

The Boneyard was filled last week with Pirate Nation cheering on the homestanding Pirates to a Homecoming win. The students of Charlestown High School had spent the week rallying school spirit and enjoying all the festivities of Homecoming week, including the annual Homecoming parade. The Pirates just wanted to continue their winning streak as they had won their last three games. Continuing that streak is just what they did as they pushed their streak to four with a 35-0 win over Mid Southern Conference rival Salem. The teams played the entire first quarter without a score.

Charlestown's Darren Taylor found the endzone first with a five yard scamper at the 7:06 mark of the second quarter. The extra point attempt was no good as the Pirates took the early 6-0 lead.

The Pirates would find the scoreboard one more time before the halftime break. With 57 seconds on the clock Pirate senior quarterback Taylor hooked up with junior tightend Hunter Crace for a 17 yard touchdown strike. Senior runningback Matt Myers added the two point conversion to give the Pirates the 14-0 advantage heading into the halftime break.

The Pirates came out strong again in the second half on both sides of the ball. The third period proved to put two more touchdowns on the scoreboard for Charlestown, one from the offense and one from the defense. The Charlestown offense's score came at the 6:59 mark as Taylor hooked up with Crace for a six yard touchdown pass. The extra point attempt from senior kicker Rodrigo Martinez split the uprights for the 21-0 Pirate advantage. The defense also gained a touchdown when senior Tyler Combs intercepted Salem junior quarterback Jordan McNeely. Combs ran the ball back 69 yards for the Pirate score. Martinez tacked on the extra point for the 28-0 Charlestown advantage with 14 seconds remaining in the third stanza.

Charlestown would find the endzone one more time before the final buzzer. Antonio Gaddie sprinted 46 yards to paydirt. Martinez split the uprights again. Charlestown held the 35-0 lead with 10:35 remaining in the ballgame. The score would prove to be the last of the game.

The Pirates took the 35-0 win to push their overall record to 4-2 and 4-1 in the Mid Southern Conference. The Lions fell to 3-3 on the season.

Charlestown was led by Darren Taylor with 85 yards on 15 carries and one touchdown. Matt Myers added 71 yards on 12 carries while Antonio Gaddie recorded 62 yards on five carries and one touchdown.

Taylor completed 5-of-10 passes for 67 yards and two touchdowns.

Hunter Crace added three catches for 27 yards and two touchdowns. Eli Daniel recorded 40 yards on two catches.

Salem was led by Jordan McNeely with 27 yards on 16 carries. Andrew Maudlin added five carries for 24 yards.

McNeely completed 7-of-15 passes for 55 yards and had one interception.

Kody Kramer caught four passes for 41 yards.

Charlestown tallied 216 rushing yards and 77 passing yards for 293 total yards.

Salem recorded 56 rushing yards and 55 passing yards for 111 total yards.

The Pirates will host Corydon Central this Friday night. Kick off is set for 7 p.m. in The Boneyard.

Salem will host Eastern this Friday night at 7 p.m.