



Clayton & Zach Merschbrock “Shared same intensity”

Twins often share identical interests and ideas with an equal intensity. Therefore, it is no surprise that Clayton and Zach Merschbrock imparted double-trouble intensity on the basketball court---defensively and offensively---for the 2007-08 Charlestown Pirates of Coach Sean Smith.



Zach Merschbrock (Photograph courtesy of Charlestown-Clark Co. Public Library)



Clayton Merschbrock (Photograph courtesy of Charlestown-Clark Co. Public Library)

In their final season, the twosome, combined for 638 offensive points in 23 starts that pulverized the hoops, giving Charlestown their ninth IHSAA sectional victory from a Pirate squad that went 20-4; Mid-Southern Conference (MSC) champs (8-1), and capturing the 47th Annual Silver Creek Holiday Tournament.

The duo---always in the moment of action---ended up leading the Pirates in scoring that season. Zach pumped the arm for a 19-ppga and Clayton posted an 11-ppga.

Zach had a single-game high of 35 points against the Eastern Pekin Musketeers (January 20, 2007), and both are credited with a single-game high of 21 apiece against Silver Creek (November 24, 2007).

The barrage of 42 points by the twosome cultivated all but 14 of the Pirates’ total score of 56 in a heartfelt 3-point overtime loss to their next door neighbor; the lone loss in their MSC race that year. However, post-tournament action reversed the winning charm in the championship game at the North Harrison Sectional. The Dragons were toppled 63-57 and the Pirates advanced to the Washington Regional!

The sterling twin-duos had dominion under the rim as well: Clayton had a single-game high of 14 boards (Madison Cubs, January 12, 2008) and Zach is credited with single-game highs of 11 rebounds versus (New Washington, November 21, 2006 and Providence, December 15, 2006).

The invincible Merschbrock brothers were unstoppable with lots of accelerated energy on the hardwood for the 2008 Pirates and cemented their place in the annals of Pirates’ centennial legacy.

(Read more on Clayton and Zach Merschbrock in the “Pirates of the Hardwood” and “The Centennial” book)