



Wayne Albright “Physical Presence”

Wayne Albright culminated the texture of the popular bygone days of hoops in the 1950s at Charlestown High School.

The aura of his physical presence inside the paint ushered the Pirates into a new decade of single class hoops.

At 6-1, Albright’s three-dimensional athletic vehicles of offensive, defensive, and rebounding abilities offered intimidation at both ends of the floor. His playing temperament was fast and furious, consistently scoring points to lead the Pirates to wins.

In 1958, Albright and the Pirates were at their greatest in a barn-burner victory against favored Seymour. The Pirates wrestled a steadfast Owls quintet down to the closing minutes before winning 62-61 in the new founded rivalry between the two schools. “Our kids worked real hard and hustled all the time,” Coach Wood happily commented afterwards.

Five bus loads of Charlestown students made the trip to see the game. An estimated 400 to 500 persons journeyed to support the Pirates. This was the largest contingency of Charlestown fans ever to travel for road game. And, it was well worth the trip!

Albright ended the 1958 hardwood campaign posting 183-points; third only to Don Johnsons’ 279 and Ray Lewis’ 274-points. (*David Curtis had 154, followed by Frank Howard’s 123-points.*) He amassed 335-points his junior year. Albright’s offensive attack was in double-figures 36 times, having 25, 23, 22, and 21 point games.

Albright had a career-best single-game high performance of 25 points against Shawe Memorial during the season of 1959-60. He’s credited with two double-doubles, 21 points, 13 boards against North Central (January 24, 1958) and 16 points, 10 boards versus Henryville (December 6, 1957).

Wayne Albright, an exceptional Pirate, dressed four varsity seasons ending his hoops career at Charlestown High School credited with 728 points.