yards through the air.

"Right now our team is too one-dimensional," JM coach Kevin Kirkeby said. "We have to start passing more and going to the fullback more."

**Pages D4, D5, D6: Results from all of Friday's games in south-eastern Minnesota**

## John Marshall can't end its hex against Owatonna

### Rockets fall in double overtime

BY PAT RUFF  
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It would have been easy to dwell on this one.

Rochester John Marshall had just let one get away, losing for the 11th straight time to Owatonna, this one a wild one, 27-21 in two roller-coaster overtimes.

But JM running back Cazz Martin would have none of it.

"I've got nothing to say about it," Martin said, intensity in his eyes. "Just looking ahead to Mankato West. That's it. Just getting ready now for West."

That's probably the right approach, because to wallow in this one would be too painful if you're a Rocket.

JM hasn't beaten Owatonna since 2005. That hex figured to mercifully end Friday night at John Drews Fields. JM entered ranked No. 7 in the state in Class AAAAA and 1-0. Owatonna was 0-1 after dropping its opener to No. 1 Mankato West.

Things lined up nicely through the first half for the Rockets, too. JM, riding a dominant running attack led by speedster Martin, led 14-0. The Rockets didn't try a single pass in the first half and didn't seem to need to. Not with Martin dashing for 104 yards and two touchdowns, the final one a 41-yard sprint with 1:09 left in the half.

But then came the second half. Suddenly, JM found itself running into a brick wall dressed in Owatonna colors. The Huskies were seemingly devoting all 11 of their defenders to stopping JM's vaunted running attack.

It worked. JM totaled seven first downs in the first half. In the second half, it had one. That included going three-and-



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John Marshall quarterback Jared Juth tries a rare pass as he's being pursued Friday night by Owatonna's Austin Abbas. The Rockets threw only three times in the game. For more photos of this game, go to [postbulletin.com/gallery](http://postbulletin.com/gallery).

out on its first four possessions after intermission. And after sprinting for 104 yards those first 24 minutes, Martin had 1 yard after that, and was replaced at running back by the bigger Josh Mattison in the fourth quarter.

And when it had the ball, Owatonna was suddenly clicking after halftime. It scored on its first two possessions, one a 64-yard march done exclusively on the ground, the next a 34-yard job. That one was also

on the ground only.

"I don't think our guys expected Owatonna to come out with that much energy after halftime (after being down 14-0)," JM coach Kevin Kirkeby said. "That might have surprised them."

What JM saw was a different team, with different tactics. "Owatonna did a great job of making adjustments at halftime," JM fullback/linebacker Riley Schreuder said.

Kirkeby certainly noticed,

too.

"They collapsed the inside on us (defensively)," he said. "Right now our team is too one-dimensional. We have to start passing more and going to the fullback more."

Regulation ended with the score tied at 14. After JM got a touchdown and converted an extra-point kick in the first overtime, Owatonna did the same. But the Huskies' seven points were dramatic. On fourth down and the game

on the line, quarterback Alex Emanuelson connected on a 3-yard touchdown pass in the back of the end zone to Alex Holcomb. Holcomb reached high to make the catch, but seemed to push a JM defensive back in the back just before he caught it. No call was made.

But a call was made when Holcomb followed his catch with excessive celebrating. That pushed the extra-point kick back another 15 yards. But kicker Aidan Buryksa made it anyway.

Owatonna got the ball first in the second overtime and again got a TD connection from Emanuelson to Holcomb, this one from 8 yards out on third down.

JM, trailing 27-21, had another chance to tie or win the game on its possession of the second OT. But its drive was marred by penalties, and ended with a Jack Stien pass on fourth down from the 13 being knocked down in the end zone by Owatonna.

#### Owatonna 27, JM 21, 2 OT

Owatonna.....0 0 14 0 7 6 — 27  
John Marshall...7 7 0 0 7 0 — 21

#### First quarter

JM — Cazz Martin 14 run (Eric Byrne Kick), 5:04. Drive: 9 plays, 58 yards, 5:31. Key play: Martin 13 run.

#### Second quarter

JM — Martin 41 run (Byrne Kick), 1:09. Drive: 5 plays, 80 yards, 1:02. Key play: Owatonna 15-yard penalty.

#### Third quarter

O — Alex Emanuelson 3 run (Aidan Buryksa Kick), 6:37. Drive: 8 plays, 64 yards, 3:14. Key play: Sam Hylle 39 run.

O — Mitche Wiese 6 run (Buryksa Kick), 1:48. Drive: 7 plays, 34 yards, 2:29. Key play: Wiese 11 run.

#### Overtime

JM — Jared Juth 1 run (Byrne Kick).

O — Alex Holcomb 3 pass from Emanuelson (Byrn Kick)

#### Second Overtime

O — Holcomb 8 pass from Emanuelson (kick failed)

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	O	JM
First downs.....	18	11
Total net yards.....	270	170
Rushes-yards.....	42-137	34-170
Passing yards.....	133	0
Comp.-att.-int.....	17-25-0	0-4-0

### JM blanked in boys soccer

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Rochester John Marshall started its boys soccer team with a tough assignment, facing East Ridge, the second-ranked team in state Class AA.

The Rockets had their hands full, falling 6-0. JM goalie Jack Gallagher totaled 11 saves.

East Ridge scored four first-half goals.

#### East Ridge 6, JM 0

East Ridge.....4 2 — 6  
John Marshall.....0 0 — 0

East Ridge: No stats submitted.

John Marshall: Goalie: Jack Gallagher 11 saves.

Fumbles-lost.....0-0 0-0  
Penalties-yards.....8-75 6-48  
Punts-avg.....4-34.2 31.6

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

##### Rushing

Owatonna, Sam Hylle 27-125, Alex Emanuelson 8-(minus 16), Mitch Wiese 7-28. John Marshall, Cazz Martin 14-105, Shahan Ameen 4-19, Josh Mattison 9-29, DJ Hardin 1-(minus 1), Jack Stien 2-(minus 2), Jordan Velez 2-22, Hunter Newer 2-(minus 1).

##### Passing

Owatonna, Alex Emanuelson 17 completions, 25 attempts, 0 interceptions, 2 touchdowns, for 133 yards. John Marshall, Jack Stien 0-3-0 for 0 yards; Jared Juth 0-1-0 for 0 yards.

##### Receiving

Owatonna, Wiese 3-10, Hylle 1-1, Blake Westphal 1-2, Alex Holcomb 8-84, Alex Rachle 4-36. John Marshall, no receptions.

Jason Feldman and Ben Pherson might agree or disagree but their Faceoff column is worth reading every Thursday in the P-B sports section.

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# Week 3: JM vs. Mankato West

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## WEEK 3 FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

### Rochester John Marshall at Mankato West

7 p.m., Friday

**Records, rankings:** Mankato West is 2-0 in the Big Southeast District, and 2-0 overall. JM is 1-1, 1-1. West is ranked No. 1 in the state in Class AAAAA. JM was ranked seventh going into last week's game.

**Last week:** JM lost 27-21 in double overtime to Owatonna. The Rockets led 14-0 at halftime, then had trouble running the ball. West beat Mankato East 35-10 after trailing 10-7 at halftime. Van Neils rushed for 143 yards, including 123 in the second half. Neils had a 76-yard touchdown run just after intermission.

**Last meeting:** John Marshall stunned Mankato West last year in Mankato, winning 21-19. West was ranked No. 1 at the time and went on to win the state championship. Josh Mattison had a huge day for JM with 162 of his team's 238 rushing yards.

**Mankato West notes:** The Scarlets have a new era going, with Zack Annexstad the latest in a long line of young



quarterbacks. The sophomore has taken over for graduate Ryan Schlichte, who was a multi-year starter just before Philip Nelson was. Both were stars. Until the second half of West's win over East, it had struggled to run the football. West has a young monster in the middle of both its lines, 6-foot-3, 270-pound freshman Garrett Shumski.

**JM notes:** JM's defense has been strong in both its games, a win over Austin and a loss to Owatonna. The Rockets' secondary was especially impressive last week with its sure tackling and coverage. JM has lacked balance on offense. Rockets quarterbacks have attempted just 16 passes in two games, including just one in all of regulation against Owatonna.

**JM coach Kevin Kirkeby:** "We have to work on things to make ourselves better. We have to get the passing game more involved and we hope to stick with that. And our defense has to create turnovers."

— Pat Ruff

Mankato West 24, JM 14	
John Marshall	0 14 0 — 14
Mankato West	0 3 7 14 — 24
<b>Second quarter</b>	
MW — Tyler Defor 34 field goal.	
<b>Third quarter</b>	
MW — Van Neils 61 run (Defor kick)	
JM — Brady Tucker 25 pass from Jack Stien (Eric Byrne kick)	
JM — Josh Mattison 55 run (Byrne kick)	
<b>Fourth quarter</b>	
MW — Van Neils 17 run (Defor kick)	
MW — Van Neils 5 run (Defor kick)	
<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	
	JM MW
Total net yards	217 na
Rushes-yards	16-110 na
Passing yards	107 na
Comp.-att.-int.	9-20-1 na
Fumbles-lost	3-2 na
Penalties-yards	3-30 na
<b>INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS</b>	
<b>Rushing</b> — JM, Josh Mattison 11-92, Jordan Velez 3-11, Riley Schreder 1-(minus 1), Shahan Ameen 1-8.	
<b>Passing</b> — JM, Jack Stien 7 completions, 17 attempts, 2 interceptions, 1 touchdown, for 107 yards; Jared Juth 0-3-0-0 yards.	
<b>Receiving</b> — JM, Brady Tucker 2-40, Logan Saltou 1-22, Jordan Velez 1-4, Cazz Martin 1-15, Josh Mattison 1-2, Matt Carpenter 1-24.	

### BIG SOUTHEAST DISTRICT (RED SUBDISTRICT) FOOTBALL

## JM can't do it twice against West

Rockets fall short in upset bid of Scarlets

Post-Bulletin staff

**MANKATO** — One year ago, Rochester John Marshall stunned then-No. 1-ranked Mankato West.

The Rockets were trying to pull off that feat for the second straight time Friday night, again in Mankato. And once again, the Scarlets are ranked No. 1.

JM gave West a scare but couldn't finish the job as the Rockets lost 24-14.

JM slipped to 1-2, while West is 3-0.

Both defenses were stellar in the first half, which ended with West on top 3-0.

"The first half, our defense played hands down its best half of the year," JM coach Kevin Kirkeby said. "There was some tough hitting going on."

While Kirkeby loved the looks of his defense, he wasn't nearly as thrilled with the offense the first two quarters.

"We were sleep walking out there on offense," Kirkeby said. "It took us a half to wake up. You can't do that against a team as good as West. We weren't executing."

Things turned around some for the Rockets after that. JM got a 25-yard touchdown pass from Jack Stien to Brady Tucker in the second half, and later a 55-yard TD run from Josh Mattison.

The latter gave the Rockets a brief 14-10 lead. Mattison finished with 92 yards rushing on 11 carries and Stien was 7-for-15 (with two interceptions) for 89 yards.

JM couldn't hold that lead, however, with Scarlets senior running back Van Neils getting fourth-

quarter touchdown runs of 17 and 5 yards.

Van Neils finished with approximately 200 yards rushing.

JM turned the ball over four times, two by fumble, two by interception. West, which fumbled the ball multiple times on snaps from center, lost it three times.

The Rockets are not in the position they had figured, with just one win in three tries. Next up for JM is a game Friday at Century.

"As a coaching staff, we have to keep our kids on the right track," Kirkeby said. "This is frustrating, but we can turn things around."



Mattison

• Rochester John Marshall gave the No. 1-ranked team in state Class AAAAA a scare on Friday night. But that was it. JM couldn't hang onto a brief third-quarter lead and lost to Mankato West 24-14. The Rockets, who slipped to 1-2 overall, had beaten West the year before when the Scarlets were also ranked first. JM was led offensively by Josh Mattison, with 92 yards on 11 carries.

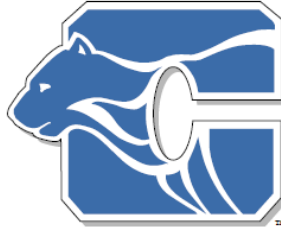
# Week 4: JM vs. Century



## WEEK 4 FOOTBALL PREVIEWS



**JOHN MARSHALL  
AT CENTURY**



### 7 p.m. Friday at Century Stadium

**Records:** John Marshall is 1-2, Century is 0-3.

**Last week:** JM lost its second straight 24-14 at No. 1-ranked Mankato West; Century lost 42-23 at Red Wing. The Panthers have lost seven straight going back to last season.

**Last meeting:** JM and Century split two games last season. The Panthers won 31-12 in week four at Century. Century RB Aaron Ajke starred with 169 rushing on 24 carries, plus a 75-yard TD reception. JM gained revenge in the first round of the Section 1AAAAA playoffs with a 42-21 win also at Century. JM improved to 5-0 against Century in playoff games. The Rockets won the rushing war by a big 382-51 margin, led by Josh Mattison's 223 yards on 36 carries.

**Century notes:** Sophomore QB Caden Floodstrom made his varsity debut off the bench last week at Red Wing and completed 3-of-4 passes for 72 yards and a last-second touchdown, and he also rushed eight times for 66 yards. Now he's the Panthers' second-leading rusher behind senior RB Aaron Ajke (47 for 217) who is coming off a season-best 81 yards at Red Wing. Century has two of the top WR's in the city in juniors Miguel Benjamin (11 for 131) and Lucas Fisher (9 for 111).

**JM notes:** The Rockets are making an effort to diversify

their offense. After throwing the football just once in all of regulation two weeks ago against Owatonna, JM threw it 20 times last week against Mankato West. JM running back Josh Mattison has been bothered by a sore foot to open the season. But the senior had a strong game against West with 92 yards rushing, including a 55-yard touchdown run. Brady Tuckner, regarded as one of JM's best all-around athletes, had his first two catches at tight end last week against West. One of them went for 25 yards and a touchdown.

**JM coach Kevin Kirkeby:** "We haven't played as well as we would have liked to this point. Against West we made too many mistakes in crucial situations. Century has a lot of weapons at the skill positions. And their defense is a tough one to get ready for with all of their slants and blitzes."

**Century coach Jon Vik:** "After watching film on John Marshall you can see they have an excellent group of skill players. JM has outstanding speed and a potent running game. Last week they opened things up a bit in the passing game showing more balance. Combine JM's speed at the skill positions with their distinct size advantage up front and you can see John Marshall poses a serious challenge for us defensively."

— Post-Bulletin staff

### John Marshall vs. Century all-time series record

(JM leads 13-8, 5-0 in playoffs)

1998: Did not meet in Century's first year.  
1999: JM 24, Century 6  
2000: JM 42, Century 14  
2001: JM 27, Century 6  
2001 playoffs: JM 31, Century 6 (1st rd)  
2002: JM 28, Century 7  
2003: Century 21, JM 14  
2004: Century 21, JM 8  
2004 playoffs: JM 20, Century 19 (section final)  
2005: Century 41, JM 22  
2006: Century 30, JM 6

2007: Century 40, JM 7  
2008: JM 13, Century 0  
2009: Century 37, JM 6  
2010: Century 49, JM 14  
2011: JM 28, Century 27  
2011 playoffs: JM 35, Century 28 (1st rd)  
2012: JM 56, Century 20  
2013: JM 35, Century 7  
2013 playoffs: JM 41, Century 7 (1st rd)  
2014: Century 31, JM 12  
2014 playoffs: JM 42, Century 21 (1st rd)

## STATE FOOTBALL POLLS

Associated Press state football polls for the week of Sept. 9, first-place votes in parentheses, record and total points as voted upon by a statewide panel of prep sports writers:

### CLASS AAAAA

School	Rec	Pts	Prv
1. Mankato West (9).....	(3-0)	106	1
2. Elk River (1).....	(3-0)	91	3
3. Spring Lake Park (1).....	(3-0)	89	2
4. St. Thomas Academy.....	(3-0)	66	4
(tie) Moorhead.....	(3-0)	66	5
6. Robbinsdale Cooper.....	(3-0)	56	6
7. St. Francis.....	(3-0)	45	8
8. Rochester Mayo.....	(3-0)	27	T10
9. St. Paul Central.....	(3-0)	25	9
10. St. Louis Park.....	(3-0)	9	NR
(tie) St. Michael-Alb.....	(2-1)	9	NR

**Others receiving votes:** Monticello 5, Park (Cottage Grove) 4, SMB-Wolfpack 3, Rogers 2, Owatonna 2.

## ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL LEADERS

### TEAM LEADERS

#### Offense

	Rush	Pass	Total
Mayo.....	595	524	1119
Lourdes.....	979	129	1108
Century.....	404	424	828
John Marshall.....	472	149	621

#### Defense

	Rush	Pass	Total
Lourdes.....	297	498	795
Mayo.....	366	458	824
John Marshall.....	511	376	887
Century.....	589	690	1279

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

#### Passing

	Comp	Att	Yds	TD	Int
Tra Grimsrud, Mayo.....	33	56	524	4	2
John Bickle, Century.....	31	70	352	1	1
Noah Hillman, Lourdes.....	11	22	129	1	1
Jack Stien, JM.....	9	27	127	3	2
Caden Floodstrom, Century.....	3	4	72	1	0
Jared Juth, JM.....	3	9	22	0	0

#### Rushing

	Att	Yds	Avg
Mason Carstens, Lourdes.....	73	679	9.3
Greg Henry, Mayo.....	91	540	5.9
Cazz Martin, JM.....	31	239	7.7
Aaron Ajke, Century.....	47	217	4.6
Josh Mattison, JM.....	26	151	5.8
Carter Greguson, Lourdes.....	20	150	7.5
Shahan Ameen, JM.....	14	102	7.2
Noah Hillman, Lourdes.....	19	72	3.8
Caden Floodstrom, Century.....	8	66	8.2
Zach Wolf, Mayo.....	8	63	7.9
John Bickle, Century.....	13	60	4.6
Ray Motley, Mayo.....	9	50	5.6
Miguel Benjamin, Century.....	7	43	6.1
Jordan Velez, JM.....	5	33	6.6
Jake Groteboer, Lourdes.....	5	29	5.8



M. Benjamin



D. Johnson



K. Mullenbach



Z. Wolf



L. Fisher

	TD	FG	2pt	1pt	Pts
Lucas Fisher, Century.....	4				25
Josh Fritzkunjer, Lourdes.....	2				16
Gabe Supalla, Century.....	3				13
<b>Receiving</b>					
Mitch McCarty, Mayo.....	15				249
Miguel Benjamin, Century.....	11				131
Lucas Fisher, Century.....	9				111
Cooper Ramaker, Mayo.....	6				109
Greg Henry, Mayo.....	7				108
Eric Philipps, Century.....	8				70
Nate Sheridan, Mayo.....	4				56
Josh Fritzkunjer, Lourdes.....	4				47
Jake Muehlenbein, Lourdes.....	3				47
Matt Carpenter, JM.....	3				45
J. Benjamin, Century.....	1				43
Brady Tuckner, JM.....	2				40
Elijah Anderson, Century.....	3				39
Carter Greguson, Lourdes.....	3				30
Logan Saltou, JM.....	1				22
Jordan Velez, JM.....	3				21
Cazz Martin, JM.....	1				15
Andrew Hanson, Century.....	1				14
<b>Scoring</b>					
Greg Henry, Mayo.....	10	0	0	0	60
Mason Carstens, Lourdes.....	8	0	2	0	52
Carter Greguson, Lourdes.....	5	0	1	0	32
Cazz Martin, JM.....	5	0	0	0	30
Mitch McCarty, Mayo.....	3	0	1	0	20
John Bickle, Century.....	2	0	0	0	12
Miguel Benjamin, Century.....	2	0	0	0	12
Kolton Mullenbach, Lourdes.....	0	0	7	7	7
Eric Byrne, JM.....	0	0	7	7	7
Josh Fritzkunjer, Lourdes.....	1	0	0	0	6
Aaron Ajke, Century.....	1	0	0	0	6
Lucas Fisher, Century.....	1	0	0	0	6
J. Benjamin, Century.....	1	0	0	0	6
Caden Floodstrom, Century.....	1	0	0	0	6
Trajan Grimsrud, Mayo.....	1	0	0	0	6
Dontrel Johnson, JM.....	1	0	0	0	6
Jared Juth, JM.....	1	0	0	0	6
Pat Leary, Lourdes.....	1	0	0	0	6
Josh Mattison, JM.....	1	0	0	0	6
Ray Motley, Mayo.....	1	0	0	0	6
Brady Tuckner.....	1	0	0	0	6
Jordan Velez, JM.....	1	0	0	0	6
Tristan Wentworth, Mayo.....	0	0	5	5	5
Francis Villeneuve, Century.....	0	0	5	5	5
Noah Hillman, Lourdes.....	0	2	0	4	4
Jacob McCabe, Mayo.....	0	0	4	4	4

## Rockets rumble

JM rolls in 35-7 win over Century » **D6**



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## Ameen, Rockets runs over Century

### SCOREBOARD

#### FOOTBALL

##### Big Southeast-Red

John Marshall 35,  
Century 7  
Mayo 42, New Prague 6  
Owatonna 34,  
Northfield 23

##### Big Southeast-Blue

Winona 44, Red Wing 20  
Mankato West 56,  
Austin 18  
Mankato East at Faribault  
(postponed to Saturday)

##### Southeast-Red

Lourdes 28, Cannon Falls 6  
Stewartville 36, Kasson-  
Mantorville 6  
Byron 37, Lake City 6  
Plainview-Elgin-Millville  
38, La Crescent 14

##### Southeast-White

Caledonia 34, Triton 7  
Chatfield 33, Pine Island 0  
Dover-Eyota 40, St.  
Charles 7  
Zumbrota-Mazeppa 36,  
Winona Cotter 0

##### Mid Southeast-East

Goodhue 41, Southland 0  
Rushford-Peterson 31,  
Hayfield 6  
Lewiston-Altura 45, Fill-  
more Central 13  
Wabasha-Kellogg 26,  
Kingsland 0

##### Mid Southeast-West

Kenyon-Wanamingo 15,  
Mankato Loyola 8  
Bloomington Prairie 39,  
Janesville-W-P 23  
USC 8, St. Clair 0  
Faribault B.A. 18, Medford  
13

##### District 9-South (East)

Houston 46, Alden-  
Conger 24  
Grand Meadow 50, Lyle/  
Pacelli 22  
Lanesboro 62, West  
Lutheran 20  
Randolph 42, Mabel-  
Canton 22  
Spring Grove 61, Glenville-  
Emmons 0

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Rochester John Marshall had been aching for something like this.

JM, frustrated with the way it had opened its season with two losses in three games, got that bad taste out of its system Friday night. It did it with a 35-7 rout of struggling Century.

JM did much of its damage with a fast and punishing attack that produced 334 rushing yards. Junior fullback/halfback Shahan Ameen led the way with 170 yards on just 11 carries.

The Rockets also unveiled a new offensive look that featured the "Wildcat offense." It came with Jordan Velez taking snaps from center, and using his speed and power to mostly run the football.

Century (0-4) produced just 122 yards of offense.

Cannon Falls played well in the second half, but Rochester Lourdes held on for a 28-6 victory in Southeast District, Red Subdistrict action at Rochester Regional Sports Stadium.

The Eagles have now won 17 consecutive games, tying the school record.

The Eagles took a 22-0 lead at halftime, but Cannon Falls scored to start the second half and had a chance after a pair of stops. But the Eagles held and put the game away with a touchdown midway through the fourth.

Mason Carstens rushed for 149 yards on 21 carries. He scored a pair of touchdowns.

Noah Hillman had his best game of the season, throwing for 152 yards and two touchdowns.

Lourdes is off to a 4-0 start, while Cannon Falls dropped to 1-3.

In a Southeast White District showdown, Caledonia toppled Triton 34-7 in Dodge Center. Caledonia, ranked No. 1 in the state in Class AA, improves to 4-0 while Triton, which was receiving votes in the AA poll, drops to 3-1.

"I think we did some good things," Caledonia coach Brent Schroeder said. "We have to take care of business and stay healthy."

Schroeder said if the Warriors do that, they could see Triton again in the Section 1AA playoffs.

The last two games between the two teams have been in the postseason, including a meeting in the 2010 Class AA state championship game. Caledonia won that contest, as well as a 2012 section game between the pair.

In Friday's game, Caledonia sophomore Owen King was 10-for-16 passing for 240 yards



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**John Marshall running back Cazz Martin (4) celebrates with Brady Tuckner (32) after a long touchdown catch during a Big Southeast football game against Century on Friday night at Century Stadium in Rochester. JM won 35-7. More photos from this game are available at [postbulletin.com/gallery](http://postbulletin.com/gallery).**

and three touchdowns.

Rochester Mayo's offense seized the spotlight through its first three games this season. Friday night, the No. 8-ranked Spartans put on an outstanding defensive performance to improve to 4-0 with a 42-6 rout of New Prague at Mayo Stadium.

New Prague gained just 112 yards of total offense, including just 16 in the first half. The Trojans didn't record a first down until the third quarter and didn't get the ball across midfield

until less than 7 minutes remained in the game.

Greg Henry had another big night. Mayo's senior running back ran for 214 yards and two touchdowns on 27 carries. He now has 754 yards and 12 TDs this season.

Mayo faces its toughest test of the season so far when it travels to No. 1-ranked Mankato West next Friday.

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### HEROES AND HIGHLIGHTS

• **Anthony Nelson** had 11 carries for 101 yards and a touchdown, was on the receiving end of an 81-yard touchdown pass and was in on 19 tackles as Blooming Prairie knocked off Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton 39-23.

• Running back **Caden Blazing** rushed for 114 yards and two touchdowns and passed for two more scores as Byron dominated Lake City 37-6.

• **Chase Rahman** ran for 300 yards and four touchdowns as Plainview-Elgin-Millville defeated La Crescent 38-14.

# Sports

BIG SOUTHEAST DISTRICT (RED SUBDISTRICT) FOOTBALL

## JM offense finally clicks in win over Century

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Rochester John Marshall players and coaches were quick to admit it.

They didn't like what was going on with their team the first weeks of the season. At least they sure didn't like their record.

JM entered Friday's city rivalry game at Century 1-2 overall. This after being touted as one of the teams to beat in Section One, Class AAAAA.

Well, the Rockets' mood changed considerably after their performance Friday against wireless Century.

"We needed that," JM coach Kevin Kirkeby said of his team's dominant 35-7 win, a game in which it sprinted and plowed for 334 yards rushing.

It had been JM's offense, more than anything, that Kirkeby admitted had become predictable and stuck those first few weeks.

So he's changed things up. In order to take advantage of the most speed and running ability JM has had in years, he offered a new wrinkle against Century. It's a good bet that opponents will see a steady diet of it the rest of the year.

Kirkeby worked in his version of the "Wildcat offense," featuring a run-first quarterback receiving shotgun snaps from center.

That QB was Jordan Velez, a powerful and speedy 5-foot-10, 185-pound junior.

On a team that already had two of the fastest player in the section in its backfield — halfback Cazz Martin and fullback/halfback Shahan Ameen — Velez now gives them a third. Kirkeby has suggested that Velez might — might — be the fastest player on the team.

He sure looked that part



John Marshall running back Riley Schreder (25) is wrapped up by multiple Century defenders on a run Friday.

against Century, entering the game early in the second quarter with his team owning a narrow 6-0 lead. Immediately, he and this new offense took off. Two plays into Velez running things, JM was in the end zone. First it was Velez dashing for 5 yards, then 200-pound junior Ameen was off to the races, sprinting 76 yards up the middle for a score.

Just like that, JM was in control, leading 14-0. Things never got out of control after that for the Rockets.

Ameen had easily his

biggest game of the season, finishing with a game-high 170-yards rushing on just 11 carries. Velez was good for 63 yards on nine carries, and Martin had 48 yards on seven carries. Martin, a darting back with breakaway speed, also mixed in a 72-yard touchdown catch from starting quarterback Jack Stien in the first quarter, and a 12-yard TD burst in the fourth.

Ameen liked the new look of things for JM's offense. It's one that has not abandon either of its other quarterbacks, Stien and Jared Juth. Both of



Century wide receiver Eric Philipps, right, catches a deep pass over John Marshall's Cazz Martin during a Big Southeast game Friday at Century. More photos from this game are available at [postbulletin.com/gallery](http://postbulletin.com/gallery).

them still played significant minutes and were productive.

But Velez, he says, offers JM something different.

"He opens up a lot of plays for us (with his running ability)," Ameen said. "He opens up a lot of opportunities for all of us."

As for Century, it didn't find many opportunities of any kind against JM's physical and quick defense. Century quarterback John Bickle — who did have his moments

passing the ball with 77 yards through the air — faced a constant JM pass rush. He was also hurt by teammates dropping a couple of his well-placed offerings.

Century had just as much trouble rushing the football. It managed just 34 yards on the ground.

Still, Panthers coach Jon Vik was staying positive about his club. He appreciated the fight they had in them the entire game. He also liked that

it was just a two-touchdown game a ways into the second half.

"We are a family and this is who we have," Vik said. "We will continue to get better as the year progresses."

### John Marshall 35, Century 7

John Marshall... 6 8 6 15 — 35  
Century..... 0 0 7 0 — 7

#### First quarter

JM — Cazz Martin 72 pass from Jack Stien (pass failed), 10:22.

Drive: 3 plays, 75 yards, 1:32. Key play: Josh Mattison 6 run.

#### Second quarter

JM — Shahan Ameen 76 run (Jordan Velez run), 7:53.

Drive: 2 plays, 81 yards, :41. Key: Jordan Velez 5 run.

#### Third quarter

JM — Velez 6 run (kick failed), 5:01.

Drive: 6 plays, 47 yards, 2:12. Key play: Velez 14 run.

C — Aaron Ajke 15 run (Frankie Ville-neuve kick), 1:10.

Drive: 11 plays, 65 yards, 3:49. Key play: Ajke 13 pass from John Bickle.

#### Fourth quarter

JM — Martin 12 run (Dontrel Johnson pass from Jared Juth), 10:09.

Drive: 7 plays, 67 yards, 3:00. Key play: Martin 20 run.

JM — Riley Schreder 5 run (Eric Byrne kick), 6:17.

Drive: 6 plays, 42 yards, 2:18. Key: Ameen 20 run.

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	JM	C
First downs	15	8
Total net yards	448	156
Rushes-yards	40-334	25-34
Passing yards	114	122
Comp-att-int.	3-9-0	8-23-1
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	9-65	3-25
Punts-avg.	4-37.2	5-35.6

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing** — John Marshall, Shahan Ameen 11-170, Cazz Martin 7-48, Jordan Velez 9-63, Josh Mattison 2-8, Riley Schreder 4-20, Jared Juth 4-29, Jack Stien 2-(minus 5), Darnell Wheatley 1-1. **Century**, John Bickle 10-29, Aaron Ajke 8-10, Caden Floodstrom 2-(minus 5), Bangalee Bamba 3-(minus 1), Gabe Surpalla 2-1.

**Passing** — John Marshall, Stien 2 completions, 4 attempts, 0 interceptions, 1 touchdowns for 74 yards; Juth 0-1-0-0 for 0 yards; Velez 1-4-0-0 for 40 yards. **Century**, Bickle 7-20-1-0 for 77 yards; Floodstrom 1-3-0-0-0.

**Receiving** — John Marshall, Martin 2-74, Matt Carpenter 1-40. **Century**, Eric Philipps 4-44, Jose Benjamin 2-54, Ajke 2-24.



# Week 5: JM vs. Faribault

## WEEK 5 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

### JOHN MARSHALL AT FARIBAULT

7 p.m. Friday at John Drews Field

**Records:** John Marshall is 1-1 in the Big Southeast Red, 2-2 overall. Faribault is 0-2 in the Big Southeast Blue, 0-4 overall.

**Last week:** JM put together its best game this season and beat Century 35-7. JM junior running back Shahan Ameen rushed for 170 yards on just 11 carries. Faribault had its game moved back to Saturday after four players were seriously injured in an auto accident Thursday. The Falcons lost to Mankato East 38-18, but may have had their best performance of the year.

**Last meeting:** JM played Faribault twice last year. It beat the Falcons 36-14 in the season-opener, but then was trounced 41-21 in Section 1AAAAA semifinals. Senior-dominated Faribault later advanced to the state tournament.

**Faribault notes:** The Falcons have some offense weapons. Quarterback Kade Hart is incredibly tall (6-foot-9), and has a nice arm. He threw for 160 yards against East. Felipe Ramirez and Brady Combs give Faribault two strong running threats. Combs is also an able receiver and had

77 yards rushing and 77 receiving against East. Where Faribault struggles is on defense. It's allowed 50, 33, 55 and 38 points in four games.

**JM notes:** JM played its most complete game in the 28-point win over Century. The Rockets got a spark offensively by utilizing their new "Wildcat" formation, with junior Jordan Velez stepping in as quarterback in that run-first set. It helped JM rush for 334 yards, Velez gaining 63 of them. JM coach Kevin Kirkeby won't put a ration on how much they'll use the "Wildcat" going forward, but he said to expect some of it every game. ... JM utilized its full-back against Century, with multiple carries by Ameen and Riley Schreader. ... Running back/linebacker Josh Mattison is not expected to play Friday due to a sprained ankle. ... After Friday's game, JM has two tough ones ahead, hosting Northfield and playing at Mayo.

**Coach Kevin Kirkeby:** "Faribault is going through some emotional times right now with four players severely injured (in the car accident). Our hearts go out to them. That (tragedy) can affect a team in a couple of different ways (on the field). But I think against East, their kids really rallied around those injured players."

— Pat Ruff



## ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL LEADERS

### TEAM STATISTICS

#### OFFENSE

Team	Rush	Pass	Total
Mayo	892	648	1540
Lourdes	1210	280	1490
John Marshall	806	263	1069
Century	436	546	982

#### DEFENSE

Team	Rush	Pass	Total
Mayo	402	534	936
Lourdes	404	615	1019
John Marshall	545	498	1043
Century	923	804	1727

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### RUSHING

Player	Att	Yds	Avg.
Mason Carstens, Lourdes	94	828	8.8
Greg Henry, Mayo	118	754	6.4
Cazz Martin, JM	38	287	7.5
Shahan Ameen, JM	25	272	10.8
Aaron Ajke, Century	55	227	4.1
Carter Greguson, Lourdes	28	194	6.9
Josh Mattison, JM	28	159	5.6
Jordan Velez, JM	14	96	6.8
John Bickle, Century	23	89	3.8
Noah Hillman, Lourdes	27	89	3.3
Zach Wolf, Mayo	11	74	6.7
Ray Motley, Mayo	14	68	4.9
Caden Floodstrom, Century	10	61	6.1
Miguel Benjamin, Century	7	43	6.1
Josh Fritzjunker, Lourdes	3	36	12.0
Mitchell McCarty, Mayo	2	31	15.5
Jake Groteboer, Lourdes	5	29	5.8



**Mattison**  
(JM)



**Villeneuve**  
(Century)



**Wentworth**  
(Mayo)



**Fritzjunker**  
(Lourdes)

Player	Comp	Att	Yds	TD	Int
Tra Grimsrud, Mayo	42	72	648	5	2
John Bickle, Century	38	90	429	1	2
Noah Hillman, Lourdes	21	38	280	3	2
Jack Stien, JM	11	31	201	4	2
C. Floodstrom, Century	4	7	117	1	0
Jared Juth, JM	3	10	22	0	0
Jordan Velez, JM	1	4	40	0	0

#### RECEIVING

Player	Rec	Yds	Avg.
Mitch McCarty, Mayo	19	301	15.8
Greg Henry, Mayo	10	157	15.7
Miguel Benjamin, Century	11	131	11.9

Josh Mattison, JM	1	2	2.0
Gabe Supalla, Century	1	1	1.0

#### SCORING

Player	TD	FG	2P	1P	Pts
Greg Henry, Mayo	12	0	0	0	72
Mason Carstens, Lourdes	10	0	3	0	66
Cazz Martin, JM	7	0	0	0	42
Carter Greguson, Lourdes	5	0	1	0	32
Mitch McCarty, Mayo	4	0	1	0	26
Jordan Velez, JM	2	0	1	0	14
John Bickle, Century	2	0	0	0	12
Aaron Ajke, Century	2	0	0	0	12
Miguel Benjamin, Century	2	0	0	0	12
Trajan Grimsrud, Mayo	2	0	0	0	12
Ray Motley, Mayo	2	0	0	0	12
Tristan Wentworth, Mayo	0	0	0	11	11
K. Mullenbach, Lourdes	0	0	0	9	9
Eric Byrne, JM	0	0	0	8	8
Dontrel Johnson, JM	1	0	1	0	8
Lucas Fisher, Century	1	0	0	0	6
Shahan Ameen, JM	1	0	0	0	6
J. Benjamin, Century	1	0	0	0	6
Emilio Green, Mayo	1	0	0	0	6
Jared Juth, JM	1	0	0	0	6
Josh Mattison, JM	1	0	0	0	6
C. Floodstrom, Century	1	0	0	0	6
Brady Tuckner, JM	1	0	0	0	6
Josh Fritzjunker, Lourdes	1	0	0	0	6
Pat Leary, Lourdes	1	0	0	0	6
Matthew Ustby, Lourdes	1	0	0	0	6
J. Muehlenbein, Lourdes	1	0	0	0	6
F. Villeneuve, Century	0	0	0	6	6
Noah Hillman, Lourdes	0	2	0	4	4
Jacob McCabe, Mayo	0	0	0	4	4

# STATE FOOTBALL POLLS

Associated Press state football polls for the week of Sept. 16, first-place votes in parentheses, record and total points as voted upon by a statewide panel of prep sports writers:

## CLASS AAAAA

School	Rec	Pts	Prv
1. Mankato West (10).....	4-0	100	1
2. Spring Lake Park.....	4-0	91	3
3. St. Thomas Academy.....	4-0	72	T4
4. Moorhead.....	4-0	67	T4
5. Robbinsdale Cooper.....	4-0	57	6
6. St. Michael-Albertville.....	3-1	42	T10
7. St. Francis.....	4-0	39	7
8. Rochester Mayo.....	4-0	26	8
9. St. Paul Central.....	4-0	21	9
(tie) Elk River.....	3-1	21	2

Others receiving votes: SMB-Wolfpack 6, Monticello 5, Owatonna 2, Park (Cottage Grove) 1.

## Rockets on the run

JM ground game keeps Falcons winless » **D4**



# Sports

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# Rockets stiff-arm Faribault

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Rochester John Marshall was the decided favorite on its home turf Friday against winless Faribault.

The 3-2 Rockets didn't play like it right off the bat. But after stumbling around the first quarter, JM played like a powerhouse and beat the Falcons 43-13 in the Big Southeast football game.

JM got another big boost from "running" quarterback Jordan Velez. The junior rushed for 128 yards and two touchdowns. He also threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Brady Tuckner.

JM scored 22 points in the second quarter and 14 more in the third.

Rochester Mayo hung with the No. 1 team in the state for a half, but Mankato West's size and ability to capitalize on its scoring opportunities proved to be too much for the Spartans down the stretch.

Mayo scored on its first drive for a 7-0 lead, but West rallied for two first-half touchdowns behind first-time starting quarterback Rob Meidl, who started in place of injured sophomore Zack Annexstad. Meidl rushed for 70 yards and three touchdowns and passed for 183 yards and a touchdown.

Mayo finished with 204 total yards, including 95 rushing by Greg Henry.

Rochester Century played a strong first half, but Mankato East's offensive and defensive lines took control of the game in the second half as East rallied for a 29-12 win.

East junior running back Kaje Warren ran for 266 yards and two touchdowns as the Cougars rallied from a 12-2 halftime deficit.

Century quarterback John Bickle passed for 155 yards and threw a touchdown pass to Jose Benjamin. Aaron Ajke also scored on a 1-yard run for the Panthers.

Rochester Lourdes, top-ranked in Class AAA, wasn't dominant in a 26-7 road win over a scrappy Kasson-Mantorville, but the Eagles took advantage of three KoMets turnovers.

Running back Mason Carstens carried 17 times for 193 yards and two touchdowns for the Eagles.

Lourdes quarterback Carter Greguson had a pair of 2-yard touchdown runs.

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John Marshall's Cazz Martin throws a stiff-arm on a Faribault defender during a run in the first half of Friday's game at John Drews Field at John Marshall High School. John Marshall kept Faribault winless, racking up 43 points for a 43-13 win. More photos are available from this game at Postbulletin.com/gallery.

## HEROES AND HIGHLIGHTS

• Ryan Wolfe rushed for 225 yards and three touchdowns and passed for another score as Wabasha-Kellogg knocked off Hayfield 30-6.  
• Blooming Prairie quarterback Lucas Noble completed 15 of 25 passes for 239 yards and a touchdown and also was his team's leading rusher, with 85 yards and a score, in a 48-7 win over Mankato Loyola.  
• Plainview-Elgin-Millville running back Chase Rahman had 218 yards and two touchdowns — the third time he's topped 200 yards this year — as P-E-M blanked Lake City 36-0.

## SCOREBOARD

### Big Southeast

Mankato East 29, Century 12  
John Marshall 43, Faribault 13  
Mankato West 42, Mayo 14  
Owatonna 77, Austin 41  
Winona 22, Northfield 21  
Red Wing 26, New Prague 14

### Southeast-Red

Stewartville 43, La Crescent 0  
Byron 7, Cannon Falls 6  
Plainview-Elgin-Millville 36, Lake City 0  
Lourdes 26, Kasson-Mantorville 7

### Southeast-White

Caledonia 55, Zumbrota-Mazeppa 0  
Dover-Eyota 59, Winona Cotter 10  
Triton 25, Chatfield 0  
Pine Island 20, St. Charles 12

### Mid Southeast-East

Lewiston-Altura 12, Rushford-Peterson 0  
Fillmore Central 35, Southland 13  
Goodhue 46, Kingsland 14  
Wabasha-Kellogg 30, Hayfield 6

### Mid Southeast-West

Bloomington Prairie 48, Mankato Loyola 8  
Kenyon-Wanamingo 40, Medford 8  
United South Central at Faribault B.A.  
St. Clair 25, Janesville-WP 12

### District 9-South-East

Mabel-Canton 22, Houston 18  
Spring Grove 45, Randolph 6  
Grand Meadow 60, West Lutheran 12  
Lanesboro 46, Alden-Conger 0  
Lyle/Pacelli 80, Glenville-Emmons 18

# High school football

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT (RED SUBDISTRICT) FOOTBALL

## This was the explosion the Rockets were wanting

JM plows to easy win over Faribault

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Game by game, it's happening.

The Rochester John Marshall offense is getting more diverse and more explosive.

With it, the Rockets (3-2) are shaping into that dangerous team that many predicted.

It was winless Faribault that had to deal with that Friday night.

The Rockets blasted for 22 points in the second quarter and 14 more in the third as it drilled winless Faribault 43-13 at John Drews Field.

And yes, JM's season-opening dream now looks very much alive.

"If we really come together as one, we think we can get to the state tournament," JM senior defensive back/running back DJ Hardin said. "We're getting there."

JM sure didn't start the game in state-tournament style. The Rockets, who have been plagued by penalties in their last two games — both ultimately easy wins — were flagged on three of their first four plays from scrimmage.

That led to the Rockets going nowhere early. JM had 3-and-out possessions on its first two tries with the ball. "We have to clean that up," JM coach Kevin Kirkeby said. "Those penalties are negating some big plays by us. But the good thing is we got over it; we weren't committing penalties later in the game."

Instead, they settled into giving 0-5 Faribault fits. They did it for the second straight game after being jolted alive by their "Wildcat" formation, a run-first quarterback offense in which they install



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John Marshall's Shahan Ameen on the run avoids the tackle attempt by Jack Greivous of Faribault Friday at John Drews Field at John Marshall High School. More photos are available from this game at Postbulletin.com/gallery.

speedy and powerful junior Jordan Velez at QB.

Velez, who entered the game on JM's third possession, took no time in making an impact. Eight plays after being installed, JM — which trailed 7-0 at the time — was in the end zone.

Velez ran the ball on six of those plays. But the drive was capped by him hitting talented senior tight end Brady Tuckner with a 20-yard touchdown strike. Velez then ran in the two-point conversion and JM wouldn't trail again.

Velez had lots to do with that. He finished as the game's

leading rusher with 128 yards on 15 carries.

"I'm having a lot of fun," said the 5-foot-10, 185-pound Velez, who is also utilized at wide receiver and running back for JM. "My speed (4.5 in the 40) and strength really help me. But it also helps to have great blockers all around me."

After that Velez-to-Tuckner TD strike, JM also scored on its next three possessions. There was a Velez 24-yard run that capped a 51-yard drive. That was followed just before the half by a touchdown march quarterbacked perfectly by JM starter Jack

Stien. Stien had an 11-yard run there, hit Hardin on a slick 22-yard pass underneath, then blasted in himself from the 5 for a touchdown.

"Stien executed that 2-minute offense perfectly," Kirkeby said.

Velez started at QB to begin the second half, and boom, JM quickly had another touchdown. Velez ran for 43 yards, then Cazz Martin motored in from the 15. JM was on top 29-7 and the rout was on.

As sharp as the JM offense became, the Rockets defense was tough throughout.

JM limited Faribault to just



John Marshall's DJ Hardin Jr. goes low for the tackle on Felipe Ramirez of Faribault on Friday.

76 yards rushing. The Falcons did some damage through the air, with 136 yards and a game-starting 6-yard TD pass from Kade Hart to Winfield Hunter. But defensive back Hardin and the rest of the Rockets figured that passing attack out before long.

Hardin was everywhere on defense, and mixed in some crushing hits.

"I like defense," Hardin said. "Defensive back is where I belong."

### JM 43, Faribault 13

Faribault.....7 0 0 6 — 13  
John Marshall.....0 22 14 7 — 43

#### First quarter

F — Winfield Hunter 6 pass from Kade Hart (Eric Gannon kick), 1:42.

Drive: 12 plays, 55 yards, 4:34. Key play: Two JM 15 yard penalties.

#### Second quarter

JM — Brady Tuckner 20 pass from Jordan Velez (Velez run), 10:26.

Drive: 8 plays, 54 yards, 3:08. Key play: 15 yard Faribault penalty.

JM — Velez 24 run (Eric Byrne kick), 3:49.

Drive: 8 plays, 51 yards, 4:10. Key play: Velez 8 run.

JM — Jack Stien 5 run (Byrne kick), 1:01.

Drive: 6 plays, 58 yards, 1:18. Key play: DJ Hardin 22 pass from Stien.

#### Third quarter

JM — Cazz Martin 15 run (Byrne kick), 9:45.

Drive: 2 plays, 58 yards, 2:4. Key play: Velez 43 run.

JM — Velez 9 run (Byrne kick), 3:21.

Drive: 4 plays, 52 yards. Key play: Matt Carpenter 31 pass from Velez.

#### Fourth quarter

F — Faribault 14 run (run failed), 10:55.

Drive: 12 plays, 68 yards, 4:18.

JM — Darnell Wheatley 6 run (Byrne kick), 3:54.

Drive: 6 plays, 54 yards, 3:15. Key play: Wheatley 27 run.

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	F	JM
First downs.....	17	20
Total net yards.....	212	317
Rushes-yards.....	76	228
Passing yards.....	135	89
Comp.-att.-int.....	13-27-0	5-6-0
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	2-0
Penalties-yards.....	5-40	10-110
Punts-avg.....	3-28	4-27

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing** — Faribault, Felipe Ramirez 18-73, Brady Combs 9-13, Kade Hart 3 (minus 13), Austin Rendler 3-2. John Marshall, Cazz Martin 4-15, Shahan Ameen 4-11, Jordan Velez 15-128, DJ Hardin 3-13, Jack Stien 3-16, Jared Juth 1-0, Darnell Wheatley 4-55.

**Passing** — Faribault, Kade Hart 12 completions, 25 attempts, 0 interceptions, 1 touchdown for 129 yards; Dylan Vargo 1-2-0-0 for 6 yards. John Marshall, Jack Stien 1 completion, 2 attempts, 0 interceptions, 0 touchdowns for 22 yards, Jared Juth 0-0-0-0 for 0 yards, Jordan Velez 4-4-0-1 for 67 yards.

**Receiving** — Faribault, Ramirez 2-14, Winfield Hunter 6-105, Combs 1-5, Ramsey Shaffer 1-5, Sam Schendel 1-6. John Marshall, Dylan Sutter 2-16, Brady Tuckner 1-20, DJ Hardin 1-22, Matt Carpenter 1-31.



# JM Football Family "A Class Act"

## JM community reaches out

The Rochester John Marshall football team has reached out to its shaken football brethren at Faribault.

That came in the wake of a severe car accident involving four Faribault players on Sept. 10.

All four of the boys — **Alex Linse, Chase Ernste, Henry Sanchez and Lamont Anderson** — were hospitalized afterward. That included Linse and Ernste being airlifted to Mayo Clinic Hospital — Saint Marys Campus in Rochester.

John Marshall's football booster club, the JM Football Fanatics, came up with the idea afterward to raise funds for those four families. They got it done in a hurry, hauling in over \$1,000 in three days.

That fundraiser came just ahead of JM hosting Faribault this past Friday night in a varsity football game.

The reaching out also included welcoming signs for the Faribault community. They were displayed at JM's stadium the night of the game, with special messages recognizing the four injured Faribault players.

Minutes before game time Friday, JM coach **Kevin Kirkeby** spoke with Faribault coach **Ned Louis**. He let Louis know that the JM community had raised funds for those four families, and also that they wished the following day to send a group of JM football players and coaches to meet the two players who remained at Saint Marys receiving treatment.

Louis was overcome by the compassion. When the game was over, JM winning 43-13, he trotted over to the Rockets' post-game huddle and addressed their players.

"He just told us that we'd played a very good game, and that coming together and supporting the Faribault team and community like we did shows how good of people our players are," Kirkeby said. "He said how grateful he was for all of that."

Faribault players also dashed over to meet Louis in the JM huddle. From there, they broke things down together, the two teams shouting in unison, "One, two, three — family!"

Kirkeby said it was a unique and unforgettable experience.

"There is a fraternity of footballers," he said. "Even though this is a tough game that you're playing against each other, when all is said and done, you are a band of brothers."



The four Faribault players were injured in a car crash last week. Great to see another school showing support. Way to go John Marshall High School!



JM raised over \$1,000 for the boys! Sportsmanship at it finest.



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September 21, 2015

To Kevin Kirkeby & Staff & Players at J-M High School Football:

I was literally "bombed" with communication this past weekend from friends in Faribault telling me about the Great Act of Kindness on your part for the people of Faribault at your football game on Friday night. I guess the word spread quite rapidly throughout the entire city of Faribault in a short time on Friday night and Saturday.

It was according to my sources the MAIN TOPIC of conversation at the business places, and also in the homes in this fair city. I can add that it should have been, and it is always nice when a topic of conversation can pay tribute to the football program at John Marshall High School for something other than some great plays on this night.

I sure do not claim to be an expert in the area of athletics, but have spent just about every day of my life in athletics at either the high school, college, or professional level, so do think I do have some idea of what defines success in an athletic program. I know for sure that it is important to develop the skill of every athlete to achieve his ultimate development in his athletic career, but I also know that it is MORE important to develop the athlete to be the best person that he has the ability to be.

I also know that any athlete will always be more remembered in his lifetime for what kind of person he became rather than what kind of athlete he became. I also have learned that it is easier to become a GREAT person than it is to become a GREAT athlete; we all have the ability in our lives to become a great person, but not all the ability to become a great athlete.

There is no doubt in my mind, or the mind of anyone else that the football program at John Marshall is really focused on developing the ability of the athlete in both areas. They get a 100 in my grade book, and so the reason for the enclosed check for 100. Keep up the GREAT work and Go Rockets!

Sincerely,

Jerry Raddatz

cc. Athletic Director & Principal



# Week 6: JM vs. Northfield

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## NORTHFIELD AT JOHN MARSHALL

7 p.m. Friday, at John Drews Field

**Records:** John Marshall is 1-1 in the Big Southeast Red and 3-2 overall. Northfield is 1-1 in the Red and 2-3 overall.

**Last week:** JM got off to a slow start against winless Faribault, but then rolled, beating the Falcons 43-13. Northfield lost a heartbreaker to Winona, 22-21.

**Last meeting:** JM lost to Northfield 27-21 last year. The Rockets were in excellent position to win the game in the final 1:30, but couldn't convert deep in Northfield's end. DJ Hardin led JM with 98 yards on 14 carries. Northfield outgained the Rockets 401-320.

**Favorites:** Both JM and Northfield entered the season billed as favorites in the Big Southeast Red. Neither team has quite lived up to the hype yet, though JM seems to be rounding into a top-flight team now. Northfield's losses have been to Red Wing, Owatonna and Winona.

**Northfield notes:** The Raiders have some big talent up front, with Luther Prestemon (6-0, 255) and Chris Antoine (6-3, 305). They

also have a solid running back in Josh Chlan, the team's leading rusher from last year. Besides being a standout offensive lineman, senior Antoine is also one of the top defensive linemen in the district.

**JM notes:** The Rockets, led by cornerback DJ Hardin, turned in one of their best tackling games of the season in beating Faribault. Hardin had huge hits as well as impressive on special teams ... Brady Tuckner has been effective when the ball has come his way at tight end. The 6-3 senior has three catches, two of them for touchdowns. He's averaging 20 yards per catch. Matt Carpenter continues to show his great hands. He caught another ball in heavy traffic against Faribault and is JM's leading receiver with 116 yards and a 23-per-catch average ... Standout running back/linebacker Josh Mattison is expected back against Northfield after being sidelined by the Raiders.

**Coach Kevin Kirkeby:** "Northfield is a better team than their record indicates. They've got a very good offensive team, with a lot of weapons. The No. 1 thing for us is we have to reduce our penalties and we still want to work more on our passing game."

— Pat Ruff



## ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL LEADERS

### TEAM STATISTICS

#### OFFENSE

Team	Rush	Pass	Total
Lourdes.....	1,546	313	1,859
Mayo.....	990	759	1,749
John Marshall.....	1034	352	1,386
Century.....	422	701	1,123

#### DEFENSE

Team	Rush	Pass	Total
John Marshall.....	621	633	1,254
Lourdes.....	583	676	1,259
Mayo.....	646	717	1,363
Century.....	1221	819	2,040

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### RUSHING

Player	Att	Yds	Avg.
Mason Carstens, Lourdes.....	111	1,007	9.1
Greg Henry, Mayo.....	139	839	6.0
Cazz Martin, JM.....	42	308	7.3
Shahan Ameen, JM.....	29	273	9.4
Carter Greguson, Lourdes.....	42	253	6.0
Aaron Ajke, Century.....	65	238	3.6
Jordan Velez, JM.....	29	224	7.7
Josh Mattison, JM.....	28	159	5.6
Noah Hillman, Lourdes.....	40	153	3.8
Ray Motley, Mayo.....	16	81	5.1
Josh Fritzjunker, Lourdes.....	7	77	11
Zach Wolf, Mayo.....	12	74	6.2
Carter Greguson, Lourdes.....	8	71	8.9
John Bickle, Century.....	34	67	1.9
Caden Floodstrom, Century.....	10	61	6.1
Darnell Wheatley.....	4	55	13.7

Miguel Benjamin, Century.....	7	43	6.1
Mitchell McCarty, Mayo.....	2	31	15.5

#### PASSING

Player	Comp	Att	Yds	TD	Int
Tra Grimsrud, Mayo.....	47	88	719	6	3
John Bickle, Century.....	49	121	584	2	2
Noah Hillman, Lourdes.....	23	42	313	3	2
Jack Stien, JM.....	12	32	223	4	2
C.Floodstrom, Century.....	4	7	117	1	0
Jordan Velez, JM.....	5	8	107	1	0
Mitch McCarty, Mayo.....	1	2	40	0	0
Jared Juth, JM.....	3	10	22	0	0

#### RECEIVING

Player	Rec	Yds	Avg.
Mitch McCarty, Mayo.....	21	358	17.0
Eric Philipps, Century.....	18	196	10.8
Greg Henry, Mayo.....	10	157	15.7
Miguel Benjamin, Century.....	11	131	11.9
Cooper Ramaker, Mayo.....	7	125	17.9
Lucas Fisher, Century.....	10	124	12.4
Jose Benjamin, Century.....	4	119	29.7
Matt Carpenter, JM.....	5	116	23.2
Jake Muehlenbein, Lourdes.....	6	106	17.7
Cazz Martin, JM.....	3	89	29.6
Brady Tuckner, JM.....	3	60	20.0
Elijah Anderson, Century.....	4	59	14.7
Nate Sheridan, Mayo.....	4	56	14.0
Matthew Ustby, Lourdes.....	1	55	55.0
Zach Wolf, Mayo.....	2	43	21.5
Aaron Ajke, Century.....	4	42	10.5
Logan Saltou, JM.....	1	22	22.0
DJ Hardin, JM.....	1	22	22.0
Jordan Velez, JM.....	3	21	7.0

Dylan Sutter.....	2	16	8.0
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#### SCORING

Player	TD	FG	2P	1P	Pts
Mason Carstens, Lourdes.....	12	0	3	0	78
Greg Henry, Mayo.....	13	0	0	0	78
Carter Greguson, Lourdes.....	7	0	1	0	44
Cazz Martin, JM.....	7	0	0	0	42
Mitch McCarty, Mayo.....	5	0	1	0	32
Jordan Velez, JM.....	3	0	2	0	22
Aaron Ajke, Century.....	3	0	0	0	18
Tristan Wentworth, Mayo.....	0	0	13	13	13
Jose Benjamin, Century.....	2	0	0	0	12
Miguel Benjamin, Century.....	2	0	0	0	12
John Bickle, Century.....	2	0	0	0	12
Trajan Grimsrud, Mayo.....	2	0	0	0	12
Ray Motley, Mayo.....	2	0	0	0	12
Brady Tuckner, JM.....	2	0	0	0	12
Kolton Mullenbach, Lourdes.....	0	0	11	11	11
Eric Byrne, JM.....	0	0	10	10	10
Dontrel Johnson, JM.....	1	0	1	0	8
Shahan Ameen, JM.....	1	0	0	0	6
Lucas Fisher, Century.....	1	0	0	0	6
Caden Floodstrom, Century.....	1	0	0	0	6
Josh Fritzjunker, Lourdes.....	1	0	0	0	6
Emilio Green, Mayo.....	1	0	0	0	6
Jared Juth, JM.....	1	0	0	0	6
Pat Leary, Lourdes.....	1	0	0	0	6
Josh Mattison, JM.....	1	0	0	0	6
Jake Muehlenbein, Lourdes.....	1	0	0	0	6
Jack Stien, JM.....	1	0	0	0	6
Matthew Ustby, Lourdes.....	1	0	0	0	6
Francis Villeneuve, Century.....	0	0	6	6	6
Darnell Wheatley, JM.....	1	0	0	0	6
Jacob McCabe, Mayo.....	0	0	4	4	4

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT (RED SUBDISTRICT) FOOTBALL

## Mattison, Rockets stuff Northfield

BY PAT RUFF  
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Being away from football was killing Josh Mattison. The Rochester John Marshall do-everything defensive player and running back missed all of last week's game with a bad ankle. He also missed the majority of JM's contest the week before that when he sprained that ankle.

Well, Mattison suited up Friday in a crucial game with rough-and-tumble Northfield. It came on homecoming night at John Drews Field.

The Rockets were sure glad to have him back. Mattison had two interceptions and was in on a horde of tackles in helping JM to its third straight win, 6-0 over the Raiders.

JM is now 2-1 in the Big Southeast Red and 4-2 overall. Northfield, like the Rockets a preseason league favorite, slipped to 1-2, 2-4.

"It hurt missing games," said the 5-10, 200-pound Mattison, one of a pack of Rockets blessed with elite speed. "But it bothered me even more missing practices. It really hurts to just sit and watch practices, because practices are where all your (game) success comes from."

Mattison and the Rockets had almost nothing but success defensively against Northfield, a team that JM coach Kevin Kirkeby insists is much better than its record. JM limited the Raiders to a total of 52 offensive yards — 37 on the ground, 15 through the air.

"I don't think there was anyone on our entire defense that didn't have a great game tonight," said Kirkeby, who also got an interception from defensive back DJ Hardin.



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John Marshall defender Cazz Martin tackles Northfield quarterback Noah Johnson after a short gain Friday at John Marshall. The Rockets won a tight 6-0 defensive battle.

The Raiders almost never threatened. Their furthest penetration in the first half was to the JM 29. But that threat was snuffed when Mattison snared the first of his two picks. In the second half, Northfield's best drive left it at the JM 20. But that march ended with the Raiders just missing a 37-yard field goal.

Northfield entered Friday's game averaging 26 points.

"Our intensity overall when the pressure of the game picked up was great," said JM linebacker Brady Tuckner,

who was also everywhere for the Rockets. "It just felt like there was nothing that Northfield could throw at us that we weren't prepared for."

Said Mattison: "Our overall attitude on defense is that we want to shut down every play."

While the JM defense shined, its offense was OK, but had a heck of a time finishing.

Much of the problem could be attributed to Northfield and its sizable defensive line.

JM finished with 230 yards of offense, 180 of them on the

ground. Halfback Cazz Martin was the leader there with 131 yards on 25 carries.

But while it managed to pile up some yards, JM sure didn't pile up the points. The Rockets had their chances. The best of the missed opportunities came to begin the second quarter.

JM had the ball on third down at the Northfield 1-yard line. It tried a run up the middle that went nowhere, then an option play on fourth down that was also stuffed, keeping it out of the end zone.

It also kept the game scoreless.

JM finally changed things on its next possession. After controlling the ball the majority of the first half, it finally got into the end zone with 5:14 left in the second quarter. For a team that likes to run, run, run, the Rockets went with a different approach this time to cap things off. After three straight runs, including a 22-yard dash by halfback Martin, JM quarterback Jack Stien — one of three QBs used by JM — fired a perfect 30-yard TD strike to Jordan Velez.

That represented the only points of the first half. And the only points of the game.

**John Marshall 6, Northfield 0**

Northfield.....0 0 0 0 — 0  
John Marshall...0 6 0 0 — 6

**Second quarter**

JM — Jordan Velez 30 pass from Jack Stien (run failed), 5:14.

Drive: 4 plays, 54 yards, 1:27. Key play: Cazz Martin 22 run.

**TEAM STATISTICS**

	N	JM
First downs .....	8	14
Total net yards .....	52	230
Rushes-yards .....	30-37	42-180
Passing yards .....	15	50
Comp.-att.-int. ....	3-15-3	2-13-1
Fumbles-lost .....	3-0	1-1
Penalties-yards .....	2-20	5-65
Punts-avg. ....	4-41.2	5-27.8

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing**

Northfield: Carver King 9-10, Josh Chlan 9-20, Noah Johnson 4-9, Luke Harris 6-11, Mitchell Stanchina 3-12. John Marshall: Cazz Martin 25-131, Jordan Velez 8-8, Jack Stien 2-(minus 13), Jared Juth 6-21, DJ Hardin 1-33.

**Passing**

Northfield: Noah Johnson 1 completion, 8 passes, 3 interceptions, 0 touchdowns for minus 1 yard; Luke Harris 2-7-0-0 for 16 yards. John Marshall: Jack Stien 2-10-1-1 for 50 yards, Jordan Velez 0-1-0-0 for 0 yards, Jared Juth 0-2-0-0 for 0 yards.

**Receiving**

Northfield: Chlan 1-(minus 1 yard), Nicolas Zabel 1-12, Tanner Ernste 1-4. John Marshall: Brady Tuckner 1-20, Jordan Velez 1-30.



# Week 7: JM vs. Mayo

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## JM's Tetteh-Jada a quick study

Emmanuel Tetteh-Jada got his first look at football in the fourth grade. His older brother Peter, a 2006 Rochester John Marshall graduate, was playing.

"My family didn't know much about sports," said Tetteh-Jada, whose father and mother are from Soudan and Ghana, Africa, respectively. They immigrated to Minnesota about 20 years ago.

"I watched Peter's games. And I said to myself, 'I really want to do this.'"

Kevin Kirkeby is sure glad that Emmanuel was taken by it. Kirkeby is John Marshall's second-year head coach. He knows how much different his Rockets (4-2 overall) would be without Tetteh-Jada in the lineup.

Not only does Tetteh-Jada take up a lot of space at 6-foot-3, 265 pounds. But he also covers a lot of space, in a hurry. And he's strong, smart, driver and a leader.

Not much not to like out of this senior defensive and offensive tackle, who's being recruited by a pack of Division II colleges and a couple

of lower-level Division I's.

"Emmanuel has a real love for football," Kirkeby said. "That's not something you can instill. Either you have it, or you don't."

For Tetteh-Jada, football is more than a physical sport, though it's tough to find many physically better than him. Tetteh-Jada runs a 4.9 40, can squat 475 pounds and power clean three reps of 275 pounds — all elite numbers for a lineman.

But for him, this is also a thinking-man's game. And he's equipped for that, too, with his weighted grade-point average of 3.98.

"It helps to be smart in football," Tetteh-Jada said. "I consider the football film room like a classroom. I listen in those classes and take it all into consideration on the football field."

## JOHN MARSHALL AT MAYO

7 p.m. Friday, at Mayo Stadium

**Records:** Mayo is 2-1 Big Southeast Red, 4-2 overall. JM is 2-1, 4-2.

**Last week:** Mayo lost to Owatonna 35-14, JM held on to beat Northfield 6-0.

**Last meeting:** Mayo beat JM 23-22 on Sept. 5, 2014, at John Marshall. Mayo scored twice in a span of 2:07 late in the fourth quarter to take a 23-15 lead, then held on after JM's Jordyn Dee scored on a 38-yard pass with 1:52 to go.

**JM notes:** The Rockets are coming off their best defensive game of the season. JM limited Northfield to just 37 yards rushing and 15 passing. The Rockets had decent yardage offensively, but were slowed once again by penalties. JM was flagged five times for 65 yards. ... The "Wildcat" formation which had worked so well in recent weeks, was stifled against Northfield. "Wildcat" quarterback Jordan Velez managed just eight yards on eight carries. It was another big game for running back Cazz Martin, though, with 131 yards on 25 carries. ... After this big test against Mayo, JM has just one regular-season game left, at winless New Prague.

**Mayo notes:** JM leads the all-time series between the teams 33-23-1, though the Spartans have won four in a row and seven of the last 10 meetings with the Rockets. ... Senior RB Greg Henry went over the 2,000-yard mark for his high school career last week. He now has 2,078 career rushing yards, putting him sixth on Mayo's all-time rushing list. He needs 49 yards to pass Ryan Finke (1995) for fifth. ... This game could potentially decide which team is the No. 2 seed and which is No. 3 in the Section 1AAAAA playoffs. The winner will likely be the No. 2 seed and get a first-round bye.

**JM coach Kevin Kirkeby:** "I've been in Rochester now for 23 years, and I know what a big deal the Mayo game is to the kids. But you can't get too caught up in just one game. ... Mayo is good. They've got good speed and on offense, (running back Greg) Henry is the real deal. He's a force to contend with."

**Mayo coach Donny Holcomb:** "The key is we need to stop the big plays from happening against us. We have to execute. It's a game of momentum. We haven't come out after halftime the last two weeks and made things happen."

— Post-Bulletin staff

## It's Mayo-JM: Are you ready?

The Rochester Mayo and John Marshall football teams are headed for a showdown Friday night at Mayo Stadium.

They sport identical records, 2-1 in the Big Southeast Red and 4-2 overall. Both also have just one game left to the regular season following Friday's rivalry game. Mayo plays at sturdy Northfield, and JM is at winless New Prague.

JM has won its last three after consecutive close losses to powers Owatonna and Mankato West. The Rockets had second-half leads in both. Mayo comes in with consecutive losses to those same teams, including 35-14 last week to Owatonna.

Based on scores and pre-season predictions, JM seems to be the slight favorite here. But it's Mayo-JM, and the Spartans have beaten the Rockets four of the last five meetings. So the heck with predictions.

— Pat Ruff



Emmanuel Tetteh-Jada (55) is a physical and thinking-man's force for the Rochester John Marshall football team.



# Week 7: JM vs. Mayo

## ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL LEADERS

### TEAM STATISTICS

#### OFFENSE

Team	Rush	Pass	Total
Lourdes.....	1,844	352	2,196
Mayo.....	1,141	907	2,038
John Marshall.....	1,214	402	1,616
Century.....	619	891	1,510

#### DEFENSE

Team	Rush	Pass	Total
John Marshall.....	658	648	1,306
Lourdes.....	604	1072	1,676
Mayo.....	767	943	1,710
Century.....	1,278	940	2,218

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### PASSING

Player	Comp	Att	Yds	TD Int
Tra Grimsrud, Mayo.....	55	107	867	7 4
John Bickle, Century....	55	134	774	3 3
Noah Hillman, Lourdes .	24	49	352	4 2
Jack Stien, JM.....	14	42	273	5 3
C. Floodstrom, Century ..	4	7	117	1 0
Jordan Velez, JM.....	5	9	107	1 0
Mitch McCarty, Mayo ....	1	2	40	0 0
Jared Juth, JM .....	3	12	22	0 0

#### RUSHING

Player	Att	Yds	Avg.
Mason Carstens, Lourdes .	137	1,225	8.9
Greg Henry, Mayo .....	161	915	5.7
Cazz Martin, JM.....	67	439	6.5
Aaron Ajke, Century .....	101	426	4.2
Carter Greguson, Lourdes .	52	285	5.5
Shahan Ameen, JM.....	29	273	9.4
Jordan Velez, JM.....	37	232	6.2
Noah Hillman, Lourdes .....	48	201	4.2
Josh Mattison, JM.....	28	159	5.6
Zach Wolf, Mayo.....	16	137	8.6
Ray Motley, Mayo.....	16	81	5.1
John Bickle, Century .....	34	67	1.9
Caden Floodstrom, Century	10	61	6.1
DJ Hardin, JM.....	7	56	8.0
Darnell Wheatley, JM .....	4	55	13.7
Jared Juth, JM .....	11	50	4.5
Miguel Benjamin, Century ...	7	43	6.1



**Wolf  
(Mayo)**



**Carpenter  
(JM)**



**Bickle  
(Century)**



**Ustby  
(Lourdes)**

#### RECEIVING

Player	Rec	Yds	Avg.
Mitch McCarty, Mayo .....	24	393	16.4
Greg Henry, Mayo .....	12	224	18.7
Miguel Benjamin, Century ..	12	209	17.4
Eric Philipps, Century .....	18	196	10.8
Lucas Fisher, Century .....	13	192	14.7
Cooper Ramaker, Mayo.....	7	125	17.9
Jose Benjamin, Century.....	4	119	29.7
Matt Carpenter, JM .....	5	116	23.2
Jake Muehlenbein, Lourdes..	6	106	17.7
Matthew Ustby, Lourdes.....	2	94	47.0
Elijah Anderson, Century ....	5	91	18.2
Cazz Martin, JM.....	3	89	29.6
Brady Tuckner, JM .....	4	80	20.0
Josh Fritzkunker, Lourdes ....	7	77	11
Carter Greguson, Lourdes....	8	71	8.9

Nate Sheridan, Mayo .....	4	56	14.0
Aaron Ajke, Century .....	5	54	10.8
Jordan Velez, JM.....	4	51	12.7
Zach Wolf, Mayo.....	2	43	21.5
Quentin Chatman, Mayo.....	2	36	18.0
Logan Saltou, JM .....	1	22	22.0
DJ Hardin, JM.....	1	22	22.0

#### SCORING

Player	TD	FG	2P	1P	Pts
Mason Carstens, Lourdes .	14	0	3	0	90
Greg Henry, Mayo .....	15	0	0	0	90
Carter Greguson, Lourdes..	8	0	1	0	50
Aaron Ajke, Century .....	7	0	1	0	44
Cazz Martin, JM.....	7	0	0	0	42
Mitch McCarty, Mayo .....	5	0	1	0	32
Jordan Velez, JM.....	4	0	2	0	28
K. Mullenbach, Lourdes....	0	1	0	18	21
Tristan Wentworth, Mayo...0	0	0	13	13	13
Jose Benjamin, Century.....	2	0	0	0	12
Miguel Benjamin, Century .	2	0	0	0	12
John Bickle, Century .....	2	0	0	0	12
Trajan Grimsrud, Mayo.....	2	0	0	0	12
Ray Motley, Mayo.....	2	0	0	0	12
Brady Tuckner, JM .....	2	0	0	0	12
Matthew Ustby, Lourdes...2	0	0	0	12	12
Eric Byrne, JM.....	0	0	10	10	10
Noah Hillman, Lourdes .....	1	0	2	0	10
Francis Villeneuve, Century .0	0	0	9	9	9
Dontrel Johnson, JM.....	1	0	1	0	8
Shahan Ameen, JM .....	1	0	0	0	6
Lucas Fisher, Century .....	1	0	0	0	6
Ca. Floodstrom, Century ....	1	0	0	0	6
Josh Fritzkunker, Lourdes ...	1	0	0	0	6
Emilio Green, Mayo.....	1	0	0	0	6
Jared Juth, JM .....	1	0	0	0	6
Javon Kunkel, Lourdes.....	1	0	0	0	6
Pat Leary, Lourdes .....	1	0	0	0	6
Joe Macken, Lourdes .....	1	0	0	0	6
Josh Mattison, JM.....	1	0	0	0	6
Jake McCabe, Mayo.....	0	0	0	6	6
J. Muehlenbein, Lourdes....	1	0	0	0	6
Jack Stien, JM.....	1	0	0	0	6
Darnell Wheatley, JM .....	1	0	0	0	6

## STATE FOOTBALL POLLS

The Associated Press state high school football polls for the week of Sept.30, first-place votes in parentheses, record and total points as voted upon by a statewide panel of prep sports writers:

#### CLASS AAAAA

	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Mankato West (8) .....	6-0	89	1
2. Spring Lake Park (1) ....	6-0	82	2
3. Moorhead .....	6-0	72	3
4. St. Michael-Albertville ..	5-1	59	4
5. Monticello .....	6-0	47	7
6. St. Thomas Academy ..	5-1	37	6
7. Rogers .....	5-1	31	10
8. Robbinsdale Cooper ...	5-1	26	8
9. St. Paul Central .....	4-2	23	5
10. SMB-Wolfpack .....	6-0	12	NR

Others receiving votes: Owatonna 10, Chaska 6, Rochester John Marshall 1.



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Mayo's Ray Motley (1) tries to shake away from the tough grip of John Marshall's Logan Saltou on a run during Friday's game in Rochester. The Spartans won 21-13 to move to 5-2 overall, and the Rockets moved to 4-3. More photos from this game are available at [Postbulletin.com/gallery](http://Postbulletin.com/gallery).

## 'Heart and toughness' fuels Mayo

### Spartans top rival Rockets in close game

Post-Bulletin staff

Rochester John Marshall controlled the ball and limited Rochester Mayo's passing game.

But the Rockets couldn't keep Mayo senior running back Greg Henry in check.

Henry ran for 126 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Spartans to a 21-13 victory against their oldest rival at Mayo Stadium on Friday.

The victory lifts Mayo's record to 5-2 overall and likely secures the No. 2 seed in the Section 1AAAAA playoffs. JM (4-3) will likely be the No. 3 seed.

"All the kids played with way more heart and toughness, and they played to win," Mayo coach Donny Holcomb said. "We don't want to take a step

### HEROES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- **Andrew Quandt** was 8-for-10 passing for 173 yards and three touchdowns as Stewartville, ranked No. 2 in Class AAAA, beat Lake City 57-6. Brandon Hoth ran for two touchdown passes and also caught a TD pass.
- **Chase Grinde** threw for 159 yards and five touchdown passes and ran for another score as Spring Grove, ranked No. 2 in the state in Nine-Man football, topped West Lutheran 41-8.
- **Christopher Bain** rushed for three touchdowns and also caught a touchdown pass as top-ranked Grand Meadow had a successful Homecoming game with a 67-12 over Houston.
- **Ryan Wolfe** rushed for 303 yards and three touchdowns — all of them in the fourth quarter — as Wabasha-Kellogg rallied to defeated Southland 29-20. Wolfe also threw a touchdown pass and had an interception.
- **Kyle Welderman** carried the ball just five times for Rushford-Peterson on Friday night, but he covered 113 yards and scored three touchdowns in a 59-24 win over Kingsland.

backward. We have to keep building for the playoffs and still have a lot to work on."

The Rockets were led by senior running back Cazz Martin, who rushed for 140 yards, but the Rockets turned the ball over three times and saw their final two drives stall in Mayo territory.

Mayo won for the eighth time in the past 10 games against JM, though the Rockets lead the all-time series 33-24-1.

JM closes its regular season next Friday at New Prague, while Mayo plays at Northfield.

• Last week's win felt good to Rochester Century. And Friday's night 20-17 overtime win over Northfield on homecoming at Century Stadium?

Well, that one felt even better. Century moved to 2-5 overall as it battled behind an improved offensive line, efficient quarterbacking from John Bickle and a stout defense.

"There is no better feeling out there," said Century two-way star Lucas Fisher, who finished with a pair of interceptions and three key receptions from Bickle.

• Chase Rahman rushed for more than 200 yards and three touchdowns and added a touchdown pass to lead Plainview-Elgin-Millville in a 48-21 upset victory over top-ranked Rochester Lourdes.

The Bulldogs finished with more than 500 yards of total offense.

P-E-M improved to 5-2, while Lourdes dropped to 6-1. It snapped a 19-game winning streak for the defending state champion Eagles.

Mason Carstens of Lourdes rushed for 143 yards and a touchdown.

Turnovers were huge as the Eagles lost a pair of fumbles and two interceptions.

**Pages D4, D5, D6: Results from all of Friday's games in southeastern Minnesota**

### SCOREBOARD

#### Big Southeast-Red

Mayo 21, John Marshall 13  
Century 20, Northfield 17, OT  
Owatonna 52, New Prague 0

#### Big Southeast-Blue

Winona 42, Mankato East 7  
Mankato West 52, Faribault 7  
Red Wing 56, Austin 50, 2 OT

#### Southeast Red

La Crescent 28, Byron 27, OT  
Cannon Falls 14, Kasson-Mantorville 10  
Plainview-Elgin-Millville 48, Lourdes 21  
Stewartville 57, Lake City 6

#### Southeast White

Pine Island 30, Triton 29, OT  
Chatfield 61, Winona Cotter 14  
Caledonia 45, Dover-Eyota 2  
St. Charles 19, Zumbrota-Mazeppa 14

#### Mid Southeast-East

Rushford-Peterson 59, Kingsland 24  
Fillmore Central 59, Hayfield 7  
Lewiston-Altura 21, Goodhue 14  
Wabasha-Kellogg 29, Southland 20

#### Mid Southeast-West

Bethlehem Academy 34, Mankato Loyola 20  
Blooming Prairie 18, United South Central 6  
St. Clair 37, Medford 20  
Kenyon-Wanamingo 28, J-W-P 6

#### District 9-Southeast

Mabel-Canton 61, Alden-Conger 8  
Grand Meadow 67, Houston 12  
Lanesboro 56, Glenville-Emmons 18  
Spring Grove 41, West Lutheran 8  
Randolph 56, Lyle/Pacelli 26



# High school football

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT (RED SUBDISTRICT) FOOTBALL

## 'D' recovers to seal Mayo's victory

Spartans get late stop to hold off rival John Marshall

BY JASON FELDMAN  
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The Addington Jug is staying on the southeast side.

A week after a lackluster performance in a three-touchdown loss on its homecoming, Rochester Mayo responded with one of its best performances of the season.

The Spartans showed head coach Donny Holcomb exactly what he had asked for: Play with passion on every snap and play up to your potential.

Mayo did just that on Friday, holding off rival Rochester John Marshall for a 21-13 Big Southeast District football victory at a packed Mayo Stadium.

"In every season, there comes a point where a team clicks," Holcomb said. "Some are early, some are in the middle, some are late, some are too late. I really think, with the week of practice we had, these guys figured it out and decided to come together as a team for a common goal."

The Spartans (5-2 overall) likely locked up the No. 2 seed in the upcoming Section IAAAAA playoffs and they maintained possession of the Addington Jug, the trophy that goes to the winner of the season series among Rochester's three public high schools. Mayo defeated both Century and JM this year.

While Mayo was ready to enjoy a hard-fought victory against JM (4-3), the Spartans also realized that there are bigger games on the horizon. They'll finish the regular season next Friday at Northfield, then likely have a first-round playoff bye.

"We came focused. We knew this was a big week for seeding, we needed this and we wanted to beat JM," Mayo offensive

guard and defensive tackle Hunter Loehrer said. "We're thinking about Northfield right now. We'll enjoy the weekend and then on Monday it's Northfield."

### Bend, don't break

Loehrer, who played nearly every snap on both sides of the ball, was a key cog in a Mayo defense that bent at times, but didn't break with the game on the line.

John Marshall drove to Mayo's 12-yard line, where it faced a fourth-and-3 with less than 20 seconds to play in the fourth quarter. JM quarterback Jack Stien kept the ball after the snap and attempted to run around the right end for a drive-extending first down. But Mayo defensive back Greg Henry and linebacker Jake Klingele converged on Stien, stopped him short of the first down and forced a fumble that Mayo recovered to seal its eighth victory against JM in the past 10 meetings.

JM still leads the all-time series 33-24-1.

"We knew we had to finish because we hadn't done that the past couple weeks," Loehrer said. "We've fallen apart in the third and fourth quarters. We knew we needed to come together as a team."

Mayo went up 14-0 on second-quarter touchdown runs of 16 and 3 yards by senior running back Greg Henry (26 carries, 122 yards). JM cut its deficit in half on a 1-yard run by Stien with 34.8 seconds to go in the half, capping a 75-yard drive dominated by the Rockets' line and Cazz Martin. The senior running back had six carries for 53 yards on the drive and finished with 28 carries for a game-high 140 yards.

JM pulled within 14-13 on its second second-half drive, when Josh Mattison bulled in from 9 yards out with 1:26 to go in the third quarter.

"We were getting the off-tackle stuff going, but early in the game we went right at them, tried to wear them down," JM



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Rochester Mayo's Mitch McCarty (9) signals Spartans' ball on a fumble recovery during a Big Southeast District football game against Rochester John Marshall on Friday at Mayo Stadium.

coach Kevin Kirkeby said. "We stayed with our blocks, were pushing and doing some great things, but weren't able to maintain it all the way up and down the field."

"We had some breakdowns, a penalty here and there, that would cause us to get into some third down-and-long situations, and that's not the football team we are."

Henry made it 21-13 with 9:21 to go, when he took a direct snap and ran untouched up the middle for a 21-yard score.

"He's a great running back and we knew that," Kirkeby said of Henry. "I was hoping he wouldn't get any of those types of runs, but all the power to him and the offensive line from Mayo for being able to do that

to our defense."

JM closes its regular season Friday at winless New Prague. The Rockets will likely be the No. 3 seed in Section IAAAAA and be at home in the first round. A first-round victory for JM would then set up a rematch with Mayo.

"If it all works out, then we could play them again, but we have to win the next game," Kirkeby said. "Right now we're in playoff football. We have to keep winning or we're done."

Mayo heads to Northfield next Friday in search of just its second six-win regular season since 2007.

"We knew they were going to be fast and physical," Holcomb said of JM. "We still had some of our same mistakes, penalties and dropped balls, but the guys played with so much heart and toughness."

Mayo 21, JM 13

JM	0	7	6	0	13
Mayo	0	14	0	7	21

#### Second quarter

Mayo — Greg Henry 16 run (Jake McCabe kick) 10:18.  
Drive: 11 plays, 60 yards, 4:27. Key play: Jake Klingele 10 pass from Tra Grimsrud on 3rd-and-6 to JM 34.

Mayo — Henry 3 run (McCabe kick) 3:48.

Drive: 8 plays, 50 yards, 3:13. Key play: Mitch McCarty 12 pass from Grimsrud for 1st down at JM 3.

JM — Jack Stein 1 run (Eric Byrne kick) 3:48.

Drive: 11 plays, 75 yards, 4:13. Key play: Cazz Martin 19 run on 4th-and-6 for first down at Mayo 15.

#### Third quarter

JM — Josh Mattison 9 run (kick failed) 1:26.

Drive: 10 plays, 63 yards, 5:05. Key play: Martin 15 run to Mayo 22.

#### Fourth quarter

Mayo — Henry 21 run (McCabe kick) 9:21.

Drive: 2 plays, 36 yards, 1:11. Key play: Scoring play.

#### TEAM TOTALS

	JM	M
First downs	15	13
Total net yards	280	168
Rushes-yards	47-250	30-120
Passing yards	30	48



Mayo quarterback Trajan Grimsrud loads up to fire a pass down field against JM on Friday night.

### BIG SOUTHEAST (BLUE SUBDISTRICT)

## Red Wing outscores Austin 56-50 in double overtime

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AUSTIN — Sam Hanson scored touchdown runs in both the first and second overtimes as Red Wing rallied past Austin 56-50 in Big Southeast District Blue football on Friday.

Hanson's 10-yard run in the first OT gave Red Wing a 50-42 lead, but Austin scored a TD and 2-point conversion to extend the game.

After Austin was stopped in the second overtime, Hanson again scored on a 10-yard run to give the Wingers the victory.

Austin held leads of 28-0 and 42-28 before Red Wing twice rallied to tie the game. The Wingers tied the game with 2:24 remaining when Ben Munson caught a 10-yard scoring pass from Tait Kelly. Kelly then ran in the 2-point conversion.

Kelly also had a pair of touchdown runs. Brandon Edgar had two TD runs for Austin.

Comp.-att.-int.	3-10-1	5-12-1	Greg Henry 26-122, 3 TDs; Ray Motley 1-10;
Penalties-yards	7-35	7-45	Zach Wolf 1-0; Tra Grimsrud 2-(minus-12).
Fumbles-lost	2-2	0-0	Passing
Punts-avg.	2-23.5	4-30.3	JM: Jack Stein 3-10-1, 30 yards. Mayo: Tra Grimsrud 5-11-1, 48 yards; Greg Henry 0-1-0, 0.
Time of possession	25:33	22:27	INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing			
JM: Cazz Martin 28-140; Jordan Velez 5-53; Josh Mattison 6-42, 1 TD; DJ Hardin 3-10; Jack Stein 4-3, 1 TD; Shahan Ameen 1-2. Mayo:			
Receiving			
JM: Jordan Velez 2-19; Brady Tucker 1-11. Mayo: Quentin Chatman 2-22; Mitch McCarty 2-16; Jake Klingele 1-10.			



John Marshall running back Cazz Martin (4) is tripped up on a run during Friday's game against Mayo.

# Week 8: JM vs. New Prague

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## JOHN MARSHALL AT NEW PRAGUE

7 p.m. Friday at New Prague

**Records:** JM is 2-2 in the Big Southeast Red and 4-3 overall. New Prague is 0-4, 0-7

**Last week:** JM lost to rival Mayo 21-13. New Prague lost to Owatonna 52-0.

**Last meeting:** The teams have not met in at least 20 years.

**New Prague notes:** The Trojans have generally stayed in games. But that wasn't the case against just once-beaten Owatonna. Owatonna led by four touch-

downs at halftime. New Prague has allowed 42, 35 and 52 points in three of its last three games. However, the Trojans have a

reputation for not giving up big plays. Most touchdowns against them come off of sustained drives.

**JM notes:** The Rockets are coming off a disappointing loss to Mayo. JM outgained the Spartans 280-168 and still lost. Turnovers were a problem, with JM losing two fumbles and throwing an interception. Mayo had just one turnover. ... JM coach Kevin Kirkeby says he intends to continue to utilize all three quarterbacks: Jack Stien, Jordan Velez and Jared Juth. However, look for Velez to possibly get a shade more playing time than prior. JM turns into a run-heavy offense with Velez running things out of the Wildcat formation. ... JM looks to be a No. 3 seed in the upcoming playoffs, with Owatonna (6-1) No. 1 and Mayo (5-2) No. 2.

**Coach Kevin Kirkeby:** "New Prague is 0-7, but we've learned through the season that if you don't show up to play, there are a bunch of high school kids out there who want to get a win. You can't take anyone for granted."

— Pat Ruff



## ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL LEADERS

### TEAM STATISTICS

#### OFFENSE

Team	Rush	Pass	Total
Lourdes.....	2,055	456	2,511
Mayo.....	1,261	955	2,406
John Marshall.....	1,464	432	1,896
Century.....	735	1,047	1,782

#### DEFENSE

Team	Rush	Pass	Total
John Marshall.....	778	696	1,474
Mayo.....	1,017	973	1,990
Lourdes.....	1,008	1,184	2,192
Century.....	1,367	1,087	2,454

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### PASSING

Player	Comp	Att	Yds	TD	Int
Tra Grimsrud, Mayo.....	60	118	915	7	5
John Bickle, Century... ..	57	162	904	4	3
Noah Hillman, Lourdes	30	68	456	4	4
Jack Stien, JM.....	17	52	303	5	4
C. Floodstrom, Century . . .	4	7	117	1	0
Jordan Velez, JM.....	5	9	107	1	0
Jared Juth, JM.....	3	12	22	0	0
Jordan Velez, JM.....	5	9	107	1	0

#### RUSHING

Player	Att	Yds	Avg.
Mason Carstens, Lourdes . . .	154	1,368	8.9
Greg Henry, Mayo.....	187	1,037	5.6
Cazz Martin, JM.....	95	579	6.0
Aaron Ajke, Century.....	123	504	4.0
Carter Greguson, Lourdes... .	62	321	5.2
Jordan Velez, JM.....	42	285	6.7
Shahan Ameen, JM.....	30	275	9.14
Noah Hillman, Lourdes.....	52	222	4.3
Josh Mattison, JM.....	34	201	5.96
Zach Wolf, Mayo.....	17	137	8.1
John Bickle, Century.....	48	92	1.9
Ray Motley, Mayo.....	17	91	5.4
DJ Hardin, JM.....	10	66	6.6



Grimsrud  
(Mayo)



Tuckner  
(JM)



Ajke  
(Century)



N. Hillman  
(Lourdes)

Caden Floodstrom, Century	10	61	6.1
Darnell Wheatley, JM.....	4	55	13.7
Jared Juth, JM.....	11	50	4.5

#### RECEIVING

Player	Rec	Yds	Avg.
Mitch McCarty, Mayo.....	26	409	15.7
Miguel Benjamin, Century . . .	14	228	16.2
Lucas Fisher, Century.....	16	228	14.2
Eric Philipps, Century.....	20	227	11.3
Greg Henry, Mayo.....	12	224	18.7
Carter Greguson, Lourdes... .	11	146	13.3
Elijah Anderson, Century . . .	9	142	15.7

Cooper Ramaker, Mayo.....	7	125	17.9
Jose Benjamin, Century.....	4	119	29.7
Matt Carpenter, JM.....	5	116	23.2
Jake Muehlenbein, Lourdes..	6	106	17.7
Matthew Ustby, Lourdes.....	2	94	47.0
Cazz Martin, JM.....	3	89	29.6
Brady Tuckner, JM.....	5	91	18.2
Josh Fritzjunker, Lourdes . . .	7	77	11
Jordan Velez, JM.....	6	70	11.6
Quentin Chatman, Mayo.....	4	58	14.5
Nate Sheridan, Mayo.....	4	56	14.0
Aaron Ajke, Century.....	5	54	10.8
Zach Wolf, Mayo.....	2	43	21.5

### SCORING

Player	TD	FG	2P	1P	Pts
Greg Henry, Mayo.....	18	0	0	0	108
Mason Carstens, Lourdes . . .	15	0	3	0	96
Carter Greguson, Lourdes . . .	9	0	1	0	56
Aaron Ajke, Century.....	8	0	1	0	50
Cazz Martin, JM.....	7	0	0	0	42
Mitch McCarty, Mayo.....	5	0	1	0	32
Jordan Velez, JM.....	4	0	2	0	28
K. Mullenbach, Lourdes.....	0	1	0	19	22
John Bickle, Century.....	3	0	0	0	18
Tristan Wentworth, Mayo.....	2	0	0	13	13
Matthew Ustby, Lourdes... .	2	0	0	0	12
Trajan Grimsrud, Mayo.....	2	0	0	0	12
Josh Mattison, JM.....	2	0	0	0	12
Ray Motley, Mayo.....	2	0	0	0	12
Jack Stien, JM.....	2	0	0	0	12
Brady Tuckner, JM.....	2	0	0	0	12
Miguel Benjamin, Century . . .	2	0	0	0	12
Jose Benjamin, Century.....	2	0	0	0	12
Lucas Fisher, Century.....	2	0	0	0	12
Francis Villeneuve, Century.0	0	0	11	11	
Eric Byrne, JM.....	0	0	11	11	
Noah Hillman, Lourdes.....	1	0	2	0	10
Jake McCabe, Mayo.....	0	0	9	9	
Dontrel Johnson, JM.....	1	0	1	0	8

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

### BIG SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

#### Red Subdistrict

	Conf.		Overall			
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
Owatonna.....	4	0	6	1	286	127
Mayo.....	3	1	5	2	194	147
John Marshall.....	2	2	4	3	164	99
Century.....	2	2	2	5	131	190
Northfield.....	1	3	2	5	145	141
New Prague.....	0	4	0	7	83	249

#### Blue Subdistrict

Winona.....	4	0	7	0	229	113
Mankato West.....	4	0	7	0	281	81
Red Wing.....	2	2	5	2	208	218
Mankato East.....	2	2	4	3	186	184
Austin.....	0	4	0	7	183	317
Faribault.....	0	4	0	7	101	324

### FRIDAY, OCT. 2

Mayo 21, John Marshall 13  
Century 20, Northfield 17, OT  
Owatonna 52, New Prague 0  
Winona 42, Mankato East 7  
Mankato West 52, Faribault 7  
Red Wing 56, Austin 50, 2 OT

### FRIDAY, OCT. 9

Century at Owatonna  
Mayo at Northfield  
John Marshall at New Prague  
Mankato West at Winona  
Red Wing at Mankato East  
Austin at Faribault

## JM comes to life against New Prague

Post-Bulletin staff

**NEW PRAGUE** — That might have been just what the Rochester John Marshall football team needed.

Sure, the team it whipped Friday night — New Prague — has struggled all season (0-8 overall). But the Rockets were aching for a game like this as it closed its regular season.

JM wanted offensive fireworks more than anything. And it got it en route to a 48-14 blitzing of New Prague in Big Southeast Red District action.

"I thought we ran and passed well, and called a really good game," JM coach Kevin Kirkeby said.

Offense wasn't the only aspect that pleased Kirkeby. He was also delighted with his special teams and defense. JM scored a touchdown on a 33-yard fumble recovery by Logan Saltou, a 43-yard fumble recovery by Alex Welder and a 49-yard punt return by EJ Hollins.

"We got all three (phases) of our team playing well at the same time tonight," said Kirkeby, whose team takes a 5-3 overall record (3-2 in the district) into its first playoff game on Wednesday.

JM led 28-0 at halftime. Josh Mattison scored first for the Rockets, on a 3-yard run. Brady Tuckner later caught an 18-yard pass from Jared Juth. Also in the mix was Saltou's fumble recovery and a 6-yard run by Jordan Velez.

JM finished with 298 yards of offense. It had 264 rushing and 34 passing. Juth had all 34 of the passing yards.

Shahan Ameen had 61 rushing yard, Josh Mattison 50 and Jordan Velez 46. Juth, who pleased Kirkeby with his passing, was 2-for-5 for 34 yards and a touchdown.

### JM 48, New Prague 14

John Marshall	.21	7	20	0	—	48
New Prague	.....0	0	14	0	—	14

#### First quarter

**JM** — Josh Mattison 3 run (Eric Byrne kick)  
**JM** — Logan Saltou 33 fumble return (kick failed)

**JM** — Brady Tuckner 18 pass from Jared Juth (Cazz Martin pass from Juth)

#### Second quarter

**JM** — Jordan Velez 6 (Byrne kick)

#### Third quarter

**JM** — Alex Welder 43 fumble return (Badger kick)

**JM** — Shahan Ameen 6 run (Byrne kick)

**JM** — EJ Hollins 49 yards return of blocked punt (kick failed)

#### TEAM TOTALS

	JM	NP
Total net yards	298	128
Rushes-yards	264	118
Passing yards	34	10

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

##### Rushing

**JM** — Shahan Ameen 5-61, Josh Mattison 8-50, Jordan Velez 7-46, Cazz Martin 6-33, DJ Hardin 2-16, Darnell Wheatley 4-12.

##### Passing

**JM** — JM, Jared Juth 2 completions, 5 attempts, 0 interceptions, 1 touchdown for 34 yards; Jordan Velez 0-1-0-0 for 0 yards.

##### Receiving

**John Marshall** — JM. Tuckner 2-34.  
• Rochester John Marshall was hungry to show some offense in its regular-season game against winless New Prague.

The Rockets did that, but they showed a whole lot more, too.

Jared Juth had a touchdown pass to Brady Tuckner, three players ran for at least 46 yards, JM had two fumble returns for touchdowns and also ran in a punt for a score in its 48-14 win at New Prague.

JM takes a 5-3 record into Wednesday's playoffs.



**Subject:** Classy Football Program!

**To:** Kevin Kirkeby, Tim Limberg  
**Cc:** Michael Munoz  
**From:** Brad Skogerboe  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Good Morning -

I just wanted to let you know how impressed I was with your coaching staff, and players, at last Friday night's football games in New Prague. "Numerous" event supervisors commented on how polite the coaches, and players, were during Friday's games. My chain gang has been working every home game at New Prague for almost 20 years. They told me that J.M. was the "classiest" group of players, and coaches, that they have "ever" had on that sideline.

I have great respect for J.M. Football! It was a pleasure hosting them last Friday night!

Best of luck to the Rockets with the rest of their season!

**NP** Brad Skogerboe, CAA | High School Activities Director  
New Prague High School



# Week 9: Section 1 AAAAA

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### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SECTION QUARTERFINAL PREVIEWS

#### Section 1AAAAA

##### No. 6 Austin (0-8) at No. 3 John Marshall (5-3)

Austin might be the highest-scoring winless team in the state. The Packers average 28.0 points per game, including a gaudy 39.8 over the past four weeks. However, Austin has been unable to stop anyone this season; it's allowing 46.6 points per game, including 57.8 over the past four weeks.

John Marshall has won four of its past five games after a 1-2 start to the season. Defense has been a strength for the Rockets, as they allow a section-best 14.1 points per game. JM defeated Austin in the season opener, 32-7 at JM. The Rockets are led offensively by speedy running back Cazz Martin, who has 612 yards on 101 carries.

##### No. 5 Century (2-6) at No. 4 Northfield (3-5)

Century defeated Northfield when the teams met in the regular season, 20-17 in overtime. The Panthers opened the season 0-5, but won back-to-back games against New Prague and Northfield before falling to top-seeded Owatonna in the regular-season finale on Friday. QB John Bickle leads the offense, with 1,012 passing yards. Aaron Ajke is the team's leading rusher, with 549 yards.

Northfield snapped a four-game losing skid with a 24-7 victory against Mayo on Friday. The Raiders have struggled to win close games this season, with four of their five losses coming by six points or less. The Raiders are in Section 1AAAAA for the first time. They were in Section 2AAAAA the past three years and were in Section 1AAAAA prior to that.

Page D6: More on JM, Century games



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Rochester John Marshall running back Cazz Martin is pursued by Austin's Jon Gallagher during a game earlier this season at John Drews Field in Rochester. JM and Austin will meet for a second time this season in a Section 1AAAAA quarterfinal at 7 p.m. Wednesday at JM.

## Rochester football teams set for playoff challenges

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We're getting down there.

Tuesday, southeastern Minnesota football teams will be battling for the right to playing for a section championship.

That includes a pair of Rochester teams that will play each other.

In Class AAAAA, it's No. 3 seed John Marshall traveling to play No. 2 Mayo at 7 p.m. in the section semifinals.

This figured to be the year of the Rockets, with an unusually large and talented senior class. But untimely penalties mixed with an inability to consistently throw the ball has held them back. Those things both got in the way when the teams met during the regular season and Mayo — behind the powerful running of star halfback Greg Henry — emerged a 21-13 winner.

Henry ran for 122 yards and three touchdowns. JM won the statistical battle that night, outgaining Mayo 280-168. But stats don't always mean much.

Mayo has had JM's number of late. The Spartans have beaten the Rockets five straight times, and in eight of the teams' last 11 meetings.

### ROCHESTER STATS

#### TEAM STATISTICS

##### OFFENSE

Team	Rush	Pass	Total
Lourdes	2,159	468	2,627
Mayo	1,272	1,205	2,477
John Marshall	1,728	466	2,194
Century	802	1,155	1,957

##### DEFENSE

Team	Rush	Pass	Total
John Marshall	896	706	1,602
Lourdes	1,008	1,184	2,192
Mayo	1,287	1,067	2,354
Century	1,604	1,245	2,849

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

##### PASSING

Player	Comp	Att	Yds	TD	Int
Tra Grimsrud, Mayo	76	149	1,165	7	6
John Bickle, Century	65	175	1,102	5	3
Noah Hillman, Lourdes	33	79	468	4	5
C. Floodstrom, Century	4	7	117	1	0
Jordan Velez, JM	5	10	107	1	0
Jared Juth, JM	5	17	56	1	0

##### RUSHING

Player	Att	Yds	Avg.
Mason Carstens, Lourdes	164	1,386	8.5
Greg Henry, Mayo	202	1,064	5.3
Cazz Martin, JM	101	612	6.0
Aaron Ajke, Century	139	549	3.9
Carter Greguson, Lourdes	64	339	5.3
Shahan Ameen, JM	35	336	9.6
Jordan Velez, JM	49	331	6.7
Josh Mattison, JM	42	251	5.9
Noah Hillman, Lourdes	60	245	4.1
Zach Wolf, Mayo	17	137	8.1
John Bickle, Century	54	116	2.1
Ray Motley, Mayo	17	91	5.4
DJ Hardin, JM	12	82	6.8
Jake Groteboer, Lourdes	13	69	5.3
Darnell Wheatley, JM	8	67	8.3
Caden Floodstrom, Century	10	61	6.1
Miguel Benjamin, Mayo	8	45	5.6

##### RECEIVING

Player	Rec	Yds	Avg.
Mitch McCarty, Mayo	30	489	16.3
Lucas Fisher, Century	21	326	15.5
Greg Henry, Mayo	14	252	18.0
Cooper Ramaker, Mayo	14	238	17.0
Miguel Benjamin, Century	15	231	15.4
Eric Philipps, Century	20	227	11.3
Carter Greguson, Lourdes	12	148	12.3
Elijah Anderson, Century	9	142	15.8
Jose Benjamin, Century	5	124	24.7
Matt Carpenter, JM	5	116	23.2
Jake Muehlenbein, Lourdes	6	106	17.7
Jordan Velez, JM	8	104	11.6
Matthew Ustby, Lourdes	3	97	32.3
Brady Tuckner, JM	5	91	18.2
Josh Fritzkner, Lourdes	7	77	11
Quentin Chatman, Mayo	4	58	14.5
Nate Sheridan, Mayo	5	57	11.4
Aaron Ajke, Century	6	56	9.3
Jake Klingele, Mayo	5	55	11.0

##### SCORING

Player	TD	FG	2P	1P	Pts
Greg Henry, Mayo	19	0	0	0	114
Mason Carstens, Lourdes	15	0	3	0	96
Carter Greguson, Lourdes	9	0	1	0	56
Aaron Ajke, Century	8	0	1	0	50
Cazz Martin, JM	7	0	1	0	44
Jordan Velez, JM	5	0	2	0	34
Mitch McCarty, Mayo	5	0	1	0	32
John Bickle, Century	4	0	0	0	24
Kolton Mullenbach, Lourdes	1	0	19	22	1
Josh Mattison, JM	3	0	0	0	21
Brady Tuckner, JM	3	0	0	0	18
Lucas Fisher, Century	3	0	0	0	18
Eric Byrne, JM	0	0	0	14	13
Tristan Wentworth, Mayo	0	0	0	13	13
Shahan Ameen, JM	2	0	0	0	12
Trajan Grimsrud, Mayo	2	0	0	0	12
Ray Motley, Mayo	2	0	0	0	12
Matthew Ustby, Lourdes	2	0	0	0	12
Miguel Benjamin, Century	2	0	0	0	12
Jose Benjamin, Century	2	0	0	0	12
Francis Villeneuve, Century	0	0	0	12	12
Noah Hillman, Lourdes	1	0	2	0	10
Jake McCabe, Mayo	0	0	0	10	10

### SECTION 1AAAAA

#### QUARTERFINALS

##### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

No. 5 Century (2-6) at No. 4 Northfield (3-5), 7 p.m.

No. 6 Austin at No. 3 John Marshall (5-3), 7 p.m.

#### SEMIFINALS

##### TUESDAY, OCT. 20

##### At highest seed

Northfield/Century winner at No. 1 Owatonna (7-1), 7 p.m.

JM/Austin winner at No. 2 Mayo (5-3), 7 p.m.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

##### SATURDAY, OCT. 24

##### At highest seed

Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

# Week 9: Sections JM vs. Austin

## NO. 6 AUSTIN AT NO. 3 JOHN MARSHALL

7 p.m. Wednesday at John Drews Field

Records: JM is 5-3 overall, Austin 0-8.

Last meeting: JM beat Austin 32-7 to begin the season. JM trailed Austin 7-6 at halftime, then ran off 26 unanswered points.

Last week: JM beat New Prague 48-14. Austin lost a shootout to Faribault, 56-41.

**Austin notes:** Austin is reeling on defense. The Packers have allowed 56, 77, 42, 56 and 56 points in their last five games. Injuries have taken a toll, especially up front. Offensively, Austin has been solid. The Packers got 161 yards rushing from Nate Conner last week, and 103 from quarterback Jakob Crouch. Crouch also passed for 127 yards. Against JM, Crouch threw for 145 yards.

**John Marshall notes:** The Rockets turned in one of their most

complete games of the season against winless New Prague. They were stifling on defense, returned a pair of fumbles for touchdowns, returned a punt for a touchdown, and ran for 264 yards. JM has played excellent defense almost the entire season. It has given up 14 points or fewer five times. Offensively, JM doesn't pass much. But when it's made a big play through the air, tight end Brady Tuckner has often been on the receiving end of it. Tuckner has three touchdown catches

— Pat Ruff



\* John Marshall has safely made it to the Section One, Class AAAAA football semifinals.

That's all it was really after Wednesday night as it took on winless Austin in the first round at JM's John Drews Field.

JM made it look easy as it dominated defensively with five interceptions, and also ran for nearly 300 yards in its 35-6 win.

Logan Saltou had three of those picks, DJ Hardin two.

Next up for the No. 3-seeded Rockets is a rematch with No. 2 Mayo. The Spartans came out on top the first time, 21-13. They'll play at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Mayo.

### SECTION 1AAAAA FOOTBALL

# Austin ripe for the pick for JM

Saltou, Hardin combine for five interceptions

BY PAT RUFF  
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Rochester John Marshall wanted to get that one over with.

That's usually the case when you're a prohibitive favorite and you're in the first round of the football playoffs.

That description fit the 6-3 Rockets on Wednesday night, as they played host to winless Austin (0-9) in the quarterfinals of the Section One, Class AAAAA tournament at John Drews Field.

JM got what it wanted, a decisive victory, blasting the Packers 35-6.

Next up is a contest that has "heated" written all over it. No. 3 seed JM travels to play No. 2 Mayo at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Mayo beat the Rockets 21-13 in the teams' previous meeting this season.

"We're focused on Mayo now," JM defensive back Logan Saltou said. "We're super pumped for that one. I think we're in good shape. We're peaking at the right time."

It was Saltou — along with fellow senior defensive back DJ Hardin — who made Wednesday's game worth remembering. They did it by driving Austin's quarterbacks crazy with their thieving

ways.

Saltou finished with three interceptions, while Hardin had two. Hardin turned one of his picks into a 38-yard touchdown as he used his running back skills to sprint and then cut his way into the end zone.

That score came midway through the second half and gave JM a 21-0 lead. Hardin caught a 25-yard pass from Jared Juth for another TD four minutes later as the Rockets went into halftime with a huge 28-0 cushion.

Saltou gave his coaches credit for all the disruption he and the JM defensive backfield created.

"Our coaches put us in perfect position to make plays," said Saltou, who often looked like the center fielder he is in baseball, as he waited for fluttering Austin passes to come down. "We knew the routes that Austin was going to run. We were ready."

### Velez leads ground game

JM used a dominant running game to start things. That was led by its best running quarterback, Jordan Velez. Operating out of the team's wildcard set, the speedy and strong junior had 94 yards rushing on 10 carries by the close of the first quarter.

He carried the team to touchdowns on JM's first two drives. Both were done exclusively on the ground, the second one capped by a Velez 16-yard run.

Velez carried the ball only

### Ticket sale slated

Advance ticket sales for the Mayo vs. John Marshall section football game will be held on Monday and Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in both activities/athletic offices.

District adult and student passes are not valid; everyone must purchase a Region 1AA general admission ticket.

Prices are: adults, \$8; students, \$5.

Kickoff will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Mayo High School Stadium.

one more time the rest of the way as he was relieved at quarterback by Juth with 8:45 left in the second quarter.

Asked if the reason for Velez not entering the game at QB again was strictly to keep him healthy for the section semifinals, JM coach Kevin Kirkeby answered, "Bingo."

JM, which has struggled some on offense this season, figured to get well against Austin. The Packers had allowed an average of 57 points per game over their last five.

JM was on pace to keep those numbers going through the first half. But the Rockets removed Velez before intermission, and had a bunch of reserves playing early and often in the second half.

One downside for JM was its passing game. It continued

to struggle there, completing just 1 of 10 passes, the 25-yard strike from Juth to Hardin.

But a considerable positive was its defense. Austin, which had averaged 40 points over its last four games, didn't come close to that against JM.

"Austin's offense had me nervous," Kirkeby said. "They can be really explosive."

Not Wednesday night. Not against JM.

### John Marshall 35, Austin 6

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#### First quarter

JM — Josh Mattison 11 run (kick failed), 8:04. Drive: 6 plays, 60 yards, 3:44. Key: Jordan Velez 14 run.

JM — Shahan Ameen 16 run (Shahan Ameen run), 3:38. Drive: 7 plays, 69 yards, 2:17. Key play: Cazz Martin 16 run.

#### Second quarter

JM — DJ Hardin 38 pass interception (Eric Byrne kick), 6:04. JM — Hardin 25 pass from Jared Juth (Byrne kick), 1:59.

Drive: 5 plays, 37 yards, 2:17. Key play: Cazz Martin 17 run.

#### Third quarter

JM — Shahan Ameen 2 run (Byrne kick), 7:35. Drive: 4 plays, 45 yards, 1:27. Key plays: Martin Korpe 23 run.

#### Fourth quarter

A — Tabarie Gunsallus 2 run (kick failed), 9:39. Drive: 10 plays, 53 yards. Key play: Gunsallus 10 run.

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	A	JM
First downs	15	18
Total net yards	266	317
Rushes-yards	152	292
Passing yards	114	25
Comp.-att.-int.	7-19-5	1-10-0
Fumbles-lost	1-0	5-1
Penalties-yards	0-0	5-45
Punts-avg.	4-22.2	3-37.6

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

##### Rushing

Austin: Jakob Crouch 3-2, Nate Conner 10-37, Tabarie Gunsallus 32-113. John Marshall: Cazz Martin 4-35, Shahan Ameen 16-64, Josh



Photos by Scott Jacobson / sjacobson@postbulletin.com  
John Marshall's Logan Saltou goes up over Austin receiver to snag an interception on Wednesday at John Drews Field. Saltou finished with three picks for JM. More photos from this game are available at postbulletin.com/gallery.

Mattison 6-27, Jordan Velez 11-97, DJ Hardin 1-20, Martin Korpe 3-44, Jason McGinn 1-2, Steven Bruggenthuis 2-12, Jesse Hanson 1-0, Jared Juth 2-(minus 9).

##### Passing

Austin: Crouch 2 completions, 10 attempts, 3 interceptions, 0 touchdown, for 61 yards;

Conner 5-9-2-0, for 55 yards. John Marshall: Velez 0-0-0-0, for 0 yards, Jared Juth 1-7-0-1, for 25 yards.

##### Receiving

Austin: Conner 2-61, Jason Stouill 3-26, Elijah Andersen 1-17, Gunsallus 1-10. John Marshall: Hardin 1-23.

# Week 10: Sections JM vs. Mayo

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



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Rochester Mayo's Mitch McCarty (9) signals Spartans' ball on a fumble recovery during a Big South-east District football game against Rochester John Marshall earlier this season at Mayo Stadium. The teams meet again Tuesday in the Section 1AAAAA semifinals at Mayo.

## Mayo, JM know the keys to coming out on top Tuesday

BY JASON FELDMAN, PAT RUFF  
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Rochester Mayo and John Marshall are in a familiar place, once again facing off in the section football semifinals at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Mayo Stadium.

The two met in the 2012 and '13 semis, Mayo getting comfortable wins in both.

The Spartans are favored to come away winners again, at least based on seedings. Mayo is the No. 2 seed in Section 1AAAAA, JM No. 3.

Mayo is also the favorite based on recent history. The Spartans beat JM 21-13 earlier this season and have won five straight matchups between the teams.

But don't be surprised if JM turns the tables this time. The Rockets were a favorite in their district to begin the season and are teeming with talented seniors. JM sees certain keys to beating Mayo this time around. And the Spartans have some things of their own on their minds.

Here's what the teams' respective head coaches are thinking:

### MAYO COACH Donny Holcomb's keys

**Get Greg going:** Mayo's success this season has largely depended on its ground game, which means getting standout senior running back Greg Henry going early. Henry has rushed for 1,064 yards through eight games this season, but Northfield limited him to 27 yards on 15 attempts in the regular-season finale. "It starts with our line. I'm not worried at all about Greg Henry running hard. We need all 11 guys to do their jobs and be focused. If one guy doesn't do his job, that's when we have breakdowns and Greg can't do his job."



Holcomb

**Play with emotion:** Mayo has been at its best when it has played with passion and emotion on every snap. That was the case the first time it played against JM, but the Spartans had an emotional letdown the following week in an uninspiring loss at Northfield. "We have to play with (passion). We've talked about it every week. The way we played against JM the first time, we have to be able to do that again and show we're maturing as a group."

### No. 3 John Marshall at No. 2 Mayo

Rochester John Marshall (6-3) is in the section semifinals for the fourth time in five years. However, the Rockets haven't reached a section championship game since the 2001 season. That year, they rolled past Mayo 24-0 in the section final. That's also the last time JM beat Mayo in a playoff game. This year's seniors were just 3 or 4 years old at the time. But this group could be the one to get JM over that hump. The Rockets have been outstanding on defense over the past six weeks, allowing just 10.2 points per game in that span.

Rochester Mayo (5-3 overall) is the No. 2 seed in the section for a third consecutive season. The Spartans started the season 4-0 before suffering losses to Mankato West, Owatonna and Northfield in three of their final four regular season games. Mayo is led by senior running back Greg Henry, who has 1,063 yards and 19 touchdowns through eight games. Senior QB Tra Grimsrud leads the passing attack, with 1,132 passing yards and seven touchdown passes. Mayo averages 25.1 points per game and allows 22.8.

**Don't hurt themselves:** Penalties. Turnovers. Big plays allowed. When Mayo hasn't been successful this season, it's often been because of a lack of focus and concentration and because of mental miscues. The Spartans can play with any team in the section when they eliminate those things. "Our seniors stood up and addressed the team, and they said everything I would have. They talked about taking ownership of their jobs. They said, if one guy isn't focused, it can hurt the whole team. It all comes down to that."

### JM COACH Kevin Kirkeby's keys

**Field position:** John Marshall struggled with field position in its last meeting with Mayo. All three of the Spartans' scoring drives were relatively short. They scored from 60, 50 and 21 yards. JM had scoring drives of 75 and 63 yards. "This is one area of football that is oftentimes overlooked. In the first meeting, Mayo seemed to have better field position. In order for us to get the field-position advantage, we must cover kickoffs and punts well, and we need to return punts and kickoffs well. In addition, our offense needs to be able to move the ball well and avoid three-and-outs. Finally, our defense needs to cause as many three-and-outs as possible."

**Need to execute:** John Marshall has hurt itself badly all season with penalties at inopportune times. It's also failed to ever establish

much of a passing game. Put the penalties together with the scattered passing, and the Rockets have had a tough time keeping drives alive. Penalties lead to longer-than-average yards required on third down. "As mentioned in the first key, the offense needs to avoid three-and-outs and it (needs to) sustain drives against Mayo's defense. In order to do this, we need to convert third downs and avoid penalties that put our offense in tough positions to get first downs. To do this, everyone on offense needs to do their jobs and execute their assignments correctly."



Kirkeby

**Have fun:** There is plenty of pressure inherent in playing in semifinal section football playoff games. Add in another factor — the opponent being rival Mayo — and this game figures to be more pressure packed than any that JM has played this season. The Rockets have to look at this as a game, not life and death. "The JM vs. Mayo game is a big deal for these kids. The JM players need to remember that this is a special game and not get caught up in the JM vs. Mayo rivalry. Instead, treat this just like any other game and remember to have fun. We'll play much better if we're out there on Mayo's field having fun and relishing in how great and special it is to be playing this game."

## SECTION 1AAAAA SEMIFINAL

### NO. 3 JOHN MARSHALL AT NO. 2 MAYO

7 p.m. Tuesday, at Mayo Stadium

**Records/seeds:** No. 3 John Marshall 6-3, No. 2 Mayo 5-3.

**Last game:** JM rolled past Austin 35-6 in a section quarterfinal game at JM last Wednesday. Mayo had a first-round bye; it lost to Northfield 24-7 in the regular-season finale on Oct. 9.

**Last meeting:** Mayo defeated JM 21-13 at Mayo on Oct. 2, Week 7 of the regular season. Greg Henry ran for 122 yards and three touchdowns for the Spartans, while Cazz Martin rushed for 140 yards for the Rockets. Jack Stein and Josh Mattison scored on short TD runs for JM.

**JM notes:** The Rockets are in the section semifinals for the fourth time in the past five years. ... JM is 5-1 in its past six games, its lone loss in that span coming at Mayo on Oct. 2. JM outgained Mayo 280-168 in that game, limiting the Spartans to just 34 yards of offense in the second half. ... The Rockets are allowing just 10.2 points per game over the past six games.

**Mayo notes:** Mayo trails in the all-time series against JM 33-24-1, though the Spartans have won five consecutive matchups and eight of the last 11 against the Rockets. ... The all-time playoff series is tied 4-4. This is the third time in four years that the rivals will meet in the postseason. Mayo won section semifinal matchups in 2012 and 2013.

— Jason Feldman

# Week 10: Sections JM vs. Mayo

## Sports

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# JM sprints into section final

78-yard run in final minute lifts Rockets past Mayo

Post-Bulletin staff

The rematch was everything Rochester football fans expected it to be.

With three minutes remaining, Rochester John Marshall appeared to have the upper hand in a tie game against its oldest rival, Rochester Mayo. Mayo's defense made a big stop.

A minute later, Mayo had the momentum, but JM's defense came up with a stop.

With 35 seconds to go, the Section One, Class AAAAA semifinal game appeared headed for overtime. But JM's offensive line and running back Cazz Martin changed those plans.

Martin dashed through a wide open left side of the line and sprinted 78 yards for a touchdown that lifted his team into Saturday's section championship game. Third-seeded JM (7-3) will play host to No. 4 seed Northfield (5-5) at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Northfield upset top-seeded Owatonna 15-3 on Tuesday, which means JM will be at home with a trip to state at stake. The Rockets last advanced to state in 2004.

"It doesn't matter if we're at home or not," Martin said. "Like coach said, anytime, anybody, anywhere. So wherever it is, give us 100 yards and the ball and we'll get it done."

Plainview-Elgin-Millville senior running back Chase Rahman rushed for 288 yards and three touchdowns in leading the Bulldogs to a 33-27 victory over Rochester Lourdes on Tuesday night in the Section One, Class AAA semifinals in Elgin.

Rahman had 210 yards by halftime. Over his last four games, Rahman has rolled up 961 yards rushing.



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John Marshall's Cazz Martin outruns Mayo's Zachary Wolf for what would be the winning touchdown in the section 1AAAAA semifinal Tuesday at Mayo High School Stadium. JM defeated Mayo 28-21. More photos from this game are available at [postbulletin.com/gallery](http://postbulletin.com/gallery).

Lourdes had an early 7-0 lead, but the Bulldogs scored the next three touchdowns and never trailed again. However, the Eagles rallied in the second half and tied the game at 27-all in the fourth quarter.

But Jacob Johnson returned the ensuing kickoff 82 yards for a touchdown, and the Bulldogs were able to kill the clock and stop one final Lourdes drive to secure the victory.

Noah Hillman paced the Eagles with 101 yards rushing. Senior Mason Carstens rushed 14 times for 84 yards and two touch-

downs. No. 3-seeded Lourdes ended its season 7-3.

The Bulldogs (8-2) advanced to the Section 1AAA finals at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rochester Mayo High School. No. 2-seeded P-E-M faces top-seeded Tri-City United (8-1) with a trip to state on the line.

The Section 1AA title game is going to be a repeat of last year as both unbeaten and state-ranked Caledonia and Lewiston-Altura advanced to the finals.

Top-seeded, and No. 1-state ranked Caledonia (10-0) blanked No. 4 Chatfield 48-0 in the section

semifinals on Tuesday. Fifth-ranked Lewiston-Altura (10-0), the No. 2 seed, toppled No. 3 Triton 42-21.

"We've been waiting for it all offseason," L-A senior Brady Borkowski said of getting a chance to avenge last year's loss to Caledonia.

Borkowski rushed for 140 yards, had an interception and blocked a punt and returned it for a touchdown in L-A's semifinal win.

**Pages D3, D6: Results from all of Tuesday's playoff games in southeastern Minnesota**

### HEROES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Stewartville continued its dominating season with a 49-18 win over Kasson-Mantorville in the Section 1AAAA semifinals. The Tigers led 28-0 in the first quarter. Stewartville finished with 231 yards rushing and 161 passing.

No. 1-ranked Caledonia scored 41 of its 48 points in the first half and blasted Chatfield 48-0 in the Section 1AA semifinals. Owen King passed for 202 yards and two touchdowns.

Calvin Peterson scored a touchdown in the final minute from 1 yard out and Goodhue slipped past Rushford-Peterson 21-20 in the Section 1A semis.

Riley Means threw two first-quarter touchdown passes and Fillmore Central beat Wabasha-Kellogg 35-0 in the Section 1A semifinals.

Grand Meadow and Spring Grove will get its rematch and it will come in the Section One, Nine-Man finals. Grand Meadow beat Houston 33-8 in the semis, and Spring Grove rolled past Mabel-Canton 48-14. The teams met earlier in the season, with GM prevailing 21-20. The Larks are ranked No. 1, the Lions No. 7.

### SCOREBOARD

#### Section 1-9 Man

**Semifinals**  
Grand Meadow 33, Houston 8  
Spring Grove 48, Mabel-Canton 14

#### Section 1A

**Semifinals**  
Fillmore Central 35, Wabasha-Kellogg 0  
Goodhue 21, Rushford-Peterson 20

#### Section 2A

**Semifinals**  
New Ulm Cathedral 48, Mankato Loyola 6  
Fairbault B.A. 28, Blooming Prairie 14

#### Section 1AA

**Semifinals**  
Caledonia 48, Chatfield 0  
Lewiston-Altura 42, Triton 21

#### Section 2AA

**Semifinals**  
Blue Earth Area 17, Waterville-Elysian-Morristown 14  
Maple River 17, Kenyon-Wanamingo 14

#### Section 1AAA

**Semifinals**  
Tri-City United 14, Kenyon-Wanamingo 0  
Plainview-Elgin-Millville 33, Lourdes 27

#### Section 1AAAA

**Semifinals**  
Stewartville 49, Kasson-Mantorville 18  
Winona 41, Red Wing 34

#### Section 1AAAAA

**Semifinals**  
Northfield 15, Owatonna 3  
John Marshall 28, Mayo 21



### JM STORMS ITS WAY INTO FINALS



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John Marshall fans flood the field to congratulate players after the Rockets' 28-21 win over Mayo in the section 1AAAAA semifinal Tuesday at Mayo High School Stadium. Details on the game, D1. More photos are available at [postbulletin.com/gallery](http://postbulletin.com/gallery)



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# Week 11: Sections JM vs. Northfield

## Can JM win title for 1st time since '04?

Rockets, Northfield were preseason favorites

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The preseason prognosticators were right. Rochester John Marshall and Northfield will indeed meet Saturday night with a trip to state on the line.

But the truth is, seven weeks into this football season, most of those who picked JM and Northfield to land in the Section One, Class AAAAA championship game would have wanted a do-over:

JM was lurking just above .500 at 4-3 and coming off a frustrating loss to Mayo. And Northfield? It was becoming even more of an after-thought. The Raiders were 2-5 and had just lost 20-17 in overtime to

a Century team whose only prior win had been against winless New Prague.

But here they are, playing for a title at 7 p.m. Saturday at JM's John Drews Field. And playing much more like the teams they were projected to be.

No. 3 seed JM enters 7-3, No. 4 Northfield 5-5. Both scored impressive upset wins in the section semifinals.

JM rode 228 yards rushing and a final-minute 78-yard touchdown sprint by Cazz Martin to a 28-21 win over Mayo.

It put JM in the section championship for the first time since 2004.

Northfield played lights-out defense and got five field goals from Isaac Stadler — including a 48-yarder — in beating top-seed Owatonna 15-3.

"I'm not surprised that Northfield is in the finals,"

JM second-year head coach Kevin Kirkeby said. "They have a tough defense, a tough offense, and they're hard-nosed kids. They've also finally gotten everyone healthy."

### Their second meeting

Northfield long-time coach Bubba Sullivan has similar respect for JM. The teams met once already this season, the Rockets escaping with a defensive-minded 6-0 win in Rochester:

It's that JM defense that Sullivan has the most regard for. But he's also wary of a Rockets running game that JM rides almost exclusively.

JM's defense allows 14 points per game, while its offensive manages 28. The latter has done it by grinding and sprinting to a season-total 2,368 ground yards. But through the air? Just 521 yards and a wobbly completion percentage of .333.

JM is also likely down to one quarterback (junior Jared Juth) now, after rotating two down the stretch of the season. Run-first QB Jordan Velez injured his knee in the section semifinal game against Mayo. That will likely keep him out this week and maybe beyond, if JM were to win.

But the Rockets have caught Sullivan's attention. "JM's defense is really, really good," he said. "They are fast and physical. And their run game is impressive. They have a ton of speed."

Northfield, like JM, is big and strong and also does better running than passing. But 6-foot-8 Luke Harris has now settled in as the starter at quarterback and has been solid. He entered the Owatonna game with 816 yards passing. Josh Chlan leads the rushers with over 800 yards.

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John Marshall's Emmanuel Tetteh-Jada celebrates after tackling Mayo quarterback Trajan Grimsrud on Tuesday in the Section 1AAAAA semifinals. Tetteh-Jada is a big part of an excellent JM defense. The Rockets face Northfield for the section title Saturday.



# Week 11: Sections JM vs. Northfield

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# Lift off! Rockets soar into state

John Marshall among six Section 1 champs crowned on Saturday

Post-Bulletin staff

The drought is done. Rochester John Marshall hadn't played in a Section One football championship since 2004. Not only did it play in one Saturday night at John Marshall Stadium, the No. 3-seeded Rockets won in dramatic fashion, beating No. 4 seed Northfield 15-12.

JM (8-3) will play in the state tournament quarterfinals at 9 p.m. next Saturday against unbeten and No. 1-ranked Mankato West at Lakeville North High School.

Northfield led 12-0 just a couple of minutes into the third quarter. But JM used one big play after another — including a 65-yard touchdown catch by Dontrel Johnson, a 50-yard fumble return for Cazz Martin and an interception by Brady Tucker near the JM goal line — to get it done.

### Stewartville, Goodhue, G.M. win

Jordan Johnson had 298 yards rushing, 62 yards receiving and two touchdowns to lead Stewartville back to the Class AAAA state tournament.

The Tigers scored three touchdowns early then held on for a 21-6 victory over Winona at Schaefer Field. It wasn't a pretty win — Stewartville committed three turnovers and 15 penalties. But the Tigers got the job done.

Their defense was incredible, but it has been all season. The Tigers allowed just nine total first downs and 198 yards of total offense. Stewartville finished with 473 yards.

The Tigers (10-0) will face Marshall (9-1) in the Class AAAA quarterfinals at 7 p.m. Friday in Farmington.

Plainville-Elgin-Millville dominated almost all of its Section One, Class AAA

championship game against top-seeded Tri-City United at Rochester Mayo High School.

But the Bulldogs committed four turnovers, and a late TCU drive proved to be the difference.

The Titans marched 71 yards on seven plays, with quarterback Trevor Smisek throwing an 8-yard TD pass to Jackson Follenda. That gave TCU a thrilling 13-12 come-from-behind victory and the program's first trip to the state tournament.

Chase Rahman led P-EM with 147 yards rushing on 39 carries.

- Caledonia, ranked No. 1 in the state, repeated as the Section One, Class AA champion with an easy 48-7 over fifth-ranked Lewiston-Altura. Both teams entered the game 10-0.

Sophomore quarterback Owen King was 15-for-19 passing for 270 yards and four touchdowns, all to Tanner Gran. Gran caught nine passes for 196 yards and the Warriors forced six turnovers, all in the first half.

- No. 3 seed Goodhue's defense overwhelmed No. 1 seed Fillmore Central, holding the Falcons to just five first downs and 73 yards of total offense as Goodhue claimed the Section 1A title by a score of 29-0.

Sophomore running back Mason Huemann had 24 carries for 209 yards and two touchdowns for Goodhue, and quarterback Jacob Pesch threw three touchdown passes to Sam McNamara and Ryan Schoenfelder as the Wildcats averaged a 12.9 loss to the Falcons earlier this season.

Michael Stejskal accounted for 203 yards of total offense and Christopher Bain accounted for 197 to lead Grand Meadow back to the 9-man state tournament for a fourth consecutive season with a 35-7 victory against Spring Grove in the Section 1 championship game.

No. 1-ranked Grand Meadow (11-0) has won 33 consecutive games and its seniors have won 40 games in their four-year careers.

The Superlarks held the Lions to 169 yards of total offense.

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Rochester John Marshall's Cazz Martin, center, is hoisted off the ground by Emmanuel Teteh-Jada as they celebrate with Shahin Faramazi and Malik Thomas after defeating Northfield for the Section One, Class AAAA championship at John Drews Field on Saturday. More photos are available from this game at postbulletin.com/gallery.



### SECTION 1AAAAA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# JM's 'ton of heart' wins section title

Rockets reach state tourney for first time since 2004

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Defensive stalwart, tough minded, brimming with speed and strength, and lover and producer of the big play. All of that describes the Rochester John Marshall football team.

So does something that the Rockets haven't been able to say since 2004: Section One champions and state-bound. Nothing is sweeter than that last one.

"I knew we had the potential for this when the season started," said a beaming Brady Tucker. "We just had to finish today."

No. 3 seed JM earned the title Saturday night with its second dramatic victory in five days. It used a trio of monstrous plays to rally and knock off No. 4 Northfield 15-12 at John Drews Field.

JM takes an 83 record to the state quarterfinals where it will meet familiar foe and No. 1-ranked Mankato West at 6 p.m. next Saturday at Lakeville North High School.

"Our guys played with a ton of heart," said JM coach Kevin Kirkley, his hair soaking wet after his players doused him in a post-game celebration. "This is such a resilient group. They hung in there even when we were down, and our defense kept us in the game."

"I'm just so satisfied after all of the work our players and our assistant coaches have put in."

### A resilient bunch

It's safe to say that nobody has burned more midnight oil than Kirkley in making this JM team reach its potential. But he's right-on about the Rockets being resilient. Never was that more evident than



Rochester John Marshall's Brady Tucker (32) celebrates an interception during the Section 1AAAAA championship game on Saturday at John Drews Field. More photos are available from this game at postbulletin.com/gallery.

Saturday night.

JM's season looked close to done just minutes into the second half. Northfield had taken its slim 6-0 half-time lead and made it 12-0 at the 10:22 mark of the third quarter after a short pass from Luke Harris to Nicolas Zabel, who sprinted 68 yards for a touchdown.

So how do you counter something like that, especially when Northfield is ganging up on your vaunted run game and you've shown little ability to pass all season?

Kirkley had an answer. On the second play of JM's next offensive series, quarterback DJ Hardin took what looked to be an innocent pitch left. Instead of turning it upfield, Hardin put the ball in his left hand, stopped and flung it to his cousin, Dontrel Johnson. Johnson was 25 yards down field and 8 yards beyond the defense.

The senior caught it and

tonna in the section semifinals — including a 47-yarder — had made kicks of 29 and 37 yards against JM in the first half.

But in the second half, after Johnson's TD catch, he followed by missing two straight. The first was from 41 yards, the second from 26.

JM — pardon the pun — was still kicking, and its defense came up big.

Harris connected on a 12-yard gain to receiver Alex Rasmussen. But defensive backs Hardin and Josh Mattison raked the ball free. Cazz Martin — the fastest player on the field — was on the spot. He quickly picked it up and even more quickly ran it 50 yards into the end zone.

"This is a team thing," said Martin, who last week delivered a 78-yard touchdown sprint in the final 30 seconds to beat No. 2 seed Rochester Mayo in the section semifinals. "Josh and DJ made him fumble. I just picked it up and ran with it."

One more big play

Martin had run the Rockets right into position to win the game. After Mattison then banged in for a two-point conversion, JM owned the lead for the first time all night, 15-12.

There was one more heroic play to come, provided by the 6-foot-2, 195-pound Tucker: who used all of his athletic ability to likely save the day.

Northfield was operating from the JM 30 and appeared poised to tie the score with a field goal or go ahead with a touchdown.

But Tucker would allow neither. On first down, Harris threw a ball over the middle that looked ready to hit his receiver in the hands. But Tucker pulled a reversal, making one quick step, leaping high into the air and then wrestling the ball away at the JM 3.

"Our coaches had us defensive backs in great position," said the ever-humble Tucker.

"But when I picked it, I couldn't believe it."

JM was left with five minutes to try to salt the game away. Behind the suddenly impossible-to-stop Martin, they did just that. JM — with Martin running the ball on eight of 10 plays — marched from its own 3 to the Northfield 44.

By the time JM finally had to punt, just 14 seconds were left on the clock.

Tucker booted it all the way to the Northfield 10.

It was all the heroics JM would need. Northfield was done, and JM was moving on to state for the first time since 2004.

### JM 15, Northfield 12

Northfield — 0 6 6 0 — 12  
John Marshall — 0 0 7 8 — 15

First quarter

NF — Isaac Stadler 29 field goal, 7:18. Drive: 52 yards, 11 plays, 5:13. Key play: Tanner Ernie, 29 pass from Luke Harris.

Second quarter

NF — Nicolas Zabel 68 pass from Harris (pass failed), 10:22. Drive: 3 plays, 63 yards, 1:31.

JM — Dontrel Johnson 55 pass from DJ Hardin (Taylor Badger kick), 9:21. Drive: 2 plays, 55 yards, 8.

Fourth quarter

JM — Cazz Martin 50 fumble return (Josh Mattison run), 7:30.

TEAM STATISTICS

	N	JM
First downs	15	8
Total net yards	364	215
Rush-yards	29-102	39-160
Passing yards	262	55
Comp.-att.-int.	14-24-1	0-4-0
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-yards	7-55	3-35
Punts-avg.	2-42	4-36.2

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing  
Northfield — Carver King 16-77, Brandon Foster 6-15, Luke Harris 4-2, John Votto 3-8, John Marshall — Cazz Martin 19-90, Jared Jeth 8-36, DJ Hardin 1- minus 1, Shanhan Ameen 1-6, Josh Mattison 10-28.

Passing  
Northfield — Harris 15 completions, 24 attempts, 1 interception, 1 touchdown, for 24-1-1 for John Marshall — Jared Jeth 0-0-0, for 0 yards, Hardin 1- minus 1, Shanhan Ameen 1-6, Josh Mattison 10-28.

Receiving  
Northfield — Tanner Ernie 4-104, Nicolas Zabel 5-103, Carver King 1-1, Trevor Lyon 2-24, Alex Rasmussen 3-38, John Marshall — Dontrel Johnson 1-55.



# Section Champs!!!



# Week 12: State JM vs. Mankato West

## JM's 'little big guy' ending career strong

Rockets RB Martin has found a home

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Cazz Martin gets regular phone calls and texts from his father, Carmono Lane Sr.

Lane lives in Chicago. Martin lives in Rochester with his mom, LaTrina; two younger siblings; and an older sister. The Martins fled Chicago in the spring of 2011, in search of a better and safer existence than the one they had in Chicago's south side.

"There was a lot of violence around us," Cazz said. "I saw a lot of things that I don't want to see again."

Carmono's messages to Cazz — a Rochester John Marshall senior — are normally sports related. In the fall, there are constant reminders for Cazz to be a fighter when he's doing what he does best — running with a football.

Carmono understands Cazz not just because he's his son. In looks and athleticism, Cazz is his clone. All 5-feet-6, 170 pounds of him.

"My dad isn't the biggest guy, but he's really athletic and really strong," said Cazz, who has used his sprinter's speed and willful style to run for nearly 1,000 yards this season and help lead JM to the Class AAAAA state football tournament. The Rockets play No. 1-ranked Mankato West in the quarterfinals at 6 p.m. Saturday at Lakeville North High School.

"My daddy has always told me to never let just one guy tackle you."

Carmono put that mindset on display this past summer. It came during one of the Martin family's frequent visits of relatives in Chicago. The family got busy with some backyard tackle



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**Rochester John Marshall running back Cazz Martin breaks loose for a touchdown earlier this season. Martin has been a major force for the state-bound Rockets, rushing for 965 yards, with 10 touchdowns.**

football.

Old-man Carmono showed Cazz the determination he'd been preaching to his son.

"My dad is 45, and it took four of us to tackle him," Cazz said with a laugh. "He's always tells me that he was a playground legend."

### JM's drama king

Cazz has spent much of this season flirting with legendary John Marshall football status.

He's especially done it the last two weeks. That started with the Section 1AAAA semifinals

against rival Rochester Mayo, when he seemingly lived a dream in that 23-21 win.

Yes, there were a career-high 228 yards rushing by him. But it was the way Martin ended the game that will be forever remembered. With the score tied at 21 and 21.7 seconds left on the clock, Martin took a pitchout at the JM 22-yard line, eyed a gaping hole, then proceeded to use his sprinter's speed to bolt 78 yards down the left sideline for a game-winning touchdown.

His mind flooded when he reached the end zone, thinking

about his dad and grandma, and all those people back in Chicago who'd be so proud of him.

And then came his JM teammates, mobbing him in celebration. Unbelievable.

"It was a feeling I'd never had before," Martin said. "I've never had anything like it."

Though not quite on par with the Mayo-game dramatics, Martin did some more memory etching four days later in the section championship.

With his team trailing Northfield 12-7 midway through the fourth quarter, and desperate for a big play, Martin did it again. Northfield had just completed a pass at midfield. But JM teammates Josh Mattison and DJ Hardin met the receiver there, then managed to rake the ball free.

If JM could have hand-picked anyone to scoop it up at that point, it would have been Martin, the fastest guy on the field and always with a nose for the end zone. He did, all right, then outran would-be tacklers en route to a 50-yard touchdown.

Martin had done it again, though he still wasn't done. After Brady Tuckner intercepted Northfield deep in JM's end on the Raiders' next possession, the Rockets then put things away by going on a clock-draining drive that featured none other than the Rockets' little big man, 5-6, 170-pound Martin.

The Chicago kid banged and churned and fought his way for a pack of first down runs. All the while, Martin's family was in the stands, reporting all of the good news by phone to Cazz's father back in Chicago.

Carmono liked what he heard. Cazz had taken his dad's advice, and literally run with it.

"I'm not the biggest guy out there," Martin said. "But when I'm playing, I feel like I am."



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### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Can JM ruin West's unbeaten season?

Defense that holds will win the game

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It's as if Rochester John Marshall and Mankato West are staring in a mirror when they see each other's football team.

They're both blessed with loads of speed, strength, size and defenses that excel.

Still, these aren't identical twins. No. 1-ranked and defending state champion West looks different than JM when it drops back to pass. A bit more self-assured.

There is also that vital thing that the mirror doesn't reflect — past history.

When it comes to football state tournaments, the Scarlets could write a book. West, which meets JM in Saturday's 6 p.m. state Class AAAAA quarterfinals at Lakeville North High School, is readying for its eighth state tourney appearance in 10 years. The Scarlets have won two titles in that span.

And JM? The Rockets haven't been to state since 2004, when they were bounced in the first round.

But here they come, the Rockets sporting an 8-3 record, with as much athleticism as it has had in years, and also with one crucial bit of knowledge.

It's that it can play with the unbeaten (10-0) Scarlets. At least it did in the teams' only previous meeting this season, with JM holding a brief third-quarter lead before losing 24-14.

"I think that game gave us confidence," JM standout linebacker/tight end Brady



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**John Marshall seniors Emmanuel Tetteh-Jada (55), Josh Mattison (24), Logan Saltou (22) and Brady Tuckner (32) lead the Rockets onto the field before a game earlier this season. They'll be relying on those seniors in Saturday's Class AAAAA state quarterfinal.**

Tuckner said. "Being as close of a game as it was, it lets us know that we can play with this team. As long as we play good defense and make the big play on offense, we should be fine."

### Defenses dominate

Both teams have exceptional defenses. And they've done it the same way, flying to the ball with rare speed and quickness.

"I think our overall team speed on defense is as good as it's been," said Esch, who's fielded one fast team after another. "We're fast at every one of our positions (on defense)."

Tuckner won't argue with that. But he's just as impressed with West's effort as its burst.

"They go 100 mph all the time," he said. "And that's a lot of what (good) defense is."

West allows 13 points per

### State Class AAAAA quarterfinals

**Who:** John Marshall (8-3) vs. No. 1 Mankato West (10-0)

**Where:** Lakeville North High School.

**When:** 6 p.m. Saturday.

**Next:** The winner plays the No. 3 Spring Lake Park (10-0) vs. No. 4 St. Michael-Albertville (9-1) winner at 6 p.m. Nov. 7 at Prior Lake High School.

game, JM 14.

But where the Scarlets have a large advantage is offense, particularly with how they can vary things. West averages a lofty 42 points per game. The Scarlets have had strong passing games in recent years. But this season they're more grounded, led by a powerful offensive line and 210-pound star halfback Van

Neils. The senior has rushed for 1,158 yards this season.

Still, West also shows an ability to throw (1,307 yards passing). That's something that JM, which averages 26 points, does not do well.

Instead, the Rockets lean almost exclusively on an excellent running game led by their strong offensive line, speedster halfback Cazz Martin (965 yards rushing), and a bevy of other talented halfbacks. JM has rushed for 2,528 yards, but passed for just 576.

Still, JM coach Kevin Kirkeby isn't fretting over the disparity. His team has still managed to play decidedly winning football.

"Every game, we go into it thinking the same thing, that we're going to have to pass," Kirkeby said. "But our kids are the types who seem to make the big play (one way or another) when we need them to make the big play."

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Rochester John Marshall quarterback Jared Juth drops back to pass during Saturday's Class AAAAA state quarterfinal game against Mankato West at Lakeville North High School. More photos available at Postbulletin.com.

## 'Proud of way we finished'

### JM loses in state quarters; Grand Meadow rolls

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Rochester John Marshall has one of the stronger running attacks in the state. The Rockets are also blessed with an athletic and usually stifling defense.

On Saturday night in the Class AAAAA state football quarterfinals at Lakeville North High School, JM ran into a familiar foe who outdid it in both categories.

No. 1-ranked Mankato West showed an overwhelming ability to run and stop the run en route to ending the Rockets' season, winning 42-20.

It was the second time the Big Southeast District teams met this season. West won the first one in a tussle, 24-14, a game in which JM held a third-quarter lead.

The Rockets got a full dose of star running back Van Neils in that game, but they didn't get a look at the running ability of 210-pound junior quarterback Robert Meidl.

Saturday, fellow 210-pounder Neils and Meidl combined for 306 yards rushing and five touchdowns, all of them on the ground.

While West was doing that, it was denying JM the ability to do what it does best — also run the football. The Rockets, who trailed 14-7 at halftime and 21-7 midway through the third quarter, finished with just 89 yards rushing.

But there was one pleasant surprise in the game for JM. The Rockets turned in by far their best passing game of the season, with junior quarterback Jared Juth throwing for an impressive 248 yards and one touchdown.

JM finished its season 8-4. West moved to 11-0.

"I think everyone is really proud of the way we finished," JM running back Josh

Mattison said.

- Anyone who thought that the Grand Meadow football program was going to take much of a dip this season following its second straight state title run, can forget it.

The Larks looked as dominant as ever Saturday afternoon in the quarterfinal round of the state Nine-Man football tournament at New Prague High School.

No. 1-ranked Grand Meadow romped to a 52-14 victory against Cleveland/Immanuel Lutheran. Until the fourth quarter, when its starters were watching from the sidelines, the Larks scored every time they had the football.

Grand Meadow now takes a 34-game winning streak into next Saturday's 5 p.m. state semifinals at St. Cloud State. The Larks will have a serious test, taking on fellow unbeaten and No. 2-ranked Waubun.

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CLASS AAAAA STATE FOOTBALL

### 'I sure wish we could have another week of this'

Mankato West ends JM's season in state quarterfinals

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LAKEVILLE — A show of hands for those who figured Mankato West would gain 372 yards rushing against Rochester John Marshall's tough and athletic defense, but that JM would stay relatively in the game by throwing for 256 yards?

No hands raised? Of course there's not.

But there you have it. There's your Class AAAAA state quarterfinal-round football game, played at Lakeville North.

West really did run for 372 yards and JM really did throw for 256. About the only predictable thing coming out of Saturday's game was that West won, 42-20.

It is hard to go against the Scarlets, who are unbeaten (11-0), ranked No. 1 in the state poll, and the state's defending champion.

It's also hard to go against a team with all of its experience. West has now reached the state tournament eight of the last 10 years. JM hadn't been to state since 2004.

Now, the Scarlets will play on, readying for the state semifinals.

It's a spot that JM second-year coach Kevin Kirkeby and his players had ached to be in. "I sure wish we could have another week of this," Kirkeby said softly.

The Rockets (8-4) might have had they had an answer for West's running game.

The Scarlets entered averaging 42 points per game. West has had a series of supreme passing quarterbacks the last 10 years. Turns out they have another supreme QB. But this one's different. Robert Meidl

turns heads with his legs, not his arm.

The junior — along with star halfback Van Neils and bolstered by West's overpowering offensive line — ran through, around and past JM defenders all night.

Meidl and Neils both weigh 210 pounds. They're also both fast and punishing. Neils rushed for 183 yards on 16 carries, including sprints of 61 and 58 yards. Meidl had 132 yards on 17 carries, including a 52-yard burst. There was also speedy slotback Charles Terry chipping in 66 rushing yards.

JM thought its own running attack was good, which it normally is. Just not Saturday night. The Rockets managed just 89 yards on the ground.

"West's (running) backs are unbelievable," JM defensive back DJ Hardin said. "They're quick, they're strong, and they keep their legs moving."

The Scarlets built a 14-7 halftime lead. They got it with a Terry 11-yard touchdown run and a Meidl 5-yard TD, both capping long drives.

JM's first-half score came on a 4-yard Josh Mattison plunge.

#### JM QB Juth has huge game

The teams traded touchdowns to begin the third quarter. JM got its points in good part because of a passing game that had been scattered and mostly shelved all season. But not Saturday. Junior quarterback Jared Juth finished a terrific 18-for-26 for 248 yards, one touchdown and one interception. He entered with just 84 passing yards all season.

"I said (earlier in the week) that I thought Jared Juth was going to have a great game," Kirkeby said. "I had a lot of confidence in him. Mankato West was stuffing the box (loading players up front defensively) to stop our running game. So we went with what was working."

That was Juth's right arm. The junior spread the ball to nine receivers, with receiver/



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John Marshall's Josh Mattison makes his way around the end Saturday night en route to scoring a touchdown in the Class AAAAA state quarterfinals at Lakeville North. Pursuing him is Mankato West's Hunter Frericks. West won 42-20. For more photos, go to [postbulletin.com/gallery](http://postbulletin.com/gallery).

running back Hardin catching the most passes (seven), for 75 yards.

"Jared really stepped up for us," Hardin said.

Still, despite all of JM's passing success, the Rockets never could get over the hump against West.

The Scarlets seemed to follow every JM touchdown with one of their own. JM's defensive job became even tougher when star linebacker Brady Tuckner suffered a serious leg injury early (later diagnosed as a broken tibia and fibula) in the second quarter that required him be-

ing placed on a cart and driven away by ambulance. JM also took a hit in the third quarter when standout defensive lineman Immanuel Tetteh-Jada injured his arm and was mostly sidelined after that.

Despite the loss, there remained plenty of 'good feelings

for JM, which rode an excellent senior class all season.

"I think everyone is really proud of the way we finished," Mattison said. "We really developed a love of the game. And being a part of JM football, it's the best."

#### Mankato West 42, JM 20

John Marshall... 0 7 7 6 — 20  
Mankato West... 7 7 14 14 — 42

#### First quarter

MW — Charles Terry 11 run (Tyler Defor kick), 6:54. Drive: 7 plays, 60 yards, 3:27. Key play: Brock Annexstad 16 pass from Robert Meidl.

#### Second quarter

MW — Meidl 5 run (Defor kick), 9:05. Drive: 5 plays, 81 yards, 1:53. Key play: Van Neils 61 run.

JM — Josh Mattison 4 run (Taylor Badger kick), 4:36. Drive: 3 plays, 23 yards, 3:37. Key play: Mattison 20 pass from Jared Juth.

#### Third quarter

MW — Meidl 3 run (Defor kick), 6:58. Drive: 11 plays, 62 yards, 4:57. Key play: Charles Terry 12 run.

JM — Mattison 1 run (Badger kick), 2:16. Drive: 10 plays, 73 yards, 4:39. Key play: Matt Carpenter 25 pass from Juth.

MW — Neils 58 run (Defor kick), 1:01. Drive: 3 plays, 72 yards, 1:09. Key play: Meidl 12 run.

#### Fourth quarter

MW — Neils 5 run (Defor kick), 10:26. Drive: 4 plays, 63 yards, 1:27. Key play: Meidl 52 run.

JM — DJ Hardin 25 pass from Juth (kick failed). Drive: 12 plays, 64 yards, 3:14. Key play: Jordyn Dee 21 pass from Juth.

MW — Meidl 5 run (Defor kick), 2:42. Drive: 9 plays, 40 yards, 4:18. Key play: Charles Terry 9 run.

#### TEAM TOTALS

	JM	MW
First downs	19	23
Total net yards	345	392
Rushes-yards	33-89	44-372
Passing yards	256	20
Comp.-att.-int.	19-27-1	2-5-0
Penalties-yards	2-20	3-20
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Punts-avg.	2-46.5	2-49.0

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

##### Rushing

JM — Cazz Martin 10-25, Josh Mattison 14-36, Jared Juth 6-17, DJ Hardin 3-11. Mankato West — Van Neils 16-183, Robert Meidl 17-123, Charles Terry 11-66.

##### Passing

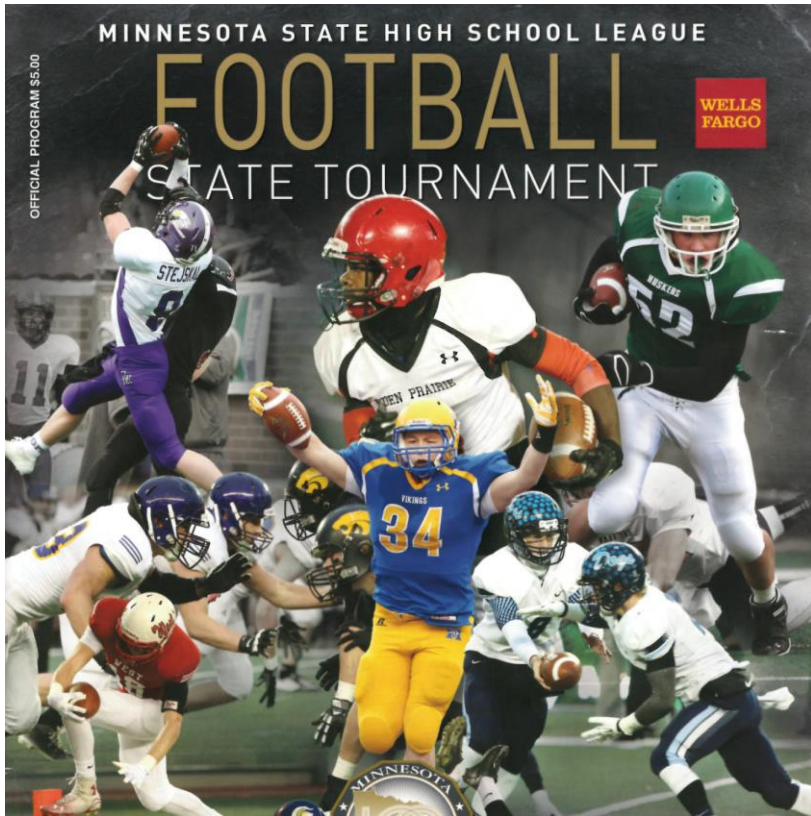
JM — Juth 18 completions, 26 attempts, 1 interception, 1 touchdown, for 248 yards; Mattison 1-1-0-0, for 8 yards. Mankato West — Meidl 2-5-0-0, for 20 yards.

##### Receiving

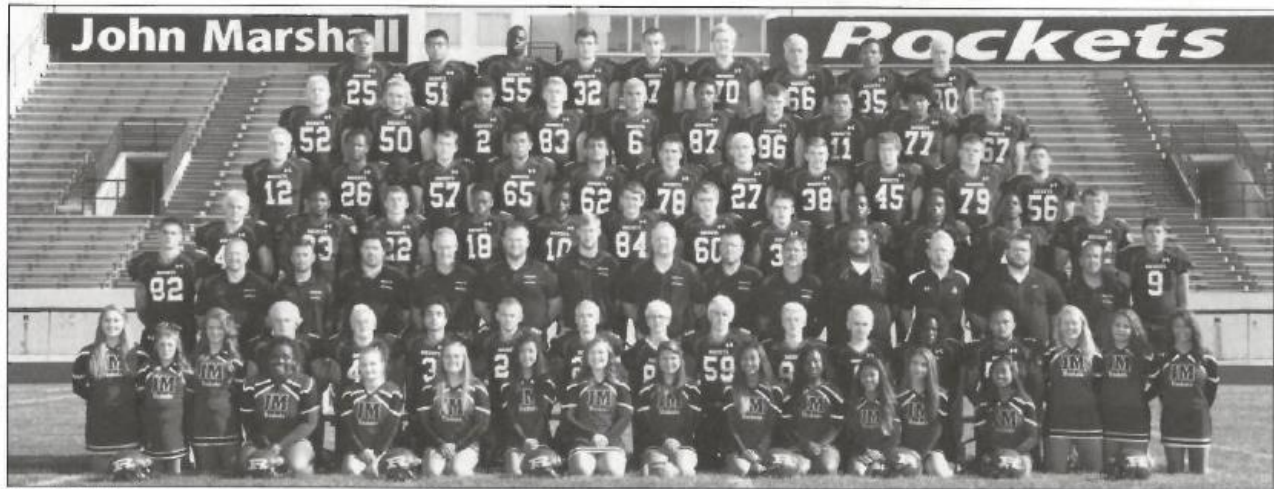
JM — Hardin 7-75, Logan Saitou 3-39, Mattison 4-36, Jordyn Dee 1-21, Matt Carpenter 1-25, Martin 1-4, Dontrel Johnson 1-34, Alex Welder 1-22. Mankato West — Brock Annexstad 2-20.







# Rochester John Marshall - Section 1 Champion - Class AAAAA



**Row 1 (L-R):** Cheerleaders: Angela Lockett, Rachel Jerabek, Jocelyn Smith, LaShawna Sayavong, Caitly Salmon, Jasmine Smith, Kayla Phen, Kharyi Nesengani, Jennifer Lara, Paris Ingebritson, Angellynn Nhean. **Row 2:** Cheerleader Mikayla Nemgar, Cheerleader Madison Clark, Cheerleader Cora Grimm, Riley Sammon, Jason McGinn, Dylan Sutter, Caleb Johnson, Andrew Killian, Mgr. Chaz Morris, Jake Boguslawski, Logan East, Mgr. Sean Healy, Cazz Martin, Caleb Gee, Cheerleader Kailyn McEldowney, Cheerleader Tressa Krauss, Cheerleader Cortiney Galuska. **Row 3:** Jordyn Dee, Coach Pete Dokken, Coach Scott Glandon, Coach Dirk Erickson, Coach Brendan Adams, Coach Brian Becker, Coach Mike Williams, Coach Shane Hewitt, Coach Tim O'Neill, Coach Tim Burkholder, Coach Ian Naatz, Coach James Knutson, Coach Kyle Milnes, Head Coach Kevin Kirkeby, Alex Welder. **Row 4:** Kori McCarthy, DJ Hardin Jr., Logan Saltou, Ron Burks, Adam Hussein, Jonathan Hickman, Damian Chaloner, Jesse Hanson, Martin Korpue, Dontrel Johnson, Elijah Hollins, Josh Mattison. **Row 5:** Jared Juth, Darnell Wheatley, Khavy Vath, Shahn Feramarzi, Ethan Haase, Jordan Velez, Dylan Livingston, Luke Johnson, Hunter Newer, Boone Matzke. **Row 6:** Reid Gerber, Cole Ray, Isaiah Levi, Matthew LaCroix, Shahan Ameen, Monterrius Ridley, Matt Carpenter, Brice Kukuzke, Isaiah Haines, Chandler Starr. **Row 7:** Riley Schreader, David Nguyen, Emmanuel Tetteh-Jada, Brady Tuckner, Calvin Blume, Andrew Gangelhoff, Caleb Banks, Griffin Ferguson.

## Meet the Rockets

NO.	NAME	POSITION	WT	HT	YR	NO.	NAME	POSITION	WT	HT	YR	NO.	NAME	POSITION	WT	HT	YR			
2	Isaiah Levi	WR	S	140	6'0	11	29	Taylor Badger	K	K	145	5'9	9	59	Jake Boguslawski	OL	S	165	5'10	11
3	Dylan Sutter	WR	CB	145	5'8	11	30	Griffin Ferguson	WR	S	165	6'2	11	60	Damian Chaloner	OL	DL	195	5'11	12
4	Cazz Martin	RB	CB	165	5'7	12	32	Brady Tuckner	TE	LB	195	6'2	12	61	Matthew Smiley	OL	DL	200	5'6	10
5	Dontrel Johnson	WR	CB	150	5'9	12	33	Jesse Hanson	RB	DL	165	5'10	12	62	Shahn Feramarzi	OL	DL	220	6'0	12
6	Shahan Ameen	RB	DE	200	6'1	11	34	Martin Korpue	RB	DL	215	5'9	12	65	Khavy Vath	OL	DL	210	6'0	12
7	Aaron Limberg	QB	DB	170	6'0	9	35	Caleb Banks	WR	LB	195	6'1	12	66	Andrew Gangelhoff	OL	DL	225	6'0	11
9	Alex Welder	TE	DE	215	6'4	12	38	Dylan Livingston	TE	LB	180	5'11	12	67	Chandler Starr	OL	DL	200	6'1	12
10	Adam Hussein	WR	CB	145	5'9	11	39	Austin Brown	RB	DB	165	5'9	10	68	Gavin Schaefer	OL	DL	240	6'4	10
11	Brice Kukuzke	WR	DE	205	6'1	11	40	Jason McGinn	RB	LB	180	5'7	11	70	Calvin Blume	OL	DL	250	6'4	11
12	Jared Juth	QB	LB	175	5'11	11	41	Quin Hardy	RB	DB	165	5'7	10	74	Malik Thomas	OL	DL	215	5'9	10
14	Eric Byrne	K	K	155	6'0	10	42	Elijah Hollins	RB	DE	175	5'8	11	77	Isaiah Haines	OL	DL	280	6'0	11
16	Caleb Gronholz	QB		155	5'6	10	44	Kori McCarthy	RB	DL	205	5'8	11	78	Ethan Haase	OL	DL	210	6'0	12
18	Ron Burks	WR	CB	140	5'9	11	45	Luke Johnson	TE	LB	200	6'0	12	79	Hunter Newer	OL	DL	240	6'0	12
20	Andrew Killian	WR	CB	150	5'8	11	46	Steven Bruggenthies	RB	LB	160	5'7	10	80	Logan East	WR	CB	150	5'8	11
21	Caleb Johnson	WR	LB	165	5'8	11	50	Jonathan Cole Ray	OL	DL	210	6'0	11	81	Eric Stai	WR	DB	160	6'2	10
22	Logan Saltou	WR	S	160	5'9	12	51	David Nguyen	OL	DL	265	6'2	12	82	Jordyn Dee	WR	DE	220	6'5	12
23	DJ Hardin Jr.	WR	CB	175	5'10	12	52	Reid Gerber	OL	DL	230	6'2	11	83	Matthew LaCroix	TE	DE	200	6'1	11
24	Josh Mattison	RB	LB	200	5'10	12	53	Riley Sammon	OL	DL	220	5'6	11	84	Jonathan Hickman	WR	CB	170	5'11	12
25	Riley Schreader	RB	LB	210	6'1	12	54	Caleb Gee	OL	DL	195	5'7	12	85	Jared Poole	WR	LB	165	6'1	10
26	Darnell Wheatley	RB	LB	180	5'10	11	55	Emmanuel Tetteh-Jada	OL	DL	270	6'3	12	86	Matt Carpenter	WR	LB	170	6'0	12
27	Jordan Velez	WR	LB	185	5'10	11	56	Boone Matzke	OL	DL	160	5'8	12	87	Monterrius Ridley	WR	S	180	6'1	11
28	Bernard Charles Jr.	RB	DB	135	5'7	10	57	Matt Grota	OL	LB	180	6'1	10	88	Matthew Thompson	TE	DE	195	6'3	10

### SEASON RECORD (8-3)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8-22	Austin	32-7
8-28	Owatonna	21-27 (2OT)
9-4	Mankato West	14-24
9-11	Rochester Century	35-7
9-18	Farrbault	43-13
9-25	*Northfield	6-0
10-2	Rochester Mayo	13-21
10-9	New Prague	48-14

#### SECTION PLAYOFFS

10-14	Austin	35-6
10-20	Rochester Mayo	28-21
10-24	Owatonna	15-12

\*Denotes cooperatively sponsored program.  
See KEY on pages 6-7.

**Head Coach:** Kevin Kirkeby

**Years as Head Coach:** 2 **Career Record:** 11-8

**Assistant Coaches:** Tim O'Neill, Scott Glandon, John Williams, Dirk Erickson, Brendan Adams, Shane Hewitt, James Knutson, Tim Burkholder, Peter Dokken, Brian Becker, Ian Naatz, Kyle Milnes

**Student Managers:** Sean Healy, Chaz Morris

**Superintendent:** Michael Munoz

**Principal:** Tim Limberg

**Athletic/Activities Director:** Mark Kuisle

**Medical Personnel:** Kaylan Groen

**Band Director:** Chris Jarvis

**Cheerleader Coaches:** Kris Hames, Valerie Wassmer

**State Playoff Appearances:** 13th



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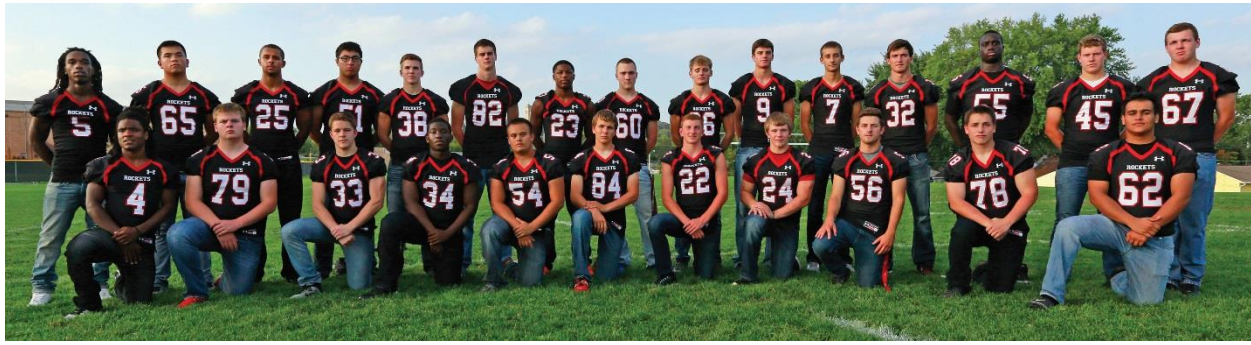
Conference:  
Big Southeast-Red

School Colors:  
Red and Black

Enrollment: 1329

Team information provided by the school.

# 2015 JM Rocket Seniors



# 2015 Varsity Stats

## Rocket Defense

TACKLES			
Player	Solo	Assist	Total
Saltou	35	119	94.5
Welder	40	108	94
Hardin Jr.	51	79	90.5
Tetteh-Jada	33	102	84
Schreader	25	87	68.5
Tuckner	26	84	68
Livingston	21	86	64
Korpue	12	73	48.5
Martin	23	46	46
Mattison	18	51	43.5
Dee	12	39	31.5
Hanson	9	34	26
Ameen	11	28	25
Wheatley	10	29	24.5
Gerber	7	31	22.5
Hollins	3	30	18
Johnson	7	21	17.5
Johnson	5	24	17
Johnson	4	17	12.5
Ridley	6	12	12
Ferguson	5	11	10.5
Haines	4	13	10.5
Gangelhoff	3	14	10
Velez	6	8	10
Haase	4	7	7.5
Killian	4	7	7.5
Burks	3	8	7
Kukuzke	2	9	6.5
Feramarzi	2	8	6
McCarthy	1	9	5.5
Carpenter	3	4	5
Sutter	1	6	4
Hardy	1	5	3.5
Juth	0	7	3.5
LaCroix	0	7	3.5
Matzke	2	3	3.5
Nguyen	0	6	3
Starr	0	4	2
Vath	1	2	2
Banks	0	3	1.5
East	0	3	1.5
Newer	0	3	1.5
Poole	0	3	1.5
Brown	0	1	0.5
Hickman	0	1	0.5
Hussein	0	1	0.5
Sammon	0	1	0.5
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1254</b>	<b>1027</b>

SACKS	
Player	Sacks
Tetteh-Jada	5
Welder	4
Mattison	3
Ameen	2
Dee	2
Korpue	2
Livingston	2
Schreader	2
Gerber	1
Haase	1
Hanson	1
Hollins	1
Johnson	1
Johnson	1
Tuckner	1
Velez	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>30</b>

TACKLES FOR LOSS	
Player	Loss
Tetteh-Jada	20
Welder	18
Schreader	17
Tuckner	12
Korpue	10
Dee	8
Livingston	7
Ameen	6
Gerber	6
Wheatley	6
Hollins	5
Mattison	5
Haase	3
Hardin Jr.	3
Velez	3
Hanson	2
Johnson	2
Banks	1
Feramarzi	1
Haines	1
Johnson	1
Martin	1
McCarthy	1
Newer	1
Saltou	1
Vath	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>142</b>

INTERCEPTIONS	
Player	Int
Saltou	5
Hardin Jr.	3
Mattison	2
Tuckner	2
Johnson	1
Velez	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>14</b>

FUMBLE RECOVERIES	
Player	Fumble Rec
Welder	5
Ameen	2
Saltou	2
Hollins	1
Korpue	1
Martin	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>12</b>

TOUCHDOWNS	
Player	TDs
Hardin Jr.	1
Hollins	1
Johnson	1
Martin	1
Saltou	1
Welder	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>6</b>

# 2015 Varsity Stats

## Special Teams

PUNT RETURNS					
Player	Returns	Total Yards	Average Yards	Longest	TD's
Velez	3	44	14.67	25	0
Sutter	7	37	5.29	10	0
Martin	2	22	11	15	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>8.58</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>

KICK RETURNS					
Player	Returns	Total Yards	Average Yards	Longest	TD's
Martin	10	186	18.6	28	0
Velez	7	112	16	23	0
Hardin Jr.	7	103	14.71	28	0
Ameen	2	31	15.5	17	0
C. Johnson	2	18	9	10	0
Wheatley	1	18	18	18	0
Hanson	1	8	8	8	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>15.87</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>

PUNT				
Player	Punts	Yards	Average Yards	Longest
Carpenter	30	981	32.7	55
Tuckner	14	498	35.57	65
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1479</b>	<b>33.61</b>	<b>65</b>

KICK OFF					
Player	Kicks	Yards	Average Yards	Longest	Touch Backs
Byrne	29	1196	41.24	60	4
Badger	21	943	44.9	57	0
Velez	2	75	37.5	45	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>2214</b>	<b>42.58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>4</b>

Extra Points			
Player	Made	Attempts	Points
Byrne	20	26	20
Badger	8	9	8
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>

Field Goals			
Player	Made	Attempts	Points
Byrne	0	1	0
Badger	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

# 2015 Varsity Stats

## Rocket Offense

RUSHING						
Player	Attempts	Yards	Average Yard	Longest	TD	2 pt.
Martin	167	1028	6.2	78	9	0
Velez	62	467	7.5	23	5	1
Mattison	86	437	5.1	55	8	1
Ameen	47	346	7.4	76	3	1
Juth	42	105	2.5	28	1	0
Hardin Jr.	15	81	5.4	27	0	0
Korpue	12	75	6.3	28	0	0
Wheatley	11	67	6.1	28	1	0
Schreader	5	20	4	8	1	0
Stein	19	16	0.8	16	2	0
Hardy	1	15	15	15	0	0
Bruggenthies	2	12	6	9	0	0
McGinn	3	11	3.7	6	0	0
Brown	2	10	5	5	0	0
Saltou	4	2	0.5	3	0	1
Hanson	1	-2	-2	-2	0	0
Gronholz	7	-9	-1.3	6	0	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>2681</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>

PASSING									
Player	Completions	Attempts	Yards	TD	Int	Longest	Percent	2 pt	QBR
Juth	28	60	317	3	1	35	46.67%	2	72.7
Velez	3	8	79	0	1	34	37.50%	0	34.89
Hardin Jr.	1	1	55	1	0	55	100.00%	0	158.3
Mattison	1	2	9	0	0	9	50.00%	0	62.5
Stein	21	54	352	5	4	72	38.89%	0	61.65
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>43.20%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>69.15</b>

RECEIVING						
Player	Receptions	Yards	Average	Longest	TD	2 pt
Carpenter	6	129	21.5	34	0	0
Tuckner	6	127	21.2	27	3	0
Hardin Jr.	13	117	9	26	2	0
Martin	7	112	16	72	1	1
D. Johnson	4	99	24.8	55	1	1
Velez	7	82	11.7	31	2	0
Saltou	4	48	12	20	0	0
Mattison	3	32	10.7	20	0	0
Dee	1	31	31	31	0	0
Welder	1	22	22	22	0	0
Sutter	2	13	6.5	9	0	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>Total Yards:</b>	<b>3493</b>
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# 2015 Varsity Stats

## Rocket Offense

OFFENSIVE SCORING					
Player	TD*	FG	PAT	2 PT*	PTS
Martin	10	0	0	1	62
Mattison	8	0	0	1	50
Velez	7	0	0	1	44
Ameen	3	0	0	1	20
Byrne	0	0	20	0	20
Tuckner	3	0	0	0	18
Stein	2	0	0	0	12
Hardin Jr.	2	0	0	0	12
D. Johnson	1	0	0	1	8
Badger	0	0	8	0	8
Juth	1	0	0	0	6
Wheatley	1	0	0	0	6
Schreader	1	0	0	0	6
Saltou	0	0	0	1	2
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>274</b>

\*Only receiving and rushing TDs/2 PT conversions

TOTAL OFFENSE*				
Player	Plays	Rush	Passing	Total
Martin	167	1028	0	1028
Velez	70	467	79	546
Mattison	88	437	9	446
Juth	102	105	317	422
Stein	73	16	352	368
Ameen	47	346	0	346
Hardin Jr.	16	81	55	136
Korpue	12	75	0	75
Wheatley	11	67	0	67
Schreader	5	20	0	20
Hardy	1	15	0	15
Bruggenthies	2	12	0	12
McGinn	3	11	0	11
Brown	2	10	0	10
Saltou	4	2	0	2
Hanson	1	-2	0	-2
Gronholz	7	-9	0	-9
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>2681</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>3493</b>

\*No reception information. That is included in All Purpose Yards

# 2015 Varsity Stats

ALL PURPOSE YARDS*					
Player	Rush	Receiving	Kick Return	Punt Return	Total
Martin	1028	112	186	22	1348
Velez	467	82	112	44	705
Mattison	437	32	0	0	469
Ameen	346	0	31	0	377
Hardin Jr.	81	117	103	0	301
Carpenter	0	129	0	0	129
Tuckner	0	127	0	0	127
Juth	105	0	0	0	105
D. Johnson	0	99	0	0	99
Wheatley	67	0	18	0	85
Korpue	75	0	0	0	75
Saltou	2	48	0	0	50
Sutter	0	13	0	37	50
Dee	0	31	0	0	31
Welder	0	22	0	0	22
Schreader	20	0	0	0	20
C. Johnson	0	0	18	0	18
Stein	16	0	0	0	16
Hardy	15	0	0	0	15
Bruggenthies	12	0	0	0	12
McGinn	11	0	0	0	11
Brown	10	0	0	0	10
Hanson	-2	0	8	0	6
Gronholz	-9	0	0	0	-9
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>2681</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>4072</b>

\*All purpose yards does not include forward passes, interception returns nor fumble returns.



2015-2016 School Year ▼			
Overall Record	8-4	<a href="#">Section Record</a>	3-2
Last 10 Games	7-3	<a href="#">Conference Record</a>	3-2
Away Record	3-2	<b>QRF Rank</b>	<b>83.6</b> <b>21</b>
Home Record	5-1		