

You could tell it was Sectional time in Indiana last Friday night. All over the state, fans were dressed in their favorite team colors with gloves, hats and warm boots or huddled in blankets to keep warm. The Boneyard was no different as Pirate Nation filled the stands to cheer on their Pirates in the opening round of Sectional 31. The Pirates were pitted against a familiar foe, the Panthers of Corydon Central. Charlestown began the month with a 35-0 shutout victory over the Panthers. Corydon Central again traveled to Charlestown looking for a revenge win to end the month.

Charlestown turned their Mid Southern Conference foe away with the 28-7 Sectional 31 opening round victory. The Pirates received the opening kick off to begin the game with a long 76 yard, nine play drive. The drive was capped off by senior Matt Myers finding the endzone from four yards out. Senior kicker Rodrigo Martinez split the uprights for the early 7-0 Charlestown advantage at the 8:28 mark.

The score would prove to be the only score of the opening quarter.

Charlestown blocked a punt at the 8:20 mark of the second quarter giving the Pirates the ball on the Panther 39 yard line. It took the Pirates eight plays to find the endzone for the second time of the evening. Freshman Antonyo Gaddie scampered 11 yards into the endzone at the 5:14 mark. Martinez tacked on the extra point for the 14-0 Pirate lead.

Late in the half, Corydon would find the endzone for their only touchdown of the night. Panther sophomore quarterback Lannis Buck dove one yard into the endzone before senior kicker Cory Thomas added the extra point to cut the Pirate lead in half, 14-7, with 39 seconds remaining in the half.

After the Pirates forced a Corydon punt, Charlestown went on a long 11 play drive covering 58 yards. The drive was capped off by Gaddie finding the goal line from five yards out. Martinez nailed the extra point for the 21-7 lead with 5:30 left in the third quarter.

The score would be the only one recorded in the period.

Charlestown would find the endzone one time in the final 12 minutes of play as senior Jimmy Garcia bulldozed his way into the endzone. Martinez again nailed the extra point, as he went a perfect, 4-for-4, for the night.

The Pirates took the 28-7 win over the visiting Panthers of Corydon Central.

Charlestown was led by Antonyo Gaddie with 168 yards on 35 carries and two touchdowns followed by Matt Myers with 72 yards on 15 carries and one touchdown. Jimmy Garcia recorded 39 yards on eight carries and one touchdown. Eli Daniel added 35 yards on four carries.

Corydon Central was led by Ben Woodward with 17 yards on three carries followed by Alex Newton with six yards on four carries.

Corydon's Lannis Buck completed 4-of-15 passing for 80 yards. TJ Mathes tallied three receptions for 68 yards while Josh Allen added one catch for 12 yards.

Corydon recorded 25 rushing yards and 80 passing yards for a total of 105 yards in the game.

Charlestown tallied 332 rushing yards and two passing yards for 334 total yards.

Corydon finished the season at 6-4.

The Pirates (7-3) will travel to Brown County (Nashville) on Friday. The Eagles (6-4) and Charlestown will kick off at 7:30 p.m.