Pirates fall to MSC rival Corydon in Sectional opener

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Charlestown opened Sectional 30 play last Wednesday evening. The host Pirates faced Corydon in the opening round. Charlestown (11-10) was looking to avenge a February 2 loss (60-50) to their Mid Southern Conference rival Panthers (17-5).

Charlestown's Justin Conrad came out on fire as he drilled back-to-back-to back triples in the first quarter on his way to nailing five threes in the first half. The Pirates held the 13-10 lead after the first stanza of play.

The Pirates continued their offensive flow into the second as they added 16 points in the quarter with two threes from Conrad. Chris Braun tallied seven points in the quarter including an old-fashioned three point play. Charlestown held the 29-25 lead heading into the halftime break.

The third quarter seen the Panthers begin to cut into the Pirate lead. Corydon's Dylan Jensen cut the Charlestown lead to a bucket at the 5:17 mark before a three by Brayden Lander at the 3:45 mark gave the lead to Corydon.

Charlestown senior guard Aaron Daniel answered with a bucket to take the lead back for the Pirates. Daniel added a three in the quarter to push the Charlestown lead to 36-32 at the 2:39 mark.

The Pirates held the slight lead, 36-34, heading into the final quarter of play.

Corydon Central's Jensen tied the ballgame at 36 early in the fourth. Bronson Kessinger added to the Panther lead at the 6:19 mark before Daniel scored a lay up for the first Pirate bucket of the quarter at the 5:43 mark. Panther Chase Burton answered with a triple to force a Charlestown time out. Charlestown came out of the time out to score as Chris Braun cut the Corydon lead to 41-40. The Panthers pushed the lead back to four at the 3:34 mark on an old-fashioned three point play from Kessinger.

Daniel's three from the top of the key cut the Panthers lead, 46-43, with 51.8 seconds left in the ballgame. It would be as close as the Pirates would come as they fell 50-43 to Corydon Central.

Charlestown was led by Justin Conrad and Chris Braun with 15 points each. Aaron Daniel tallied 10 points and Gage Martin chipped in three points.

Corydon Central was led by Bronson Kessinger with 21 points. Brayden Lander and Chase Burton added seven points each.

The Pirates will lose four seniors including Aaron Daniel, Cody Donahue, Justin Conrad and Chris Braun.

Corydon advanced to the Sectional Semi-Final to face North Harrison.