

Canton gridgers plow past Patriots, 49-6

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Canton entered Friday night's matchup with Livonia Franklin without three of their offensive line starters from the preseason depth chart. Despite losing a fourth member early in the first half, Canton persevered to a 49-6 road rout of the Patriots.

"It was a lot of people — a lot of big guys — but we're a team," Canton senior quarterback Greg Williams said. "Everybody's got to do their one job. Not one guy, not four guys make a team. It's about the full 11."

Williams piloted a prolific Canton offense that accumulated 514 total yards. 474 of Canton's 514 offensive yards came through their rushing attack. Williams accounted for the other 40 on a passing touchdown to Nolan Gilo with 1:29 left in the first half to put Canton up 21-0.

The Chiefs (2-1) put up more points 2:14 into the third quarter (28) than they scored in the entirety of last week's 24-21 loss to Hartland. Williams said that the coaching staff had preached moving on and learning from the loss and to stay in the present.

"The whole thing all week was 'get it done.' When we broke it down, there was no speeches. We just had to get the job done," Williams said. "It's always tough coming off of a loss, especially close one at home. But you only get nine guaranteed games so it's a quick season, you have to be able to bounce back fast."

Canton got the scoring started early with an 8-yard touchdown for junior running back Jakob Wickens. The touchdown was set up by a 67-yard return of the opening kickoff by Chuck Turfe to get the ball deep into Franklin (0-3) territory.

Sophomore Marcus Sanders stole the show by scoring three touchdowns and rushing for 210 yards on 15 carries. He put Canton up 14-0 after a 3-yard touchdown six seconds into the second quarter.

Sanders outraced Patriot defenders on his final two touchdowns that were from 75 and 69 yards out late in the third quarter and early in the fourth quarter on back to back possessions.

Turfe put Canton up 28-0 with his 53-yard touchdown through the heart of the Franklin defense just 2:14 into the third quarter.

Canton closed the scoring with a 58-yard touchdown by senior running back Brian Newton.