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## Canton wins Meijer High School Football Game of the Week

Jones leads Chiefs to 42-14 win

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CANTON, Mich - CANTON TOWNSHIP, Mich. (WXYZ) -- Canton defended its home turf, beating Walled Lake Central 42-14 in the [Meijer High School Football Game of the Week](#) .

The Chiefs and Vikings exchanged scores in the first quarter, with Ryan Jones finding the endzone for Canton just 3:30 into the game. Walled Lake Central's quarterback Zach Leimbach, playing in his first game since his father passed away in June, took it in himself to tie things up at 7-7.

But then Canton's offense took over.

Late in the first quarter, Jones broke through for a long run to set up a second quarter Kevin Buford 5-yard touchdown.

Canton, returning just two starters from the 2010 squad on defense, allowed only 14 points, including seven that were scored late in the fourth quarter. They forced a fumble on a Vikings punt with six minutes remaining in the half and scored on the very next play. Kyle Adams made it 21-7 with the keeper.

Walled Lake Central's Drew Miller bobbled a third quarter handoff and the Chiefs capitalized, with Zac Merillat carrying it all the way for 6. The ensuing PAT missed wide, and the score was 27-7 just a minute into the second half.

A pair of Canton scores made it 42-7 until Tai Aboila reeled in a touchdown for the Vikings with just two seconds left in the contest.

Walled Lake Central lost to Canton early in the season last year, as well, but went on to win their first Regional Championship. Canton looks to build on their 10-0 start in 2010, before they fell to Plymouth in the second round of the MHSAA playoffs.

In other action, Manchester beat Clinton 29-14 in game one of the Big Day Prep Showdown, powered by the solid passing of Nate Bossory. Howell defeated Sterling Heights Stevenson 21-6.

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