

Charlestown cruises past Generals, 67-18

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The Pirate faithful traveled to Clarksville last Friday night to cheer on the undefeated Pirates. The sea of blue filled the visiting bleachers and traveled around the track as some Charlestown fans had to find a place to cheer on the Pirates on the Clarksville side of the field.

The fans got all they wanted as the Pirates handled the home standing Generals 67-18. The starting defense for Charlestown did not give up a score. The Pirates held the 53-0 advantage when Head Coach Jason Hawkins started giving the younger Pirates some varsity experience.

Charlestown found the endzone twice in the first quarter. The first score came at the 7:56 mark when senior quarterback Aaron

Daniel hooked up with senior wide receiver Cody Donahue for a 17 yard touchdown pass. The extra point was tacked on by Daniel to give the Pirates the early 7-0 advantage. The Pirates second score of the quarter came at the 4:12 mark when Daniel sprinted 13 yards to the endzone. He then tacked on the extra point for the 14-0 lead heading into the second stanza of play.

The Pirates exploded for four touchdowns in the second quarter putting 26 points on the scoreboard before the halftime break.

The visiting Pirates held the 40-0 lead at halftime.

Charlestown scored two more touchdowns in the third quarter before the Generals found the scoreboard.

Pirate senior Wesley Sexton caught a pass from Daniel covering 46 yards for the first touchdown of the quarter. The extra point was good from Chris Shanks giving Charlestown the 47-0 advantage with 9:06 remaining in the third period. McCutchen would scamper 16 yards for the next Pirate score at the 2:21 mark. The extra point attempt was no good as the Pirates held the 53-0 advantage.

The Generals would finally find the scoreboard at the 2:00 mark of the third period as Aidan McEwen hit Nate Knight for the 70 yard touchdown strike. The extra point attempt failed as the Pirates held the 53-6 lead.

Charlestown needed just 55 seconds to find the endzone yet again. Senior running back Ryan Wilkerson found the endzone from seven yards out. The extra point attempt was no good as Charlestown held the 59-6 advantage heading into the final 12 minutes of play.

The final quarter gave way for Charlestown to allow younger players some varsity level experience.

Clarksville would score the next two touchdowns. Both scores were passes from McEwen to Brandon Hardin. The completions covered two and five yards. Both extra point attempts failed as Charlestown held the 59-18 lead. The Generals would not find the endzone the remaining of the ballgame.

The Pirates' final score of the evening came from sophomore Cameron Hopson from two yards out. Classmate Tyler Olsen tacked on the two point conversion with 1:02 remaining in the ballgame.

Charlestown took the 67-18 Mid Southern Conference victory. The Pirates are 3-0 on the season and 2-0 in the Mid Southern Conference. The Generals fell to 1-2 overall.

The Pirates were led by Aaron Daniel with 164 yards on 17 carries and three touchdowns.

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McCutchen added 157 yards on 16 carries and two touchdowns. Wilkerson had 53 yards on six carries and one touchdown.

Daniel completed 11 of 14 passes for 157 yards and three touchdowns. He had one interception on the evening. Sexton recorded two catches for 67 yards and one touchdown followed by Donahue with three catches for 49 yards and one touchdown. Odle added five catches for 28 yards and one touchdown.

Clarksville was led by Christian Brown with 83 yards on 15 carries.

McEwen completed 13 of 21 passes for 175 yards and three touchdowns for the Generals. Hardin collected 61 yards on five catches and two touchdowns while Knight had 70 yards on one catch and one touchdown.

The Pirates gained 601 yards while Clarksville gained 281 yards. Charlestown collected 444 rushing yards as the Generals had 104 yards rushing.

Charlestown will host North Harrison this Friday night. Kick off is set for 7 p.m. in the Boneyard.