

by MICHAEL ROSS    jross@gbpnews.com    The Charlestown Pirates headed into last Friday night's Mid Southern Conference showdown riding a four game win streak. The Pirates were ready to push that streak to five to open play in October. Pirate Nation was ready to cheer on the home standing team as the sea of blue in The Boneyard turned to Blue and Pink as Charlestown celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness Month with their annual Pink Out game.

Pirate Nation had a lot to cheer as the Charlestown defense recorded their third consecutive shut out, 35-0, over the Panthers of Corydon Central.

Charlestown junior wide receiver Eli Daniel needed just 16 seconds to get the home team on the scoreboard. Daniel took the opening kick off 98 yards to the endzone for the early Pirate touchdown. Senior kicker Rodrigo Martinez tacked on the extra point for the 7-0 lead.

The Charlestown defense pushed Corydon to a three and out as the snap went over the kicker's head. After regaining control the kick went off to the right and Charlestown would take over on the Panthers three yard line.

The Pirates needed three plays to find the endzone again. Charlestown senior running back Matt Myers bulldozed his way in from one yard out. The Martinez extra point split the uprights for the 14-0 Pirate lead.

The score would prove to be the last of the first half as the Pirates held the 14-0 lead heading into the halftime break.

Corydon Central received the opening kick off to start the second half. The Panthers fumbled the ball on the kick off and Charlestown junior Jarrett Farmer recovered the ball for the Pirates.

Charlestown freshman Antonyo Gaddie made his way into the scorebook for the first time on the evening at the 11:02 mark of the third quarter. Martinez again added the extra point for the 21-0 Pirate lead. The score would be the first of three for Gaddie in the quarter. He would score again at the 6:45 mark when he broke free for a 41 yard touchdown run. Gaddie would also find the endzone at the 2:14 mark of the quarter as he sprinted 24 yards to paydirt. Martinez also nailed each extra point attempt for the Pirates as he went a perfect 5-for-5 on the evening.

Charlestown would end the scoring for the ball game with Gaddie's third touchdown of the third quarter. The Pirates took the 35-0 shutout win over the visiting Panthers.

After the ballgame, Pirate head coach Jason Hawkins praised the defensive efforts of his team.

"The defense played unbelievably tonight," Coach Hawkins stated.

The Pirates were led by Antonyo Gaddie with 166 yards rushing on 20 carries for three touchdowns. Matt Myers tallied 43 rushing yards on 15 carries and one touchdown.

Charlestown recorded four sacks in the game with senior defensive lineman Jimmy Garcia

leading the way with two. Jake Harper and Adam Hoff both recorded one sack in the ballgame.

Corydon was led by Alex McAfee with 20 rushing yards on four carries. Ezra Paden tallied 16 yards on eight carries. Lannis Buck recorded 39 yards passing.

The Panthers tallied 32 rushing yards and 72 passing yards for 104 total yards.

The Pirates recorded 213 rushing yards and six passing yards for 219 total yards.

Charlestown pushed their record to 5-2 overall and 5-1 in the Mid Southern Conference.

The Pirates will travel to Providence this Friday night. Kick off is set for 7:30 p.m.