

Canton QB Greg Williams goes beyond traditional roll to help Chiefs topple Livonia Churchill



Canton quarterback Greg Williams helped lead the Chiefs in any way he could to beat Livonia Churchill, 40-35, on Friday night in the MLive Detroit Game of the Week.

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No matter if it is a big game or just another day on the gridiron, a football team always looks toward its quarterback to pave the way to victory.

On Friday night, Canton quarterback [Greg Williams](#) helped pave the way for his team to capture a win - literally.

Down 28-14 to open the second half, Canton was looking to come out of the locker room to make a statement. Finding itself 40 yards away from the endzone on the first possession of the second half, Williams helped engineer the longest scoring play of the night for Canton.

He didn't do it with his arm.

In fact, he didn't even do it with the ball.

After handing off the ball to senior running back [Chuck Turfe](#), Williams was off to the race. With Turfe finding a seam on the left side, Williams bolted out ahead and became Turfe's lead blocker.

"At that point, down 28-14 going into the second half, I was desperate," Williams said. "We were desperate. Anything I can do, I'm going to do."

Taking on any defender that would come into the vicinity, Turfe nearly went untouched with Williams clearing the way in front of him, only passing Williams in the few yards before scoring.

"You're just in the moment," Williams said. "I'm running down field. I'm blocking and I see the guy turn so I know (Turfe) is behind me. When he gets (a touchdown), it's just a relief."

Canton coach Tim Baechler watched in admiration at the sight of his quarterback bolting down the field as a blocker. As impressed as Baechler was, he was not surprised by any means.



Canton quarterback Greg Williams prepares to hike the ball against Livonia Churchill in the MLive Detroit Game of the Week. (Jared Purcell | japurcell@mlive.com)

"He's just a ballplayer," Baechler said of Williams. "He's a great leader and just a savvy football player, not just a quarterback."

Although Williams didn't have a career night in any sense - throwing 8-for-14 for 109 yards, a touchdown and an interception - he made a difference when it mattered most, the way a true quarterback should.

Trailing 35-34, the Canton defense got a pivotal stop against Livonia Churchill's offense on a fourth and inches with 4:35 to play. Taking over possession on the Churchill 32-yard line, Williams kept the momentum going by rushing 29 yards to the three yard line.

After losing five yards over the next two plays, Williams then capped the drive, and the game, like a true quarterback, finding senior tight end [Nolan Gilo](#) for the go-ahead touchdown pass from eight yards out.

"It's a relief," Williams said. "We battled the whole night. We were challenged by Coach B in the locker room at half. We were challenged and we showed up."

Williams just made sure that, when Canton did show up, he was the one leading the way.

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