

# Canton runs for 500 yards in a 56-7 win over Livonia Franklin in KLAA South football action

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Canton ran for more than 500 yards in a 56-7 victory over Livonia Franklin in a KLAA South football blowout shortened by bad weather on Friday night.

Chuck Turfe and Westen Price led the Canton offense. Turfe ran for 245 yards and three touchdowns, while Price ran for 181 yards and also had three touchdowns as Canton moved to 6-0 overall.

The majority of the Canton offensive success came from big runs up the middle. On just seven plays, the Chiefs went for 43, 51, 55, 67, 71, 78, and 86-yard runs and seven touchdowns; all on simple, off-guard running plays.

“We found the right scheme to block that play, and they didn’t have an answer,” Canton coach Tim Baechler said.

At the end of the first quarter Franklin was down only 13-0. But Canton went on to score 36 points in the second quarter, and the rout was on.

A 49-yard interception return for a touchdown by Jake Pagel capped off the dominant half.

“Our offense executed well, and so did our defense,” Baechler said.

The Canton defense held Franklin to only 197 yards of total offense.

The second half was played with a running clock, and at the end of the third quarter, the game was ended due to lightning.

With the win, Canton goes to 4-0 in the KLAA South division and locks up a playoff spot with a sixth overall win.

With the loss, Franklin drops to 3-3 and will have to win all three remaining games to win an automatic playoff spot.