



## Frank Ray Howard “Hotshot Pirate”

If you have a sports palate for the history of the Charlestown High School boys varsity basketball Pirates, and who doesn't, try this prolific athlete on for adventure on the hardwood during the season of 1958-59.

An impressive outside shooter, 6-foot-1, Frank Howard, was a forceful rebounder and an all-around Pirate, who emerged on the hardwood scene in the 1950's.

He had several formidable minutes on the court playing for the Pirates engineered by Coach John E. Wood.

Three superb instances of his dominance in shooting and protecting the rim were against the North Central Tigers (January 24, 1958) when he pulled down a single-game-high 13 boards and dropped in 14 points.

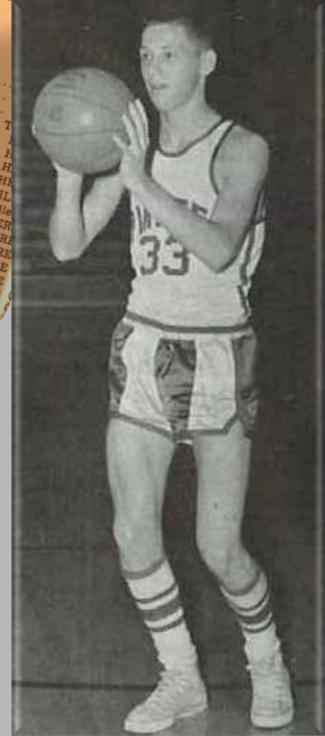
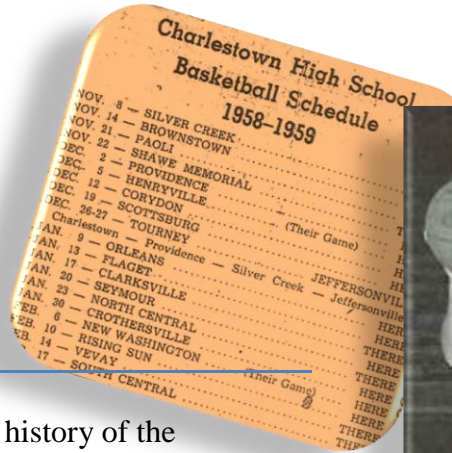
Another was his sensational athleticism in snarling 11 and 10 rebounds off the glass versus Henryville Hornets and New Washington Mustangs, respectively.

Howard's career-best-high performance of 15 points was against the Orleans Bulldogs. It took an extra scare on the hardwood to slip by the Bulldogs and Howard was the gun that saved the day.

The Pirates went into overtime with the Orange County quintet and prevailed 51-49 due to the tenacious offensive assault of Howard. Six of his 15 points came in the overtime!

Howard ended his Pirate career compiling 286 points and an 8.5-ppga.

*(Read more about this talented Pirate in “Pirates of the Hardwood” by Chuck E. Ledbetter, Sr.)*



Frank Ray Howard  
(Photograph courtesy of  
Charlestown-Clark Co.  
Public Library)

