

Chiefs turn up the offense

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Canton took the energy of the homecoming crowd and used it to score early and often Friday night en route to a 56-12 pounding of Wayne Memorial at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"Our offensive line executed well. Defensively, we played our tails off. Our kids competed and I was very happy with both sides of the ball," Canton veteran head coach Tim Baechler said.

Canton (3-1) got on the scoreboard right from the get-go in the first quarter, building a 28-0 lead.

Quarterback Greg Williams found Nolan Gilo for a 62-yard touchdown just 50 seconds into the game.

Marcus Sanders (158 yards), Brian Newton (70 yards) and Jakob Wickens (162 yards) scored via the Chiefs' prolific rushing attack to finish the first-quarter scoring.

"I give credit to our offensive line, a lot of credit. Coach (Bob) Williams is doing a phenomenal job," Newton said. "He's really picked up the intensity in practice."

Wickens scored twice in the second quarter, Newton once, and the Chiefs forced a Wayne Memorial (0-4) safety to put Canton up 49-0 at half.

Shutout spoiled

Wayne Memorial got on the scoreboard 3:52 into the third quarter, when quarterback Joe Bob Walker connected with Jamon Higgins.

The Zebras capped the scoring (after another Sanders rushing touchdown) on 65-yard Lonyell Desjarnet touchdown.

Defensively, the Chiefs intercepted Walker three times. Micah Rinke had the first one that thwarted a Wayne Memorial drive deep into the Canton red zone.

The Chiefs' special teams were led by senior kicker Brocton Baechler. He played as a freshman in 2011, but had to stop playing due to medical issues.

Baechler was added to the roster Monday due to an injury preventing the regular place kicker, Andrew Loehnis, from kicking long distances.

Although he had a busy night, Baechler made the most of the opportunity to perform under the Friday night lights with his father right beside him.

"It's the greatest feeling in the world to be out here with my dad," Baechler said. "Coach Ferras (Isa) has been helping me out a lot the past week."