

Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination Form

KHSAA Form GE30
Rev. 10/99

Information about Nominee

Name:	Edgar M. Nabb
Is the nominee deceased? (circle)	YES NO
(if nominee is not deceased, please fill out address information below)	
Address:	
City, State, Zip	
Phone (list day and night)	

Information about person making nomination (list "self" if self-nominating)

Name:	Richard Gibbs
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Important Information Needed for ALL Nominees. This information is important to the Selection Process in helping to ensure that the desired objectives with regard to the consideration of nominees and the induction process is satisfied. (Application will not be accepted without this information)

Please list the primary category of nomination (circle)-

PLAYER	COACH	OFFICIAL	CONTRIBUTOR
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Birth Date of Nominee	11/2/1909
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Sex (circle one)	Male	Female
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Is the nominee a minority (African American and others) as defined in 2(c)	Yes	No
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If this person is being nominated as a Coach, please complete the following additional information-

Coached at which High School(s)	Beachwood H.S. - See Attached
Year of Retirement	1974
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	32

(over for remainder of application)

If this person is being nominated as an Athlete, please complete the following additional information-

High School Attended	Mt Sterling
Graduation Year	1926
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	3 Now 4 Old

If this person is being nominated as an Official, please complete the following additional information-


Primary Officiating Accomplishments at the High School Level	See Attached Coach all 3 yrs. 1952-1969 KY Rep on Nat'l Footb. & Rules Comm. Officiated KY State Basketball Tour 10 Straight Yrs Official Secrer & Timer @ State Basket Tour.
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For persons being nominated in all categories, please complete the following additional information

Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.
See the attached items -

Please list any other factors about this individual that you would like for the Hall of Fame Committee to consider.
He & Earl Cox were primary contributors in starting the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Mr. Cox can be reached at The Voice newspaper.

I certify that I have truthfully completed this information about the nominee with the permission of the nominee, that he/she will accept induction if selected, and I will cooperate with the KHSAA should additional information be needed for his/her consideration.


 Signature
 Richard Gibbs
 Name (print)
 8/27/03
 (Date)

Attach any relevant press clippings and materials which would verify coaching win-loss records, or other statistical information. Also attach any other letters of recommendation of other information which may be helpful to the committee in making a final selection.

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TRANSMITTAL

AUG 29 2003

Date: 8/27/03

To: Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame
Attn: Nominations
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, KY 40505

Re: Edgar McNabb
Nomination to Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame

From: Richard Gibbs

INFORMATION

Please find enclosed a completed Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination Form on behalf of Edgar McNabb.

I have also included several attachments to supplement the Nomination Form.

I have talked briefly with Earl Cox, current Sports Columnist for the The Voice Tribune (3818 Shelbyville Rd., Louisville, KY 40207-3186, Telephone 502-897-8900) and I am sure he would be willing to provide you with any information regarding Edgar McNabb's accomplishments. Also, anyone associated with the Kentucky High School Basketball Tournament should be able to recall his accomplishments as an official and all around sports contributor to Kentucky High School athletics.

Please give Edgar McNabb the consideration and honor he deserves for his contributions to Kentucky High School athletics and elect him to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Regards,

Richard Gibbs

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'... But I'm Old Fashioned'— McNabb

Time has dug furrows on Edgar McNabb's face. Two lines stand out. They slant downward from either side of the nose and end at the edges of the mouth. They make the cheeks protrude.

Time has reshaped Edgar McNabb's voice. The high-pitched innocence of youth is gone. In its place is a deep, gruff sound that could become a bellow. Only it doesn't.

Sitting in his office at Beechwood School, his time-worn face breaking into a grin, Edgar McNabb explained his voice.

"It could be from all those years coaching, all the yelling and cheering I did for my players," he said. "Lord knows I've done that most of my life."

Edgar McNabb will be 65 in November. He's spent 43 of those years serving high school students in Kentucky. Social studies teacher, athletic director, assistant principal, superintendent. Football, basketball and baseball coach. He's officiated more football and basketball games than he can remember.

"I came to Beechwood in 1944 and never dreamed I'd stay as long as I have," said McNabb, who previously had taught and coached at Raceland, Bellevue, and Ludlow. "Beechwood offered the kind of education I wanted my sons, Lou and Eddie, to have, but the original plans were to move on after they got out of Beechwood."

McNabb hasn't budged in 30 years. He was named superintendent of the Beechwood Independent School District in 1969. He's retiring in June.

"If I had a chance to live my life again, I'd do the same thing," McNabb said. "It's been a rich life, a full life. No, I haven't much money. But I've worked with a lot of kids over the years and for that I'm grateful."

"We never had what you'd call great teams at Beechwood. In 1949 we reached the regional final in basketball, but that's been about the best we've ever done. I don't regret anything, though. We never sacrificed the welfare of our players in order to win. We never let the tail wag the dog."

McNabb is concerned about the direction sports appears to be heading. Specifically, proliferating pro sports and their emphasis on fat contracts and winning at any cost.

"I'm worried," he said. "Sports has its place alongside the academics in high school and it's an important place. In fact in today's day and age when kids are smarter and things are more liberal, sports may be the last hope we have of giving students guidance and advice."

"Kids haven't changed that much. They still want leadership. If sports can provide that then sports is worthwhile. But when winning is the only thing, then sports isn't doing the job it can do."

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS have changed in one way, McNabb says. They're more aware of the world around them and in turn they demand more from their teachers.

"It used to be that you could walk into a classroom and bluff your way through a lesson," McNabb said. "Not today. A teacher who did that now would be picked apart by the students. They're so much better



Beechwood's Edgar McNabb
'... I'm grateful and honored'

informed than they were when I started out 43 years ago."

If students have become more sophisticated, so have coaches, McNabb says. "Coaches today are more demanding and they probably get their players to play better than some of us did years ago. But I'm old-fashioned. I just don't want to see sports overemphasized at the expense of a kid's character or his moral growth."

From 1952 to 1969, McNabb was Kentucky's representative on the National Football Rules Committee. He also conducted clinics around the state for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

"I guess I'm proudest about what I did during those years," he said. "We changed a lot of football rules and most of them promoted the safety of the high school players."

McNabb has also been president of the Kentucky High School Coaches Association and president of the Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference.

McNABB'S SON, LOU, is named after Lou Gehrig. McNabb had a tryout as a pitcher with the New York Yankees in 1929 and Gehrig was his idol. He pitched batting practice to him.

"I almost made it to the majors," he said as his bushy eyebrows raised up and his eyes grew big. "I played baseball growing up in Mt. Sterling and went all around Kentucky playing semi-pro ball. But don't mention that, please. People will think I'm bragging."

MAY 21 WILL be Edgar McNabb Day in Beechwood. There'll be a dinner and guest speakers. Probably many of the students he once knew will come back to honor their former teacher and coach and friend.

"I'm grateful and honored," he said. "It was a hard decision to retire. But my wife and I still have our health. We'll visit our sons and spend some time with our six grandchildren."

"I've seen too many people work themselves until they've collapsed. I didn't want that to happen to me."

Time may never be able to do that to Edgar McNabb. At 6 feet 3 and 205 pounds, with his voice booming strongly, he still looks the part of a coach. And that's how many will remember him at the dinner.

Re: Edgar McNabb - Application for Hall of Fame

Mt. Sterling High School - 1926 or 27

Morehead State - Grad 1930 or 31 Lettered in all sports

First coaching job at Raceland, Ky 1931 - 1937

Bellevue, Ky. 1937 - 1942

Ludlow, Ky. 1943

Beechwood H.S. 1944 until retirement

Officiated the state basketball tourney for 10 straight years. Don't have the exact dates - 40's and 50's.

After that was scorer and timer at the state BB tourney

Was the representative for the state of KY. for the National Rules Federation. Would come back and hold clinics all over the state. This was during the JoeBill Mansfield era as commissioner.

Played semi-pro baseball. Had a tryout with the Yankees in 1929

See newspaper clipping

Well known throughout the state in athletics and officiating.

Really promoted athletics in the State of Ky.

Richard: Sorry to be so long in getting back to you. One of the reasons is that Lou went down to get Mother for a couple of days and have her in Columbus for awhile. We met half way last week and had lunch. Mom remembers buying a brick for some kind of hall of fame walk in Lexington. She doesn't remember much else about it. She has a scrapbook at home in N. Ky. that I need to look at and get lots of info. Also, Lou's daughter in Pittsburgh has a newspaper clipping about Dad's retirement. I will make contact with her, and have her send it to me. Here is a little info. Born 11-02-09. I assume it was Jeffersonville. College at Morehead. Lettered in all sports. Graduated in 1931. First coaching job at Raceland, approx dates, 1931 to 1937. Bellevue 1937 to 1942. Ludlow 1943. Beechwood 1943 to retirement. Started Beechwood's first football team in 1945. Officiated state basketball tourney for 10 straight years. After that, ran the clock for many years. Was the delegate for the state of Ky. to the national federation meetings. Would come back and hold clinics all over the state. This was during JoeBill Mansfield's time as commissioner for the state. Died in May of 1977. I think he retired from Beechwood in 1975. That is about all I can pull off the top of my head. I will try and get more info as I mentioned. Keep me posted. Let me know if you have more questions. Hope all is well with you and Jane. We will miss you at the reunion. Regards, Ed

Edgar McNabb



Former Beechwood noted educator, principal, superintendent and coach **Edgar McNabb** was inducted into the Beechwood Athletic Hall of Fame (inducted posthumously) Wednesday, June 9, 2010 during the Beechwood Athletic Foundation and Hall of Fame Banquet at the Marriott Hotel at RiverCenter.

Edgar McNabb, after graduating from Montgomery County High School in 1927, attended Morehead State University where he lettered for four years in football, basketball and baseball. He led the Morehead Eagles to a state collegiate baseball and basketball title in 1930. In 1931 he began his football coaching career at Raceland in Kentucky where his football team was conference champions in 1933 and 1934. His basketball team won the district title in 1937.

McNabb came to Northern Kentucky in 1935 as a coach at Bellevue High School where his Tigers won the NKAC Championship in 1940. Later in 1940, he became the principal and football coach at Ludlow High School and was one of the leaders in constructing the Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference. In 1942 he joined Beechwood High School.

Edgar McNabb devoted almost three decades of his life to the education and instruction of young students and athletes at Beechwood. He was Beechwood's head coach for all sports, athletic director and started the football program beginning in 1941. He remained for the next several decades at Beechwood also serving as assistant principal, principal, and finally superintendent. He served as the KHSAA representative on the National Federation of High School Rules Committee, President of the Kentucky High School Coaches Association from 1953-1955, and organizer of the first East-West Coaches Football and Basketball Games. He also worked as an official at the Boys State Tourney for 10 years and the official timer for the "Sweet 16 Tournament" for 19 years. In 1973 to commemorate and honor him, the Beechwood Board of Education named the athletic fields the Edgar McNabb Athletic Fields. He died on May 3, 1977.

The Beechwood Board of Education in dedicating the athletic fields said, "In recognition of his 29 years of service to the Beechwood Independent School District, the establishment and development of an outstanding athletic program and facilities and the advancement of quality education at Beechwood School, the Beechwood Board of Education proudly names our athletic fields in honor of Edgar McNabb dedicated this 5th day of October, 1973."

N.K.O.A. HISTORY

Past, Present & Future

1967 - Present

On a February evening in 1967 during a cold, blustery snow storm, the first meeting of the Northern Kentucky Officials Association was held. A modest 13 high school football officials from the Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati area met at the old Covington YMCA.

The driving forces behind instituting the NKOA were Northern Kentucky residents and high school football officials Tom Murray, Gordon McGehee, Tom Zimmer and Harry Peeno.

The formation of the N.K.O.A. was primarily designed for the development of a Northern Kentucky based officials association to be the primary game officials for local Kentucky high schools. At that time, officials from all over the Northern Kentucky, Southwestern Ohio and Southeastern Indiana area was officiating the games. The crews were primarily made up of different individual officials each week. With the blessing of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and Edgar McNabb, AD at Beechwood High School, the N.K.O.A. elected Gene Neal as it's first president and Tom Murray was elected vice president. At this first meeting, officials were placed in three categories according to experience, active, associate, and affiliate.

Nine of the thirteen known officials attending that first meeting was: Gene Neal, Tom Murray, Tom Zimmer, Gordon McGehee, Harry Peeno, Joe Seavers, Tom Thompson, Rick Read, Ron Collins.

The KHSAA had always wanted a local association in the Northern Kentucky area. Mr. Edgar McNabb, AD at Beechwood High School and the local high school football rules interpreter was a former official and was on the Federation's rules committee, and he was also a founding father of the High School Federation.

Northern Kentucky Officials Association

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Birth: Nov. 2, 1909
 Toliver
 Wolfe County
 Kentucky, USA
Death: May 3, 1977
 Fort Mitchell
 Kenton County
 Kentucky, USA

Longtime Beechwood High School coach and superintendent W. Edgar McNabb, 67, died at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday at his home, 16 Beechwood Rd., Ft. Mitchell.

McNabb, who earlier in the night complained of indigestion, was found dead by his wife, the former Vestal Mackie.

McNabb retired two years ago from Beechwood High School, Ft. Mitchell, and became supervisor of Practicum Experiences at Northern Kentucky University.

For many years "Mac" was the official timer for the state high school basketball tournament. He was also prominent in the state officials association.

McNabb was a member of Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church. Besides his widow, he leaves two sons, W. Edgar McNabb Jr., Alliance, O., and Lou McNabb, Worthington, O.; two half-sisters, Miss Anne Gibbs and Mrs. Thomas Poole, both of Ft. Mitchell; half-brother, John R. Gibbs, Erlanger, and six grandchildren.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Linnemann, Erlanger; visitation, 4-9 p.m. Thursday; burial, Highland Cemetery, Ft. Mitchell.

This article appeared the next day (May 5, 1977) in the Kentucky Post:

Mr. Beechwood is dead. W. Edgar McNabb, veteran coach, athletic director, superintendent and educator at the Ft. Mitchell school for three decades, died Tuesday night at his home.

McNabb's coaching career dates back to 1931 after his graduation from Morehead State Teachers College. That same year he took over the coaching duties for football and basketball at Raceland High School.

After a seven-year stint at Raceland, "Mac" came to northern Kentucky, serving six years as Bellevue High coach, switched to Ludlow and then assumed the Beechwood post in 1944.

There was no football at Beechwood then. Later "Mac" did it all for the Beechies and



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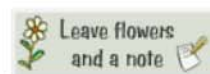


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wound up as the school's superintendent.

McNabb was a veteran football and basketball official, serving as rules clinic director for the Kentucky High School Athletic Assn. No stranger to the state high school basketball tournament, he served many years as official timer and officiated in the "Sweet Sixteen" numerous times.

"Mac" was also board chairman of the old Moonlight Garden Alumni Club, a group of high school coaches who chaperoned the many young people who attended the Coney Island dance pavilion.

After retirement two years ago, McNabb took a post with the Northern Kentucky University, supervisor of practicum experiences. He also was an avid golfer and played weekly at Ft. Mitchell Country Club.

When "Mac" took over at Beechwood during World War II, he was reminded that the Ft. Mitchell school was small and its personnel limited. His only comment: "There is a lot more in high school sports than just winning games."

Published in the Kentucky Post; Tues. and Wed., May 4-5, 1977.

Family links:

Parents:

[Maggie Lee Childers Gibbs \(1888 - 1969\)](#)

Spouse:

[Vestal MacKie McNabb-Liedhegner \(1911 - 2004\)](#)

Siblings:

[Wickliff Edgar McNabb \(1909 - 1977\)](#)

[John Richard Gibbs \(1923 - 1991\)*](#)

[Virginia Anne Gibbs \(1926 - 2001\)*](#)

[Patsy Jane Gibbs Poole \(1933 - 1988\)*](#)

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found for **Wickliff McNabb**



1 Birth Certificates
found for **Wickliff McNabb**



41 Divorce Certificates
found for **Wickliff McNabb**

Information on Edgar McNabb submitted by Jim Wilshire (who "Mac" treated as his third son)

"Mac" graduated from Morehead College. He was a successful baseball pitcher, which resulted in him being scouted by the New York Yankees. At tryouts, he pitched to such notable players as Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. Instead of playing professional baseball, he decided to go into teaching and coaching. He began his career at Raceland, Kentucky. Then, he went to Bellevue High School, then to Ludlow High School, and finally Beechwood High School.

At Beechwood, he began the first football program (1945?). He was instrumental in purchasing the land for the football field (of which he was really proud). It has since been named "Edgar McNabb Field".

At Beechwood, he was a teacher and head coach for the football and basketball teams. He instructed his students and players to work hard, enjoy what you're doing, and apply these rules to your own life. He was highly respected in the community.

During these years, Mac refereed college football games throughout Kentucky, and he was well known for his integrity.

Eventually, he became the principal of Beechwood and later the superintendent of the school system.

He was inducted posthumously into the Beechwood Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.

Mac was married to his wife, Vestal, and they had two sons, Eddie and Lou.

Edgar McNabb graduated from Montgomery Co. High School in 1927. While a student there he was an outstanding in football and basketball. He attended Morehead State University where he lettered for four years in football, basketball and baseball. He led the Eagles to a State Collegiate Baseball title in 1930.

After graduating in 1931, McNabb began his coaching career at Raceland, Kentucky, where he coached football and basketball. His football teams were conference champions in 1933 and 1934. His basketball team won the District Title in 1937. Coach McNabb came to Northern Kentucky in 1938 as coach at Bellevue High School. In 1940 his Tigers won the NKAC Championship. Later in 1940 he became football coach and principal at Ludlow High School. Also in 1940 he was one of the leaders in formulating the Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference.

The following year he moved to Beechwood High School and remained there for the next 30 years. At Beechwood, McNabb became the athletic director, the head coach of all sports, and started their football program. He later served as assistant principal, principal, and finally superintendent. Following his retirement as Superintendent in 1974 he moved to Northern Kentucky University to serve as a supervisor of Practicum Experience til his death.

Along with his coaching duties, Mac was a prominent high school and college football and basketball official. He worked the Boys State Tourney for ten years and served as the official timer for the "Sweet 16 Tournament for 19 years." He also served as the KHSAA representative on the National Federation of High School Rules Committee. He was a charter member of the Kentucky High School Coaches Association, served as their President for three years ('53, '54, '55) and helped organize the first East-West Coaches Football and Basketball Games. To commemorate and honor Edgar McNabb leadership, Beechwood High School's Football Stadium is now known as McNabb Field.

He died on May 3, 1977.

Wife: Vestal

Son: Edgar

Son: Lou