

2016 Rocket Family

JM Rocket Football



2016 JM Rocket Varsity Football Season

Date	Result	Opponent	Location
Big Southeast Red District Regular Season			
Fri Sep 2	W 45-20	Austin	Austin High School
Fri Sep 9	L 7-26	Owatonna	Owatonna High School
Fri Sep 16	L 20-42	Mankato West	JM Stadium
Fri Sep 23	W 13-6	Rochester Century	JM Stadium
Fri Sep 30	L 14-34	Faribault	Faribault High School
Fri Oct 7	L 14-36	Northfield	Northfield High School
Fri Oct 14	L 12-21	Rochester Mayo	JM Stadium
Wed Oct 19	L 14-19	New Prague	JM Stadium
1AAAAA Section Tournament			
Tue Oct 25	L 28-12	Austin	JM Stadium



2016 JM Rocket Varsity Roster

#	Name	POS	HT	WT	GR
2	Isaiah Levi	WR/DB	6'2"	170	12
3	Dylan Sutter	WR/DB	5'8"	155	12
4	Bernard Charles Jr.	RB/DB	5'8"	160	11
5	Zak Muhidin	WR/DB	6'1"	150	12
6	Shahan Ameen**	RB/LB	6'1"	210	12
7	Aaron Limberg	QB/DB	6'2"	175	10
8	Sean Healy	MGR	5'7"	165	12
9	Devante Hill	RB/LB	5'7"	150	11
10	Adam Hussein	WR/DB	5'10"	150	12
12	Jared Juth**	QB/LB	5'11"	190	12
14	Jordan See-Stadstad	RB/DB	5'8"	150	9
15	Eric Byrne	WR/DB/K	6'2"	180	11
16	Caleb Gronholz	QB	5'10"	160	11
17	Danny Just	WR/LB	5'9"	135	11
19	Mark Sandstrom	TE/LB	5'11"	165	10
20	Andrew Killian	WR/DB	5'9"	160	12
21	Caleb Johnson	WR/LB	5'8"	165	12
24	Steven Bruggenthies	RB/LB	5'8"	180	11
25	Quin Hardy	RB/DB	5'7"	180	11
26	Abdul-Hakeem Mustapha	RB/LB	5'9"	160	10
27	Jordan Velez**	WR/RB/DB	5'11"	210	12
28	Austin Brown	RB/LB	5'9"	175	11
29	Taylor Badger	K	5'9"	145	10
30	Griffin Ferguson	WR/DB	6'2"	185	12
32	Carter McKenzie	WR/LB	6'5"	180	11
33	Carter Reed	RB/LB	5'7"	180	11
34	Steve Yap	WR/DB	5'5"	125	11
35	Darnell Wheatley	RB/LB	5'10"	185	12
36	Braden Black	RB/LB	6'1"	185	9
38	Colton Kitzman	TE/DE	6'3"	215	12
39	Mark Martinez	RB/DB	5'4"	130	11
40	Jason McGinn	RB/DL	5'7"	200	12
42	EJ Hollins	RB/LB	5'8"	185	12
44	Michael Walz	RB/LB	5'9"	170	11
45	Jason Tlougan	WR/DB	6'0"	155	11

#	Name	POS	HT	WT	GR
46	Antonio Nhean	WR/DB	5'1"	125	11
48	Sam Lingen	RB/LB	5'9"	170	10
50	Mustafa Osman	OL/DE	5'9"	180	12
52	Reid Gerber**	OL/DL	6'2"	230	12
53	Riley Sammon**	OL/DL	5'6"	240	12
54	Nick Spratte	OL/LB	6'0"	210	11
55	Andrew Gangelhoff	OL/DL	6'3"	265	12
56	Maximilian Mallory	OL/DL	5'8"	190	12
57/67	Matt Grotta	OL/LB	6' 2"	200	11
58	Kori McCarthy	OL/DL	5'8"	220	12
59	Jake Boguslawski	OL/DB	5'10"	175	12
60	Davin Bellingar	OL/DL	5'9"	200	11
61	Matthew Smiley	OL/DL	5'6"	200	11
62	Will Zeller	OL/LB	6'0"	195	11
63	Uriah Phillips	OL/DL	5'7"	210	12
64	Hunter Backholm	OL/DL	6'0"	215	11
66	Jake Ehrich	OL/LB	5'11"	180	11
68	Tristan Saley	OL/DL	5'9"	200	11
70	Calvin Blume	OL/DL	6'4"	265	12
71	Dakota Anderson	OL/DL	5'8"	275	11
72	Matthew Thompson	OL/DE	6'3"	235	11
74	Malik Thomas	OL/LB	5'11"	210	11
75	Gavin Schaefer	OL/DL	6'5"	250	11
76	Toriano Cain Jr.	OL/DL	6'1"	230	10
77	Isaiah Haines	OL/DL	6'1"	320	12
78	Jacob Johnson	OL/DL	5'8"	190	10
80	Theresa Peterson	TE/DL	5'8"	180	11
81	Adam Shedivy	WR/DB	5'9"	145	11
83	Matthew LaCroix	TE/DE	6'1"	210	12
84	Michael Drucker	TE/DE	6'0"	175	10
85	Jared Poole	WR/LB	6'3"	165	11
86	Mason Mlenar	WR/LB	6'0"	170	11
87	Monty Ridley	TE/DE	6'1"	190	12
88	Seth Petersen	WR/LB	6'1"	165	11
89	Chaz Morris	MGR	5'9"	115	12
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Rockets insist they're refueled

JM still brimming with plenty of speed and strength

BY PAT RUFF
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There will be no taking things down a notch for the Rochester John Marshall football team.

At least if Jordan Velez and Andrew Gangelhoff have anything to say about it.

"Our goal is improve on what we did last year," said Velez, a dynamic 5-foot-11, 210-pounds, with great speed and power.

What the Rockets did last year was advance to the state tournament for the first time since 2004.

Gangelhoff, a 6-3, 265-pound lineman, gets to the nitty gritty with his spoken desires. "We want to get back to state and then win it," said

Gangelhoff, who like Velez will have a big say in what happens, as both figure to start both ways.

JM entered the 2015 season with great expectations. It was brimming with talent, loaded with seniors, and with as much speed as it had had in years.

Though the Rockets stumbled some early in the season, they came through when it mattered most, dramatically

Three things to know

- JM might have the two best running backs in the conference in Jordan Velez (5-11, 210) and Shahan Ameen (6-1, 210). Both are extremely fast and bruising. Both are also potential Division I players.

- The Rockets graduated arguably their best player from a year ago, speedy running back Cazz Martin. But they might have a new version of him in his brother, junior Bernard Charles, another undersized burner.

- Freshman year seems too early to predict potential greatness for anyone. But the word is that JM freshman running back Braden Black (6-1, 185) has the makings of a star. He might find his way onto the JM varsity by the end of the year.

That's the result of the Rockets having graduating a senior class that produced six all-Big Southeast Conference players, most of them now playing in college. That includes Red Division offensive player of the year



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John Marshall do-everything player Jordan Velez will be one of the keys to the Rockets' football season. JM finished as section champion last year.

Cazz Martin (running back) and Red Division defensive player of the year Emmanuel Tetteh-Jada (lineman). It also includes linebacker Brady Tuckner, who like Tetteh-Jada is playing Division II

college football.

Another reason for lowered expectations is that JM graduated all of its defensive starters, though there are a handful back who got ample playing time last year.

But if the rest of the JM team worked anywhere close to as hard as Velez and Gangelhoff this past off-season, the Rockets could be a handful. Both spent the last nine months killing it in the

weight room. Velez in there six days a week, up to three hours a day. Gangelhoff was lifting five days a week, two hours a day.

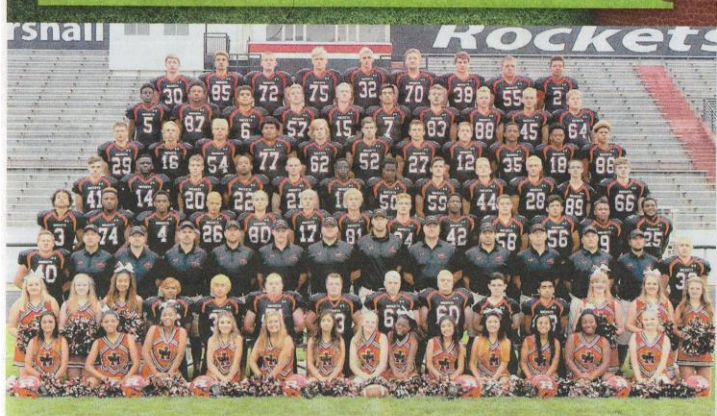
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Rochester John Marshall Rockets



COACH

Kevin Kirkeby



Kevin Kirkeby is in his third season as head coach at JM, 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.

2016 Schedule ROCHESTER JOHN MARSHALL

SEPT. 2	Austin	.....A	7 p.m.
SEPT. 9	Owatonna	.....A	7 p.m.
SEPT. 16	Mankato West	.....H	7 p.m.
SEPT. 23	Century	.....H	7 p.m.
SEPT. 30	Faribault	.....A	7 p.m.
OCT. 7	Northfield	.....A	7 p.m.
OCT. 14	Mayo	.....H	7 p.m.
OCT. 19	New Prague	.....H	7 p.m.

H-Home A-Away

Front Row: Cheerleaders Katelyn Grundry, Arnetta Moore, Arynaya Ray, Samantha Winneke, Brittany Ruff, Lashawna Saywang, Emma Nichols, Ashley Smith, Jennifer Lars, Kalina Senovska, Angelynn Nhean, Khanyi Neesengari, Rachael Janabek.
Row 2: Cheerleaders Jocelyn Smith, Isabella Swenson, Kayla Phin, player Antonio Nhean, Steve Yap, Dakota Anderson, Riley Sammon, Matthew Smiley, Devin Baillarge, Sean Healy, Mark Martinez, cheerleaders Maddie Perkins, Izzy Gronholz, Cara Grimm.
Row 3: player Jason McGinn, head coach Kevin Kirkeby, coaches Pete Dickson, Tim Burkholder, Tim O'Neill, Brendan Adams, Brian Becker, Mike Williams, Shane Hewitt, Dirk Erickson, James Knudson, Ben Kall, Scott Glanton, player Carter Reed.
Row 4: Dylan Suttler, Malik Thomas, Bernard Charles Jr., Trenton Rudling, Theresa Peterson,

Danny Just, Adam Sheldy, Steven Branganthes, E.J. Hollins, Kori McCarthy, Maximilian Mulroy, Dewante Hill, Dain Hardy.
Row 5: Noah Bourgoyne, Chris Ogak, Andrew Kilian, John Marston, Caleb Johnson, Adam Hussein, Mustafa Osman, Jake Boguslawski, Michael Walz, Austin Bowen, Zach Morris, Jake Ehrlich.
Row 6: Taylor Badger, Caleb Gronholz, Nick Spratle, Isaiah Hains, Will Zeller, Reid Gerber, Jordan Velez, Jasef Auth, Darnell Wheatley, Ron Burks, Mason Mianar.
Row 7: Zak Muhadin, Monty Ridley, Shahan Ameen, Matt Grotz, Eric Byrne, Aaron Limberg, Matthew LaCroz, Seth Peterson, Jason Thorgan, Hunter Backholm.
Row 8: Griffin Ferguson, Jared Poole, Matthew Thompson, Gavin Schaefer, Carter McKenzie, Calvin Blume, Colton Kitzman, Andrew Gangelhoff, Isaiah Levi.
Not pictured: Uriah Phillips, Michael Bui.

Skilled, fast Owatonna is clear favorite

Huskies the team to beat in 1AAAAA

BY PAT RUFF
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Owatonna is going to find out in a hurry just how good it is.

The Huskies, picked by many to win Section One, Class AAAAA, start against a pair of formidable squads.

They host perennial power Mankato West first, then touch John Marshall in Week 2.

2015 1AAAAA standings

Owatonna	7-2
John Marshall	8-4
Mayo	5-4
Northfield	5-6
Century	2-7
Austin	0-9

West won its section last year, and JM won Section One a year ago. The Rockets reached the state tournament for the first time since 2004. West eliminated it in the first round of the state playoffs.

"We'll find out if we are any

good right away," Huskies coach Jeff Williams quipped.

Everybody thinks they are good, thanks especially to all of the speed they possess. Owatonna is loaded at receiver and running back, and has a rugged defense which returns a pack of players. The leader of that defensive pack is mammoth nose tackle Chandler Buckhalter, who is over 300 pounds.

John Marshall looks to be the second best team in Section 1AAAAA, with Mayo and Northfield also contenders, and Century a dark horse.

JM lost a bunch of talent from last year, but also returns a pack of high-end players, led by big, strong and fast seniors Jordan Velez-Hames and Shahan Ameen.

OWATONNA

It's unanimous among coaches polled: Owatonna is the team to beat in Section 1AAAAA.

The Huskie, who've been a perennial power under coach Jeff Williams, appear to have one of their better teams in years, and certainly among their fastest.

"So far, so good," Williams said. "We

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still have some questions in our offensive line with just one starter back there. But our line coaches have done a nice job with getting things put together there over the years, assembly line style."

There are plenty of skill players to pick from. That includes the team's fastest guy, Alex Raichle. He's not big at 5-10, 160 pounds. But Raichle can fly (4.5-4.0).

"He had an outstanding summer of seven-on-seven passing scrimmages," Williams said.

There are also slick receivers Dalton Kubista (6-3) and Noah Budach to pick from.

At running back, Owatonna also has plenty of resources. Jason Williamson, Zach Mensink and Bryce Goodwin all figure to get significant playing time, and all do something different at running back. Mensink is a tough inside runner. Williamson is a fast 6-2, 185-pound sophomore and Goodwin has great speed.

"We just hope we can come up with a line that can open them up holes," Williams said.

Owatonna (7-2 last year, and lost to Northfield in section semifinals) actually has even fewer questions on defense than offense. The best defender of the bunch is senior Chandler Buckhalter.

Three-hundred pounds-plus, Buckhalter is receiving interest from Division I team South Dakota State, and has been offered by Minnesota State, Mankato and Minnesota-Duluth.

There is also Goy Tut (6-3, 260) up front, and Ben Staska at linebacker. Staska was second on the team in tackles last year.

JOHN MARSHALL

There are oodles of questions surrounding this season's John Marshall football team.

That's what graduating a swarm of all-conference players leaves you with — questions. Nowhere are they more pervasive than on the defensive side of the ball, where Section 1AAAAA defending-champion JM graduated virtually all of its starters.

In part, the Rockets are starting over. Still, don't be misled. Nobody is taking JM lightly. In fact, most coaches have it ranked among the top three teams in Section 1AAAAA, along with Owatonna and Mayo.

What guided the Rockets last year was their speed. One season later, they're still way above average there. JM has three of the fastest players in the conference in running/linebacker/defensive end Shahan Ameen, defensive back/running back Bernard Charles and running back/receiver/quarterback/defensive back Jordan Velez-Hames.

"We've got quite a bit of speed, for

SECTION 1AAAAA SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2 Mankato West at Owatonna, John Marshall at Austin, Faribault at Mayo, Winona at Century, Northfield at Red Wing	FRIDAY, SEPT. 23 Century at John Marshall, Owatonna at Northfield, Mayo at New Prague, Austin at Mankato West	FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 Austin at Owatonna, John Marshall at Faribault, Mankato West at Mayo, Century at Mankato East, Northfield at Winona	FRIDAY, SEPT. 2 Mayo at Austin, Red Wing at Century, Mankato East at Northfield	FRIDAY, OCT. 7 Mayo at Owatonna, JM at Northfield, New Prague at Century, Albert Lea at Austin
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at least one more year," JM coach Kevin Kirkeby said. "I really like our speed and strength on offense."

Ameen and Velez-Hames are the two most dangerous among them. Ameen, 6-1, 210 pounds, is a bruising guy with breakaway speed. Velez-Hames is elusive, fast and powerful at 5-11, 210 pounds and gives the Rockets another dimension when they use him as an option-running quarterback.

JM, which got hot the end of last year when Jared Juth found his passing stroke, hope to get more of that from him this season. The senior is recovering from a foot injury but should be ready to go when the season opens Sept. 2.

The Rockets are still figuring out who will start up front, on both sides of the ball. But they like where seniors Andrew Ganhelhoff (6-3, 265), Reid Gerber (6-2, 230) and Riley Sammon (5-6, 240) are at.

MAYO

Rochester Mayo lost a bunch of the graduation of such star players as running back Greg Henry, two-way lineman Jon Lorang and Levi Poppe, and receiver Mitchell McCarty.

But the cupboard isn't bare. The Spartans, who finished 5-4 last year, have an experienced and talented quarterback in Trajan Grimsrud. The senior threw for 1,200 yards last season when he was honorable-mention All-Big Nine.

Mayo also returns all-conference linebacker/offensive lineman Jacob Muenkel, all-conference linebacker Ray Motley and all-conference linebacker Zach Wolf.

Also ready to make an impact are defensive end/offensive lineman Carson Ties, offensive lineman/defensive lineman Dillon Hagen, receiver/linebacker Sam Warren and linebacker/running back Malik Franklin.

In senior Motley, who also plays running back, the Spartans have one of the fastest players in the section.

Mayo coach Donny Holcomb believes his team has the most work to do along

both lines, though he sees potential there.

What he likes best about this team is its unity and work ethic.

"I'm very excited for the team with the amount of work and effort they have put into the offseason," he said. "This is one of the tightest teams I've been around, with a ton of leadership."

CENTURY

The Panthers are looking to rebound from a season that produced just two wins in nine tries. But things are looking up, thanks to a couple of outstanding returning defensive backs/wide receivers, as well as some young talent.

Seniors Luke Fisher and Miguel Benjamin represent the former. Fisher was all-Big Nine Conference and third-team All-State last year, and finished with nine interceptions. Strong and fast, Fisher may be the team's best all-around player.

"He brings a competitive edge to him," Century coach Jon Vik said. "He's a person who wants to win at everything he does."

Benjamin was injured most of last season, but is another strong athlete. And like Fisher, he's extremely driven.

"He goes 100 percent at all times," Vik said. "Our younger guys feed off of him (and Fisher)."

The young talent comes from a strong sophomore class. Leading that group are running backs Steven Nah and Collin Smith, as well as 290-pound offensive lineman Brandon Wimbish and quarterback Arath Martinez.

Nah and Smith are both powerfully built, Wimbish is a big guy who can move despite his size, and Martinez is in the running to start at quarterback with his strong arm.

John Bickle was the starting quarterback last year (also an outstanding punter). But he has moved with his family to Eau Claire, Wis. That's left junior Caden Flodstrom and Martinez compet-



Week 1: JM vs. Austin

BIG SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Ameen, Velez help JM sprint past Austin

BY PAT RUFF
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AUSTIN — Rochester John Marshall didn't get off to a pretty start to its 2016 football season. But it was a winning one.

JM pushed to a 45-20 win over Austin on Friday night, riding big games from Shahan Ameen and Jordan Velez.

JM finished 9-3 in 2015, Austin 0-9.

Though it was a win for the Rockets, they did hurt themselves with five turnovers. There were three interceptions and two fumbles. Austin also had five turnovers.

"We had a lot of turnovers; we have to cut down on our offensive mistakes," JM coach Kevin Kirkeby said.

Still, Kirkeby also saw

plenty of positives. Likely the biggest one was the running of senior speedsters Shahan Ameen and Jordan Velez. Ameen had 17 carries for 174 yards, while Velez had 15 for 147.

That helped the Rockets total 383 rushing yards. JM had 501 yards of total offense.

"Offensively, our line did a really nice job," Kirkeby said. "And Jordan had a heck of a game and so did Shahan. Shahan had one play where he had a great stiff arm and took the ball (76 yards) to the house."

Velez had two touchdowns, one on a 56-yard pass from Caleb Gronholz, another on a 1-yard run. Ameen also had a 25-yard TD run.

The JM defense was solid

all game, allowing Austin just 200 yards of total offense.

"Our secondary played really well," Kirkeby said. "Griffin Ferguson had some really nice pass breakups."

Austin was led by Tabarie Gunsallus with 83 yards rushing on 25 carries.

JM 45, Austin 20

John Marshall 14 14 7 10 — 45
Austin 12 0 8 0 — 20

First quarter

JM — Jordan Velez 1 run (Eric Byrne kick)

A — Jakob Crouch kick return (kick failed)

JM — Velez 53 run (Byrne kick)

A — Tate Hebrink 6 pass (2-point conversion failed)

Second quarter

JM — Velez 56 pass from Caleb Gronholz (kick failed)

JM — Shahan Ameen 70 run (Ameen run)

Third quarter

A — Tabarie Gunsallus 17 run (Crouch run)

JM — Velez 1 run (Byrne kick)

Fourth quarter

JM — Byrne 37 field goal

JM — Ameen 25 run (kick)

TEAM TOTALS

	JM	A
First down	14	11
Rushes-yds	49-383	36-132
Passing-yds	118	68
Total offense	501	200
Comp-att-int	4-10-3	11-23-2
Fumbles-lost	na-2	na-3

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing

John Marshall — Shahan Ameen 17-174, Jordan Velez 15-147, Caleb Gronholz 5-20.
Austin — Tabarie Gunsallus 25-83, Tate Hebrink 8-44.

Passing

John Marshall — Caleb Gronholz 4 completions, 10 attempts, 1 interception, 1 touchdown for 118 yards; Velez 0-1-0-1-0. **Austin** — Hebrink 11-23-1-1 for 26 yards.

Receiving

John Marshall — Velez 2-104, C. Ogak 2-14.
Austin — Trent Brown 2-9, Gunsallus 3-5



Week 2: JM vs. Owatonna

BIG SOUTHEAST

Owatonna does it to Rockets again

Post-Bulletin staff

OWATONNA — Make it 12 straight John Marshall football losses to Owatonna.

The Rockets — who looked like they had the Huskies beat the prior two years — were outscored by 19 points in the second half Friday and fell 26-7 to Owatonna in the Big Southeast Red Division contest.

The last time JM beat the Huskies was in 2005.

"I'm not worried about that streak; I don't think about it at all," Kirkeby said. "Every few years, you've got new kids coming through the program."

JM had a chance to score late in the second quarter, but came up empty after reaching the Owatonna 4-yard line. The Rockets also fumbled the ball deep in Owatonna territory in the second half.

"I just felt like we didn't jell well together on offense all



Ameen

"But it was nobody's fault. We are just not clicking on all cylinders yet."

Shahan Ameen accounted for JM's only touchdown. He caught a flair pass from quarterback Caleb Gronholtz and took it 91-yards for a score. The teams went into halftime tied at 7-all.

Owatonna built a 14-7 lead midway through the fourth quarter; then got a pair of short Jason Williamson runs to put the game away.

JM fell to 0-1 in the Big Southeast Red Division and 1-1 overall.

Owatonna 26, JM 7

John Marshall.....0 7 0 0 — 7
Owatonna.....7 0 0 19 — 26

First quarter

○ — Jason Williamson 56 run (kick)

Second quarter

JM — Shahan Ameen 92 pass from Caleb Gronholtz (Eric Byrne kick)

Fourth quarter

○ — 15 pass from Jacob Gauthier (kick)

○ — Williamson 1 run (kick failed)

○ — Williamson 3 run (2-pt conversion failed)

TEAM TOTALS

	JM	O
First down	8	19
Rusher-yds	57	52-288
Passing yds	104	52
Total offense	161	340
Comp-att-int	3-18-1	13-19-1
Fumbles lost	1	0

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing

John Marshall — Shahan Ameen 8-12, Jordan Velez 15-46. **Owatonna** — Williamson 34-219, Gauthier 5-31, Sullivan 1-18, Thorn 8-18.

Passing

John Marshall — Caleb Gronholtz 3-9-0-1 for 104; Velez 0-2-1-0 0; Jared Juth 0-7-0-0 0 yards. **Owatonna** — Jacob Gauthier 13-19-0-1 for 52 yards.

Receiving

John Marshall — Ameen 2-88, Velez 1-16. **Owatonna** — Kubista 3-41, Wiese 1-7, Budach 7 (minus 20).



Week 3: JM vs. Mankato West

JM improved, but West still too much

BY PAT RUFF
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Kevin Kirkeby didn't like the look of his team one week ago.

Didn't like how his Rockets competed against Owatonna, didn't like how they failed to respond after making mistakes, and didn't even like their expressions once the game was done.

Kirkeby marks down Sept. 9 as one of his worst nights as the Rochester John Marshall third-year head football coach.

History didn't repeat itself Friday. Yes, it was a loss by his Rockets, 42-20 to Mankato West. But it was a spirited one at John Drews Stadium and came in a game that was much closer than that final 22-point disparity suggests.

And one other thing: West isn't just any old team. This is the No. 2-ranked squad in Class AAAAA and one that thumped powerful Owatonna earlier this season.

"I feel a lot different than I felt last week," Kirkeby said. "We had a good week of practice (after the Owatonna loss), and we played hard and fast. I'm not disappointed at all with our team. This was nothing like last week."

The Scarlets, led by a running attack that features bruising quarterback Robert Meidl and speedy and powerful tailback Charles Terry, are a handful.

But for at least one half, the Rockets — who slipped to 1-2 overall — were a handful themselves.

JM led 14-7 after the first quarter, and was behind just 21-20 at intermission.

The Rockets had taken advantage of an immediate West mistake. On the second play from scrimmage, the hike from center to Meidl got loose and wound up in the hands of JM defensive lineman Andrew Gangelhoff.

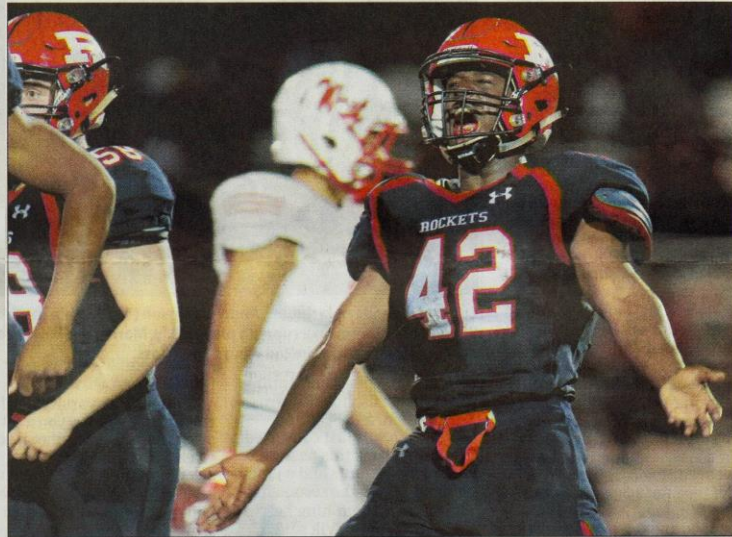
The Rockets had it at the West 10. Two plays later they were in the end zone.

West was undeterred, though. The Scarlets are loaded and they play like it. Their answer was an immediate 10-play, 74-yard touchdown drive with all of it — as it was the case virtually the entire night — done on the ground.

West finished with 300 yards of total offense, 234 of it rushing.

JM was the opposite, with 198 yard passing from Jared Juth, who was making his first start of the season after coming back from a foot injury. The Rockets managed just 73 yards on the ground.

JM was in the game at halftime in good part thanks to Jordan Velez. A 5-foot-11, 210-pound receiver/running back with speed, strength and vision — Velez was doing his thing almost exclusively at receiver Friday.



John Marshall's EJ Hollins reacts after recording a sack to end the first half during Friday's Big Southeast District game against Mankato West.

The senior totaled 124-yards receiving, taking one of Juth's many short passes 48 yards for a touchdown midway through the second quarter.

Juth ended 16-for-24 with a touchdown and an interception.

JM's problem wasn't its offense on this night. It was trying to contain that lethal West running attack. There wasn't much the Rockets could do about it, as they forced West to punt just twice all game.

"(West's runners) have good vision and a low center of gravity," Kirkeby said. "They've got some strong legs."

The Scarlets essentially put the game away in the third quarter when they outscored JM 14-0.

Velez, one of JM's senior captains, said his team made strides against West. But he's looking for more to be made.

"We weren't hustling

(against Owatonna)," Velez said. "That was much better tonight. But we still hung our heads some when we'd make a mistake. West doesn't fall after some adversity. They fumbled early, but they never stayed down."

It's been a rough early schedule for the Rockets, having already played the two biggest tests in the Big Southeast District, Owatonna and Mankato West. Next up is 1-2 Century, at JM next Friday.

Mankato West 42, JM 20

Mankato West... 7 14 14 7 — 42
JM... 14 6 0 0 — 20

First quarter

JM — Caleb Gronholz 1 run (Eric Byrne kick), 10:55.

MW — Charles Terry 4 run (Tyler Defor kick), 7:04.

JM — Jared Juth 1 run (Byrne kick), 2:05.

Second quarter

MW — Terry 32 run (Defor kick), 10:41.

JM — Jordan Velez 48 pass from Jared Juth (kick failed), 6:55.

MW — Robert Meidl 5 run (Defor kick), 1:36.

Third quarter

MW — Terry 6 run (Defor kick), 8:53.
MW — Meidl 9 run (Defor kick), 3:22.

Fourth quarter

MW — Meidl 9 run (Defor kick), 8:24.

TEAM TOTALS

	MW	JM
First down	19	15
Rushes-yds	46-234	19-73
Passing yds	66	198
Total offense	300	271
Comp-att-int.	16-25-1	4-7-0
Fumbles lost	2-1	3-2
Punts-avg.	2-34.5	4-28.5

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing

Mankato West — Robert Meidl 21-90, Charles Terry 17-120, Thomas Yokiel 2-4, Wesley Henderson 3-21, Jon Sikel 3-(minus 1). **John Marshall** — Shahan Ameen 10-60, Jordan Velez 2-3, Caleb Gronholz 1-1, Jared Juth 5-11, Griffin Ferguson 1-(minus 2).

Passing

Mankato West — Meidl 4 completions, 6 attempts, 0 interceptions, 0 touchdowns, for 66 yards; Jack Foster 0-1-0-0 for 0 yards. **John Marshall** — Caleb Gronholz 1-1-0-0 for 6 yards, Jared Juth 16-24-1-1 for 198 yards.

Receiving

Mankato West — Terry 1-14, Chris Pipes 1-41, Dawson Cooper 1-5. **John Marshall** — Velez 7-124, Ferguson 1-3, Dylan Sutter 1-4, Jared Poole 1-13, Isaiah Levi 4-28, Ameen 2-20, Adam Shediv 1-6.

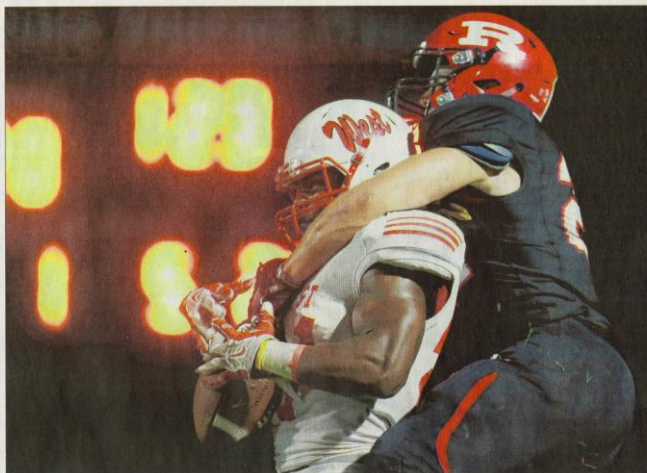
Good to know ...

Final score: No. 2 Mankato West 42, John Marshall 20.

Opposite attacks: Mankato West was content to keep the ball on the ground, passing the ball just six times. The Scarlets totaled 234 ground yards, with 205-pound bruising quarterback Robert Meidl totaling 90 yards and fleet tailback Charles Terry getting 120. JM was the opposite, passing for 198 yards and running for 73.

Nice start for Juth: JM quarterback Jared Juth was getting his first start of the season after nursing a foot injury the first two weeks. Juth was sharp, going underneath with most of his passes as he completed 16 of 24 attempts, with a 48-yard touchdown throw to Jordan Velez.

BIG SOUTHEAST DISTRICT



Mankato West's Charles Terry, left, intercepts a pass intended for John Marshall wide receiver Jordan Velez during a Big Southeast District game on Friday in Rochester. For more photos from this game, go to Postbulletin.com/gallery.



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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL LEADERS

ROCHESTER

TEAM STATISTICS

Offense			
	Pass	Rush	Tot
Lourdes.....	153	549	702
John Marshall.....	175	487	662
Mayo.....	302	217	519
Century.....	103	305	408

Defense			
	Pass	Rush	Tot
Century.....	143	306	449
Lourdes.....	196	256	452
Mayo.....	276	224	500
John Marshall.....	356	184	540

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

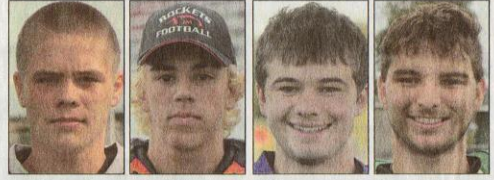
Passing					
	Comp	Att	TDs	Int	Yds
Cad.Flodstrom, Cent.....	30	45	2	4	305
Tra.Grimrud, Mayo.....	14	28	1	4	217
Caleb Gronholz, JM.....	7	19	1	2	222
No.Hillman, Lourdes.....	10	19	1	1	153

Rushing

	Att	Yds	Avg
Carter Greguson, Lourdes.....	32	344	10.8
Jordan Velez, JM.....	30	193	6.4
Shahan Ameen, JM.....	25	186	7.4
Noah Hillman, Lourdes.....	13	135	10.4
Israel Lozoya, Mayo.....	16	111	6.9
Miguel Benjamin, Century.....	24	91	3.8
Malik Franklin, Mayo.....	13	89	6.8
Zach Wolf, Mayo.....	15	68	4.5
Brenden Trahan, Lourdes.....	8	42	5.3

Receiving

	Rec	Yds	Avg
Lucas Fisher, Century.....	11	127	11.5
Jordan Velez, JM.....	3	120	40.0
Zach Wolf, Mayo.....	7	100	14.2
Shahan Ameen, JM.....	2	88	44.0
Caleb Marris, Mayo.....	3	68	22.6
Miguel Benjamin, Century.....	8	60	7.5
Carter Greguson, Lourdes.....	3	59	19.7
Matthew Usby, Lourdes.....	2	51	25.5



Flodstrom (Century)

Jake Klingele, Mayo.....2 30 15.0

Scoring

	TD	FG	2pt	1pt	Pts
C.Greguson, Lourdes.....	7	0	1	0	44
Jordan Velez, JM.....	4	0	0	0	24
Shahan Ameen, JM.....	3	0	1	0	20

Gronholz (J.M.)

Lucas Fisher, Century.....2 0 0 0 12

Hillman (Lourdes)

Caleb Marris, Mayo.....2 0 0 0 12

Marris (Mayo)

K.Mullenbach, Lourdes.....0 1 0 8 9
 Jake McCabe, Mayo.....0 1 0 6 9
 Zach Wolf, Mayo.....1 0 1 0 8
 Eric Byrne, JM.....0 1 0 4 7

Man. West at John Marshall

7 p.m. Friday at John Drew Field

Records: JM is 0-1 in the Big Southeast Red and 1-1 overall. Mankato West is 1-0 in the Big Southeast Blue and 2-0 overall.

Last week: JM lost 26-7 at powerful Owatonna. The Huskies outgained the Rockets 340-161 in total yards.

Last meeting: West beat JM 42-20 in the quarterfinals of the Class AAAAA state tournament. The teams also met during the 2015 regular season, West winning 24-14.

Mankato West notes: After a dominant 34-19 win over Owatonna in Week 1, West



had to fight to beat cross-town rival Mankato East 28-23. It was a back-and-forth game. The Scarlets have a big offensive line

and a punishing running attack, led by quarterback Rob Meidl, a 205-pound senior. Against Owatonna, Meidl rushed for 136 yards, and speedy halfback Charles Terry for 191. Meidl threw for 944 yards and 13 touchdowns last year, as well as rushed for 751 yards and 14 TDs. Terry ran for 685 yards last year. West made it all the way to the state semifinals a season ago.

John Marshall notes: JM is coming off a poor effort in its 26-7 loss to Owatonna. Its two star running backs — Shahan Ameen and Jordan Velez — were bottled up for just 12 and 46 yards, respectively. JM was no better on the defensive end, allowing Owatonna 288 yards rushing. Rockets coach Kevin Kirkeby was "incredibly" disappointed with his team's play against Owatonna, citing all the mistakes it made. JM has now used three quarterbacks this season, with Jared Juth joining the fray last week after healing from a broken foot. The other QBs are Caleb Gronholz and Velez. ... Riley Sammon, a two-year starting offensive lineman and a senior, has been lost for the season with a knee injury.

Coach Kevin Kirkeby: "West has a tremendous running game and its passing game is better than it was last year. You can't just focus on one area or the other. Our game last week was a good learning experience. It really points out our flaws. It was an eye-opener."

— Pat Ruff



Week 4: JM vs. Century

Sports

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS PLAYBACK

At the wire, it's JM's jug



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The football rattles around among players as it is knocked loose from Miguel Benjamin of Century in the final seconds from the 1-yard line against John Marshall on Friday at John Marshall Stadium. A Century player eventually recovered the fumble and ran it into the end zone. However, officials informed the Century coaches that on fourth down only the player who fumbled is allowed to advance the ball, thus allowing John Marshall to hold on for the stunning 13-6 victory. More photos from this game are available at postbulletin.com/gallery



POST-BULLETIN STAFF

Century didn't have the look of a 1-2 team. Neither did John Marshall. Both played with passion and fight throughout their drama-filled 13-6 Big Southeast, Red Subdistrict football game Friday night at John Drews Field, JM emerging the winner. Rarely is their more drama than what was witnessed in the final two minutes of a game that came on JM's homecoming.

The Rockets got both of their touchdowns in the second half, emerging from a 6-0 halftime deficit.

But after taking a 13-6 lead late in the game, the Rockets had to fight like crazy to preserve the win and the Addington Jug.

Century traveled from its 20 all the way to the Rockets' 3-yard line with 24 seconds left. But as had happened twice previously to the Panthers, their drive

ended in the deepest reaches of JM territory.

"I felt like we should have had 21 points in that first half," said Century coach Jon Vik, while JM coach Kevin Kirkeby bemoaned the same thing about his team's miscues in the opening half, which included two lost fumbles.

This final time, Century's ending came at the JM 1-yard line, with the Rockets stuffing

Century's Miguel Benjamin on fourth down. The ball slipped through Benjamin's hands as he was hit and seemed to be run in for touchdown by a teammate. But it was not allowed, as the only offensive player who can advance a fumble on fourth down is the fumbler himself.

JM was a winner, Century a stunned loser.

MORE GAME ACTION

• Lourdes trailed 6-0 after one quarter, but the Eagles dominated the final three quarters for a 26-6 Southeast District, Red Subdistrict victory over Cannon Falls on Friday night. Carter Greguson paced the Eagles, rushing for 118 yards and a score. Noah Hillman threw for one

score and ran for another. Lourdes improved to a perfect 4-0 ahead of next week's showdown with Kasson-Mantorville (3-1).

• Mayo is 4-0 at midseason for the second straight year with a 41-27 road win over New Prague. Mayo built a 21-0 lead and New Prague rallied to tie it at 21, before the Spartans put it away. Senior running back Ray Motley played the game of his career with four touchdown runs and 162 yards on 21 carries.

UP NEXT

LOURDES: hosts Kasson-Man.
JOHN MARSHALL: at Faribault
CENTURY: at Mankato East
MAYO: hosts Mankato West

Century at John Marshall

7 P.M. FRIDAY AT JOHN DREWS FIELD

RECORDS: Century 1-2; John Marshall 1-2.

LAST WEEK: Century defeated Red Wing 35-20; John Marshall lost 42-20 to Mankato West.

LAST MEETING: John Marshall defeated Century 35-7 during the 2015 regular season.

CENTURY NOTES: The Panthers are coming off their most complete game of the season. The Panthers broke out to a 28-0 lead in the second quarter last week against Red Wing and then held off the Wingers. Century might now have to be without one of its most complete players.

Senior WR/DB Lucas Fisher has a hand injury. He might need surgery and his status for the game is in question. Miguel Benjamin rushed for 98 yards and two touchdowns in last week's win and has run for 192 yards in the past two games. Caden Flodstrom has passed for 377 yards with three TDs, all to Fisher.

Gabe Supalla had two interceptions for the Panthers last week. JM has beaten Century two straight times and in seven of the past eight meetings.

JOHN MARSHALL NOTES: JM hung around with No. 2-ranked Mankato West, leading for most of the first half. It trailed 21-20 at intermission. But the Rockets had trouble stopping the Scarlets vaunted running game. Quarterback Jared Juth will make his second straight start. The senior had been recovering from a broken foot. He was sharp against West, completing 16 of 24 passes for 198 yards.



JM's most lethal player looks to be Jordan Velez, who plays wide receiver and running back. The 210-pound senior showed off his explosiveness, turning short passes into long gains against West. That included a 48-yard touchdown catch off a short dump pass. Look for speedy junior Bernard Charles to get more into the mix at receiver... This is JM's homecoming.

CENTURY COACH JON VIK: "John Marshall is a very good football team. They are well coached and have sound schemes. The first two games, they used various combinations at quarterback. In week three Juth played well and showed his poise and athleticism. One thing that you see right away when you watch JM is the explosiveness of their skill players. They have two or three players that can score from anywhere on the field. The coaches are using formations and plays to get them the ball in a variety of ways. John Marshall's special teams are another way they get their explosive skill players in position to score. Defensively, JM is aggressive up front. They use linebacker blitzes and stunts while they limit the big play by the secondary keeping everything in front of them. Adding to the challenge is that this is a crosstown rival game and John Marshall has homecoming this week. We need to play sound defense, limit our mistakes and play a full four quarters to stay in the game."

JM COACH KEVIN KIRKEBY: "We are on a two-game losing streak, so we want to get the ship righted and get back to our winning ways. It is homecoming, so there will be distractions. But I want to get our kids' spirits up after two losses. We have always had trouble with Century's defensive. They bring a lot of kids (to rush the QB). We need to get our kids to understand how their defense works. Another concern is Century has had a lot of success the last two weeks. They played Mayo tough. Jared (Juth) had a real nice game for us last week at quarterback. Now we have to get our running game back on track."

UP NEXT: Century will play at Mankato East on Sept. 30, while JM is at Faribault.

— GUY N. LIMBECK/PAT RUFF



ACADEMIC NOTEBOOK

ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to Jared Juth, son of Jim and Diane Juth, who has been selected by John Marshall's Social Studies department as the Rochester Sunrises Kiwanis Student of the Month for September. Jared was singled out for his work ethic and his friendly, inclusive way of relating to people. In selecting Jared, his nominator praised his team spirit, cooperation, and leadership, both on and off the athletic field. Jared is captain of the football team, a member of the baseball team and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. His academic achievements include receiving an AP Scholar with Distinction Award and a Harvard Book award, along with being a 4.0 honor student. Following graduation he



Juth

plans to study engineering at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities or the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

John Marshall proudly announces its 2016 royalty. Shah-an Ameen and Claire Drucker were voted King and Queen. Additional students selected for the Homecoming Court were: Noah Antes, Calvin Blume, MaryJo Ekhooff, Ben Frick, Maddie Frick, Rachel Glazier, Jared Juth, Read Karsell, Chandler Stortz, Tayler Titus, Zibby Trewartha-Weiner, and Maddie Woodford. Congratulations to all!



Local sports

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

ROCHESTER LEADERS

TEAM STATISTICS

OFFENSE	Pass	Rush	Tot
Lourdes	199	869	1,068
John Marshall	248	605	853
Mayo	356	495	851
Century	377	254	631

DEFENSE

Pass	Rush	Tot	
Lourdes	265	395	631
Century	186	567	753
Mayo	339	452	791
John Marshall	190	259	449

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING	Com	Att	TD	Int	Yds
Caden Floodstrom, Cen.	34	54	3	5	377

Team	Player	Att	Yds	Avg
Mayo	Talain Gilmour	19	41	4.3
JM	Caleb Gronholz	8	20	2.2
JM	Noah Hillman	14	27	1.9
JM	Jared Juth	16	29	1.8

RUSHING

Team	Player	Att	Yds	Avg
Lourdes	Carter Greguson	53	518	9.8
Mayo	Israel Lozoya	40	253	6.3
JM	Shahan Amers	35	246	7.0
Lourdes	Noah Hillman	21	213	10.3
JM	Jordan Velez	32	196	6.1
Century	Miguel Benjamin	41	189	4.6
Mayo	Mark Franklin	19	137	7.2
Century	Zach Wolf	15	68	4.5
Century	Steven Nuh	7	40	5.7

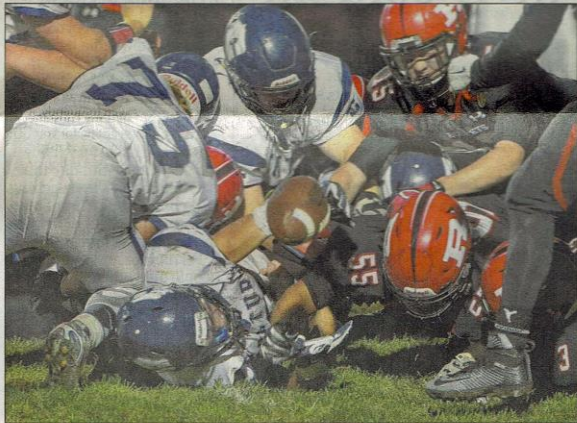
RECEIVING

Team	Player	Rec	Yds	Avg
JM	Jordan Velez	10	244	24.4



Juth (John Marshall) Mullenbach (Lourdes)

Team	Player	TD	FG	2P	XP	Tot
Lourdes	Carter Greguson	3	0	2	0	58
JM	Jordan Velez	5	0	0	0	38
JM	Shahan Amers	3	0	1	0	20
Mayo	Israel Lozoya	3	0	0	0	18
Cen.	Caden Floodstrom	3	0	0	0	18
Mayo	Jake McCabe	0	2	0	0	14
Lourdes	Noah Hillman	2	0	0	0	12
Century	Lucas Fisher	2	0	0	0	12
Century	Miguel Benjamin	2	0	0	0	12
Century	Eric Byrne	0	1	0	0	9
Century	Zach Wolf	1	0	0	0	8



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The ball rattles around among players as it is knocked loose from Miguel Benjamin of Century near the goal line in the final seconds Friday at JM Stadium. A teammate picked it up and ran it in for an apparent touchdown that was then waved off — erroneously, it was later determined — by the referees.

Century moving on after missed call

BY PAT RUFF
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Upon further review, it has been determined that the last-second touchdown scored by Century on Friday night should have counted.

The night's referees had it wrong.

Not that anyone can do anything about it now. John Marshall's 13-6 football win over cross-town rival Century still holds up.

JM moves to 2-2 overall, Century to 1-3.

"It is what it is; it was an error (by the refs)," Century coach Jon Vik said. "But the game didn't come down to that one call. We had opportunities earlier in the game to score, and we didn't do it. We needed to capitalize on what had happened earlier in the game."

Still, Panthers faithful were left to wonder what might have been had the call been made correctly. On fourth down, just a few seconds to go and needing 2 yards for a touchdown, Century's Miguel Benjamin was stopped just short of the goal line. He fumbled on second effort, though, and a teammate picked it up and ran it in for a touchdown.

Century looked to be a potential extra-point kick from tying the score and bringing on overtime, or of winning the game with a two-point conversion.

But the Panthers were never allowed either of those chances. That's because the referees huddled, then nullified the touchdown, explaining to Vik that the only player who can advance a fumble on fourth down is the fumbler himself.

Turns out that ruling is correct at the college and professional levels, but doesn't apply to high school football. Any offensive player can advance a fumble, according to the National Federation of High School Rules.

John Marshall coach Kevin Kirkeby felt bad that the game was affected by a missed call. But he's been on the other side of missed calls himself in his three years as JM coach.

"I've been involved in a lot of these," Kirkeby said. "It does take the wind out of your sails. As coaches and kids, it's hard to get over. I feel for Century and (Vik). You put in a lot of time and work, and their kids executed really well."

Century's Vik is confident his team will put the missed call and the loss behind them.

"You have to move on and continue to grow," Vik said. "This has been great group to work with. They are resilient, and after talking to them, they are looking forward to the rest of the season. They're not looking back."



Week 5: JM vs. Faribault

BIG SOUTHEAST DISTRICT, RED SUBDISTRICT

Rockets flame out after opening hot against Faribault

Post-Bulletin staff

FARIBAULT — John Marshall started well enough on Friday night in a Big Southeast District football game. But the Rockets couldn't maintain it and fell 34-14 to surging Faribault.

JM is now 2-3 overall, while Faribault is 3-2. JM scored first, on a 50-yard touchdown run by Shahan Ameen.

"We played nicely to begin the game, scoring right away," Rockets coach Kevin Kirkeby said. "But after that (Faribault) was able to play ball-con-

trol offense, like they want to do. Still, I felt that we played them pretty tough compared to what other teams have done lately against them."

Faribault was coming off a narrow loss to Mankato East, and prior to that had beaten excellent Owatonna.

Faribault finished with 209 yards on the ground, led by 225-pound Felipe Ramirez's 80 yards rushing and two touchdown runs. Ramirez scored from 3 yards and 25 yards.

JM totaled 95 yards on the ground and 109 through the air. Quarterback Jared Juth was 12-for-23 passing, with

two interceptions and one touchdown. The TD strike went for 7 yards to Ameen, the Rockets' speedy 210-pound senior running back.

Ameen led JM on the ground with 74 yards rushing. No other Rocket was close to that.

While Faribault had success on the ground, it managed just 49 yards passing.

JM isn't off to the kind of start that Kirkeby had anticipated. But he says that his team is hanging in there.

"We are working on coming together as a team and we're not quite there yet," Kirkeby said. "But we will get there.

We are going to keep working hard at it."

FARIBAULT 34, JM 14

John Marshall	6	8	0	0	-14
Faribault	6	15	13	0	-34

First quarter

JM — Shahan Ameen 50 run (kick failed)
F — Felipe Ramirez 3 run (kick failed)

Second quarter

F — Cody Ehlers 16 pass from Kade Hart (Cade Kletschka kick)
F — Dallas Stapleton 48 run (2-point conversion)

Third quarter

JM — Ameen 7 pass from Jared Juth (Juth run)
F — Kade Hart 27 run (Kletschka kick)

Fourth quarter

F — Ramirez 25 run (kick failed)

TEAM STATISTICS

	JM	F
First down	8	14

Rushes-yds	95	209
Passing yds	109	49
Total offense	204	258
Comp-att-int	12-23-2	3-8-0
Fumbles lost	0-0	0-0

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing

JM — Shahan Ameen 9-74, Jordan Velez 4-12, Bernard Charles 1-8, Jared Juth 1-1. **Faribault** — Felipe Martinez 17-80, D. Stapleton 8-64, Kade Hart 9-63, J. Jackson 1-2

Passing

JM — Juth 12 completions, 23 attempts, 2 interceptions, 1 touchdown, for 109 yards. **Faribault** — Hart 2-7-0-1, for 20 yards; C. Ehlers 1-1-0-0, for 13 yards..

Receiving

JM — Jared Poole 3-49, Velez 4-28, Ameen 3-19, Isaiah Levi 1-7, Charles 1-6. **Faribault** — C. Ernste 2-36.

John Marshall at Faribault

7 P.M. FRIDAY AT BRUCE SMITH FIELD

RECORDS: John Marshall is 1-1 in the Big Southeast, Red Subdistrict and 2-2 overall. Faribault is 1-1 in the Blue Subdistrict, 2-2 overall.

LAST WEEK: JM hung on to beat Century 13-6. Faribault lost 20-12 at Mankato East.

LAST MEETING: JM romped to a 43-13 win over Faribault last season. Jordan Velez had 128 yards rushing and JM outgained the Falcons 317-212.

FARIBAULT NOTES: The Falcons got off to a rough start, losing to Mayo 29-16

in their opener. But they've been good since. That includes stunning vaunted Owatonna 21-10, beating Red Wing 41-0 and just missing against much-improved Mankato East 20-12 last week. Faribault has an excellent running back in 5-foot-10, 225-pound bruiser Felipe Ramirez. The senior had 145 yards on 33 carries against East. Ramirez had 157 yards rushing against Owatonna. Faribault also has the tallest player in the league in 6-9 quarterback Kade Hart. The Faribault defense is allowing just 15 points per game.

JOHN MARSHALL NOTES: JM had its hands full in beating Century 13-6 last



Velez

week on its homecoming night. JM's defense was strong all game, holding Century to 127 yards rushing, 97 passing and just the one touchdown. But the Rockets were plagued by turnovers, losing a pair of fumbles and weren't sharp offensively until the second half. JM used the speed of running backs Shahan Ameen (90 yards rushing) and Jordan Velez (30-yard TD run), the tough running of quarterback Jared Juth (65

yards rushing) and improved blocking in the second half to boost it. JM threw for just 17 yards... It's tough to predict the JM offense. The Rockets threw just six times against Century, but 25 times the week before in a loss to Mankato West.

COACH KEVIN KIRKEBY: "Offensively, Faribault is really moving the ball well against everyone they play. They have a nice mix of size and speed. Their fullback (Ramirez) is really big and they have three or four tailbacks and wingbacks who they get the ball to. We're going to have to figure out where the ball is."

— PAT RUFF



ROCHESTER LEADERS

TEAM STATISTICS

OFFENSE

	Rush	Pass	Tot
Lourdes	284	1,073	1,357
John Marshall	443	886	1,329
Mayo	518	729	1,247
Century	474	381	855

DEFENSE

	Rush	Pass	Tot
Lourdes	304	540	844
John Marshall	283	654	937
Century	203	773	976
Mayo	442	649	1,091

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING

	Com	Att	Int	TD	Yds
Trajan Grimsrud, Mayo	28	55	6	4	518
Caden Flodstrom	48	72	3	5	474
Noah Hillman, Lourdes	19	39	1	2	284
Caleb Gronholz, JM	8	20	1	2	228
Jared Juth, JM	18	35	1	1	215

RUSHING

	Att	Yds	Avg
Carter Greguson, Lourdes	76	636	8.4
Shahan Ameen, JM	51	336	6.5
Israel Lozoya, Mayo	47	318	6.7

Miguel Benjamin, Century	62	267	4.3
Noah Hillman, Lourdes	32	260	8.1
Jordan Velez, JM	38	237	6.2
Ray Motley, Mayo	26	178	6.8
Malik Franklin, Mayo	20	140	7.0
Jared Juth, JM	11	76	6.9

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	Rec	Yds	Avg
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Shahan Ameen, JM	4	108	27.0
Caleb Marris, Mayo	5	103	20.6
Zach Wolf, Mayo	7	100	14.2
Matthew Ustby, Lourdes	4	100	25.0

Jake Klingele, Mayo	4	97	24.2
Malik Franklin, Mayo	4	92	23.0
Miguel Benjamin, Century	9	79	8.8
Quentin Chatman, Mayo	4	73	18.2

SCORING

	TD	FG	2P	XP	Tot
Carter Greguson, LHS	10	0	2	0	64
Jordan Velez, JM	6	0	0	0	36
Ca.Flodstrom, Century	4	0	0	0	24
Shahan Ameen, JM	4	0	1	0	24
Ray Motley, Mayo	4	0	0	0	24
Jake McCabe, Mayo	0	2	0	13	19
Noah Hillman	3	0	0	0	18
Isreal Lozoya, Mayo	3	0	0	0	18

Week 6: JM vs. Northfield

John Marshall at Northfield

7 P.M. FRIDAY
IN NORTHFIELD

RECORDS: JM is 1-1 in the Big Southeast, Red Subdistrict and 2-3 overall. Northfield is 1-1, 3-2.

LAST WEEK: John Marshall lost 34-14 to Faribault. Unbeaten Winona beat Northfield 24-14.

LAST MEETING: JM beat Northfield twice last year, 6-0 during the regular season and 15-12 in the Section 1AAAAA championship.

NORTHFIELD NOTES: The Raiders struggled against Winona in losing for the second straight week. They threw four interceptions and also had little running game. Defensively, Northfield had a tough time containing Winona's running game (223 Winhawks rushing yards). Raiders receiver Isiah Walker had six catches for 70 yards. Northfield went with two quarterbacks last week, with Lars Prestemon going 7-for-17 for 127 yards, with two TDs and two interceptions. Noah Johnson was 4-for-9 for 25 yards and an interception, and Walker also threw a pick. ... Northfield doesn't have

much size up front.

JM NOTES: The Rockets have struggled to finish games this season and have dropped three of their last four, all three losses to teams with winning records. JM got off to a nice start against Faribault, grab-



Kirkeby

bing a quick 6-0 lead. But it had trouble stopping the Falcons' running game after that. JM has varied its offense, and threw the ball 23 times against Faribault (for 109 yards). The Rockets threw 25 times against Owatonna, then just six against Century, before facing Faribault.

COACH KEVIN KIRKEBY: "I see two teams that are very evenly matched, with similar styles. They have some good skill guys. We just need to come together as a team, to starting really playing together as a team. I am still very optimistic about this group."

— PAT RUFF

ROCHESTER LEADERS

TEAM STATISTICS

OFFENSE

	Pass	Rush	Tot
Lourdes	364	1,447	1,811
John Marshall	552	981	1,533
Mayo	635	786	1,421
Century	546	522	1,068

DEFENSE

	Pass	Rush	Tot
Lourdes	304	805	1,109
Century	220	924	1,144
John Marshall	332	863	1,195
Mayo	556	886	1,442

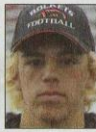
INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING

	Com	Att	Int	Yds
Trajan Grimsrud, Mayo	41	79	6	635
Caden Flodstrom, Cent	58	89	3	646
Noah Hillman, Lourdes	23	45	4	364
Jared Juth, JM	30	58	3	324
Caleb Gronholz, JM	8	20	1	228



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(Kasson-Man.)



Joe Blow
(Kasson-Man.)



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K. Mullenbach
(Lourdes)

Eric Philipps, Century	7	89	12.7
Miguel Benjamin, Century	11	80	7.3
Quentin Chatman, Mayo	5	77	15.4
Jacob Elliott, Century	11	64	5.8
Jonathan Muhs, Century	6	62	10.3
Jared Poole, JM	4	62	15.5

SCORING

	TD	FG	2P	XP	Tot
Carter Greguson, Lour.	10	0	2	0	64
Noah Hillman	8	0	0	0	48
Shahan Ameen, JM	6	0	1	0	38
Jordan Velez, JM	6	0	0	0	36
Caden Flodstrom, Cent.	4	0	0	0	24
Miguel Benjamin, Cent.	4	0	0	0	24
Ray Motley, Mayo	4	0	0	0	24
Isreal Lozoya, Mayo	4	0	0	0	24
K.Mullenbach, Lourdes	0	1	0	20	23
Jake McCabe, Mayo	0	2	0	14	20
Lucas Fisher, Century	3	0	0	0	18
Brenden Trahan, Lour.	2	0	0	0	12
Caleb Marris, Mayo	2	0	0	0	12
Malik Franklin, Mayo	2	0	0	0	12
Jake Klingele, Mayo	2	0	0	0	12

RUSHING

	Att	Yds	Avg
Carter Greguson, Lourdes	91	776	8.5
Shahan Ameen, JM	60	410	6.8
Miguel Benjamin, Century	84	405	4.4
Israel Lozoya, Mayo	56	353	6.3
Noah Hillman, Lourdes	39	340	8.7
Jordan Velez, JM	42	249	5.9
Ray Motley, Mayo	41	219	5.3
Malik Franklin, Mayo	23	156	6.7
Brenden Trahan, Lourdes	17	127	7.5

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RECEIVING

Name	Rec	Yds	Avg
Jordan Velez, JM	14	272	19.4
Caleb Marris, Mayo	12	196	16.3
Lucas Fisher, Century	12	167	13.9
Matthew Ustby, Lourdes	6	144	24.0
Shahan Ameen, JM	7	127	18.1
Zach Wolf, Mayo	7	100	14.2
Jake Klingele, Mayo	4	97	24.2
Malik Franklin, Mayo	5	92	18.4



**BIG SOUTHEAST,
RED SUBDISTRICT**

Sluggish start is costly for Rockets

Post-Bulletin staff

NORTHFIELD — John Marshall had a heck of a time putting points on the board, as well as defending the pass Friday night as it suffered a 36-14 Big Southeast, Red Subdistrict football loss to Northfield.

It was JM's second straight loss and fourth in its last five games.

Northfield moved to 2-1 in the Big Southeast Red and 4-2 overall. JM slipped to 1-2, 2-4.

JM was held scoreless in the first half and trailed 19-0 at intermission.

"Offensively, we moved the ball as well as we have all year, with the exception of the Austin game," JM coach Kevin Kirkeby said. "But we couldn't score. We were get-



Kirkeby

ting 5 yards a carry, but missed on third and 1 and fourth and 1 too many times."

JM had 137 yards rushing and 122 passing. Shahan Ameen led the Rockets with 108 yards on the ground. The Rockets didn't score until the fourth quarter when they got all 14 of their points. Caleb Johnson caught a 5-yard touchdown pass from Jared Juth, and freshman Braden Black had a 3-yard TD run.

JM's pass defense struggled all game. Northfield quarterback Lars Prestemon threw for 257 yards and three touchdowns, with no interceptions. The Raiders had just 105 yards rushing.

"I thought we did a really good job of stopping the run," Kirkeby said. "But our defensive back didn't play a good game. There were times that Northfield would have it third and 22 or third and 25, and they'd convert with a pass."

Northfield coach Bubba Sullivan told Kirkeby that it was the best game his Raiders had played all season.

Kirkeby is asking his players to hang in there and keep working.

"I want our kids to keep their heads up and stay positive," Kirkeby said. "All we have to get is one quality win, and we can get things going."

JM plays host to rival Mayo next Friday.

NORTHFIELD 36, JM 14

John Marshall	0	0	0	14	-	14
Northfield	6	13	10	7	-	36

First quarter

N — Mitchell Stanchina 90 kick return (kick)

Second quarter

N — Noah Johnson 69 pass from Lars Prestemon (kick failed)

N — Johnson 29 pass from Prestemon (run failed)

Third quarter

N — Johnson 5 pass from Prestemon (kick)

N — 33 field goal

Fourth quarter

JM — Caleb Johnson 5 pass from Jared Juth (2-point conversion)

N — Noah Van Cleave (kick)

JM — Braden Black 3 run (conversion failed)

TEAM STATISTICS

	JM	N
First down	15	14
Rushes-yds	137	105
Passing yds	122	266
Total offense	259	371
Comp-att-int	13-19-0	11-22-0
Fumbles lost	1-0	0-0

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing

JM — Shahan Ameen 28-108, Jared Juth 9-(minus 11), J. McGinn 2-4, Braden Black 2-36.

Northfield — John Vitito 11-40, Noah Van Cleave 2-27, Mitchell Stanchina 9-21, Lars Prestemon 5-12, Sam Motzko 1-5.

Passing

JM — Juth 10 completions, 14 attempts, 0 interceptions, 1 touchdown, for 88 yards; Caleb Gronholz 3-5-0-0 for 34 yards.

Northfield — Prestemon 10-19-0-3 for 257 yards.

Receiving

JM — Jared Poole 1-18, Jordan Velez 3-30, Isaiah Levi 3-21, Mason Mlenar 1-8, A. Shedivy 1-8, Caleb Johnson 1-5.

Northfield — Noah Johnson 3-103, Isiah Walker 3-84, Alex Rasmussen 3-63, Nicl Zabel 1-7.



Week 7: JM vs. Mayo

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS PLAYBACK

Mayo pounces on JM



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Above, the Mayo defense stacks up John Marshall running back Shahan Ameen for little gain in Friday night's game at John Marshall Stadium. Below, JM quarterback Jared Juth keeps an eye on receiver Isaiah Levi.



in the closing seconds for the second time this season on Friday. The Panthers drove more than 90 yards in the closing minutes in Northfield to reach the Raiders 4-yard-line. But down 14-7 with 22 seconds to play, Century had a tipped pass intercepted in the end zone to thwart the comeback bid. Earlier this season Century trailed John Marshall 13-6 and scored a touchdown on the final play of the game, but it was waived off by officials. With the latest narrow loss, Century falls to 2-5 despite limiting Northfield to 79 total yards. "I thought the

kids fought their tails off until the end of the game," Century coach Jon Vik said. "I'm proud of them, they didn't quit."

• **Lourdes** remained unbeaten with a solid 35-8 win over Plainview-Elgin-Millville at Rochester Regional Stadium. The Eagles led 14-0 by halftime scored on their first three possessions of the second half to break away. Senior running back Carter Greguson recorded his seventh consecutive 100-yard rushing game with 16 carries for 105 yards and a touchdown. Lourdes (7-0) goes for an unbeaten regular season on Wednesday at Stewartville (6-1).



UP NEXT
CENTURY: hosts Owatonna.
MAYO: hosts Northfield.

LOURDES: at Stewartville.
JOHN MARSHALL: hosts New Prague.



Mayo was looking to snap a two-game losing streak and get back on track a season that had started with such promise.

John Marshall was hoping to reinvent itself, and finally become the team it thought it would be when the football season began.

It was no perfect performance by either side, but it was Mayo that left JM's John Drews Field feeling best about itself. It used a sizzling first quarter and change to score all of its points and beat the Rockets 21-12 in Big South-east, Red Subdistrict football.

"It's that crosstown rivalry, so this is the kind of game you expect," said Mayo coach Donny Holcomb, who watched JM fight back and make it a game after that first quarter. "Hats off to JM, because they made some adjustments and came back. But we came out (to start the game) fast and focused."

Mayo, which upped its Red Subdistrict record to 3-1 (5-2 overall), scored the first three times it had the ball. Two of those drives ended with Trajan Grimstrud passes, one of 10 yards to Jake Klingele, the other 35 yards to Carter Pasternak.

JM (1-3 Red Subdistrict, 2-5 overall) used a 13-yard interception for a touchdown by Adam Hussein to get on the board and give it some life. That came with 2:53 left in the second quarter.

After that, the momentum and energy tipped decidedly to JM's side. Rockets halfback Shahan Ameen ran wild in the second half and finished with 191 yards on the ground, including a 52-yard TD sprint.

But all of JM's yardage wasn't enough. Mayo was just stingy enough on defense, and JM just sloppy enough on offense to ever allow the Rockets to seriously get back in the game.

Mayo had done enough to open the game to hang on.

MORE GAME ACTION

- Century suffered a loss



Week 8: JM vs. New Prague

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High school football

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT, RED SUBDISTRICT

Rockets fail to launch against New Prague

BY PAT RUFF
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Kevin Kirkeby was at a loss. So was arguably his best player, John Marshall halfback Shahan Ameen. It was that kind of a night for the Rockets. Actually, it's been that kind of a season. It hit a new low Wednesday night at JM's John Drews Field in the final regular-season game of the year. The Rockets were taking on what had been a one-win team, New Prague.

Now, make it a two-win team. New Prague grabbed a 13-point first-quarter lead, then did just enough to hang on for a 19-14 Big Southeast District, Red Subdistrict win.

"I don't know what to say," said Kirkeby, whose team has also won just two games, but was expecting much bigger things after being a state-tournament team a year ago.

The Rockets are 1-4 in the Red Subdistrict and 2-6 overall. New Prague has the same record.

"I'm just incredibly disappointed with how things have turned out this season," Kirkeby said.

JM's Ameen, the Rockets' 6-foot-1, 210-pound speedster, had the same sentiment. He can't figure out what's holding his team back, other than one thing.

"We have some great athletes, and we have good coaches," Kirkeby said. "But we just don't execute the way we need to."

They also have been crushed by slow starts. That happened again Wednesday, with New Prague scoring the first time it had the ball, then picking off JM quarterback Jared Juth on the Rockets' next possession. Defensive back Logan Reger took it 32 yards for a touchdown.

Just like that, JM was reeling, just as was the case last week in a loss to Mayo. In that one, Mayo grabbed a 21-0 lead, then fought off a game John Marshall team the rest of the way.

Good to know ...

TOUGH NIGHT: The Rockets were figuring on a win Wednesday against a team that had won just once this season, but it didn't happen. It left JM just 2-6 heading into Tuesday's playoffs.

VELEZ'S BIG NIGHT: JM senior halfback Jordan Velez ran 14 times for 114 yards and two touchdowns, one from 46 yards.

JM DEFENSE SOLID: The Rockets defense didn't give up big numbers. New Prague managed 120 yards on the ground and 129 through the air. One of the Trojans' touchdowns came on an interception.

But get down 21-0, or 13-0, and it's tough.

"The key for us is we have to have fast starts, create some momentum, and then just go," said Ameen, who was part of a running game that caught life from the latter part of the first quarter on and piled up 220 yards.

While Ameen had 87 of them, fellow 210-pound senior speedster Jordan Velez led the team with 114 yards on 14 carries. Velez also scored both JM's touchdowns, the second one a 46-yard sprint around left end that suddenly had JM right back in the game, trailing just 19-14 with 5:53 left.

But the Rockets couldn't finish the comeback. And that has also been a recurring problem for JM, coming close, but then failing to complete such things as fourth-and-2 plays.

In the second half alone, JM was stopped three times on fourth-and-short. It also coughed the ball up once on an Ameen fumble, losing it at JM's 30. The Trojans made it pay, scoring six plays later.

As tough as things have gone for the Rockets, Kirkeby was still not in the mood to give up. He still sees



John Marshall's Jordan Velez fends off a tackle against New Prague on Wednesday at John Drews Field. More photos from this game are available at Postbulletin.com/gallery.

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talent here. And JM has at least one more chance to prove it.

JM plays in the first round of the playoffs Tuesday, against an opponent yet to be determined.

"This is a second season now," Kirkeby said. "Everybody is 0-0 in the playoffs. We get the opportunity to restart our season."

NEW PRAGUE 19, JOHN MARSHALL 14

New Prague	13	0	0	6	-	19
John Marshall	0	6	0	8	-	14

First quarter

NP — Tyler Lindell 43 pass from Nathan Berg (Austin Zimmer kick), 5:02.

NP — Logan Reger 32 interception return (run failed), 3:02.

Second quarter

JM — Jordan Velez 2 run (run failed), 11:04.

Fourth quarter

NP — Tyler Montanye 3 run (kick failed), 10:55.

JM — Velez 46 run (Jared Juth run), 5:53.

TEAM STATISTICS

	NP	JM
First down	11	15
Rushes-yds	37-120	40-220
Passing yds	129	31
Total offense	249	251
Comp-att-int	9-12-1	5-9-1
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Punts-avg	2-29.5	2-28.5

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

New Prague — Sam Gregor 5-31, Tyler Montanye 13-48, Nick Arguedas 14-43, Nathan Berg 2-(minus 9), Carter Seymour 1-2, Eli Parker 1-12, Logan Reger 1-(minus 7). John Marshall — Shahan Ameen 20-87, Jordan Velez 14-114, Jared Juth 6-19.

Passing

New Prague — Berg 5 completions, 9 attempts, 1 interception, 1 touchdown, for 129 yards. John Marshall — Juth 5-9-1-0 for 31 yards.

Receiving

New Prague — Arguedas 2-6, Montanye 3-37, Mason Mayer 1-5, Robert Devine 3-81. John Marshall — Velez 4-26, Isaiah Levi 1-5.



New Prague at John Marshall

7 P.M. WEDNESDAY
AT JOHN DREWS FIELD

RECORDS: JM is 1-3 Big South-east District, Red Subdistrict and 2-5 overall. New Prague is 0-4, 1-6.

LAST WEEK: JM lost 21-12 to Mayo, while Owatonna beat New Prague 29-16.

LAST MEETING: JM traveled to beat New Prague 48-14 to close last year's regular season.

NEW PRAGUE NOTES: The Trojans' lone win was Sept. 30, when they beat winless Red Wing 35-12. Though New Prague is just 1-6, it is improved

from a year ago when it went winless and was in just one game, losing 26-14 to Red Wing. This season, New Prague lost just 14-7 to unbeaten Winona. ... New Prague was manhandled last week in losing to Owatonna. The Huskies finished with 311 rushing yards, 257 of them from Jason Williamson. New Prague got both of its touchdowns in the second half and both on passes.

JOHN MARSHALL NOTES: JM showed a split personality in losing last week to Mayo 21-12. The Rockets offered little resistance in falling behind 21-0 just into the second quarter.

But after that, JM controlled the game, though still only had 12 points (one of the touchdowns an interception) to show for it. It was a big night for 210-pound speedster running back Shahan Ameen. The senior had 191 yards rushing and scored on a 52-yard sprint. ... JM kicker Eric Byrne is out the rest of this season after breaking his foot two weeks ago against Northfield. ... JM's defense improved dramatically beginning just into the second quarter. Mayo had zero first downs after halftime. ... JM will be the fourth seed in the upcoming Section 1AAAAA playoffs no matter Wednes-

day's outcome. Owatonna, Mayo and Northfield will all be seeded above it, and Century and Austin below it.

JM COACH KEVIN KIRKEBY: "New Prague is much improved from last year. It looks like their players have really bought in. It's going to be a tough game. ... I feel like we finally got some things figured out on offense in the Mayo game. Our kids buckled down and started to just go play instead of thinking so much. I think they realized how fun football can be when you play that way."

— PAT RUFF



ROCHESTER LEADERS

TEAM STATISTICS

OFFENSE

	Rush	Pass	Total
Lourdes	2,036	483	2,519
John Marshall	1,331	800	2,131
Mayo	997	859	1,856
Century	866	818	1,684

DEFENSE

	Rush	Pass	Total
Century	1,014	304	1,318
Lourdes	929	395	1,324
John Marshall	1,065	643	1,708
Mayo	1,211	822	2,033

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING

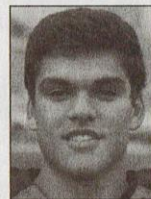
	Com	Att	Int	TD	Yds
Tra.Grimrud, Mayo	52	112	10	10	859
Ca.Flodstrom, Cent.	88	135	8	5	831
Jared Juth, JM	56	91	4	3	540
Noah Hillman, Lour.	32	77	5	1	483
Caleb Gronholz, JM	11	25	2	1	262

RUSHING

	Att	Yds	Avg
Carter Greguson, Lour.	128	1,107	8.6
Shahan Ameen, JM	109	709	6.5
Miguel Benjamin, Cent.	118	584	4.9
Noah Hillman, Lourdes	62	481	7.8
Israel Lozoya, Mayo	68	410	6.0
Ray Motley, Mayo	79	386	4.8
Jordan Velez, JM	45	264	5.8
Brenden Trahan, Lourdes	30	172	5.7
Malik Franklin, Mayo	25	156	6.2

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg
Jordan Velez, JM	36	364	10.1
Caleb Marris, Mayo	14	257	18.3
Malik Franklin, Mayo	11	206	18.7
Matthew Ustby, Lourdes	8	186	23.3
Lucas Fisher, Century	12	167	13.9
Eric Philipps, Century	12	146	12.2
Jonathan Muhs, Century	11	138	12.5
Gabe Supalla, Century	12	129	10.8
Shahan Ameen, JM	7	127	18.1



S. Ameen
(John Marshall)



Z. Wolf
(Mayo)



B. Trahan
(Lourdes)



M. Benjamin
(Century)

Jake Klingele, Mayo	5	107	21.4
Pat Leary, Lourdes	8	103	12.9
Zach Wolf, Mayo	7	100	14.2

SCORING

	TD	FG	2P	XP	Tot
Carter Greguson, Lour.	12	0	2	0	82
Noah Hillman, Lourdes	9	0	0	0	54
Shahan Ameen, JM	7	0	1	0	44
Jordan Velez, JM	6	0	0	0	36
Ray Motley, Mayo	6	0	0	0	36

Miguel Benjamin, Cent.	6	0	0	0	36
Brenden Trahan, Lour.	5	0	0	0	30
Kol.Mullenbach, Lour.	0	1	0	26	29
Jake McCabe, Mayo	0	2	0	20	26
Isreal Lozoya, Mayo	4	0	0	0	24
Cad.Flodstrom, Cent.	4	0	0	0	24
Lucas Fisher, Century	3	0	0	0	18
Caleb Marris, Mayo	3	0	0	0	18
Malik Franklin, Mayo	3	0	0	0	18
Jake Klingele, Mayo	3	0	0	0	18

Week 9: Sections - JM vs. Austin

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SECTION 1AAAAA

Austin, Gunsallus race past JM

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After Week One of the high school football season, nobody would have guessed this. But there it was Tuesday night in the first round of the Section One, Class AAAAA playoffs, Austin roaring past John Marshall 28-12 at JM's John Drews Field.

These were the same teams that squared off to begin the season. Then it was JM in a 45-20 romp, complete with the Rockets sprinting for 383 yards rushing. Austin managed just 132 on the ground that night in Austin.

Now, fast forward to Tuesday's elimination game. Good grief, what a turnaround.

First off, there was that score, Austin winning by 16 points. But just as jolting was the reversal in the teams' offensive performances.

That wanted JM running game? It seemed a distant memory Tuesday. The Rockets managed a measly 66 ground yards.

And after Austin churned out that pedestrian 132 yards rushing the first time against JM? Tuesday the Packers overwhelmed JM with 353 rushing yards. Sudden Packers half-back sensation Tabarie Gunsallus had 280 of them on 34 carries, with two touchdowns.

That gave the sizzling Gunsallus 555 rushing yards in his last 10 quarters of football. He churned out 194 of them with four touchdowns last week in an upset of Faribault.

Gunsallus and these Packers are on a roll. After starting their season with five straight losses, they've won their last four. They're loving life as they're set to travel to take on No. 1 seed Owatonna at 7 p.m. Saturday in the section semifinals.

"I just feel like we're picking up the pace, because we have a bunch of guys who really want to win," said Gunsallus, a 5-foot-10, 185-pound junior with deceiving speed and an eye for daylight. "We're way better than we were the beginning of the season, with a lot better chemistry."

JM ended its season feeling just the opposite about itself. After beginning the year with such high expectations after coming off a state-tournament year and having a bunch of players devote their offseason to the weight room, the Rockets were left wondering what happened.

Well, they knew what part of the problem was.

"When we came together, we played really well," said emotional JM senior defensive end Monty Ridley. "But when things weren't going well, we were yelling at each other. But I'm going to miss being out there so much. These younger guys, they don't know what it is to play in their final game. I'm going to miss all of this."

JM — as had been its bad habit the last half of the season — found itself down early in the game. JM trailed 22-0 at halftime.

Those first 24 minutes had turned into the Gunsallus show. The junior ran for 157 yards in the first half, with touchdown runs of 1 and 34 yards. Austin made it 28-0 with



John Marshall's Matthew LaCroix (83) tries to pull down Austin running back Tabarie Gunsallus during a long run on Tuesday during their Section 1AAAAA quarterfinal game in Rochester.



Good to know ...

- **RUNNING WILD:** Austin junior halfback Tabarie Gunsallus dashed for 280 yards on 34 carries.
- **TOUGH ENDING FOR JM:** The Rockets had a frustrating end to their season, losing their last five games and finishing 2-7 overall. JM reached the state tourney last year.
- **PACKERS' TOUGH ASSIGNMENT:** No. 5 seed Austin plays at No. 1 seed Owatonna at 7 p.m. Saturday.



John Marshall running back Steven Bruggenthies finds room to run against the Austin defense.

8:16 left in the third quarter. JM mounted a slight comeback after that, with Steven Bruggenthies finishing off a nice drive with a 3-yard plunge, and then Jordan Velez taking a swing pass from back-up quarterback Caleb Gronholz 90 yards for a TD with 8:07 left in the game.

But the Rockets couldn't sustain it. With it, they had lost for the fifth straight time and finished their season 2-7.

JM standout lineman Andrew Gangelhoff would never have dreamed his high school career would end like this.

"We'd play fast, and then finish slow in games," Gangelhoff said. "I really thought we were going to win them all. But then we'd get down, and when things didn't go well, we'd start yelling at each other."

No matter the season's frustrations, JM coach Kevin Kirkeby hoped his players walked away from the season having felt a part of something.

"We didn't have the record I wanted, but I hope every one of our boys feels a part of the JM football family," Kirkeby said. "I want them all to feel that."

AUSTIN 28, JOHN MARSHALL 12
Austin 7 15 6 0 - 28
John Marshall 0 0 6 6 - 12



Austin wide receiver Jany Gash hauls in a pass in front of John Marshall defender Adam Hussein.

Comp-att-int	6-19-2	8-17-0
Fumbles lost	2-1	4-1
Punts-avg	3-35.6	4-36.5
INDIVIDUAL STATS		
Rushing		
Austin - Tabarie Gunsallus	34-280,	Tate Hebrink 10-70, Sam Hagen 1-3.
John Marshall - Jordan Velez	13-55,	Jared Juth 1-(minus 5), Jason McGinn 1-5, Caleb Johnson 1-(minus 2), Steven Bruggenthies 3-15, Caleb Gronholz 6-(minus 3).
Passing		
Austin - Tate Hebrink	6 completions,	19 attempts, 2 interceptions, 0 touchdowns, for 51 yards.
John Marshall - Jared Poole	2-71,	Jordan Velez 1-90, Caleb Johnson 4-21, Isaiah Levi 2-36.
RECEIVING		
Austin - Jany Gash	1-31,	Gavin Owens 3-38, Tyler Tupy 2-22, John Marshall - Jared Poole 2-71, Jordan Velez 1-90, Caleb Johnson 4-21, Isaiah Levi 2-36.
TEAM STATISTICS		
	A	JM
First down	23	8
Rushes-yds	45-353	25-65
Passing yds	91	194
Total offense	444	259



2016 JM Rocket Seniors







2016 Varsity Stats

Rocket Defense

TACKLES			
Player	Solo	Assist	Total
Ferguson	44	47	67.5
Wheatley	33	52	59
Bruggenthies	29	28	43
Gangelhoff	20	29	34.5
Hollins	18	25	30.5
LaCroix	17	26	30
Sutter	16	23	27.5
Brown	15	21	25.5
Thompson	12	22	23
Gerber	11	23	22.5
McCarthy	9	27	22.5
Schaefer	14	16	22
Black	10	21	20.5
Ridley	11	18	20
Velez	8	13	14.5
Hardy	8	10	13
Thomas	7	11	12.5
Grota	7	10	12
Johnson	5	9	9.5
Hussein	7	2	8
Haines	2	11	7.5
Ehrich	3	8	7
Walz	2	8	6
Ameen	3	3	4.5
Shedivy	3	0	3
Charles Jr.	2	2	3
Byrne	2	2	3
Smiley	1	2	2
McGinn	1	0	1
Mallory	0	2	1
Mlenar	0	2	1
Levi	0	1	0.5
Reed	0	1	0.5
Kitzman	0	1	0.5
Totals:	320	476	558

TACKLES FOR LOSS	
Player	Loss
Wheatley	8
Hollins	5
Bruggenthies	4
McCarthy	4
Thompson	4
Thomas	4
Schaefer	4
LaCroix	4
Grota	3
Ameen	2
Ferguson	2
Gangelhoff	2
Ridley	2
Sutter	1
Brown	1
McGinn	1
Gerber	1
Ehrich	1
Haines	1
Total:	54

SACKS	
Player	Sacks
Wheatley	2
Hollins	2
Grota	2
LaCroix	2
McCarthy	1
Thompson	1
Schaefer	1
Total:	11

INTERCEPTIONS	
Player	Int
Sutter	2
Ferguson	2
Hussein	1
Bruggenthies	1
Black	1
Total:	7

FUMBLE RECOVERIES	
Player	Fumble Rec
Velez	1
Brown	1
Ferguson	1
Gangelhoff	1
McCarthy	1
Shedivy	1
Total:	6

TOUCHDOWNS	
Player	TDs
Hussein	1
Total:	1

2016 Varsity Stats

Special Teams

PUNT RETURNS					
Player	Returns	Total Yards	Average Yards	Longest	TD's
Bruggenthies	7	60	8.57	20	0
Charles Jr.	1	30	30	30	0
Sutter	2	13	6.5	11	0
TOTAL:	10	103	10.3	30	0

KICK RETURNS					
Player	Returns	Total Yards	Average Yards	Longest	TD's
Charles Jr.	9	152	16.89	23	0
Ameen	5	138	27.6	51	0
Ferguson	5	76	15.2	28	0
Velez	4	56	14	28	0
Wheatley	3	40	13.33	23	0
Brown	2	27	13.5	14	0
Bruggenthies	2	24	12	12	0
C. Johnson	1	18	18	18	0
TOTAL:	31	531	17.13	51	0

PUNT				
Player	Punts	Yards	Average Yards	Longest
Kitzman	28	761	27.18	42
TOTAL:	28	761	27.18	42

KICK OFF					
Player	Kicks	Yards	Average Yards	Longest	Touch Backs
Badger	28	1232	44	60	2
TOTAL:	28	1232	44	60	2

Player	Extra Points			Field Goals		
	Made	Attempts	Points	Made	Attempts	Points
Byrne	8	12	8	1	2	3
Badger	0	2	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	8	14	8	1	2	3

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Rocket Offense

RUSHING								
Player	Attempts	Yards	Average Yard	Longest	TD	2 pt.	Fumbles	Points
Ameen	136	796	5.9	70	5	2	3	34
Velez	79	526	6.7	53	6	0	1	36
McGinn	11	54	4.9	23	0	0	1	0
Black	3	44	14.7	23	1	0	0	6
Juth	44	43	1	40	1	2	2	10
Gronholz	20	42	2.1	17	1	0	1	6
Charles Jr.	3	22	7.3	11	0	0	0	0
Bruggenthies	6	11	1.8	13	1	0	0	6
Brown	2	8	4	4	0	0	0	0
Kitzman	2	3	1.5	6	0	0	0	0
Hollins	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Limberg	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ferguson	1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0
Total	309	1550	5	70	15	4	8	98

PASSING									
Player	Completions	Attempts	Yards	TD	Int	Longest	Percent	2 pt	QBR
Juth	69	123	643	3	5	53	56.10%	0	61.8
Gronholz	17	38	419	3	1	92	44.74%	0	100.7
Velez	0	4	0	0	3	0	0.00%	0	0
Total	86	165	1062	6	9	92	52.12%	0	

RECEIVING							
Player	Receptions	Yards	Average	Longest	TD	2 pt	Points
Velez	34	501	14.7	90	3	0	18
Poole	9	169	18.8	53	0	0	0
Levi	14	131	9.4	27	0	0	0
Ameen	7	130	18.6	92	2	0	12
C. Johnson	11	48	4.4	13	1	0	6
Byrne	2	28	14	21	0	0	0
Charles Jr.	3	25	8.3	12	0	0	0
Shedivy	2	12	6	8	0	0	0
Mlenar	2	12	6	8	0	0	0
Ferguson	1	3	3	3	0	0	0
Sutter	1	3	3	3	0	0	0
Total	86	1062	12.3	92	6	0	36

Total Yards: 2612

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Rocket Offense

OFFENSIVE SCORING					
Player	TD*	FG	PAT	2 PT*	PTS
Velez	9	0	0	0	54
Ameen	7	0	0	2	46
Byrne	0	1	8	0	11
Juth	1	0	0	2	10
Black	1	0	0	0	6
Gronholz	1	0	0	0	6
Bruggenthies	1	0	0	0	6
C. Johnson	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	21	1	8	4	145

*Only receiving and rushing TDs/2 PT conversions

TOTAL OFFENSE*				
Player	Plays	Rush	Passing	Total
Ameen	136	796	0	796
Juth	167	43	643	686
Velez	83	526	0	526
Gronholz	58	42	419	461
McGinn	11	54	0	54
Black	3	44	0	44
Charles Jr.	3	22	0	22
Bruggenthies	6	11	0	11
Brown	2	8	0	8
Kitzman	2	3	0	3
Hollins	1	2	0	2
Limberg	1	0	0	0
Ferguson	1	-1	0	-1
Totals	474	1550	1062	2612

*No reception information. That is included in All Purpose Yards

2016 Varsity Stats

ALL PURPOSE YARDS*					
Player	Rush	Receiving	Kick Return	Punt Return	Total
Velez	526	501	56	0	1083
Ameen	796	130	138	0	1064
Charles Jr.	22	25	152	30	229
Poole	0	169	0	0	169
Levi	0	131	0	0	131
Bruggenthies	11	0	24	60	95
Ferguson	-1	3	76	0	78
C. Johnson	0	48	18	0	66
McGinn	54	0	0	0	54
Black	44	0	0	0	44
Juth	43	0	0	0	43
Gronholz	42	0	0	0	42
Wheatley	0	0	40	0	40
Brown	8	0	27	0	35
Byrne	0	28	0	0	28
Sutter	0	3	0	13	16
Shedivy	0	12	0	0	12
Mlenar	0	12	0	0	12
Kitzman	3	0	0	0	3
Hollins	2	0	0	0	2
Totals	1550	1062	531	103	3246

*All purpose yards does not include forward passes, interception returns nor fumble returns.



2016-2017 School Year ▼			
Overall Record	2-7	Section Record	2-3
Last 10 Games	2-7	Conference Record	1-4
Away Record	1-3	QRF Rank	46.6 35
Home Record	1-4		

Rockets in Action

