



Wally Napier “Super man Pirate”

One of Charlestown’s superb Pirates with the ball, Wally Napier, owned the court during the seasons of 1981-1984. He was the third Pirate hoopster to reach the pinnacle of one-thousand-points or more on the hardwood at Charlestown.

Napier was an amazing player as he garnered 1,064 single-career points as a Pirate. He ranks seventh as an all-time single leading scorer in the record books.

Napier’s long range jumper and leaping ability was hard pressed to block. He had tremendous impact on the floor with his almost flawless fakes and effortless moves that leaped right out at his opponents when scoring.

Offensively and defensively, Napier was quick to ride herd and heartless on the fly. He was a super-man powerhouse.

In Napier’s first starting-five role against Scottsburg (Friday, December 4, 1981) he signaled a top-notch Pirate had risen. He collected 224 season points that year and was in double figures 10 times, notching an 11-ppga his first year varsity performance for Coach William “Bill” Dunn.

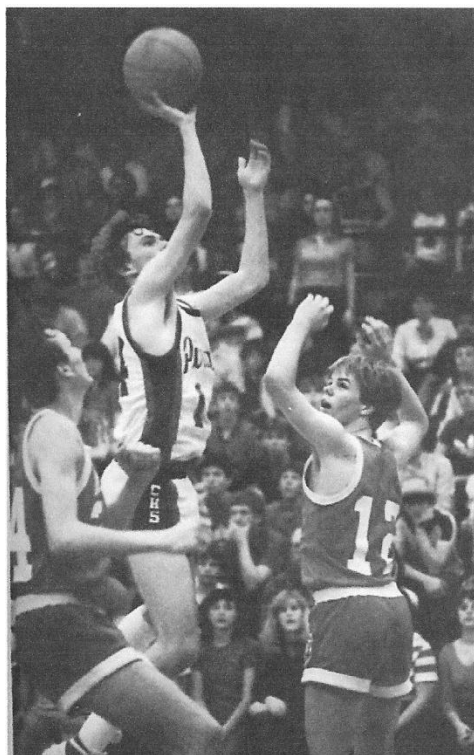
“I believe my finest basketball moment was the game against Silver Creek,” Napier said. “We were down 53-54 with 11 seconds remaining in the game. After a time out, we drove the ball down the court. I received the pass on the right baseline and hit a 15 foot jumper with 1 second remaining on the game clock. With that basket, I scored a game high 31 points.”

Napier’s high scoring performances of 30 or more at Charlestown came in two other significant games: Borden (34) and Brownstown (33). When he finished his varsity years, he carried a 21-ppga.

He could not only hit open jumpers, but knew how to use his body under the glass. He pulled off 8 boards per game and knew how to see the open man on the fly registering 4 assists per outing.

Napier was selected twice All Mid-Southern Conference, 1983 and 1984. In 1984, he was Mid-Southern Conference Player of the Year. For three consecutive years, 1982, 1983, and 1984, he was selected on the Silver Creek Holiday All-Tourney Team; he was also named MVP for the tournament.

Unequivocally, Wally Napier ranks as one of the all-time-greats in Pirate history.



**Wally Napier leaps for an easy twofer
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