



## **Jerry Johnson** “Point-maker”

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One of the most dynamic shooters at Charlestown was Jerry Johnson. He could do it all! The 6-3 shooting machine set several records that have yet to be broken.

In 1975 and 1976, he led the Pirates to two back-to-back IHSAA Madison Sectional tournaments for the esteemed John E. Wood, the vanguard of coaches at Charlestown High School.

In 1976, an historical date on the high school’s hoops calendar is December 10, 1976, a key moment, to be sure, for Johnson, and Pirates fans. The offensive ace set an all-time single scoring record, lobbing in 49 points against the Corydon Panthers at Dunn Arena.

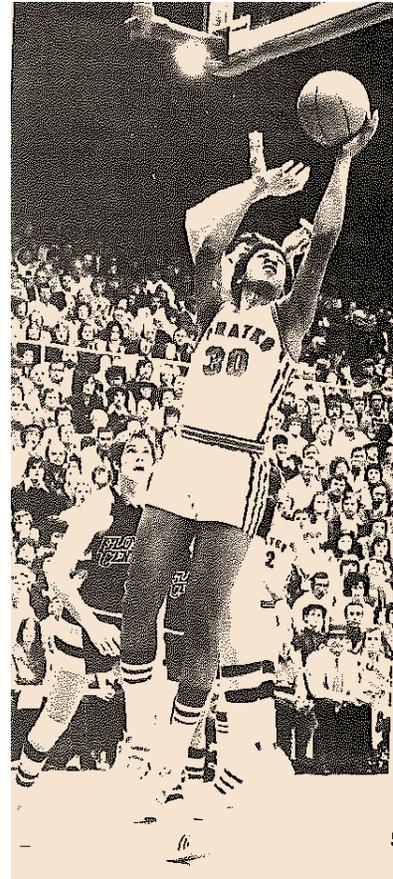
The historic shooting by Johnson broke the old mark of 48 points set by Scottsburg’s superstar, Bill James, in Dunn Arena, December 6, 1968.

Johnson hit 19 of 29 field goal attempts, canned 11 of 16 free throws, showcasing his offensive punch. In four seasons (1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-77), he scored double figures 67 times with his hot shooting hand. He still has possession of the single-scoring record after 41 years.

In the same season, he ended up with an incredible scoring total of 607 points on his way to setting an all-time career single scoring mark of 1,497 points that still tops the record books in the saga of the Charlestown High School varsity boys’ 100<sup>th</sup> basketball history.

In 1977, he led Clark County in scoring with a 24.5-ppga (19 games) with 465 points and had several games where he netted over 30 points during his varsity career.

Coach Wood remarked that his talented star “was a good offensive and defensive player. We always wanted him to go to his right a little more, he was a left-hander and preferred everything left, but he was a good scorer of the ball and a good defender.” An amazing Pirate!



**Jerry Johnson (Photograph courtesy of the Charlestown-Clark County Public Library)**