

Pirates put Musketeers away in fourth, 28-7

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Pirate Football hosted Mid Southern Conference opponent Eastern-Pekin Friday night in the Bone Yard.

The Pirates (4-0, 3-0 MSC) won the battle in the end, during a bizarre penalty and turnover filled contest. Eastern (1-3, 0-2 MSC) scored it's first ever points versus the Pirates during the second quarter. Charlestown took the contest 28-7.

The Pirates opened the game well when Josh Graham scored a touchdown to cap an eight play 56 yard series.

The Pirates' Graham scored again in the first quarter after the Pirates recovered a Musketeer fumble, then moved the ball 59 yards in seven plays to make the score 13-0.

The Pirates fumbled the ball to Eastern on their own 5 yard line in the second quarter that lead to a Musketeer touchdown by Josh Higdon.

After eleven straight series' of punts, fumbles, and turnovers, the Pirates finally got back on the board in the fourth quarter when senior Jake Cook intercepted a Givens pass; which resulted in a two play six yard series ended by a one yard Josh Graham touchdown run.

The Pirates increased their lead with 9:49 left in the game when Graham intercepted a Musketeer pass that ended in another two play series and a Graham 10 yard carry to make the final score 28-7.

The Pirates were unusually penalized 155 yards on 14 infractions while the Musketeers were hit with 69 yards on nine penalties.

Charlestown Pirate Pride Sports Broadcasting named Senior Josh Graham the Tumbletown Offensive Player of the Game after finishing with 108 yards of rushing on 21 carries, including four touchdowns. Junior Jon Slaten was also named the Tumbletown Defensive Player of the Game.

During halftime the 1989 Charlestown High School Pirate Football Team, which finished their historic season 20 years ago with a final record of 12-1 was honored. The 1989 Pirate Football team, head coached by John Mastin, achieved a Mid-Southern Conference Championship, a Sectional Championship, a Regional Championship, and a Semi-State Runner-up honor and still are bearers of several current school football records.

The Pirates take a break from conference play this Friday as they travel to Clarksville to challenge long time rivals, the Providence Pioneers (2-2). Kick-off is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at Murphy Stadium.

Pirate Pride Sports Broadcasting will cover the game live online or at the game on 107.3 FM.

Pirate fans are encouraged to make the short trip to Clarksville and help cheer the Pirates to a victory Friday when they attempt to extend their record to 5 - 0 for the second time in the last three years.