

Former Charlestown Pirate Quarterback Aaron Daniel far from disappointed the 50 or so loud and proud hometown fans who made Friday's (July 19) journey to Indianapolis' North Central High School. Truth be told, he made another couple thousand fans, who were in attendance supporting their favorite Indiana Football All-Stars. Daniel has always had a knack for and getting done what needed to be on the football field; and during Friday's North-South All-Star Classic, there were no exceptions. Daniel alternated games series' as quarterback with Drake Christen, the current Indiana Mr. Football from State Champion Lawrence Central. Daniel came ready to play no matter who he was trading time with; as on his first series of the game he connected with Alex Parrett (Cardinal Ritter HS/Wabash College) for a 38 yard touchdown pass to put the South All-Stars on the scoreboard.

The North team scored on their opening drive of the second before South All-Star Griffin Oakes (Greenwood HS/Indiana) made a 26 yard field goal to make the halftime count 10-6. Daniel (Charlestown HS/Indiana) came out hotter than the 90 degree weather in the second half when the South team took advantage of a North miscue to take over just outside the 20 yard line. Three plays later, Daniel kept the ball on an option play and ran it in for a nine yard touchdown with 3:18 remaining in the third. Oakes added a 23 yard field goal with 8:29 remaining in the game before Daniel help seal a third straight South victory with a keeper up the middle for a 15 yard touchdown.

Daniel finished the game 2/2 for 57 passing yards, including the 38 yard touchdown toss and two rushing touchdowns on six carries totaling 60 yards.

While South All-Star fans celebrated on the field after the game, Charlestown's Aaron Daniel was announced as the 2013 Grange Insurance Indiana High School Football All-Star Classic Most Valuable Player. "Daniel played Friday night as he has most of his high school career, even if it was with and against the best college-ready football players Indiana has to offer," assessed Pirate Football Coach Jason Hawkins.

Hawkins concluded, "I'm proud of him (Aaron).....very, very proud of him."

The game was broadcasted live by Pirate Pride Sports Broadcasting and is archived for future listening at www.CPPSB.com. More information about the North-South All-Star game go to http://ifca.zebras.net/ifca/candler/announcements/all-star_game.htm.