



Amos Brashear

“Persistence”

Amos Brashear had a dream when he was at the elementary level of his education. He wanted to be a Pirate.

Dreams do not always unravel with reality. Brashear found that to be true, or so he thought, in his case as he tried out for the little Buc’s when he was in the sixth and seventh grades and was cut from the team.

Then, in his final junior-high year, he learned what persistence was all about, because it paid off for him. He finally made the squad, but as a third-stringer.

When Amos entered high school, he had already settled in his mind once and for all that Pirate hoops wasn’t part of his future. That is, until a resolute red headed mentor from New Marion High School, Dale McNeely, ventured on the scene at Charlestown. McNeely persuaded him to try out. And, as they say, you know the rest of the story.

As Brashear continued to develop into an offensive and defensive threat, the brawny 6-foot-2 player’s poise on the hardwood was reassured by Coach Scotty Daugherty. He turned into a solid rebounder and scoring weapon for the Pirates.

In 1965, Brashear’s biggest and foremost phenomenon was snarling 30 boards against Brownstown Central in their new arena. It set him on a path to a high school rebound record that’s still anchored, after 50-years, at the top spot in the Pirates Record Book.

In 1965, Brashear led Coach Daugherty’s Pirates to a 17-4 and 8-1 Mid-Southern Conference league title. The MSC crown was the high school’s first league championship. He ended his high school career scoring 544 points and was honored with the Charlestown Lions Club’s MVP and Sportsmanship trophies. -- *(Read more about Pirate Amos Brashear and his hoops career in “Pirates of the Hardwood” and “The Pirates – The Charlestown High School Varsity Boys’ Pirates - Centennial Basketball 1917-2017” by Chuck E. Ledbetter, Sr.)*



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