

ROAD WARRIORS: Canton pummels Galesburg

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If the Canton Chiefs had a collective chip on their shoulder from needing to travel all the way to Galesburg, Ill. for their Week 9 opponent, they left it out on the field — hammering the home team 35-14 on Saturday afternoon. From the opening kickoff, Canton set the tone, outgaining Galesburg 469-193 for the game and building commanding leads of 21-7 at halftime and 35-7 in the third before surrendering a meaningless touchdown. Running back Markus Sanders once again was a force for Canton (7-2). He gained 167 yards in 16 carries and opened the scoring just 3:11 into the contest on a 56-yard run. Also helping to consistently move the chains were running backs Jared Stephens (14-81), Julian Thornton (12-69) and Jakob Wickens (4-41).

Quarterback Jake O'Donnell orchestrated the proactive offense, rushing for 47 yards in five carries and tossing a 57-yard TD to Stephens, who also scored on a pair of runs (from the 7- and 5-yard lines).

The biggest offensive play of the game for the Chiefs was a 96-yard kickoff return by Colin Troup. He took the kickoff to open the second half and nearly went the length of the gridiron.

Helping the cause with five extra points was Ben Tubaro.

Meanwhile, the Canton defense was hitting throughout the game, with Lou Baecher (14 solo tackles) and Stephens (11 assists) leading the helmet-cracking charge.