



Otis Webb

“Defensive ball hawker”

One of Coach John E. Wood’s most talented and skillful backcourt players during his first season at Charlestown was Otis Webb.

Webb’s 5-foot-11 presence out front in tandem with prolific Denny Lutz made for an effective fast break for the Pirates. Both were inexhaustible on the court.

Webb also played for Coach Letcher B. Norton during the 1954 and 1955 seasons. Pirate squads that went 10-11 and 15-8, under the Kentucky Hall of Fame mentor.

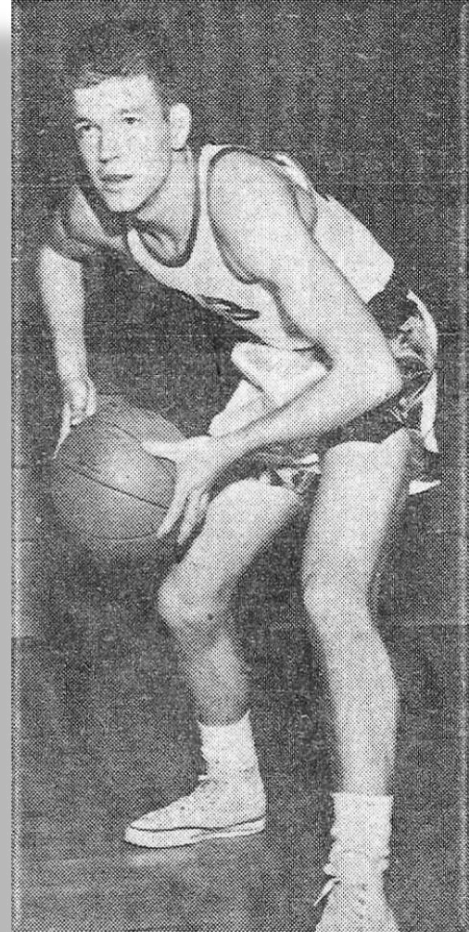
Webb, a defensive ball hawker, displayed his multitalented skills at the dedication of Charlestown’s new state of the art sports arena as the Pirates versus Clark County (Winchester, Kentucky) Cardinals were behind, 47-46.

The Cardinals’ guards brought the ball down the floor in the final minutes of the game when Webb choreographed his hawkish defensive strategy. It was all over in seconds. Like a streak of lightning, Webb made a beautiful steal from one of the guards and went half court and placed a two-pointer in the nets, putting the Pirates in front 48-47 for the first time since the early stages of the ball game. The turnabout in action energized the Pirates to victory.

Webb had double-digits 18 times in his three year varsity seasons with the Pirates. He is credited with high scoring games of 22, 18, 17, 14, 13 and 12 during the season of 1955-56. He ended his senior year with 241 seasonal points for Coach John E. Wood and a 10-ppga.

He polished off his playing minutes on the floor with a single-career scoring performance of 412 points with a single-career high performance of 22 points during the 1956 Jeffersonville Sectional against the Borden Berries.

Otis Webb was one of the top defensive backcourt stars in the 1950’s. He was multifaceted in his skills as an athlete, and his adrenaline never seemed to let up while on the basketball court, which makes Webb one of the all-time greats from Charlestown’s 100th year past.



Otis Webb – Prolific Pirate in the 1950’s for coaches Letcher B. Norton and John E. Wood. (Photograph courtesy of Charlestown-Clark Co. Public Library)