



Mark Christman “Quintessential Pirate”

On February 6, 1987, Mark Christman became the fourth Pirate to score a career thousand points or more at Charlestown.

Christman scored 1,135 career points on teams that included one holiday championship and Most Valuable Player (MVP) award and two all-holiday tournament teams (Silver Creek).

Christman reached his phenomenal milestone with 24 points in a win against Mid-Southern Conference (MSC) rival the Austin Eagles (63-55) during the season of 1986-87. He reached 1,010 points and was presented with the game ball.

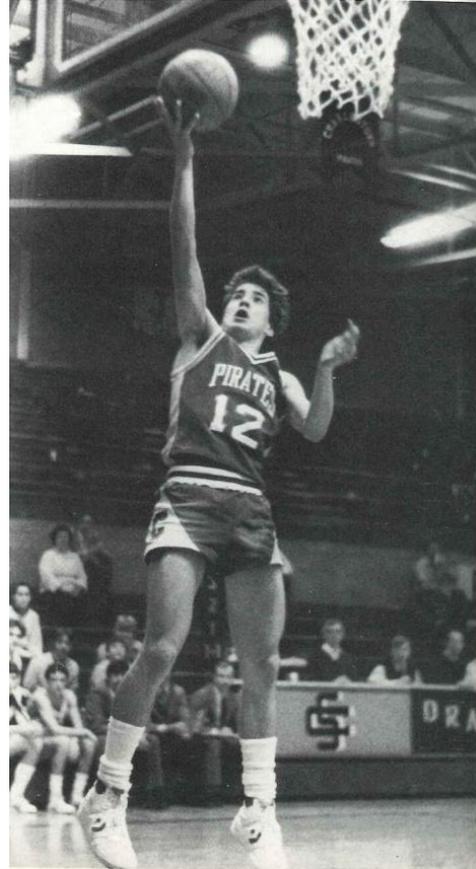
An incredible ball handler, Christman was both offensively and defensively sharp-witted for coaches William “Bill” Dunn and Allan Cundiff during his four year run with the Pirates.

At the end of his hoops campaign, Christman had scoring performances of 30 points or more on three occasions. He had a career game high performance of 38 points against New Washington; 36 versus New Albany, and 31 against Floyd Central.

Christman led the Pirates that went 15-6 and a share in the MSC title (7-1) as high scorer 20 times during his final hardwood season (1986-87). He had peak performances of 27, 26, 25, 24, and 22. He closed out with a 22-ppga and a season career 469 points.

One game on the roster with the New Albany Bulldogs (February 13, 1987) displayed an all-star execution by the stellar backcourt ace. He put on a dazzling floor show with his prolific shooting arm against the taller Bulldogs. He pumped the nets 36 points from various spots on the hardwood connecting on 13 of 22 hoops and 10 of 12 at the free throw line. Christman’s strong offensive presence secured a 78-74 win versus New Albany.

Mark Christman, one of a kind, ranks fifth in the Pirates’ One-Thousand-Point Club.



Mark Christman scored points (Photograph courtesy of Charlestown-Clark Co. Public Library)