

Dragons fall to Panthers in MSC match up

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“It took us the entire first half to get our heads in the game. If we are going to win a game this season, we have to play both halves,” stated Silver Creek Head Coach Mike Donahue after his Dragons fell at home last Friday night to Corydon Central.

The visiting Panthers scored first and often in the first half as they went into the halftime break with a 35-0 lead.

The Dragons came out in the third quarter and put up 21 points while allowing 21 points. The quarter was an offensive dream as six touchdowns were scored in the 12 minute period.

Silver Creek's Layne Taylor, a senior running back, returned the pigskin 70 yards for the Dragons' first touchdown during their first possession of the second half. Senior Trevor Spense tacked on the extra point for the 42-7 Panthers lead at the 10:55 mark of the third period.

Corydon Central answered just 40 seconds later with a score of their own. Panther quarterback Chase Burton hooked up with tight end Dylan Jensen for a 58 yard touchdown pass. The extra point attempt was good by Cory Thomas.

The Dragons needed only seven plays to reach the endzone as junior quarterback Brooks Howell hooked up with classmate Drew Sherrow for a 15 yard touchdown strike. The extra point attempt was no good as the Panthers held the 49-13 lead at the 8:33 mark of the third stanza.

Corydon drove down the field before junior Alex McAfee fumbled the ball out of the endzone giving Silver Creek the ball on the 20 yard line. The Dragons went on a long 15 play drive. The drive was capped off as Brooks hit Sherrow for the second time in the quarter. The play covered 28 yards for the Silver Creek touchdown. Dragon junior Corey Castile added the two point conversion for the Panthers 49-21 advantage with 29.8 seconds remaining in the quarter.

The Panthers rounded out the scoring in the quarter as they returned the kickoff 65 yards for the score. Thomas nailed the extra point for the 56-21 advantage with 17.1 seconds in the third period.

The Dragons' final score of the night would come from Romney Allen as the senior running back bulldozed six yards to the endzone. The two point conversion fell short as Corydon held the 56-27 lead at the 10:06 mark of the ballgame.

Corydon Central's Cody Mavon scored the last two touchdowns of the ballgame. The Panthers took home the 70-27 Mid Southern Conference victory.

Silver Creek fell to 0-3 on the season and 0-2 in the Mid Southern Conference. Corydon Central now stands at 3-0 on the season and 2-0 in the MSC.

“It took us the whole day on half to get started. I thought we played better in the third. In the third quarter we played how we are capable of playing,” stated Coach Donahue.

When asked about the bright spot of the ballgame, Donahue was quick to answer.

“Layne Taylor is amazing at returning kickoffs. Layne Taylor is Layne Taylor,” Coach Donahue added about the standout senior running back. “During the last quarter we tried to let our younger kids get some experience in the game,” Coach Donahue concluded.

Silver Creek will travel to Mid Southern Conference foe Eastern this Friday night. Kick off is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Pekin.