

Canton 40, Livonia Churchill 35: Chiefs storm back to stun undefeated Chargers







9 / 9

The Canton football team celebrates its 40-35 victory over Livonia Churchill on Oct. 3, 2014 in the MLive Detroit Game of the Week.

Jared Purcell | japurcell@mlive.com

Photos from the MLive Detroit Game of the Week between Canton and Livonia Churchill on Oct. 3, 2014. (Jared Purcell | japurcell@mlive.com)

By Tom Barry | MLive.com

on October 03, 2014 10:12 p.m.

10/03 - 6:30 PM Football	Final
Livonia Churchill	35
Canton	40

MLIVE DETROIT GAME OF THE WEEK

CANTON – [Canton](#) erased a 14-yard deficit with 3:45 left in the third quarter and held off four plays from [Livonia Churchill](#) at the Chiefs' five-yard line for a 40-35 upset Friday in front of a home crowd in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association South Division football contest.

Quarterback Greg Williams led a 31-yard drive down to the end zone for the Chiefs (5-1, 4-0) and put an end to it with an eight-yard pass to Nolan Gilo to give Canton its first lead since the first quarter.

Miami (Ohio) recruit Brian Alsobrooks took Churchill (5-1, 3-1) downfield with a 46-yard pass to the Canton 21-yard line and eventually into the Chiefs' red zone.

With Churchill threatening at the Canton five-yard line, the Chiefs forced Alsobrooks to throw short twice and nearly picked him off in the end zone on third down.

Churchill went to the opposite side of the end zone on fourth down, but Canton defensive back Jared Stephens pulled down the game-clinching interception with 46.9 seconds to go, moving Canton to within one win of the postseason.

Canton running back Marcus Sanders racked up 20 rushes for 114 yards and a touchdown.

Protected by an offensive line that includes Eastern Michigan recruit Matt Skibinski, Churchill running back Paul Romain ran 23 times for 78 yards and two scores.

Key to the game

With Churchill facing 4th-and-goal at the Canton five-yard line, Alsobrooks tossed the ball into the end zone and into the hands of a leaping Stephens to ice the game with 46.9 seconds left.

Livonia Churchill highlights

Alsobrooks pitched the ball back early in the first quarter to running back Shakur Lockett, who pitched back to running back Steven Szymanski, who then lobbed up a 41-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Timothy Dulin to tie the game at 7-7.

With just five seconds to go before halftime, Alsobrooks aired the ball out to Szymanski, who took the pass 57 yards downfield to boost the Churchill lead to 28-14.

As Churchill was coming up on the Canton red zone, Alsobrooks netted his second touchdown pass of the game with a 12-yard to completion to tight end Aaron Mager to put the Chargers ahead 35-21.

Canton highlights

With Churchill up one point and facing 4th-and-1 from its own 31-yard line, the Canton defensive line swarmed Romain and held to no gain, giving the ball back to the Chiefs.

Williams tossed his first touchdown pass of the game Gilo, an eight-yard score, to give Canton a 40-35 lead with 2:42 remaining after a missed extra point.

As Churchill looked for the game-winning touchdown pass on 4th-and-goal with 46 seconds left, Stephens pulled the ball down and landed in the end zone for the interception, sealing the upset.

<http://highschoolsports.mlive.com/news/article/-3684764023724017675/canton-40-churchill-35-chiefs-storm-back-to-stun-undefeated-chargers/>