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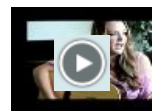
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Canton senior running back Ryan Jones scored on a four-yard run with 54 seconds to play Thursday night, as the Chiefs earned a 35-31 victory over host Grand Blanc.

But it was senior halfback Kevin Buford's night. One of the key plays during the winning drive was an 18-yard pass from quarterback Kyle Adams to Buford — who scored three touchdowns, including one on defense and one on special teams.

Buford, who tallied 287 all-purpose yards, got the game off to a rousing start as he scored on a 66-yard run at 2:01 of the first quarter to put Canton up 7-0.

Just 1:12 later, Buford fielded a punt and raced 89 yards into the end zone. In addition to that return, he ran for 90 yards and tacked on 88 more via his five receptions.

Grand Blanc came back with two scores before the first quarter ended and led 24-21 at halftime.

Canton's lone TD in the second was a 20-yard run by Malcolm Hollingsworth.

The second half was a see-saw affair. Grand Blanc led 24-21 at halftime but the Chiefs went up 28-24 in the third on a 20-yard

interception return by Buford.

But the Bobcats (1-1) bounced right back early in the fourth when Kaleb Mcelwee scored a six-yard touchdown to take a 31-28 advantage.

Jones (10 rushes, 39 yards) got the score right back on the subsequent series, a nine-play drive for 59 yards, and Canton's defense held off Grand Blanc quarterback Bart Williams as he tried to engineer a last-ditch drive.



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