Charlestown High School Head Coach Jason Hawkins has been named the Colts/NFL Coach of the Week, a program presented by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Hawkins was selected after his then Class 3A No. 3 ranked Pirates beat previously unbeaten and No. 4 Corydon Central 47-0 on Friday night, October 5. Charlestown is now 8-0.

The 2012 season marks the 13th year the Indianapolis Colts will be recognizing outstanding Indiana High School football coaches through the Colts/NFL Coach of the Week program, presented by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

After receiving the Colts Coachof the Week baseball cap from former Colt and current Colts Youth Football Commissioner Mike Prior, Hawkins turned to his team and gave them the credit for his success.

“Anytime a coach receives an award it all goes back to you all. We do this because we love coaching and we love football. Any award given to a coach reflects back to the team,” a very humble Hawkins stated.

The Charlestown Pirates are making quite the statement this season. Not only are they undefeated, their smallest margin of victory has been 38 points. They’re averaging 58.9 and 359 yards per game.

However, in the win over Corydon Central it was the defense that stood out pinching their second consecutive shutout. The Pirates had received skepticism due to their schedule, but the win over a top five ranked team definitely was a statement for Hawkins’ team.

Coach Hawkins is in his sixth season with the Pirates and has a 48-15 overall record. His first season as Head Coach was the last time this team went 7-0. They finished the season 9-0 but were eliminated in the opening round of sectionals by Heritage Hills.

Coach Hawkins becomes the first coach from Charlestown High School to be named a Colts Coach of the Week winner.

The Coach of the Week program was designed to recognize high school coaches who transform the best available athletes into high potential football players through their hard work and dedication to young people.

All high school head coaches in the state of Indiana are eligible regardless of their school size, league or division. Coaches are evaluated on various factors including the coach’s impact on his team, school and community, as well as performance of the team. The honorees are selected by a panel of high school football media, former athletic directors and other football representatives from all regions of the state.

Each Monday, following a high school football game weekend, one head coach will be announced. Coach Pagano will also announce each week’s winner in his weekly press conference.

At the conclusion of the high school football season, each winning coach will receive a framed certificate signed by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, Colts Head Coach Chuck Pagano, Colts General Manager Ryan Grigson and Colts Youth Football Commissioner Mike Prior, as well as a $1,000 donation from the NFL Youth Football Fund. In addition, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield will contribute $1,000 for the school’s athletic fund.