

Pirates turn Cubs away, 15-13, with Stephens field goal

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Pirate football scored two touchdowns in the second quarter, the first an 11 yard pass to Devon Thorstad from Aaron Daniel and the second a 72 yard carry by Michael Baines to jump out to a 12-0 lead on the visiting Cubs of Madison.

Madison countered at the 7:51 mark of the third quarter when Zach Zehren connected with Fish for a touchdown and a successful Webster kick made the score 12-7 in favor of the Pirates.

The Cubs struck again in the fourth quarter when quarterback Zach Zehren capped a 19 play, 86 yard drive with a six yard touchdown carry. Madison's unsuccessful conversion attempt put the score Madison 13, Charlestown 12 with 6:20 left in the game.

The Pirates drove 52 yards on 14 plays to reach the red zone with just 00:44 seconds left when senior Ariel Stephens kicked a 25 yard game winning field goal.

The Pirates held the Cubs scoreless in the final seconds to claim their first victory of the season in a close 15-13 decision.

Senior Michael Baines finished with 144 rushing yards on 14 carries while senior Josh Graham finished with 90 rushing yards on 16 carries and 18 receiving yards on one catch.

The Pirates held penalties to four totally 37 yards.

The Pirates begin conference play next Friday when they travel to Brownstown to challenge the Braves.

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