



## **Aaron Daniel** “Spikes to sneakers”

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Start to finish, Aaron Daniel was a key factor in two sports at Charlestown, basketball and football, with his strong suit being the pigskin on the turf.

An incredible athlete, Daniel’s transition from spikes to sneakers did not curtail his athleticism on the hardwood during the seasons of 2010-2013 for Coach Sean Smith.

In 2013, he had 19 games stacking double-digits or double-doubles. Against the Owls of Seymour and the North Harrison Cougars, his offensive shooting was in the high 30’s. He was unstoppable around the hoops versus the Owls, knocking down 32, and later in the season, 34 in a Mid-Southern Conference clash with the Cougars.

In the Jackson County win, Daniel had 11 boards 5 treys and 5 assists. In the stats column with the Cougars, he almost had similar results on the hardwood; he had 5 treys, 8 rebounds and 5 assists. He never forgot his teammates on the floor. He led the Pirates in assists. In 21 starts, he had 79 assists in that season alone.

Daniel finished out his prep basketball career with 788 points, 208 assists, 316 boards, 73 steals and 12 blocks. He had a 16-ppga and scored a season high of 340 points his senior year for the Pirates.

In football, Daniel led the Pirates football team with a 12-1 record to the Mid-Southern Conference championship and the Class 3A Sectional 23 title. He was selected on the Indiana Football Coaches Association Top 50 All-State team. He was voted the #1 athlete of the year in the News and Tribune’s “Boys’ Athletes of the Year<sup>1</sup>” for his excellence in football and basketball. He finished his prep football career with 18 Charlestown High School records.

Like on the football field, Daniel put his body and soul in every ounce of his muscularity around the rim for the Pirates and Coach Sean Smith. He was a dedicated and hard-driving athlete dressed in blue and white.

Daniel consistently raised the excitement for the fans during his prep career and ranks as one of the outstanding stars on the Pirates hardwood and football field in its 100<sup>th</sup> season of hoops.



**Aaron Daniel fast breaks to the basket  
(Photograph courtesy of C. E. Branham,  
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<sup>1</sup> News and Tribune, July 9, 2013.