

## Pirates secure third straight MSC Football title

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The Pirate Football Team (6<sup>1</sup> and 5<sup>0</sup> MSC) secured at least a share of their third consecutive Mid<sup>1</sup>Southern Conference Championship by outlasting Salem on Homecoming & Senior Night last Friday.

The Lions (4<sup>3</sup> and 3<sup>2</sup> MSC) held the Pirates to 165 yards of total offense and dominated the time of possession but failed to score offensively against the Pirates' defense.

After a scoreless first half, which included a 31 yard missed Salem field goal, the Pirates scored on their first possession of the second half, when senior Michael Baines capped a four play, 36 yard drive with a 22 yard touchdown run. The extra point try was blocked keeping the score at 6<sup>0</sup> until the Pirates gave up a safety to improve field possession with 2:21 left in the game.

The Pirate defense smothered the Lions' chances at a game winning scoring drive with solid defense causing Salem to turn the ball over on downs without positive yardage to win the game.

Pirate Pride Sports Broadcasting named seniors Michael Baines and Josh Graham Tumbletown Co<sup>1</sup>Offensive Players of the Game while naming the entire Pirate Defensive Unit the Tumbletown Co<sup>1</sup>Defensive Players of the Game, lead by Clay Daniel, Lucas Poteet and Eric Kruse.

The Pirates finish conference play this Friday when traveling to North Harrison (1<sup>6</sup> and 1<sup>4</sup> MSC) to take on the Cougars.

Pirate Pride Sports Broadcasting will go on the air live at 6:45 p.m for the scheduled 7 p.m kick<sup>1</sup>off.