

# Prep football: Canton routs Novi, earns playoff spot

Canton on Friday snapped a two-game losing skid and qualified once again for the MHSAA football playoffs with a 35-6 trouncing of Novi.

The game was played on Friday afternoon on the varsity [turf field](#) at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park instead of the junior varsity field because of unplayable field conditions at the latter. Plymouth and Northville followed that up with their matchup for the KLAA Kensington Conference title.

Canton improved to 6-2 with the victory, breaking out to a 28-6 halftime advantage.

The Chiefs were dominant in the ground game, carrying the ball 61 times for 367 yards (6.0 average) and gave up only 94 rushing yards to the Wildcats.

Malcolm Hollingsworth was Canton's big gun, with 158 rushing yards (in 26 attempts) and two touchdowns.

Also scoring twice was quarterback Kyle Adams, who ran for 128 yards and only needed to throw five times (he completed four of those for 84 yards, including a five-yard TD toss to Nick Tata with 20 seconds left in the first half.

It took just 1:26 for Canton to get on the scoreboard as Adams rushed for a 65-yard touchdown. Just over three minutes later, he scored again, this time from 10-yards out.

Novi (3-5) did slice the lead to 14-6 with 3:07 to go in the first quarter. Quarterback Derek Ince (8-22, 127 yards) threw a 14-yard [TD pass](#) to Logan Regnier.

But early in the second frame, Hollingsworth scored on a 41-yard run and it was a 21-6 lead for Canton.

Before the break, the Chiefs embarked on a 94-yard scoring [drive](#) in 13 plays, capped by the Tata touchdown.

Senior halfback Kevin Buford (123 all-purpose yards) had the big play of the march, a 42-yard catch-and-run that moved the chains down to Novi's 36-[yard line](#).

The final TD of the night came in the third, when Hollingsworth scored on a 27-yard carry.

Canton's defense also was stellar. The leading tackler was Matt McKoy with five, including two solos. Olaniyi Owagbemi chipped in with four tackles while Cory Peters had a sack among his three tackles. Ian McCormick also had three tackles. Kicking four extra points was Scott Piwowar.

