

Earl "Brother" Adkins

Earl Adkins was a three sport star for Ashland High School in the 1950's. He was named Kentucky's Mr. Basketball and captain of the All-State Team in 1953. During that same year, he was voted All-American and chosen as the nation's Mr. Basketball. Earl was not only a distinguished basketball player; he also excelled at football and track for Ashland High School. Participating in the State Track Meet, Earl ran the 100 and 220 yard dash and was on the half mile relay team. He was an All-State running back in football and was even offered a football scholarship at the University of Kentucky by Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. Earl, however, stuck with his love of basketball and decided to play at the University of Kentucky for Coach Adolph Rupp. Earl was the "sixth" man on Rupp's 1958 National Championship team. Coach Rupp called Earl one of the best "sixth" men in the nation during his senior year.

Earl credits many people with his success; football coaches- Charlie Eblen, Bob Sang- Basketball coaches George Conley, Clarence Sparks- YMCA Directors Ernie Chattin, and Bo McMillian- Teacher Marie Hamm- and lastly all of his teammates.

At the time of his induction, Earl is retired after 34 years in education and lives in Shelbyville, KY with his wife Beverly. They have been married 52 years. Earl, also, has three children as well as three grandchildren.



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November 30, 2004

Mr. Larry Boucher
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Dear Mr. Boucher:

I again want to submit the name of Earl Adkins for inclusion in the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

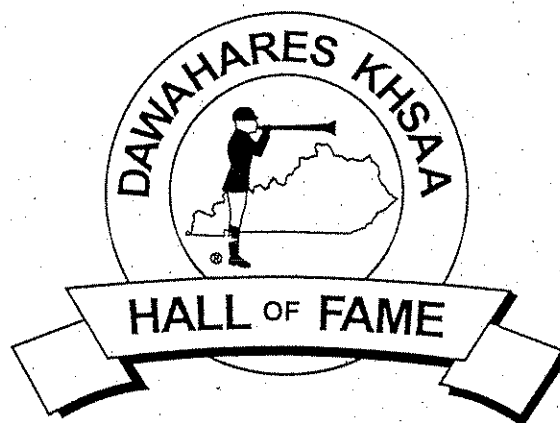
Based on my knowledge of those who have been accorded this honor, he is eminently qualified. I would appreciate you giving him your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. James Host", with a large, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

W. James Host

WJH/ach



DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME

NOMINATION FORM AND INFORMATION

Purpose

The Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame is organized as a means of recognizing, preserving and promoting the heritage of interscholastic sports in Kentucky. Many individuals have made extraordinary contributions and have had superb accomplishments in high school sports. The Hall of Fame honors the contributions and accomplishments of these individuals who are worthy of statewide recognition as examples for others to emulate.

The Hall of Fame shall be governed by the KHSAA Board of Control in compliance with signed sponsorship agreements. The two-level selection process shall be governed and under the control of the Hall of Fame Screening Committee and the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

The completed nomination form and support materials should be sent to:
Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame
ATTN: Nominations
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, Kentucky 40505

1. Nomination Categories

Individuals may be nominated representing four categories. The categories of Athlete, Coach, Official and Contributor are included on the nomination form for expediency in understanding the primary area in which an individual is to be considered for one's achievements in interscholastic athletics. The grouping is for screening purposes to assist those making the nominations in understanding the type of information required.

- a) Athlete: A former high school athlete whose achievements as a high school athlete were extraordinary and merit statewide recognition. Such athlete shall have completed high school eligibility in all sports at least ten years prior to being eligible for nomination. Athletes who are being nominated are to be considered solely for their achievements in interscholastic athletics in this state.
- b) Coach: A current (age 65 or over) coach whose accomplishments as a high school coach merit state recognition or former high school coach who has been inactive as a coach for a minimum of three school years whose accomplishments as a high school coach merit statewide recognition. Coaches would be considered on the merits of their high school coaching achievements alone.
- c) Contest Official: A former high school contest official whose contributions as a high school contest official merit statewide recognition. Contest officials are to be considered solely on the basis of their service as a high school official.
- d) Contributor: An individual who has made outstanding contributions to interscholastic athletics on a statewide scale in some capacity other than Athlete, Coach and/or Official, including such areas as athletic administration, state association administration, sports medicine and sports media.

2. Desired Balance of Demographics in Selection Class

In addition to the nomination criteria and classes listed in Section 1, the Board of Control has as a stated objective, other criteria to fulfill the desire of proper and adequate representation.

- a) Senior: An individual who is deceased, or at the time of consideration, has reached the age of 65.
- b) Sections: For purpose of the selection process, the Sections of the state shall be bounded by the regional tournament boundaries in basketball. Section 1 shall be Regions 1-4, Section 2 shall be Regions 5-8, Section 3 shall be Regions 9-12, and Section 4 shall be Regions 13-16.
- c) Underrepresented Populations: It shall be the objective of this project to seek to identify, nominate and select a balance of individuals including those from previously underrepresented populations. Such populations shall include female participants in all categories in Section 1 of this Article, minority (African American and others) participants in all categories in Section 1 of this Article, and an adequate number of Seniors as defined in this section.

3. Desired Size and Demographics of Induction Class

The following class shall be selected each year by the Selection Committee beginning with the 2000 tabulation of ballots for the year 2001 Class of Inductees --

Each group of inductees must include at least:

- a) A selection class consisting of a minimum of twelve (12) inductees which shall be the pre-determined desired number each year.
- b) Two inductees who are either deceased or 65 years old or older.

- c) A minimum of one representative from each section as defined in Section 2 (b) of this Article.
- d) An appropriate demographic balance of all populations including those defined in Section 2 (c) with a minimum of two from each category.

Requirements for Nomination

In order to maintain the integrity of the program, the following criteria are established for nominations.

- a) Nominees must exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and moral character. All candidates will be judged on their significant and/or long term contributions to interscholastic athletics.
- b) Candidates whose careers ended 50 or more years ago and who are deceased will be considered against the accomplishments of their contemporaries, as much as is possible. It is suggested that additional support material be included, such as letters from individuals who had some involvement with the nominee.
- c) All applications must clearly indicate the status of each candidate as it relates to the defined categories in Sections 1 and 2 of this article to allow for accurate comparison and consideration.

Nominations Procedures

The following procedures shall be utilized for nominations to the Hall of Fame.

a) Nomination Form

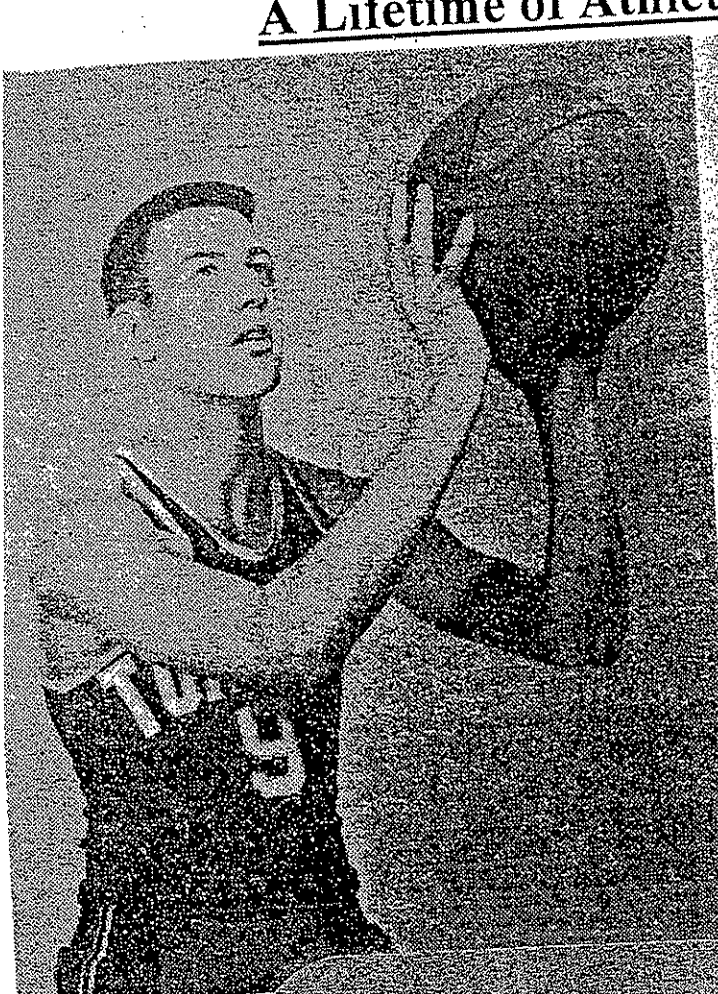
- 1) The Official Nomination Form approved by the KHSAA Board of Control and available from the KHSAA and its member schools shall be completed and submitted to and received by the KHSAA along with appropriate support materials by November 1 of each year for a candidate to be considered for the following year's class. Any nomination received by the Association which does not contain active and current address and contact information for the nominee (or family if deceased) will not be considered.

In addition to the Officials Nomination Form, the following materials should be submitted for an individual to be considered for induction.

- Letters of Recommendation. A completed nomination form may be accompanied by letters of recommendation from the person making the nomination, and other letters of support from appropriate individuals from the nominee's related high school career.
 - In cases where other support material is difficult to obtain, additional letters may be in order to substantiate the individual's accomplishments or contributions. Letters of recommendation for other awards of honors should not be used as substitute for this requirement.
 - A limited number of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, copies of score books and statistics may be included to help substantiate the accomplishments and contributions of the nominee. These materials should focus on high school accomplishments and contributions and be listed in chronological order.
 - A 5x7 photographs, preferably black and white, should be submitted with the nomination form.
- 2) Additional information and support documentation may be submitted with this form or may be requested by Association staff in order to process the nomination and all support material is to be submitted to and received by the KHSAA on or before December 15 in order to be considered at the next screening session.

EARL "BROTHER" ADKINS

A Lifetime of Athletics and Leadership



Ashland High
"Tomcats"
1951-1953

Univ. of Kentucky
"Wildcats"
1954-1958



Assistant
Superintendent
in charge of
Pupil Personnel
1982-1992

Smiling Earl

Earl Adkins today smiles behind a basketball. It was his skill with a basketball that earned him a ticket to play four years of the game for Adolf Rupp at U of K.

EARL "BROTHER" ADKINS

A Lifetime of Athletics and Leadership

Earl "Brother" Adkins was born in Washington Court House, Ohio in 1932 and soon thereafter moved to Ashland, Kentucky where his athletic career began.

Earl's athleticism began to reveal itself at a very young age as he was very successful in leading his elementary school and Y.M.C.A. teams to many victories and championships. Earl served under many coaches to be mentioned later and he was also tutored, at an early age, by two great men in the Ashland Area Y.M.C.A. athletic programs. Those individuals were J.N. "Bo" McMillan and Ernie Chattin. Earl grew up in a family which did not have great wealth and the Y.M.C.A. under McMillan and Chattin was a great influence in his life by moral direction and financial assistance during his development years in Ashland.

While attending Oakview Elementary School and Putnam Junior High School, it was obvious Earl would be a great athlete by his great performances in basketball, football, and track. He led Putnam's athletic program during 1948, 1949 and 1950 in all sports by winning many basketball, football, and track championships.

After Putnam Junior High, Earl attended Ashland High School during the years of 1950 to 1953. He became a great three sports star for Ashland during those years as a three year starter in basketball, two year starter in football and a two year track and field competitor. A tremendous athlete at all sports but his greatest love was basketball.

After having a starting roll in basketball at Ashland High School his sophomore and junior years, Earl led Ashland to a 28-4 record his senior year under the coaching of George Conley, the *Louisville Courier Journal's* "Coach of the Year" in 1953.

Earl averaged 20.6 points per game his senior year and ended his high school career with a total of 1,392 points. In 1953 Earl was selected to the *Courier Journal's* All State Team with the highest point total of any Kentucky player and therefore, was given the title of "Mr. Basketball." Earl was also named the state's "Outstanding Cager" according to the All-State Poll conducted by the *Paducah Sun-Democrat*. Earl was selected to play in several All Star games after his senior year including the East-West All Star game at Pikeville, KY and the Kentucky-Indiana All Star game at Butler Field House in Indianapolis. Also in 1953 Earl was selected to play in the North-South Game at Murray College where he was presented the "Chuck Taylor" award as the top player in the Nation.

After Earl's high school career he was recruited heavily by many schools, such as North Carolina State, Clemson, SMU, Louisville and others. However, Earl attended the University of Kentucky from 1954 to 1958 on a basketball scholarship, after being recruited by Adolph Rupp. At the same time Earl had the opportunity to attend U.K. on a football scholarship under Paul "Bear" Bryant, but elected to pursue the basketball career instead.

Although Earl started just a few games for Kentucky and Adolph Rupp, he came off the bench several games helping U.K. with victories over the University of Georgia, Vanderbilt, and others. He started the SEC Championship game against Tennessee in 1958 and U.K. went on to win the NCAA Championship that year with Earl a vital part of the team which

Coach Rupp called the "Fiddlin' Five." During Earl's senior year Coach Rupp was quoted as saying, "Adkins is one of the best sixth men in the country." Earl proved it with many outstanding performances.

Upon graduating from U.K. Earl, his wife Beverly, (now married for 49 years) and family, (three children) began a life of coaching, teaching, and administrative work all involving tutoring, developing and leading the young people whose lives they touched. All of these positions are outlined in following sections of this paper.

Earl "Brother" Adkins, as a player, coach, and administrator has made a significant and outstanding contribution to sports in the state of Kentucky. Aside from his great athleticism and playing ability, all recognized at the time, Earl has been a positive influence on many, many athletes and students across our state. His leadership as a coach and administrator contributed to his success and hopefully, qualifies him to be considered as a nominee to the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame.

EARL "BROTHER" ADKINS

Coaching and Teaching Years

School Year

- 1958-1962 Head Coach/Teacher at South Hopkins High School
Madisonville, KY.
- 1962-1963 Teacher at Southern High School
Louisville, KY
- 1963-1964 Assistant Coach/Teacher at Fairdale High School
Louisville, KY
- 1964-1968 Head Coach/Teacher at Union County High School
Morganfield, KY
- 1968-1970 Head Coach/Teacher at Harrodsburg High School
Harrodsburg, KY

Coaching Record – 143 wins/115 losses

Educational Administration Work

- 1970-1974 Elementary School Principal at Cairo Elementary
Henderson, KY
- 1974-1982 Elementary School Principal at Morganfield Elementary
Morganfield, KY
- 1982-1992 Assistant Superintendent of Schools in charge of Pupil
Personnel at Union Co. Board of Education
Morganfield, KY (3000 students in the system)

TOTAL OF 34 YEARS IN EDUCATION !

EARL "BROTHER" ADKINS

HONORS AND AWARDS

Ashland High School

- 1950-1951 64th District Champions – All District
Scored 259 points as a Sophomore
- 1951-1952 Football – Courier Journal All State Honorable Mention
Junior year.
Pikeville Invitational Tournament – All Tournament
64th District Champions – All District
16th Regional Runner-up – All Region
Scored 441 points as a Junior
- 1952-1953 64th District Champions – All District
16th Regional Champions – All Region
All-State–Courier Journal – Honorary Captain. 54% vote
All-State–Paducah Sun-Democrat
States Outstanding Cager with 1070 votes or 48%
North-South All Star Game – Murray, KY
Named "Mr. Basketball" by Chuck Taylor

1952-1953 (continued)

East-West All Star Game – Pikeville, KY

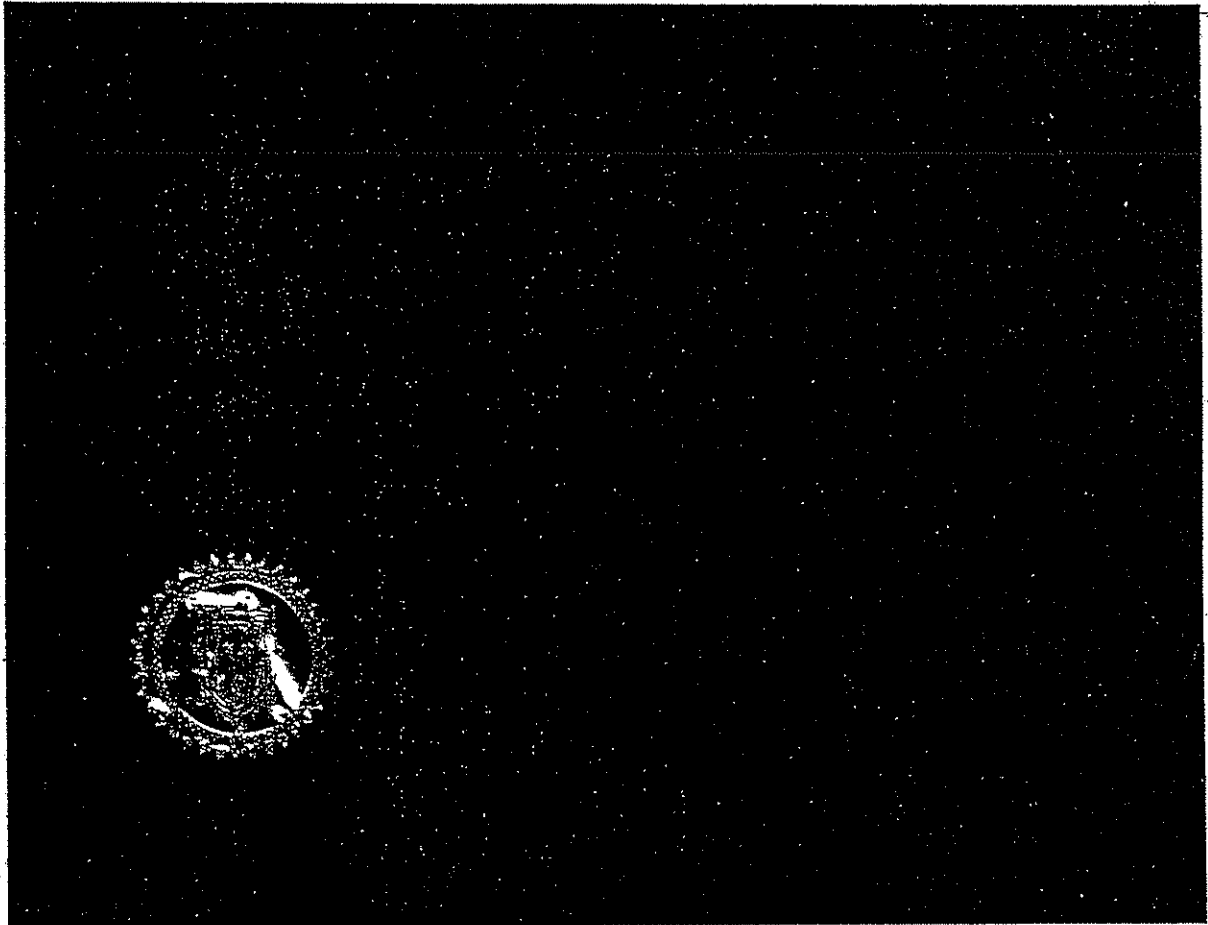
Kentucky – Indiana All Star Game in Indianapolis.

Kentucky – WV All Star Game – Ashland, KY &
Huntington, WV

Scored 692 points as a Senior

Scored a High School Career Total of 1,392 points

1997 – Earl Adkins was the Honoree for the 22nd Annual Ashland Elks Elks Sports Day on July 11-12, 1997. Ralph Beard, one of UK's legendary greats, who played on Rupp's "Fabulous Five" and back to back NCAA Champion teams of 1948 and 1949 was the guest speaker.



Ashland's Adkins Is Named On Two All-State Teams

Tomcat Guard Most Popular; Emrick On Sun-Democrat 2nd Team; Rochelle Top Coach

Kentucky's high school basketball players have named Ashland's Earl (Brother) Adkins as the state's outstanding cager, according to the All-State poll conducted by the Paducah Sun-Democrat.

Paducah Sports Editor Bill Carter received 1,070 player votes for Adkins as 2,240 Kentucky cagers took part in the paper's unique All-State election party. Al Rochelle of South Christian polled the second highest total, receiving 1,020. Garnard Martin of Hindman was third.

With them on the All-State first team were Larry Thornberry of Clark County, Ray Mills of Clay County, Billy Ray Cassady of Inez, Logan Gipe of Owensboro, Bill Florence of Lafayette, Jim Mitchell of Madisonville and Kenny Sidwell of Caverna.

The poll was taken prior to the state tournament.

Bob Emrick, Ashland center and Jerry Calvert of Maysville made the second team. Paducah's Dwain McIntosh, state tournament hero, was on the third team.

A. A. Rochelle of South Christian polled 470 votes as coach of the year. J. W. Thurman of Clay County was second, George Conley of Ashland third and Elmer Gilb, Lexington Henry Clay, was fourth. Carter asked the voters to select the coach "who did the most with the least this year."

In a special player-of-the-year poll Adkins was second to Rochelle, son of the coach of the year, with Mills third, Thornberry fourth and Martin fifth.

Seven 16th Region players received All-State honorable mention. Only the top ten players in each region were nominated for the player voting.

ALL-STATE

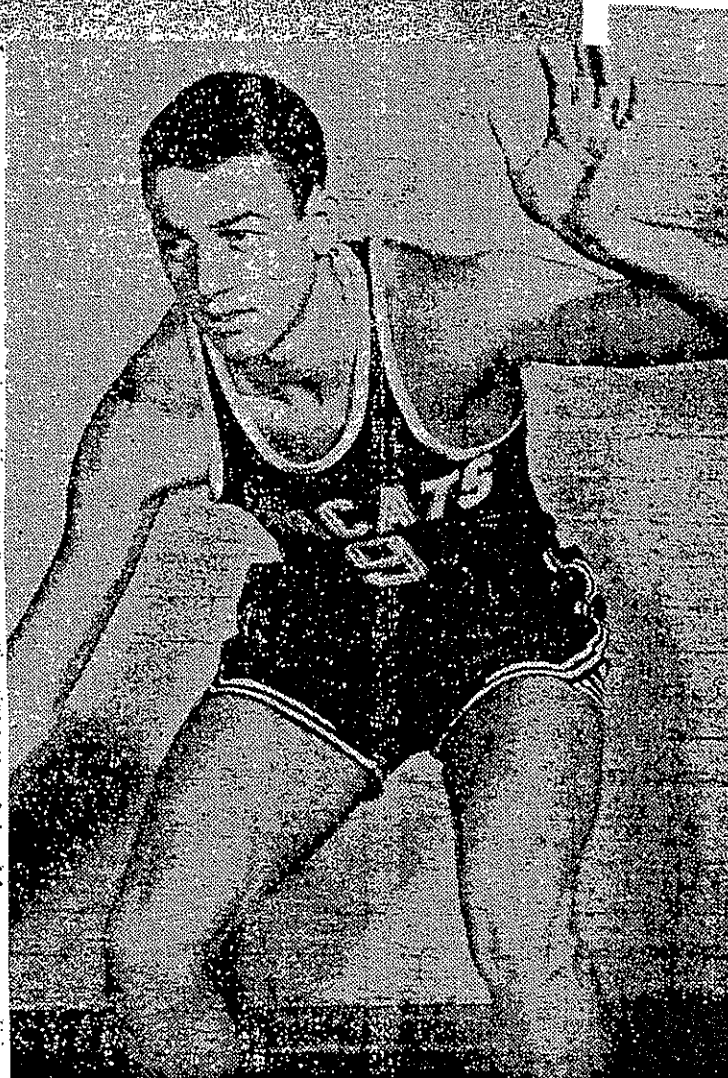
Player	Height	Class	Votes	School
Earl Adkins	6-3	Sr.	1,070	Ashland
Al Rochelle	6-0	Sr.	1,020	South Christian
Garnard Martin	5-11	Sr.	960	Hindman
Larry Thornberry	5-11	Jr.	910	Clark County
Ray Mills	6-5	Sr.	810	Clay County
Billy Ray Cassaday	6-2	Jr.	600	Inez
Logan Gipe	6-2	Sr.	520	Owensboro
Bill Florence	6-7	Jr.	470	Lafayette
Jimmy Mitchell	5-10	Sr.	430	Madisonville
Ken Sidwell	5-10	Jr.	410	Caverna

Second Team

Paul Hornung, Flaget, 390; Jerry Calvert, Maysville, 330; Vernon Hatten, Lafayette, 320; Frank Waggoner, Wingo, 310; Bobby Wall, South Christian, 310; Carlos Irwin, Breck County, 310; Dick Cochran, St. Mary's, 280; Bob Emrick, Ashland, 280; Charles Tyra, Atherton, 270; Phillip Kendrick, Monticello, 260.

Third Team

David Kuhn, Male, 220; Kenny Kuhn, Male, 210; Young Bowman, Henry Clay, 210; Sherrill Sipes, Flaget, 200; Bobby McCoy, Pikeville, 190; Billy Mitchell, Georgetown, 190; Ronald Tackett, Martin, 170; Phil Johnson, University, 160; Dwain McIntosh, Tilghman, 160; J. D. Brock, Lily, 160.



EARL ADKINS today becomes Ashland High School's 13th All-State basketball player, having been selected on both the Louisville and Paducah papers' honor squads. Adkins, 6-foot-3 senior with three record-breaking seasons here, is the first Tomcat All-Stater since Jeep Clark in 1949. Like Clark, he was judged to be the most outstanding player in his region. He is the sixth Ashland guard to be honored on the mythical team. By scoring 672 points this season he boosted his career total to 1,392 for a school record.

Rupp Pleased Over Getting Adkins, Mills

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 28 (AP) — Three of Kentucky's outstanding high school basketball stars have signed scholarship applications to attend the University of Kentucky.

Basketball Coach Adolph Rupp announced today that the trio either will enroll this summer or next fall.

Representing different sections of the state, the three are Ray Mills, Clay County; Earl Adkins, Ashland, and Logan Gipe, Owensboro.

Rupp said Mills is expected to enter the university for the summer term beginning June 22 while Adkins is slated to start next September. Gipe is uncertain as to his enrollment time.

The veteran coach said he is "extremely pleased that such high-calibre young men have seen fit to cast their fortunes with us."

Mills, six-foot-four center who received attention in the recent state tournament here, sparked the Clay County team to an undefeated season until eliminated from the tourney, by the champion, Lexington Lafayette.

Adkins, six-foot-three, played at guard on the Ashland squad and is considered an excellent outside shot and rebounder.

The highly-regarded Gipe, at six-foot-two the shortest of the three Kentuckians, was coached by Lawrence McGinnis, the same tutor who handled Kentucky stars Cliff Hagan and Bobby Watson in high school.

Courier-Journal Picks Conley Coach Of Year; Simpson Is Placed On Third Team

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 28 (AP) — Kentucky basketball's "little men" sometimes overlooked when the honors are passed out, comprise half of the 10th annual Courier-Journal All-State cage squad announced tonight.

The small fry, by standards of today's skyscraper era, named to the 10-man honor squad by coaches, sports writers, broadcasters and officials are under the six-foot mark. Last year, their

taller brethren swept all but two spots on the paper's "dream team."

Earl "Brother" Adkins, spectacular Ashland guard, earned the honorary captaincy of the squad by polling almost 54 per cent of the votes — the third highest majority in All-State records.

The Courier-Journal All-State Board also singled out Ashland in bestowing another individual honor by selecting as "Coach of the Year" that city's Basketball Coach George Conley.

The policy of the board has been to base the coach award on season achievements. Although beaten in the first round of the State High School Basketball Tournament at Lexington, the Tomcats ranked high in the Commonwealth all season and entered the tourney with 28 victories and three losses.

Runner-up to Capt. Adkins in the All-State balloting was Ray Mills, Clay County center. State Champion Lexington Lafayette landed its versatile guard, Vernor Hatton.

The "little men" on the squad are Kenny Kuhn of Louisville; Male, Jim Mitchell of Madisonville; Gerry Calvert of Mayesville; Larry Thornberry of Clark County; and Garnard Martin of Hindman. Rounding out the select group are Al Rochelle of South Christian and Charley Tyra of Atherton.

The second team:

Kenny Sidwell, Caverna; Bill Ray, Casady, Inez; Logan Gipe, Owensboro; Bill Florence, Lafayette; David Kuhn, Male; Carlo Irwin, Breckinridge County; B. Brock Lily; Paul Horning, Louisville; Flaget; Willard, Holliday; Hindman; and Billy Mitchell, Georgetown.

The third team:

Younger Bowman, Henry Clay; Lexington; Vic Harned, Clarkton; John Brewer, Eastern; Huber; Wiggins, London; Dwin McIntosh, Paducah; Tilghman; Larry Raymond, Newport; Bill Fenwick, Holman; Ronald Tackett, Martin; Fred Simpson, Holy Family; an



GEORGE CONLEY, whose Ashland Tomcats were voted as the best team in Kentucky at the conclusion of the regular season, has been named "Coach of the Year" in a poll conducted by the Louisville Courier-Journal. Conley is the first Ashland cage mentor to be so honored. Football coach Charles Ramey was named in the Courier-Journal poll at the conclusion of his state championship football season of 1942. Ashland won 22 out of 25 during the season and had a 6-1 mark in the tournaments, Paducah ending the Tomcats' march 48-44 at Lexington. One of Ashland's season victories was at the expense of the eventual state champion, Lexington Lafayette, 57-48.

Kuhn, Tyra, Adkins, Mills, Hatton, Rochelle Named to All-State Team

By JOHNNY CARRICO—

Basketball's "little men," sometimes the forgotten heroes in this skyscraper era, came into their own on the 10th annual Courier-Journal All-State basketball team.

Half of the 10-man honor squad named by coaches, sports writers, broadcasters and officials are under the six-foot mark. Last year, the "big uni" swept all but two places.

Earl "Brother" Adkins of Ashland won his way onto most of the ballots to earn the honorary captaincy of the team. The spec-

tacular guard polled the third highest majority in All-State records when he was named on almost 54 per cent of the votes.

Runner-up to Adkins was Ray Mills of Clay County, the "find" of the recent State Tournament. State champion Lafayette landed its superb guard, Vernon Hatton.

The "runts" on the squad are Kenny Kuhn of Male, Jim Mitchell of Madisonville, Gerry Calvert of Maysville, Larry Thornberry of Clark County and Garnard Martin of Hindman. Filling out the "dream team" are Al Rochelle of South Christian and Charley Tyra of Atherton.

Kuhn, a sophomore, and juniors Hatton and Thornberry are the only underclassmen selected.

A story on the "Coach of The Year" and the All-State honorable-mention list are on Page 5.

Kenny Sidwell of Caverna, who was named to the 1951 team, missed the first 10 by a narrow margin.

Thornberry's nomination gave Clark County Coach Letcher Norton a unique record. He has placed a player on the All-State squad seven straight years.

Highlighting the talented ten:

EARL ADKINS—Besppectacled "Brother" didn't revise Ashland scoring records; he re-wrote the book. Here are a few: Three-year total of 1,392 points, single-game record of 38 points, regional-tournament record for Ashland of 35 points and district-tournament record of 32, high total for one season of 672 points.

A guard, he was named all-district three times, all-regional three times and named to all-tournament teams in the Pikeville Invitational and Louisville Invitational. He lettered three

years in football and twice in track. Probably will go to Kentucky but has offers from Western, Marshall, Mississippi Southern and Washington and Lee. Coached by George Conley.

RAY MILLS—Tremendous springiness made Mills the most remarkable rebounder in the state. A center, he was the chief factor in the Tigers' perfect season. He led the balloting for the All-State tournament team. Scored 833 points in season play, 49 in the district tournament, 95 in the regional and 42 in the State Tournament for a total of 1,019.

Was named all-regional two years and all-district three. He has ambitions to perform at Kentucky although he would be welcome at any of a dozen schools. Coached by Wyatt Thurman.

VERNON HATTON—His size, speed and deadly accuracy made him one of the most versatile players in the state. He was the balance wheel of the state-champion Lafayette club and high scorer of the State Tournament with 75 points. A guard, he averaged 18 points a game against some of the best competition in the state. Coached by Ralph Carlisle.

All-State Cage Squad

Player, School	Age	Ht.	Class
Earl Adkins, Ashland	19	6-3	Sr.
Ray Mills, Clay County	19	6-4	Sr.
Vernon Hatton, Lafayette	17	6-3	Jr.
Al Rochelle, South Christian	17	6-0	Sr.
Kenny Kuhn, Male	15	5-10	Soph.
Charles Tyra, Atherton	17	6-5	Sr.
Jim Mitchell, Madisonville	19	5-9	Sr.
Gerry Calvert, Maysville	17	5-11	Sr.
Larry Thornberry, Clark County	17	5-10	Jr.
Garnard Martin, Hindman	18	5-10	Sr.

Second Team

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 Billy Mitchell, Georgetown

Third Team

Younger Bowman, Henry Clay
 Vic Harned, Clarkson
 John Brewer, Eastern
 Hubert Wiggins, London
 Dwain McIntosh, Tilghman
 Larry Redmond, Newport
 Bill Fenwick, Holy Name
 Ronald Tackett, Martin
 Fred Simpson, Holy Family
 Sherrill Sipes, Flaget

Little Men' Chosen for All-State Team

ROCHELLE—South Christian had the second best record in the state at 35-2 and much of its success was due to Rochelle. In 1934, he was named all-district and all-regional twice. Tallied 1,398 points the past two years and averaged 62.1 points a game in 38 games this season. Missed scoring in double figures only two games. A basketball star, he also is in the top 15 per cent of his class academically. He has received scholarships from Vanderbilt, and others. Coached by his father, A. A. Rochelle.

KENNY KUHN—Has the most important basketball record in Louisville since Ray Kuhn becomes the third in a set of brothers to win recognition (brothers Ray and Dave won it in 1931). Averaging 18.7 points a game in 31 tilts, he missed by only one point in a Louisville record.

Chosen to all-district regional teams and to all-district teams in the Louisville Invitational and Cumberland Invitational. A quarter of the Male football team

CHARLEY TYRA—A big man who hit from both inside and outside, Tyra set a new Louisville record when he tallied 1,025 points in three seasons with the Rebels. Was named to all-district and all-tournament team in Louisville Invitational. Lettered two years in football and has a football scholarship at Kentucky. Coached by Ralph Mills.

JIM MITCHELL—Set an all-time scoring record at Madisonville with 2,120 points in four years. He also made 521 points as eighth-grader at Drakesboro. Scored 724 points this season for 24.1 average. Named to all-district teams four times and all-regional four times. In four years he averaged 50 per cent shooting from the field. Coached by Gene Tate.

GERRY CALVERT—Believed by many to be the best player ever to represent the Black and Gold, "Red" averaged 19 points a game. His importance to the Bulldogs was illustrated forcibly when Maysville lost every game from which he was absent because of illness. A brilliant set shot and a vicious driver, he repeatedly drew the defense around him which enabled teammates to score. An outstanding defensive player, he also is an excellent baseball prospect. Nine colleges

seek his services. Coached by Earle Jones.

LARRY THORNBERRY—With plenty of speed and aggressiveness, Larry was the key man in Clark County's play this year. An excellent shot and a good team player, he tallied 430 points in 35 games. Twice all-district and once all-region. Lettered in golf. Coached by Letcher Norton.

GARNARD MARTIN—The sensation of the 1952 State Tournament, the Hindman guard was out part of the past season because of an appendectomy. He was the hub of the Yellowjacket team, scoring 214 points in 15 games. A fine shot and a smart player. Coached by Pearl Combs.



Earl Adkins: Ashland



Vernon Hatten, Lafayette



Jim Mitchell: Madisonville



Al Rochelle: South Christian



Kenny Kuhn: Male



Charles Tyra: Atherton



Larry Thornberry: Clark County



Garnard Martin: Hindman

All-State Honorable Mention

1st Region

Charles Sevier (Fulton), Dick Cochran (St. Mary's Academy), Gene Mackin (Waco Concord), Joe Pat Phillips (Murray), Bob Barrett (Sharpe), Frank Waggoner (Wingo).

2d Region

Bobby Allen (Bartington), Hiram Wilkins (Hopkinsville).

3d Region

Ronnie Clark (Henderson), Jimmy Krump (Owensboro Catholic), Bill Harris (Providence).

4th Region

Carl Carter (Hughes-Kirk), Billy Kirtley (Hughes-Kirk), Bobby Green (Moretown), Bobby Brumell (Dunmore), Curtis Whitborn (Dunmore), Bethel Goff (Cromwell), Dick Wolfe (Central City), J. C. Phelps (Moretown).

5th Region

Dan Pedigo (Glasgow), Tommy Long (Allen County), Max Springfield (Richardsville), Freeman Kendall (Bowling Green).

6th Region

Wendell Cherry (Cayana), Ray Vancill (Elizabethtown), J. R. Daugherty (Campbellville), Don Wise (Kingsville), Jim Godwin (Caverna), Bill Durrash (Vine Grove), Hank Rowe (Columbia), Ralph Shearer (Columbia), Harold Pika (Campbellville), Charles Law (Elizabethtown Catholic), James Burke (Caverna), Bobby Murch (Fort Knox).

7th Region

Bobby Kimmel (Valley), Ronnie Whitehouse (Murray), Mike Kemper (Tipton), Bill Knoop (Tipton).

8th Region

Gary Maddox (Milton), Paul Shephard (Mason Home), Noble Gregory (La Grange), Joe Bowles (Shelbyville), Gary Kowitz (Milton), Dale Tarrin (Mason Home).

9th Region

Jim Brice (Newport Catholic), Jim Boothe (Dixton), Dave Bishop (Cortland Heights), George Gardner (Dixie Heights), Gordon McGhee (Holmes), Dale Walls (Ludlow), Jim Wiseman

(Newport Catholic), Charles Doll (Silver Grove), Adrian Clark (Campbell County), Jim Caldwell (Newport Catholic), John Criger (Hewson), Smith (Walton-Verona), Bobby Taylor (Williamstown).

10th Region

Tom Breese (Mayfield), Charles Brown (Fleming County), Graham (Fleming County), Earl Wagh (M.M.I.), Eugene Correll (M.M.I.), Teagarden (Bracken County).

11th Region

Vic Thorndale (Henry Clay), Ken Dean (Kingston), Al Frewitt (Henry Clay), Phil Johnson (University), Jim Russell (Anderson).

12th Region

Phil Kendrick (Monticello), Conley Newton (Somerset), Denney (Wayne County), Jack Farmer (Deerfield), Earl Noe (Mt. Vernon), Gerald Mullins (Eubank).

13th Region

Harold Marx (Barbourville), Frank Burton (Barbourville), Jack Cummins (Midway), Herman Ayers (Harian), John Blanton (Wallis), Joe Mink (Layall), Bob Jones (Harian), Clayton Strawn (Clay County), John Rice (Clay County), Lewis Stepp (Black Starr), Paul Sears (McKee).

14th Region

Harvey Creech (Kingdom Come), El Feldner (Buckhorn), Lando Lockard (Wolfe County), Nelson White (Powell County), Roscoe Shackelford (Hazard), John Quillen (Hazard).

15th Region

Leonard Carpenter (Salisburyville), John Lee Butcher (Pikeville), Bobby McCoy (Pikeville), John Dekmar Hughes (Prestonsburg), Grady Wallace (Betty Layne), Jim Cantrell (Edith City), Henry Butcher (Mesada Memorial), Lincoln Collierworth (Salisburyville).

16th Region

Mickey Dudley (Clark County), Lloyd Eden (Olive Hill), John Lyons (Vanderburg), Robert Cohen (Mt. Sterling), Cliff Vics (Bethel), Bob Emrick (Ashland), Gene Vincent (Hitchins), Phillip Stone (Olive Hill), Norman Collierworth (Cattletown), Jerry Riddle (Breckinridge Training), Bruce McClone (Carter City), Bill Jennings (Ashland), James Kiser (Carter City), Day (Salt Lick).



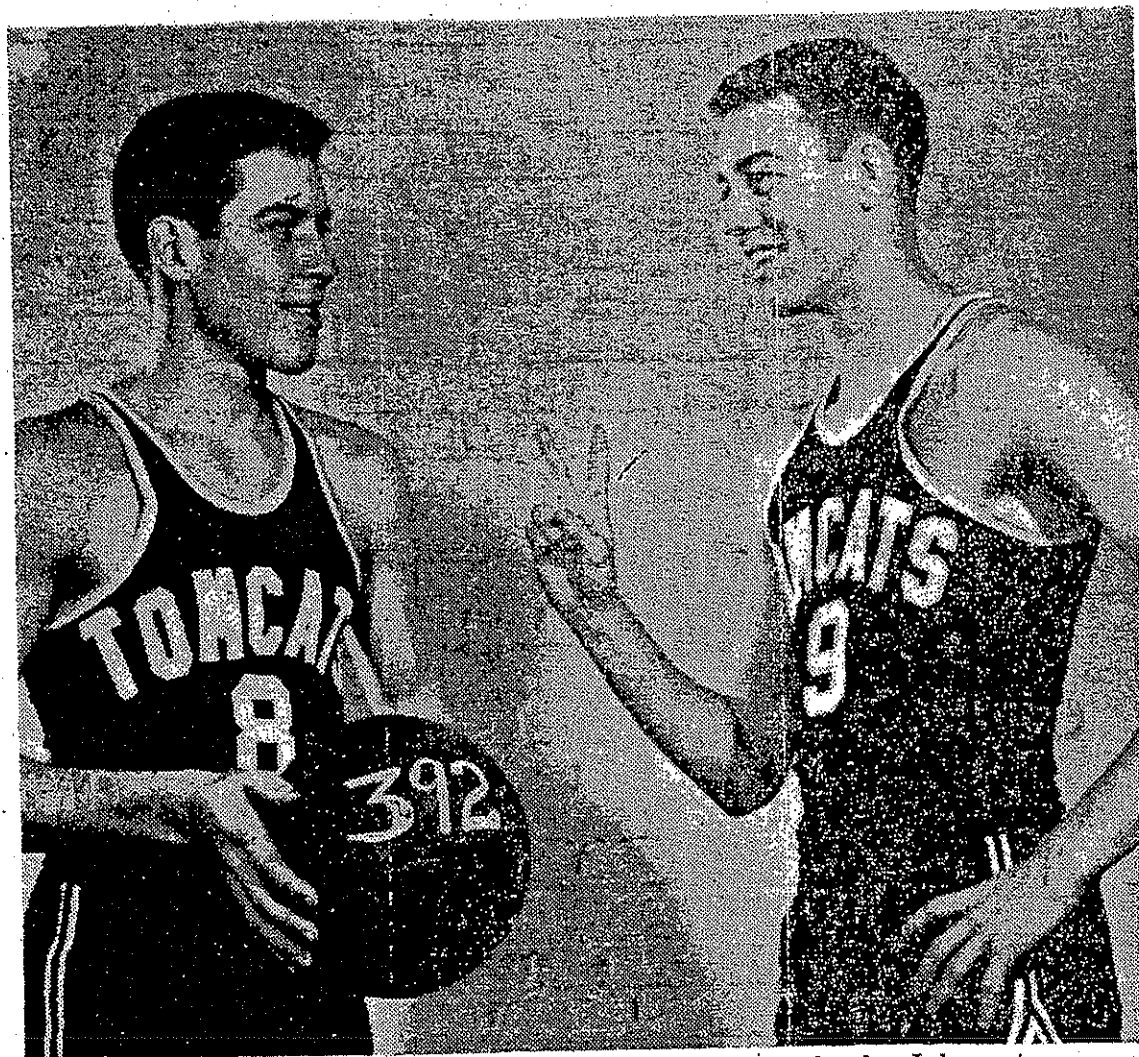
Ray Mills: Clay County



Gerry Calvert: May

EARL "BROTHER" ADKINS

A Lifetime of Athletics and Leadership



BIG GUNS IN TOMCAT ATTACK—"That record isn't safe, for I have two more years to go," might be what Earl (Brother) Adkins is saying to Johnny Eggleston, who last year established an all-time Ashland scoring record for one season with 392 points. Adkins, who as a Putnam star was the highest scoring player in junior high history here, came through with 287 points for the Tomcats as a sophomore last season. The Tomcats open their season Wednesday night.

Records? — Adkins Has 'Em All; Guard Winding Up 3d Year On Team

By JOHN MCGILL

Name just about any scoring record of Ashland High School and Earl (Brother!) Adkins has it!

Adkins, six-foot-three senior completing his third season as a regular with the Tomcats, is establishing marks that may never be broken.

But for a rule of questionable

wisdom which prevents junior high students from playing with the AHS varsity, Adkins probably would have played four years as a regular. During his stay with the Ferocious Felines Adkins has mastered just about every type of shot, being equally adept at driving in, hitting set shots from well out on the floor and connecting on one-hand jumps. Seldom in high school do you see a player who is able to hit both the set shot and the one-hand fling as well as the Ashland star. At times he reaches almost incredible accuracy.

Adkins is also an acceptable ball handler and defense man, a truly great defensive rebounder and a steadying influence on his team.

The tall guard wears glasses but if the specs have hindered his aim any, Coach George Conley should order a dozen pair.

Ashland isn't a one-man team by any stretch of the imagination, as many an opposing team has discovered. It is finely balanced and needs a good job from all starters to get the most out of Conley's system of play. But Adkins is the bell cow.

Earl was good even when he was in grade school, boosting his Oakview team to the city championship while setting a scoring record for the season.

At Putnam Junior High he was great, and led the Buccaneers to a city crown as he established another scoring record with 408 points, seven more than piled up by Jeep Clark, who later made All-State in 1949.

Since joining the Tomcats Adkins has won All-District laurels three times, been named All-Regional three times, made the all-tourney team in the Pikeville Invitational last year and the all-tourney team in the Louisville Invitational this season. Only All-State and All America honors remain. The Tomcats have won 79 and lost 24 in the three seasons.

Adkins plans to attend the University of Kentucky next year. Adolph Rupp, the astute Wildcat mentor, says Brother is one of four top prospects in the state.

Here is the list of Adkins records with at least one and possibly four games remaining:

Most points, Ashland junior high schools, one season, 408.

Most points, high school career, 3 years, 1381.

Most points, one game, 36.

Most points by high school player in Ashland High gym, 36.

Most points, season plus tournaments, 661.

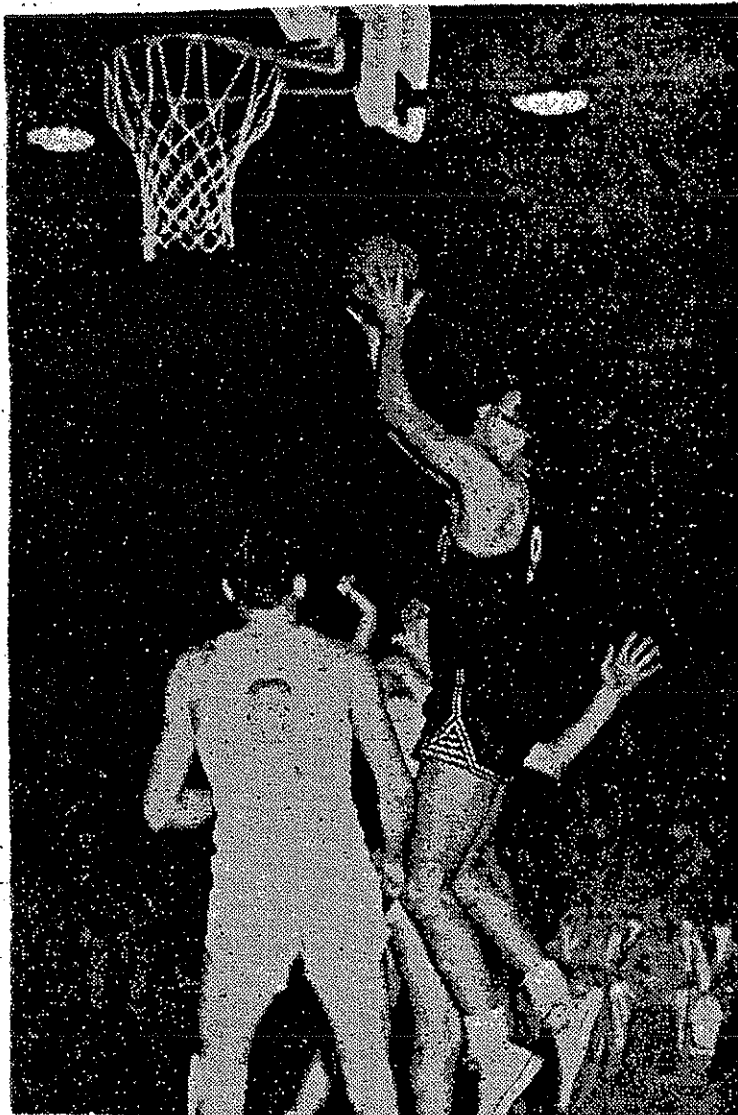
Most points, one half, 29.

Most consecutive free throws, 25.

Most consecutive games without missing free throw, 6.

Highest average, season, 21.3.

Consecutive games scoring, 87.



STANDING UNDER BASKET and facing the playing floor, Adkins prepares to make difficult lay-up in victory over Raceland during district tournament here.

Ashland Players Picked For All-Star Game

Kentucky And W. Va. Stars Battle June 1

The Ashland Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsoring the renewal of the Kentucky-West Virginia Senior All-Star basketball game, announced last night the selection of four players from this area.

Earl Adkins and Bob Emrick of Ashland High, Tom Fitzsimmons of Ashland Holy Family and Gary Price of Boyd County have accepted bids to play with the Kentucky team here June 1 and in Huntington the following night, according to the Jaycees.

Fred Simpson, star Holy Family guard, was also invited but told the Independent last night he will pass up the Kentucky-West Virginia series in order to participate in the East-West game at Lexington in August. Players appearing in other post-season games are ineligible for the Lexington contest.

Adkins, who was selected on two All-State teams, is a 6-3 guard. Emrick, high-scoring center, stands 6-5. Fitzsimmons, a forward or center, is 6-3 and Price, a center, is also 6-3.

Six other players will be added to the squad which will be coached by Ellis Johnson of Morehead State College. Johnson mentored the Kentuckians to a pair of victories over Cam Henderson's West Virginia All-Stars last season. The scores were 87-85 and 72-67.

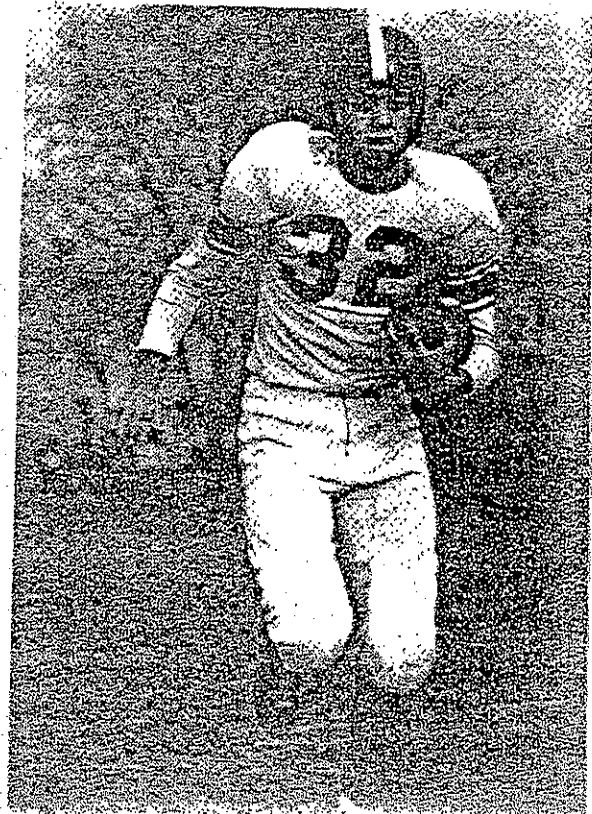
Adolph Rupp, famed University of Kentucky coach, will be here to present special awards to the Kentucky squadmen. Each player will receive a jacket with an All-Star game emblem. The Ashland High School band will furnish music.

Players have been asked to report here on Saturday, May 30, for practice. The game will be played in the AHS gym at 8 p. m.

EARL "BROTHER" ADKINS

EARL ADKINS—Besppectacled "Brother" didn't revise Ashland scoring records; he re-wrote the book. Here are a few: Three-year total of 1,302 points, single-game record of 38 points, regional-tournament record for Ashland of 35 points and district-tournament record of 32, high total for one season of 672 points.

A guard, he was named all-district three times, all-regional three times and named to all-tournament teams in the Pikeville Invitational and Louisville Invitational. ~~He lettered three years in football~~ and twice in track. Probably will go to Kentucky but has offers from Western, Marshall, Mississippi Southern and Washington and Lee. Coached by George Conley.



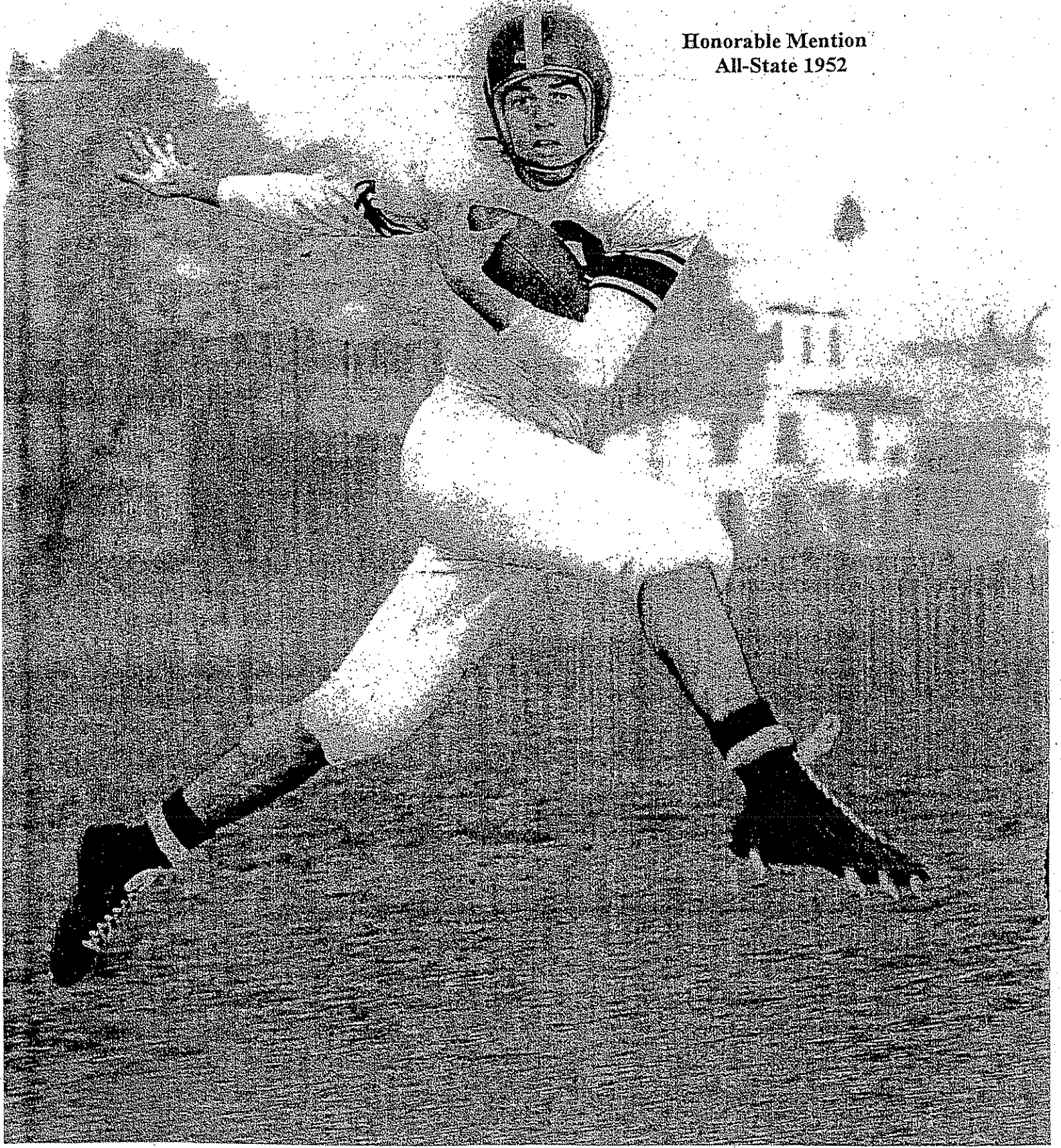
ADKINS—All-around great of all time. Plenty of speed and beautiful change of pace.

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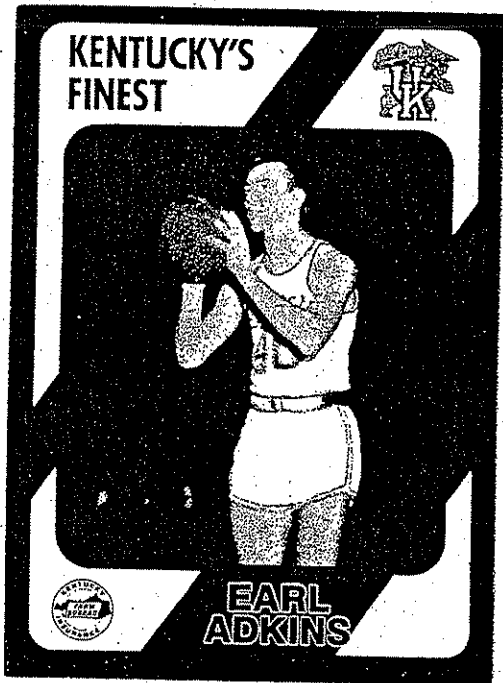


**University of Kentucky
NCAA Champs
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**Earl "Brother" Adkins
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EARL "BROTHER" ADKINS

University of Kentucky
Wildcats
1954-1958



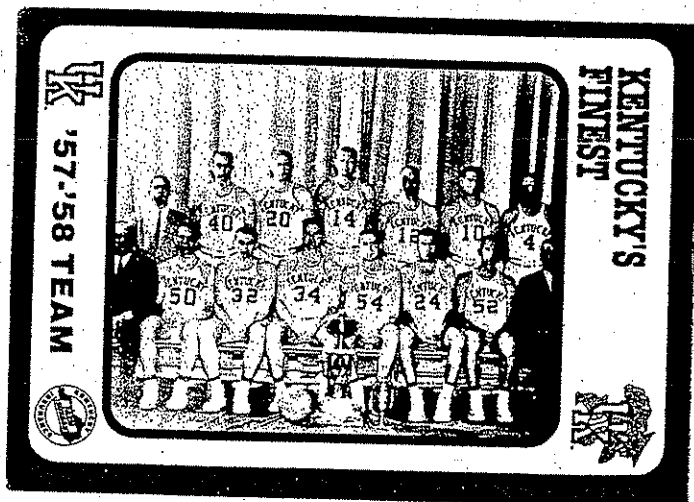
EARL ADKINS **90**
6'4" • 195 lbs. • GUARD
ASHLAND, KY • Ashland High School

WILDCAT CAREER

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	REB	PF	TP	AVG
1954-55	15	20	65	30.8	10	17	58.8	28	19	50	3.3
1955-56	did not play										
1956-57	16	19	45	42.2	10	22	45.5	16	24	48	3.0
1957-58	19	39	86	45.3	23	51	45.9	29	37	101	5.3
Total	50	78	196	39.8	53	70	75.7	73	80	199	3.9

Earl earned All-State and All-American schoolboy honors at Ashland. He was chosen "Mr. Basketball" following an outstanding performance in the North-South Classic at Murray in 1953.

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Adkins Rated By Rupp As One Of Best 'No 6' Men In Nation; May Start

LEXINGTON — Earl "Brother" Adkins, 6-4 bespectacled reserve guard for the University of Kentucky Wildcats is continuing to astound roundball followers wherever he plays by his ability to come off the bench and lead the Cats to victory almost single-handedly.

Such an effort by Adkins was his 14 point, second half total that he meshed against the Georgia Bulldogs at Atlanta on January 29. Coach Red Lawson's force was closing the gap on the Ruppmen and got within five points when Adkins began his antics. A deadly long distance set shot artist, he was able to bring the Georgia defense out and then proceeded to force a half dozen fouls by the opponents by trying to drive around them.

One such display of 1,000 pinch hitting would be enough to make the average basketball "sub" happy for a lifetime but not for Adkins. The Georgia game was the second UK win that could not

possibly have been achieved without the Ashland senior's play. His 25-point performance against the Vanderbilt Commodores was all that saved the Kentuckians from certain defeat in the first meeting of the two schools this season. Owner of a 5.7 average and a record of scoring in double figures in four tilts, all in relief, prompts Coach Rupp to rate Adkins as "one of the best number six men in the nation."

To say that such play was unexpected would be far from true, for Kentucky fans have been waiting patiently for the game when Brother would break loose. An All-State and All-America schoolboy sensation who was chosen as Mr. Basketball following his outstanding play in the North-South game in '53, he suffered scholastic difficulties in his junior year in which he was ruled ineligible.

Even at the start of the present season it seemed that Earl just couldn't get back in the groove and a 25-point output seemed an impossibility. However, the never-say-die cager, who had a feeble 1.8 scoring mark at the time, won non-believers over to his side with his Vandy effort.

Whether Adkins can continue at the pace is not sure, but such an effort is certainly needed as the Wildcats are finding day by day that SEC opponents are no longer easy pushovers. Coach Rupp is counting a great deal on the Ashland Ace to pull the Wildcats through to the SEC Championship. They start in the finale against...

Send your questions to Tom McGill, Sports Department, Lexington Herald-Leader, Main & Midland, Lexington, Ky. 40501. Phoned questions are also welcome.

Q: Please refresh my memory on the UK basketball career of Earl Adkins in the late 1950s. Was he from Ashland? Didn't he use the two-hand set shot? Did he start any games and what was his best game? I have in mind that he scored 25 points in one game — James Saffee, Danville.

A: Earl "Brother" Adkins was an All-America guard at Ashland High. He had a good variety of shots and was accurate with a two-hand set from 30 to 35 feet. He started a few games including the SEC championship clincher against Tennessee in 1958. UK went on to take the national title with Adrian Smith and Vern Hatten being the usual starters at guard.

Adkins averaged 15 points on the UK freshman team. As a senior he averaged 5.3 points, hitting 45 percent of his field goal attempts and 74 percent at the foul line.

Adkins had two particularly fine games. As a sophomore he hit five straight long shots to give UK a 71-69 win over DePaul. In his senior year he came off the bench for 25 points to help beat Vanderbilt 86-81 at Nashville.

Elks to honor 'Brother' Adkins

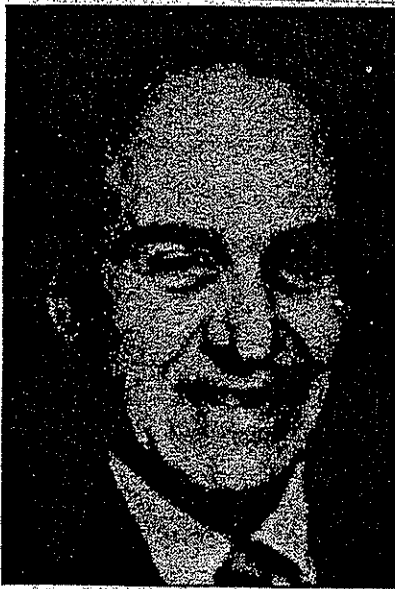
By MARK MAYNARD
OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

Earl "Brother" Adkins has a claim to fame that not many athletes could match.

He was recruited by Adolph Rupp and Paul "Bear" Bryant while both were coaches at the University of Kentucky.

Adkins, one of Ashland's all-time great athletes, chose basketball because that was his life-long passion.

Almost 40 years after helping UK to its fourth national championship in 1958, Adkins is being honored in his home-



Earl 'Brother' Adkins

town this summer.

He will be the honoree for the 22nd annual Ashland Elks Sports Day on July 11-12.

"It means a great deal to me," he said. "I'm excited about it and proud of it. What I'm really proud of is that it gives me the opportunity to publicly thank the people that did so much for me when I was a little rag-tag boy who had nothing.

"I never forgot where I came from and the people that helped me, like Ernie Chatfin and Bo McMillen."

Adkins was a great three-sport star for the Tomcats in the early '50s. He was a three-year starter in basketball and two-year starter in football. Adkins also participated twice in the State Track and Field Meet.

As a basketball star, he played for the late George Conley. His senior season, the Tomcats were 28-4 and went into the State Tournament as the team to beat. Paducah upset Ashland 46-44 in the opening round, a loss that still stings for Adkins.

"A guy beat us on a last-second shot," he said. "I can still see it going in, a 25-foot jumpshot at Memorial Coliseum. I've always regretted the fact we didn't win a state championship for the city of Ashland."

Ashland's only losses that season came to Inez Flager in the Louisville Invitational Tournament, Hindman and Paducah. The Tomcats defeated eventual state champion Lafayette in Lexington.

"It was a great team and George was an outstanding coach," Adkins said. "He gave me great opportunity to play."

Adkins, a strapping 6-foot-3 guard who averaged 20.6 per game, caught the attention of the state that season. He was the No. 1 vote-getter on The Courier-Journal's All-State team, thus giving him the title of "Mr. Basketball."

Rupp came to town to watch Adkins play basketball and eventually offered a scholarship. Harry Lancaster, the longtime Rupp aide, signed him. It was then that Adkins told Lancaster he was going to be married and asked if that was a problem.

Lancaster said it wasn't but, as it turned out, Rupp believed otherwise. Adkins' dream of becoming a Wildcat would come true, but it would hold bittersweet memories for him.

"Rupp held it against me," Adkins said of being married. "His philosophy was if Earl's wife gets sick or if he has family and they get sick, he can't give all the attention to basketball. It was all business with him. If they'd only told me that before."

So Adkins and his bride Beverly Newton struggled to make ends meet while he earned his degree through basketball. He and his wife had their first child, Linda, when Adkins was a sophomore. The times were tough for Adkins.

"I had a family, no money, nothing," he said. "I was trying to go to school and get my degree, satisfy Adolph and satisfy my family. That wouldn't be easy to do today. Had I not gotten married, things would have been better for me."

But this May, Adkins and his wife will have been married 44 years. They have three children.

"I married the greatest gal in the world," he said.

If Lancaster had said being married was going to be a problem, then Adkins' path would have been vastly different. He had already talked with Everett Case, then the coach of North Carolina State, about coming if UK said no.

Adkins was at UK for five seasons (1955-58), including being redshirted as a sophomore. However, it wasn't until

he was a senior that Adkins was able to contribute much to the team.

That season, he was a member of the '58 national champions, which Rupp called "The Fiddlin' Five." Adkins was actually the sixth man on that team, but Rupp called him "the best sixth man in the nation."

A prolific scorer in high school, Adkins once scored 25 points in the second half of a game with Vanderbilt.

In high school, Adkins was a shifty running back and punter. Bryant, recruiting Ivan Curnutte at the time, offered Adkins the chance to play football though assistant coach Jerry Claiborne. But Adkins turned it down because basketball was his dream.

"I knew I wanted to go to UK all my life," he said. "Even when times were rough there, I never considered leaving."

After graduation, Adkins would go on to a 34-year career in education where he was a basketball coach for 11 years, an elementary school principal for 14 years and an assistant superintendent for nine years. He's been retired since 1992 and lives in Shelbyville.

His career almost brought him back to Ashland in 1959. He applied for the Tomcats' coaching job but it was given to Bob Wright, who would guide the '61 Tomcats to the 16th Region's last state championship.

"I don't know if I could have ever did what Bob Wright did, but it really hurt me when I didn't get the job," he said.

And of course, to this day, he's an avid UK follower. He has season tickets behind the Kentucky bench.

"I live and die with them," he said. "I think (Rick) Pitino is the greatest coach who ever coached. He's such a motivator. He can challenge you, get right up in your face, and you still love him. I sit close to the bench and marvel at his coaching."

On his nickname of "Brother," Adkins said it was something that's been with him as long as he can remember.

"I had a brother and he called me 'Brother.' My grandmother, mother and wife all call me 'Brother.' If somebody comes to town and says 'Do you know Earl Adkins?', they'd probably say no. But if they say, 'Do you know 'Brother' Adkins?', it's different."

Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination Form

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Information about Nominee

Name:	EARL ADKINS
Is the nominee deceased? (circle)	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
<i>(if nominee is not deceased, please fill out address information below)</i>	
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City, State, Zip	SHELBYVILLE, KY 40065
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If this person is being nominated as a Coach, please complete the following additional information-

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Year of Retirement	
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	

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High School Attended	ASHLAND KY HIGH SCHOOL	
Graduation Year	1953	
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Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.
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COACHED 9 YEARS IN HIGH SCHOOL IN KENTUCKY.
TAUGHT IN HIGH SCHOOL 12 YEARS - IN KENTUCKY
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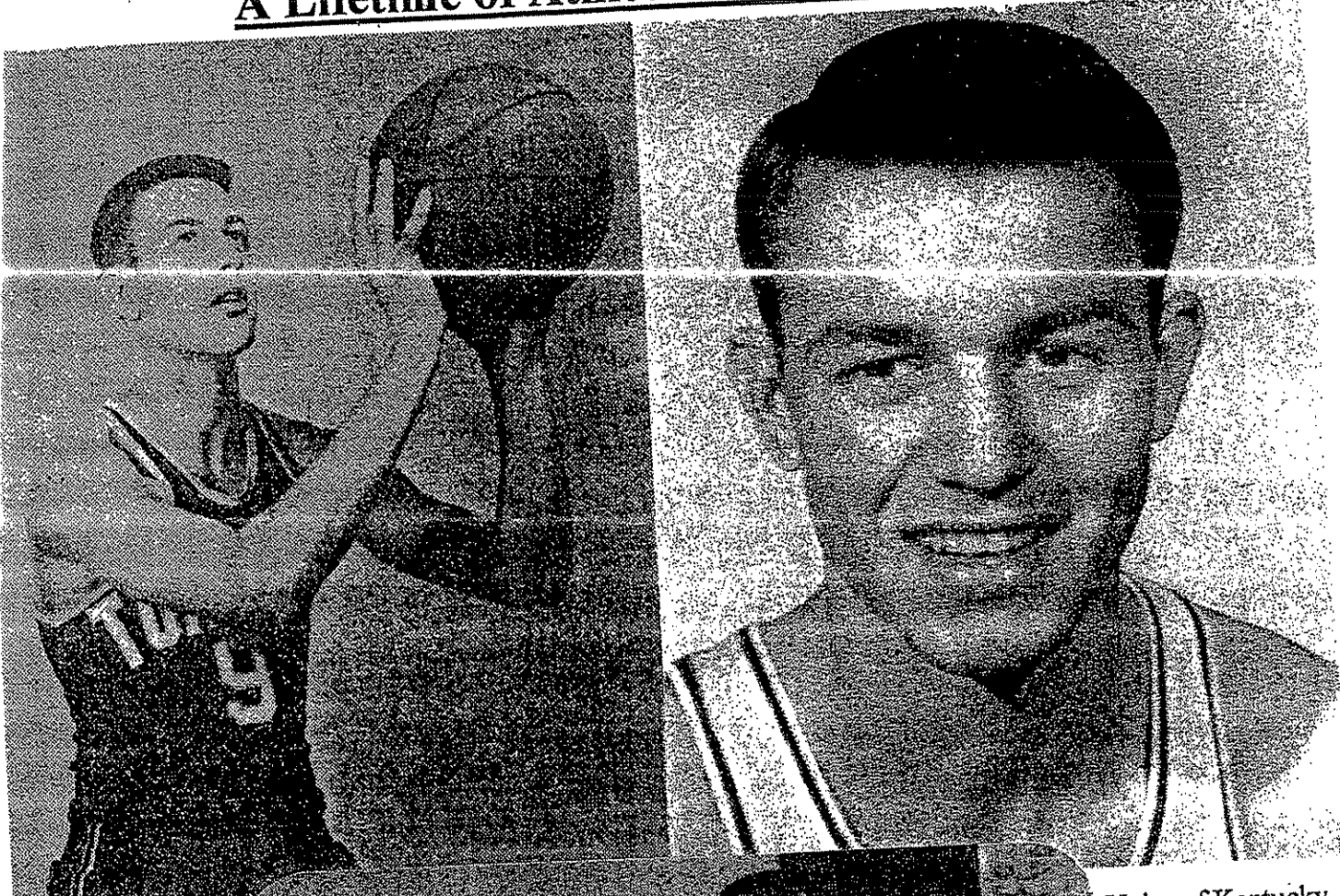
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Signature W. James Host Name (print) W. JAMES HOST Date 10/27/03

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.

EARL "BROTHER" ADKINS

A Lifetime of Athletics and Leadership



Ashland High
"Tomcats"
1951-1953

Univ. of Kentucky
"Wildcats"
1954-1958



Assistant
Superintendent
in charge of
Pupil Personnel
1982-1992

Smiling Earl

Earl Adkins today smiles behind a basketball. It was his skill with a basketball that earned him a ticket to play four years of the game for Adoif Rupp at U of K.

EARL "BROTHER" ADKINS

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Earl "Brother" Adkins was born in Washington Court House, Ohio in 1932 and soon thereafter moved to Ashland, Kentucky where his athletic career began.

Earl's athleticism began to reveal itself at a very young age as he was very successful in leading his elementary school and Y.M.C.A. teams to many victories and championships. Earl served under many coaches to be mentioned later and he was also tutored, at an early age, by two great men in the Ashland Area Y.M.C.A. athletic programs. Those individuals were J.N. "Bo" McMillan and Ernie Chattin. Earl grew up in a family which did not have great wealth and the Y.M.C.A. under McMillan and Chattin was a great influence in his life by moral direction and financial assistance during his development years in Ashland.

While attending Oakview Elementary School and Putnam Junior High School, it was obvious Earl would be a great athlete by his great performances in basketball, football, and track. He led Putnam's athletic program during 1948, 1949 and 1950 in all sports by winning many basketball, football, and track championships.

After Putnam Junior High, Earl attended Ashland High School during the years of 1950 to 1953. He became a great three sports star for Ashland during those years as a three year starter in basketball, two year starter in football and a two year track and field competitor. A tremendous athlete at all sports but his greatest love was basketball.

After having a starting roll in basketball at Ashland High School his sophomore and junior years, Earl led Ashland to a 28-4 record his senior year under the coaching of George Conley, the *Louisville Courier Journal's* "Coach of the Year" in 1953.

Earl averaged 20.6 points per game his senior year and ended his high school career with a total of 1,392 points. In 1953 Earl was selected to the *Courier Journal's* All State Team with the highest point total of any Kentucky player and therefore, was given the title of "Mr. Basketball." Earl was also named the state's "Outstanding Cager" according to the All-State Poll conducted by the *Paducah Sun-Democrat*. Earl was selected to play in several All Star games after his senior year including the East-West All Star game at Pikeville, KY and the Kentucky-Indiana All Star game at Butler Field House in Indianapolis. Also in 1953 Earl was selected to play in the North-South Game at Murray College where he was presented the "Chuck Taylor" award as the top player in the Nation.

After Earl's high school career he was recruited heavily by many schools, such as North Carolina State, Clemson, SMU, Louisville and others. However, Earl attended the University of Kentucky from 1954 to 1958 on a basketball scholarship, after being recruited by Adolph Rupp. At the same time Earl had the opportunity to attend U.K. on a football scholarship under Paul "Bear" Bryant, but elected to pursue the basketball career instead.

Although Earl started just a few games for Kentucky and Adolph Rupp, he came off the bench several games helping U.K. with victories over the University of Georgia, Vanderbilt, and others. He started the SEC Championship game against Tennessee in 1958 and U.K. went on to win the NCAA Championship that year with Earl a vital part of the team which

Coach Rupp called the "Fiddlin' Five." During Earl's senior year Coach Rupp was quoted as saying, "Adkins is one of the best sixth men in the country." Earl proved it with many outstanding performances.

Upon graduating from U.K. Earl, his wife Beverly, (now married for 49 years) and family, (three children) began a life of coaching, teaching, and administrative work all involving tutoring, developing and leading the young people whose lives they touched. All of these positions are outlined in following sections of this paper.

Earl "Brother" Adkins, as a player, coach, and administrator has made a significant and outstanding contribution to sports in the state of Kentucky. Aside from his great athleticism and playing ability, all recognized at the time, Earl has been a positive influence on many, many athletes and students across our state. His leadership as a coach and administrator contributed to his success and hopefully, qualifies him to be considered as a nominee to the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame.

EARL "BROTHER" ADKINS

Coaching and Teaching Years

School Year

- 1958-1962 Head Coach/Teacher at South Hopkins High School
Madisonville, KY.
- 1962-1963 Teacher at Southern High School
Louisville, KY
- 1963-1964 Assistant Coach/Teacher at Fairdale High School
Louisville, KY
- 1964-1968 Head Coach/Teacher at Union County High School
Morganfield, KY
- 1968-1970 Head Coach/Teacher at Harrodsburg High School
Harrodsburg, KY

Coaching Record – 143 wins/115 losses

Educational Administration Work

- 1970-1974 Elementary School Principal at Cairo Elementary
Henderson, KY
- 1974-1982 Elementary School Principal at Morganfield Elementary
Morganfield, KY
- 1982-1992 Assistant Superintendent of Schools in charge of Pupil
Personnel at Union Co. Board of Education
Morganfield, KY (3000 students in the system)

TOTAL OF 34 YEARS IN EDUCATION !

EARL "BROTHER" ADKINS

HONORS AND AWARDS

Ashland High School

- 1950-1951 64th District Champions – All District
Scored 259 points as a Sophomore
- 1951-1952 Football – Courier Journal All State Honorable Mention
Junior year.
Pikeville Invitational Tournament – All Tournament
64th District Champions – All District
16th Regional Runner-up – All Region
Scored 441 points as a Junior
- 1952-1953 64th District Champions – All District
16th Regional Champions – All Region
All-State–Courier Journal – Honorary Captain 54% vote
All-State–Paducah Sun-Democrat
States Outstanding Cager with 1070 votes or 48%
North-South All Star Game – Murray, KY
Named "Mr. Basketball" by Chuck Taylor
- 1952-1953 (continued)

East-West All Star Game – Pikeville, KY

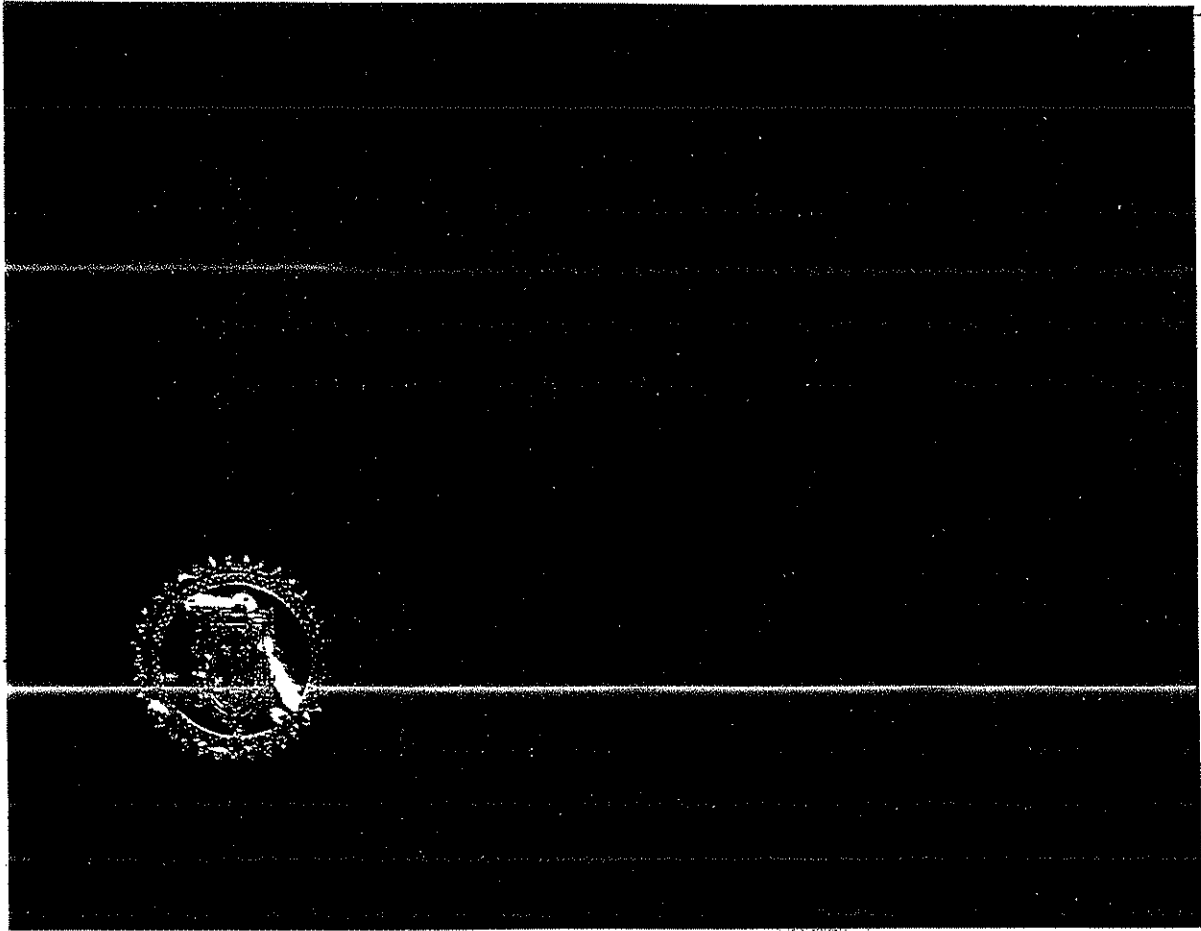
Kentucky – Indiana All Star Game in Indianapolis.

Kentucky – WV All Star Game – Ashland, KY &
Huntington, WV

Scored 692 points as a Senior

Scored a High School Career Total of 1,392 points

1997 – Earl Adkins was the Honoree for the 22nd Annual Ashland Elks Elks Sports Day on July 11-12, 1997. Ralph Beard, one of UK's legendary greats, who played on Rupp's "Fabulous Five" and back to back NCAA Champion teams of 1948 and 1949 was the guest speaker.



Ashland's Adkins Is Named On Two All-State Teams

Tomcat Guard Most Popular; Emrick On Sun-Democrat 2nd Team; Rochelle Top Coach

Kentucky's high school basketball players have named Ashland's Earl (Brother) Adkins as the state's outstanding cager, according to the All-State poll conducted by the Paducah Sun-Democrat.

Paducah Sports Editor Bill Carter received 1,070 player votes for Adkins as 2,240 Kentucky cagers took part in the paper's unique All-State election party. Al Rochelle of South Christian polled the second highest total, receiving 1,020. Garnard Martin of Hindman was third.

With them on the All-State first team were Larry Thornberry of Clark County, Ray Mills of Clay County, Billy Ray Cassaday of Inez, Logan Gipe of Owensboro, Bill Florence of Lafayette, Jim Mitchell of Madisonville and Kenny Sidwell of Caverna.

The poll was taken prior to the state tournament.

Bob Emrick, Ashland center and Jerry Calvert of Maysville made the second team. Paducah's Dwain McIntosh, state tournament hero, was on the third team.

A. A. Rochelle of South Christian polled 470 votes as coach of the year. J. W. Thurman of Clay County was second, George Conley of Ashland third and Elmer Gilb, Lexington Henry Clay, was fourth. Carter asked the voters to select the coach "who did the most with the least this year."

In a special player-of-the-year poll Adkins was second to Rochelle, son of the coach of the year, with Mills third, Thornberry fourth and Martin fifth.

Seven 16th Region players received All-State honorable mention. Only the top ten players in each region were nominated for the player voting.

ALL-STATE

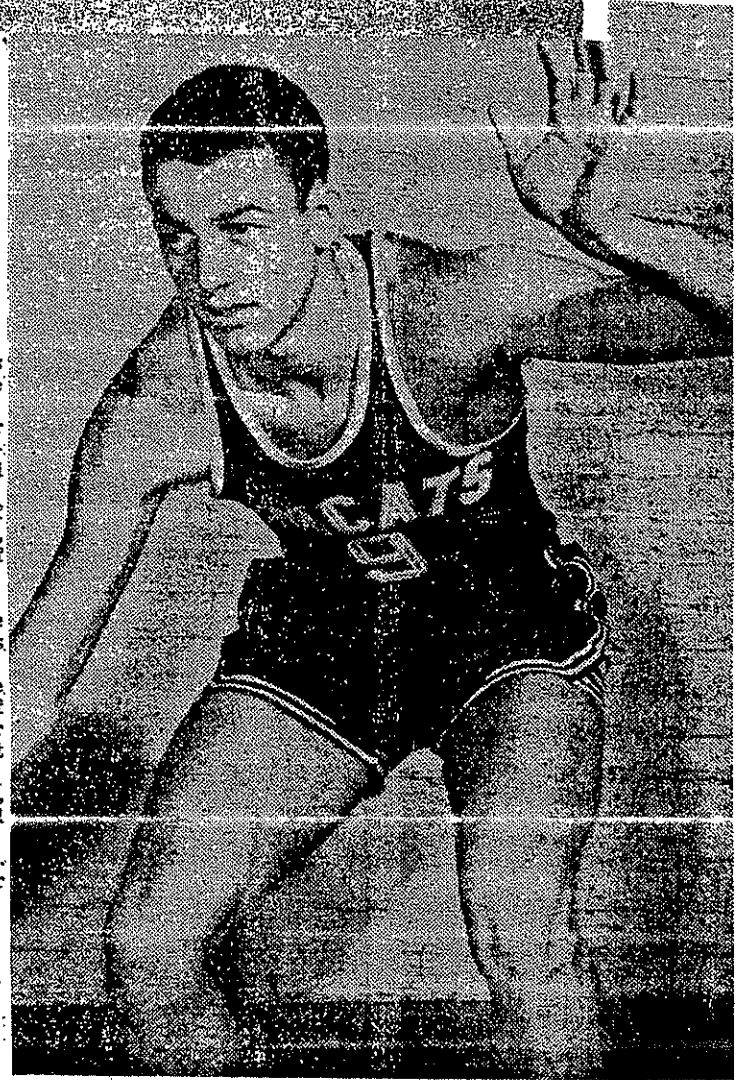
Player	Height	Class	Votes	School
Earl Adkins	6-3	Sr.	1,070	Ashland
Al Rochelle	6-0	Sr.	1,020	South Christian
Garnard Martin	5-11	Sr.	960	Hindman
Larry Thornberry	5-11	Jr.	910	Clark County
Ray Mills	6-5	Sr.	810	Clay County
Billy Ray Cassaday	6-2	Jr.	600	Inez
Logan Gipe	6-2	Sr.	520	Owensboro
Bill Florence	6-7	Jr.	470	Lafayette
Jimmy Mitchell	5-10	Sr.	430	Madisonville
Ken Sidwell	5-10	Jr.	410	Caverna

Second Team

Paul Hornung, Flaget, 390; Jerry Calvert, Maysville, 330; Vernon Hatten, Lafayette, 320; Frank Waggoner, Wingo, 310; Bobby Wall, South Christian, 310; Carlos Irwin, Breck County, 310; Dick Cochran, St. Mary's, 280; Bob Emrick, Ashland, 280; Charles Tyra, Atherton, 270; Phillip Kendrick, Monticello, 260.

Third Team

David Kuhn, Male, 220; Kenny Kuhn, Male, 210; Young Bowman, Henry Clay, 210; Sherrill Sipes, Flaget, 200; Bobby McCoy, Pikeville, 190; Billy Mitchell, Georgetown, 190; Ronald Tackett, Martin, 170; Phil Johnson, University, 160; Dwain McIntosh, Tilghman, 160; J. D. Brock, Lily, 160.



EARL ADKINS today becomes Ashland High School's 13th All-State basketball player, having been selected on both the Louisville and Paducah papers' honor squads. Adkins, 6-foot-3 senior with three record-breaking seasons here, is the first Tomcat All-Stater since Jeep Clark in 1949. Like Clark, he was judged to be the most outstanding player in his region. He is the sixth Ashland guard to be honored on the mythical team. By scoring 672 points this season he boosted his career total to 1,392 for a school record.

Rupp Pleased Over Getting Adkins, Mills

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 28 (AP) — Three of Kentucky's outstanding high school basketball stars have signed scholarship applications to attend the University of Kentucky.

Basketball Coach Adolph Rupp announced today that the trio either will enroll this summer or next fall.

Representing different sections of the state, the three are Ray Mills, Clay County; Earl Adkins, Ashland, and Logan Gipe, Owensboro.

Rupp said Mills is expected to enter the university for the summer term beginning June 22 while Adkins is slated to start next September. Gipe is uncertain as to his enrollment time.

The veteran coach said he is "extremely pleased that such high-calibre young men have seen fit to cast their fortunes with us."

Mills, six-foot-four center who received attention in the recent state tournament here, sparked the Clay County team to an undefeated season until eliminated from the tourney by the champion, Lexington Lafayette.

Adkins, six-foot-three, played at guard on the Ashland squad and is considered an excellent outside shot and rebounder.

The highly-regarded Gipe, at six-foot-two the shortest of the three Kentuckians, was coached by Lawrence McGinnis, the same tutor who handled Kentucky stars Cliff Hagan and Bobby Watson in high school.

Courier-Journal Picks Conley Coach Of Year; Simpson Is Placed On Third Team

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 28 (AP) — Kentucky basketball's "little men," sometimes overlooked when the honors are passed out, comprise half of the 10th annual Courier-Journal All-State cage squad announced tonight.

The small fry, by standards of today's skyscraper era, named to the 10-man honor squad by coaches, sports writers, broadcasters and officials are under the six-foot mark. Last year, their

taller brethren swept all but two spots on the paper's "dream team."

Earl "Brother" Adkins, spectacular Ashland guard, earned the honorary captaincy of the squad by polling almost 54 per cent of the votes — the third highest majority in All-State records.

The Courier-Journal All-State Board also singled out Ashland in bestowing another individual honor by selecting as "Coach of The Year" the city's Basketball Coach George Conley.

The policy of the board has been to base the coach award on season achievements. Although beaten in the first round of the State High School Basketball Tournament at Lexington, the Tomcats ranked high in the Commonwealth all season and entered the tourney with 23 victories and three losses.

Runner-up to Capt. Adkins in the All-State balloting was Ray Mills, Clay County center. State Champion Lexington Lafayette landed its versatile guard, Vernor Hatton.

The "little men" on the squad are Kenny Kuhn of Louisville, Male, Jim Mitchell of Madisonville, Gerry Calvert of Mayville, Larry Thornberry of Clark County and Garnard Martin of Hindman. Rounding out the select group are Al Rochelle of South Christian and Charley Tyre of Atherton.

The second team:

Kenny Sidwell, Cavears; Bill Ray, Casady, Inc.; Logan Gipe, Owensboro; Bill Florence, Lafayette; David Kuhn, Male; Carl Irwin, Breckinridge County; J. D. Brock, Lily; Paul Horning, Louisville; Flaget; Willard, Holiday; Hindman; and Billy Mitchell, Georgetown.

The third team:

Younger Bowman, Henry Clay; Lexington; Vic Harned, Clarkson; John Brewer, Eastern; Huber Wiggins, London; Dwain McIntosh, Paducah; Hughman; Larry Raymond, Newport; Bill Fenwick, Holman; Ronald Tackett, Martin; Fred Simpson, Hot Family, an Sherrill Sigel, Flaget.



GEORGE CONLEY, whose Ashland Tomcats were voted as the best team in Kentucky at the conclusion of the regular season, has been named "Coach of the Year" in a poll conducted by the Louisville Courier-Journal. Conley is the first Ashland cage mentor to be so honored. Football coach Charles Hamey was named in the Courier-Journal poll at the conclusion of his state championship football season of 1942. Ashland won 22 out of 25 during the season and had a 6-1 mark in the tournaments, Paducah ending the Tomcats' march 48-44 at Lexington. One of Ashland's season victories was at the expense of the eventual state champion, Lexington Lafayette, 57-45.

Kuhn, Tyra, Adkins, Mills, Hatton, Rochelle Named to All-State Team

By JOHNNY CARRICO—

Basketball's "little men," sometimes the forgotten heroes in this skyscraper era, came into their own on the 10th annual Courier-Journal All-State basketball team.

Half of the 10-man honor squad named by coaches, sports writers, roadcasters and officials are under the six-foot mark. Last year, the "big uni" swept all but two places.

Earl "Brother" Adkins of Ashland won his way onto most of the ballots to earn the honorary captaincy of the team. The spectacular guard polled the third highest majority in All-State records when he was named on almost 54 per cent of the votes.

Runner-up to Adkins was Ray Mills of Clay County, the "find" of the recent State Tournament. State champion Lafayette landed its superb guard, Vernon Hatton.

The "runts" on the squad are Kenny Kuhn of Male, Jim Mitchell of Madisonville, Gerry Calvert of Maysville, Larry Thornberry of Clark County and Garnard Martin of Hindman. Filling out the "dream team" are Al Rochelle of South Christian and Charley Tyra of Atherton.

Kuhn, a sophomore, and juniors Hatton and Thornberry are the only underclassmen selected.

A story on the "Coach of The Year" and the All-State honorable-mention list are on Page 5.

Kenny Sidwell of Caverna, who was named to the 1951 team, missed the first 10 by a narrow margin.

Thornberry's nomination gave Clark County Coach Letcher Norton a unique record. He has placed a player on the All-State squad seven straight years.

Highlighting the talented ten:

EARL ADKINS—Besppectacled "Brother" didn't revise Ashland scoring records; he re-wrote the book. Here are a few: Three-year total of 1,392 points, single-game record of 36 points, regional-tournament record for Ashland of 35 points and district-tournament record of 32, high total for one season of 672 points.

A guard, he was named all-district three times, all-regional three times and named to all-tournament teams in the Pikeville Invitational and Louisville Invitational. He lettered three

years in football and twice in track. Probably will go to Kentucky but has offers from Western, Marshall, Mississippi Southern and Washington and Lee. Coached by George Conley.

RAY MILLS—Tremendous springiness made Mills the most remarkable rebounder in the state. A center, he was the chief factor in the Tigers' perfect season. He led the balloting for the All-State tournament team. Scored 833 points in season play, 49 in the district tournament, 95 in the regional and 42 in the State Tournament for a total of 1,019.

Was named all-regional two years and all-district three. He has ambitions to perform at Kentucky although he would be welcome at any of a dozen schools. Coached by Wyatt Thurman.

VERNON HATTON—His size, speed and deadly accuracy made him one of the most versatile players in the state. He was the balance wheel of the state-champion Lafayette club and high scorer of the State Tournament with 75 points. A guard, he averaged 18 points a game against some of the best competition in the state. Coached by Ralph Carlisle.

All-State Cage Squad

Player, School	Age	Ht.	Class
Earl Adkins, Ashland	19	6-3	Sr.
Ray Mills, Clay County	19	6-4	Sr.
Vernon Hatton, Lafayette	17	6-3	Jr.
Al Rochelle, South Christian	17	6-0	Sr.
Kenny Kuhn, Male	15	5-10	Soph.
Charles Tyra, Atherton	17	6-5	Sr.
Jim Mitchell, Madisonville	19	5-9	Sr.
Gerry Calvert, Maysville	17	5-11	Sr.
Larry Thornberry, Clark County	17	5-10	Jr.
Garnard Martin, Hindman	18	5-10	Sr.

Second Team

Kenny Sidwell, Caverna
 Billy Ray Cassady, Inez
 Logan Gipe, Owensboro
 Bill Florence, Lafayette
 David Kuhn, Male
 Carlos Irwin, Breckinridge Cty.
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 Dwain McIntosh, Tilghman
 Larry Redmond, Newport
 Bill Fenwick, Holy Name
 Ronald Tackett, Martin
 Fred Simpson, Holy Family
 Sherrill Sipes, Flaget

Little Men' Chosen for All-State Team

ROCHELLE—South Christian had the second best record in the state at 35-2 and much of the success was due to Rochelle. In 1951, he was named all-district and all-regional twice. Tallied 396 points the past two seasons. Averaging 18.7 points a game, he missed scoring in double digits only two games. A base-thrower, he also is in the top 15 per cent of his class nationally. He has received letters from Vanderbilt, and others. Coached by his father, A. A. Rochelle.

KENNY KUHN—Has the most important basketball record in Louisville since Ray Kuhn becomes the third in a set of brothers to win recognition. (Brothers and Dave won it in 1950. Averaging 18.7 points a game in 31 lifts, he missed by only one point of tying a Louisville record.

Chosen to all-district and regional teams and to all-state teams in the Louisville Invitational and Cumberland Invitational. A quarter back on the Male football team

CHARLEY TYRA—A big man who hit from both inside and outside, Tyra set a new Louisville record when he tallied 1,025 points in three seasons with the Rebels. Was named to all-district and all-tournament team in Louisville Invitational. Lettered two years in football and has a football scholarship at Kentucky. Coached by Ralph Mills.

JIM MITCHELL—Set an all-time scoring record at Madisonville with 2,120 points in four years. He also made 521 points as eighth-grader at Drakesboro. Scored 724 points this season for a 24.1 average. Named to all-district teams four times and all-regional four times. In four years he averaged 50 per cent shooting from the field. Coached by Gene Tate.

GERRY CALVERT—Believed by many to be the best player ever to represent the Black and Gold. "Red" averaged 19 points a game. His importance to the Bulldogs was illustrated forcibly when Mayssville lost every game from which he was absent because of illness. A brilliant set shot and a vicious driver, he repeatedly drew the defense around him which enabled teammates to score. An outstanding defensive player, he also is an excellent baseball prospect. Nine colleges

seek his services. Coached by Earle Jones.

LARRY THORNBERRY—With plenty of speed and aggressiveness, Larry was the key man in Clark County's play this year. An excellent shot and a good team player, he tallied 430 points in 35 games. Twice all-district and once all-region. Lettered in golf. Coached by Leitcher Norton.

GARNARD MARTIN—The sensation of the 1952 State Tournament, the Hindman guard was out part of the past season because of an appendectomy. He was the hub of the Yellowjacket team, scoring 214 points in 15 games. A fine shot and a smart player. Coached by Pearl Combs.



Earl Adkins: Ashland



Vernon Hatton: Lafayette



Jim Mitchell: Madisonville



Al Rochelle: South Christian



Kenny Kuhn: Male



Charles Tyra: Atherton



Larry Thornberry: Clark County



Garnard Martin: Hindman

All-State Honorable Mention

1st Region

Charles Sevier (Fulton), Dick Cochran (St. Mary's Academy), Gene Mathis (New Concord), Joe Pat Phillips (Murray), Bob Barratt (Sharpe), Frank Wainman (Winro).

2d Region

Bobby Allen (Eastington), Hiram Wilkins (Hopkinsville).

3d Region

Monnie Clark (Henderson), Jimmy Krump (Owensboro Catholic), Bill Harris (Previdente).

4th Region

Carl Carver (Hughes-Kirk), Billy Kirkley (Hughes-Kirk), Bobby Green (Morantown), Elbobby Drinkill (Dunmore), Curtis Welborn (Dunmore), Kethal Goff (Cromwell), Dick Wolfe (Central City), J. C. Phelps (Morantown).

5th Region

Dan Padigo (Glasgow), Tommy Long (Aben County), Max Stringfield (Richardsville), Freeman Keodall (Bowling Green).

6th Region

Wendell Cherry (Caverna), Ray Vancill (Elizabethtown), J. E. Daugherty (Campbellsville), Don Wiles (Kinrossville), Jim Godwin (Caverna), Bill Darragh (Vine Grove), Hankin Rowe (Columbia), Ralph Shearer (Columbia), Harold Pike (Campbellsville), Charles Lane (Elizabethtown Catholic), James Burke (Caverna), Bobby Murch (Fort Knox).

7th Region

Bobby Kimmel (Valley), Lonnie Whitehouse (Mammoth), Mike Kemper (Flaget), Bill Knoop (Flaget).

8th Region

Gary Maddux (Milton), Paul Shephard (Mazonie Home), Noble Gregory (La Grange), Joe Bowie (Stadbyville), Gary Rowlett (Milton), Dale Tarvin (Mazonie Home).

9th Region

Jim Brada (Newport Catholic), Jim Booche (Dartmouth), Dave Bishop (Corinthon Holmes), George Gardner (Dodge Heights), Gordon McGee (Holmes), Dale Wolfe (Ludlow), Jim Wiseman

(Newport Catholic), Charles Doll (Silver Grove), Adrian Clark (Campbell County), Jim Caldwell (Newport Catholic), John Crigger (Hebron), Smith (Walton-Vernon), Bobby Taylor (Williamstown).

10th Region

Tom Breake (Mayfield), Charles Brown (Fleming County), Graham (Fleming County), Earl Wagon (M.M.I.), Eugene Corral (M.M.I.), Teagarden (Bracken County).

11th Region

Vic Thorndale (Henry Clay), Ken Dean (Kingston), Al Frewitt (Henry Clay), Phil Johnson (University), Jim Russell (Anderson).

12th Region

Phil Kendrick (Monticello), Conley Newton (Somerset), Denney (Wayne County), Jack Farmer (Davittie), Earl Noe (Mt. Vernon), Gerald Mullins (Zobank).

13th Region

Harold Mays (Barbourville), Frank Burzu (Barbourville), Jack Cummins (Midway), Gorman Ayers (Harlan), John Wallins, Joe Mink (Loyall), Bob Jones (Harlan), Clayton Strivers (Clay County), John Rice (Clay County), Lewis Stepp (Black Starr), Paul Seare (McKee).

14th Region

Harvey Creech (Kingdom Come), El Feltner (Buckhorn), Lando Lockard (Wolfe County), Nelson White (Powell County), Roscoe Shackelford (Hazard), John Quillen (Hazard).

15th Region

Leonaad Carpenter (Salversville), John Lee Botcher (Pikeville), Bobby McCoy (Pikeville), John Deimar Hughes (Prestonsburg), Grady Wallace (Misty Lynn), Jim Carroll (Lynchburg City), Henry Botcher (Mesado Memorial), Lindean Colmanworth (Salversville).

16th Region

Mickey Dudley (Clark County), Lloyd Eden (Olive Hill), John Likens (Vancoburg), Robert Cohen (Mt. Sterling), Cliff Vies (Bechtel), Bob Emrick (Ashland), Gene Vincent (Fitchins), Phillip Stone (Olive Hill), Norman Collinworth (Cattlettsburg), Jerry Eddie (Breckinridge Training), Bruce McGloss (Carter City), Bill Jennings (Ashland), James Kiser (Carter City), Day (Salt Lick).



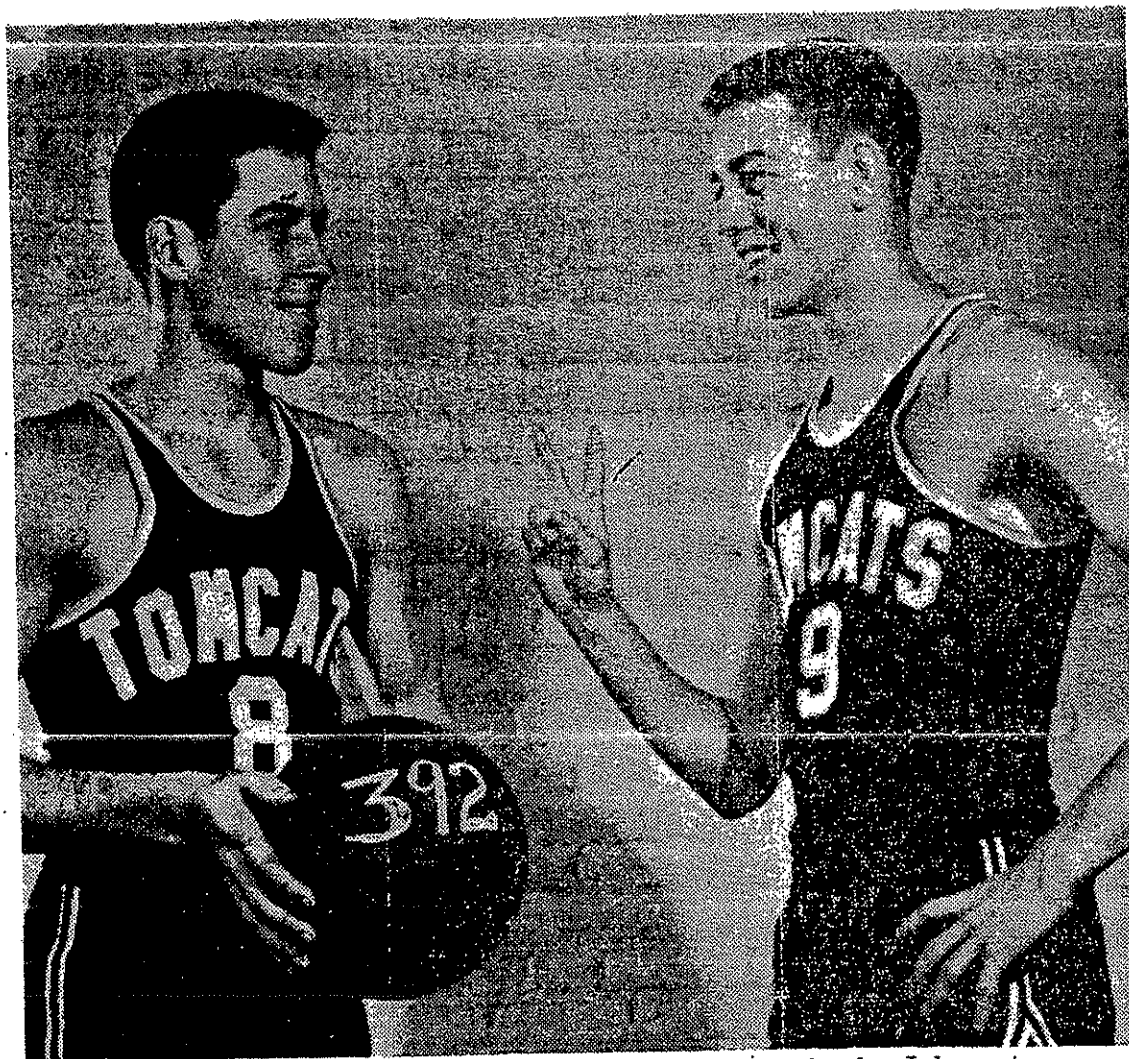
Ray Mills: Clay County



Gerry Calvert: May

EARL "BROTHER" ADKINS

A Lifetime of Athletics and Leadership



BIG GUNS IN TOMCAT ATTACK—"That record isn't safe, for I have two more years to go," might be what Earl (Brother) Adkins is saying to Johnny Eggleston, who last year established an all-time Ashland scoring record for one season with 392 points. Adkins, who as a Putnam star was the highest scoring player in junior high history here, came through with 287 points for the Tomcats as a sophomore last season. The Tomcats open their season Wednesday night.

Records? — Adkins Has 'Em All; Guard Winding Up 3d Year On Team

By JOHN MCGILL

Name just about any scoring record of Ashland High School and Earl (Brother!) Adkins has it!

Adkins, six-foot-three senior completing his third season as a regular with the Tomcats, is establishing marks that may never be broken.

But for a rule of questionable

wisdom which prevents junior high students from playing with the AHS varsity, Adkins probably would have played four years as a regular. During his stay with the Ferocious Felines Adkins has mastered just about every type of shot, being equally adept at driving in, hitting set shots from well out on the floor and connecting on one-hand jumps. Seldom in high school do you see a player who is able to hit both the set shot and the one-hand fling as well as the Ashland star. At times he reaches almost incredible accuracy.

Adkins is also an acceptable ball handler and defense man, a truly great defensive rebounder and a steadying influence on his team.

The tall guard wears glasses but if the specs have hindered his aim any, Coach George Conley should order a dozen pair.

Ashland isn't a one-man team by any stretch of the imagination, as many an opposing team has discovered. It is finely balanced and needs a good job from all starters to get the most out of Conley's system of play. But Adkins is the bell cow.

Earl was good even when he was in grade school, boosting his Oakview team to the city championship while setting a scoring record for the season.

At Putnam Junior High he was great, and led the Buccaneers to a city crown as he established another scoring record with 408 points, seven more than piled up by Jeep Clark, who later made All-State in 1949.

Since joining the Tomcats Adkins has won All-District laurels three times, been named All-Regional three times, made the all-tourney team in the Pikeville Invitational last year and the all-tourney team in the Louisville Invitational this season. Only All-State and All America honors remain. The Tomcats have won 79 and lost 24 in the three seasons.

Adkins plans to attend the University of Kentucky next year. Adolph Rupp, the astute Wildcat mentor, says Brother is one of four top prospects in the state.

Here is the list of Adkins records with at least one and possibly four games remaining:

Most points, Ashland junior high schools, one season, 408.

Most points, high school career, 3 years, 1381.

Most points, one game, 36.

Most points by high school player in Ashland High gym, 33.

Most points, season plus tournaments, 661.

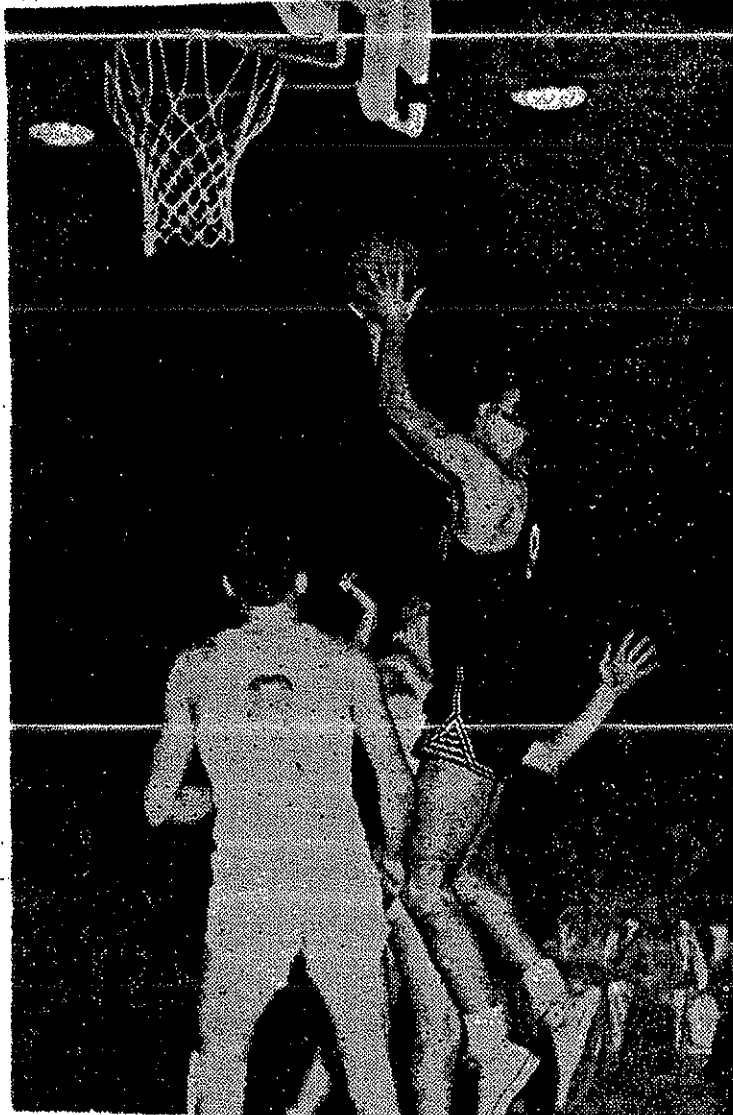
Most points, one half, 29.

Most consecutive free throws, 25.

Most consecutive games without missing free throw, 6.

Highest average, season, 21.3.

Consecutive games scoring, 87.



STANDING UNDER BASKET and facing the playing floor, Adkins prepares to make difficult lay-up in victory over Raceland during district tournament here.

Ashland Players Picked For All-Star Game

Kentucky And W. Va. Stars Battle June 1

The Ashland Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsoring the renewal of the Kentucky-West Virginia Senior All-Star basketball game, announced last night the selection of four players from this area.

Earl Adkins and Bob Emrick of Ashland High, Tom Fitzsimmons of Ashland Holy Family and Gary Price of Boyd County have accepted bids to play with the Kentucky team here June 1 and in Huntington the following night, according to the Jaycees.

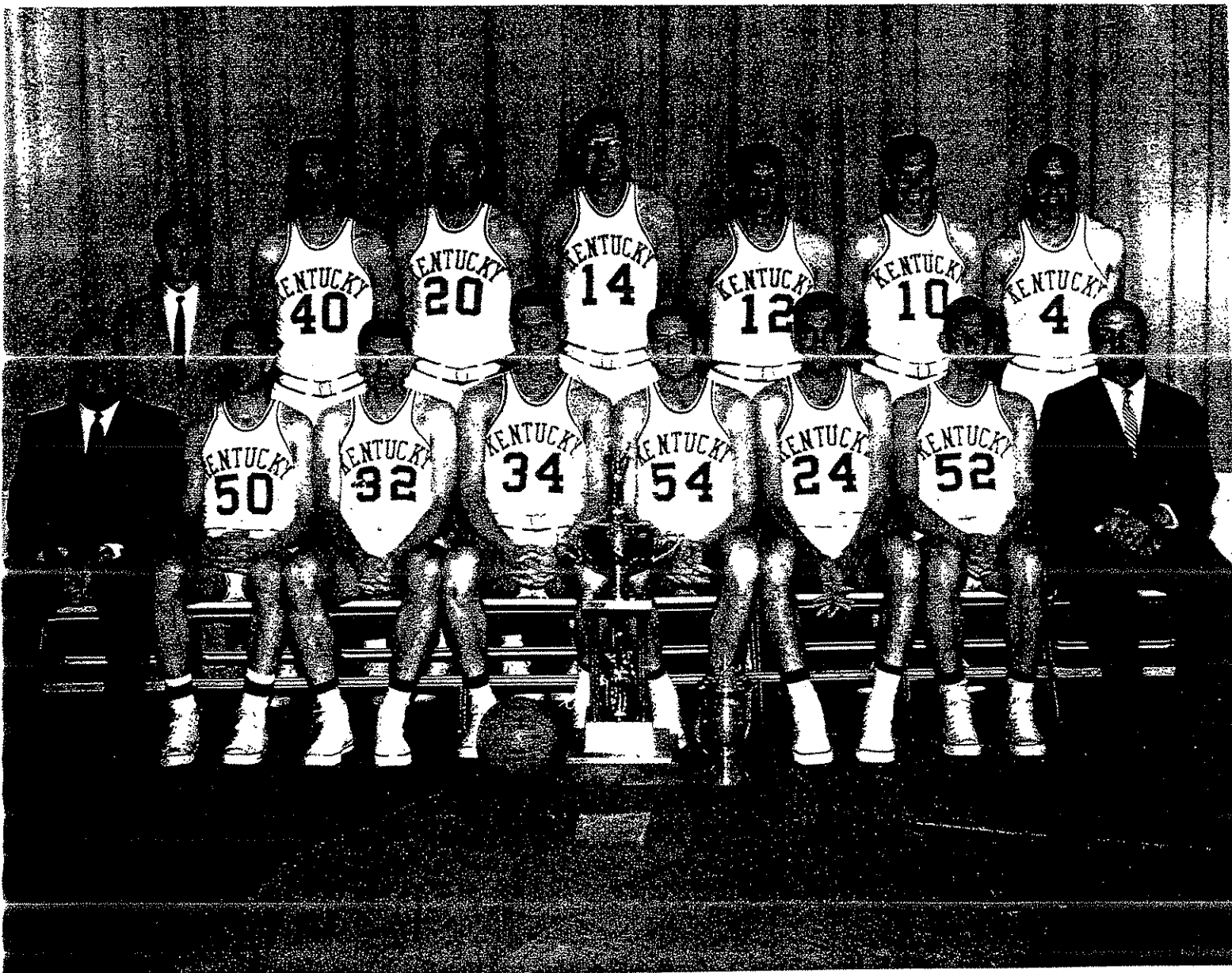
Fred Simpson, star Holy Family guard, was also invited but told the Independent last night he will pass up the Kentucky-West Virginia series in order to participate in the East-West game at Lexington in August. Players appearing in other post-season games are ineligible for the Lexington contest.

Adkins, who was selected on two All-State teams, is a 6-3 guard. Emrick, high-scoring center, stands 6-5. Fitzsimmons, a forward or center, is 6-3 and Price, a center, is also 6-3.

Six other players will be added to the squad which will be coached by Ellis Johnson of Morehead State College. Johnson mentored the Kentuckians to a pair of victories over Cam Henderson's West Virginia All-Stars last season. The scores were 57-55 and 72-67.

Adolph Rupp, famed University of Kentucky coach, will be here to present special awards to the Kentucky squadmen. Each player will receive a jacket with an All-Star game emblem. The Ashland High School band will furnish music.

Players have been asked to report here on Saturday, May 30, for practice. The game will be played in the AHS gym at 8 p. m.

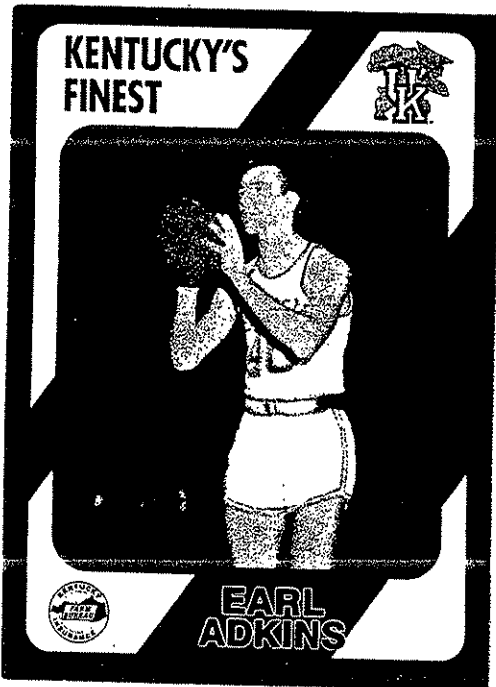


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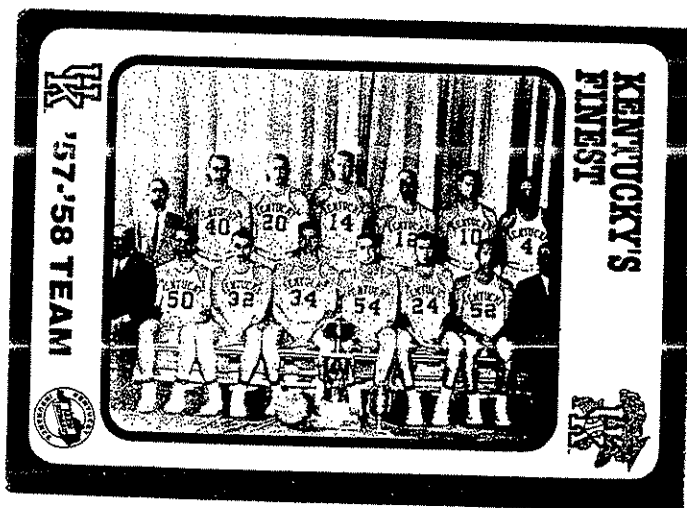
EARL ADKINS **90**
 6'4" • 195 lbs. • GUARD
 ASHLAND, KY • Ashland High School

WILDCAT CAREER

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FIA	PCT	REB	PF	TP	AVG
1954-55	15	20	65	30.8	10	17	58.8	28	19	50	3.3
1955-56	did not play										
1956-57	16	19	45	42.2	10	22	45.5	16	24	48	3.0
1957-58	19	39	86	45.3	26	57	45.9	29	37	101	5.3
Total	50	78	196	39.6	53	70	75.7	73	80	199	3.9

Earl earned All-State and All-American schoolboy honors at Ashland. He was chosen "Mr. Basketball" following an outstanding performance in the North-South Classic at Murray in 1953.

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Adkins Rated By Rupp As One Of Best 'No 6' Men In Nation; May Start

LEXINGTON — Earl "Brother" Adkins, 6-4 bespectacled, reserve guard for the University of Kentucky Wildcats is continuing to astound roundball followers wherever he plays by his ability to come off the bench and lead the Cats to victory almost single-handedly.

Such an effort by Adkins was his 14 point, second half total that he meshed against the Georgia Bulldogs at Atlanta on January 29. Coach Red Lawson's force was closing the gap on the Ruppmen and got within five points when Adkins began his antics. A deadly long distance set shot artist; he was able to bring the Georgia defense out and then proceeded to force a half dozen fouls by the opponents by trying to drive around them.

One such display of 1,000 pinch hitting would be enough to make the average basketball "sub" happy for a lifetime but not for Adkins. The Georgia game was the second UK win that could not

possibly have been achieved without the Ashland senior's play. His 25-point performance against the Vanderbilt Commodores was all that saved the Kentuckians from certain defeat in the first meeting of the two schools this season. Owner of a 5.7 average and a record of scoring in double figures in four tilts, all in relief, prompts Coach Rupp to rate Adkins as "one of the best number six men in the nation."

To say that such play was unexpected would be far from true, for Kentucky fans have been waiting patiently for the game when Brother would break loose. An All-State and All-America schoolboy sensation who was chosen as Mr. Basketball following his outstanding play in the North-South game in '53, he suffered scholastic difficulties in his junior year in which he was ruled ineligible.

Even at the start of the present season it seemed that Earl just couldn't get back in the groove and a 25-point output seemed an impossibility. However, the never-say-die cager, who had a feeble 1.3 scoring mark at the time, won non-believers over to his side with his Vandy effort.

Whether Adkins can continue at the pace is not sure, but such an effort is certainly needed as the Wildcats are finding day by day that SEC opponents are no longer easy pushovers. Coach Rupp is counting a great deal on the Ashland Ace to pull the Wildcats through to the SEC Championship game start in the finale at Nashville.

Send your questions to John McGinn, Sports Department, Lexington Herald-Leader, Main & Midland, Lexington, Ky. 40502. Phoned questions are also welcome.

Q: Please refresh my memory on the UK basketball career of Earl Adkins in the late 1950s. Was he from Ashland? Didn't he use the two-hand set shot? Did he start any games and what was his best game? I have in mind that he scored 25 points in one game — James Sallee, Danville.

A: Earl "Brother" Adkins was an All-America guard at Ashland High. He had a good variety of shots and was accurate with a two-hand set from 30 to 35 feet. He started a few games including the SEC championship clincher against Tennessee in 1958. UK went on to take the national title with Adrian Smith and Vern Hatton being the usual starters at guard.

Adkins averaged 15 points on the UK freshman team. As a senior he averaged 5.3 points, hitting 45 percent of his field goal attempts and 74 percent at the foul line.

Adkins had two particularly fine games. As a sophomore he hit five straight long shots to give UK a 71-69 win over DePaul. In his senior year he came off the bench for 25 points to help beat Vanderbilt 85-81 at Nashville.

Elks to honor 'Brother' Adkins

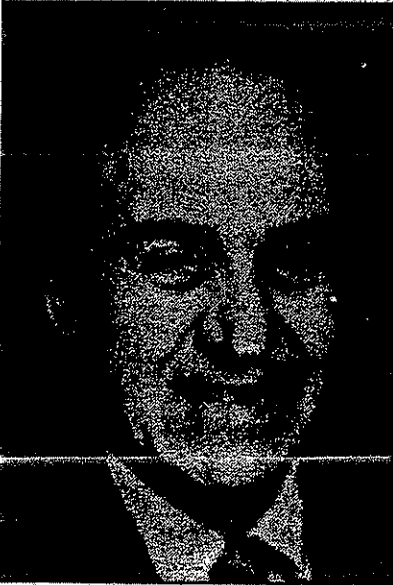
By MARK MAYNARD
OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

Earl "Brother" Adkins has a claim to fame that not many athletes could match.

He was recruited by Adolph Rupp and Paul "Bear" Bryant while both were coaches at the University of Kentucky.

Adkins, one of Ashland's all-time great athletes, chose basketball because that was his life-long passion.

Almost 40 years after helping UK to its fourth national championship in 1958, Adkins is being honored in his home-



Earl 'Brother' Adkins

town this summer.

He will be the honoree for the 22nd annual Ashland Elks Sports Day on July 11-12.

"It means a great deal to me," he said. "I'm excited about it and proud of it. What I'm really proud of is that it gives me the opportunity to publicly thank the people that did so much for me when I was a little rag-tag boy who had nothing.

"I never forgot where I came from and the people that helped me, like Ernie Chatfin and Bo McMillen."

Adkins was a great three-sport star for the Tomcats in the early '50s. He was a three-year starter in basketball and two-year starter in football. Adkins also participated twice in the State Track and Field Meet.

As a basketball star, he played for the late George Conley. His senior season, the Tomcats were 28-4 and went into the State Tournament as the team to beat. Paducah upset Ashland 46-44 in the opening round, a loss that still stings for Adkins.

"A guy beat us on a last-second shot," he said. "I can still see it going in, a 24-foot jumpshot at Memorial Coliseum. I've always regretted the fact we didn't win a state championship for the city of Ashland.

Ashland's only losses that season came to Inez, Flager in the Louisville Invitational Tournament, Hindman and Paducah. The Tomcats defeated eventual state champion Lafayette in Lexington.

"It was a great team and George was an outstanding coach," Adkins said. "He gave me great opportunity to play."

Adkins, a strapping 6-foot guard who averaged 20.6 per game, caught the attention of the state that season. He was the No. 1 vote-getter on The Courier-Journal's All-State team, thus giving him the title of "Mr. Basketball."

Being able to love to play Adkins play basketball and eventually offered a scholarship. Harry Lancaster, the longtime Rupp aide, signed him. It was then that Adkins told Lancaster he was going to be married and asked if that was a problem.

Lancaster said it wasn't but as it turned out, Rupp believed becoming a Wildcat would come true, but it would hold bitter-sweet memories for him.

"Rupp held it against me," Adkins said of being married. "His philosophy was if Earl's wife gets sick or if he has family and they get sick, he can't give all the attention to basketball." It was all business with him. If they'd only told me that before.

So Adkins and his bride Beverly Newton struggled to make ends meet while he earned his degree through basketball. He and his wife had their first child, Linda, when Adkins was a sophomore. The times were tough for Adkins.

"I had a family, no money, nothing," he said. "I was trying to go to school and get my degree, satisfy Adolph and satisfy my family. That wouldn't be easy to do today. Had I not gotten married, things would have been better for me."

But this May, Adkins and his wife will have been married 44 years. They have three children.

"I married the greatest gal in the world," he said.

If Lancaster had said being married was going to be a problem, then Adkins' path would have been vastly different. He had already talked with Everett Case, then the coach of North Carolina State, about coming if UK said no.

Adkins was at UK for five seasons (1955-58), including being redshirted as a sophomore. However, it wasn't until

he was a senior that Adkins was able to contribute much to the team.

That season, he was a member of the '58 national champions, which Rupp called "The Fiddlin' Five." Adkins was actually the sixth man on that team, but Rupp called him "the best sixth man in the nation."

A prolific scorer in high school, Adkins once scored 25 points in the second half of a game with Vanderbilt.

In high school, Adkins was a shifty running back and punter. Bryant, recruiting Ivan Curnutte at the time, offered Adkins the chance to play football though assistant coach Jerry Claiborne. But Adkins turned it down because basketball was his dream.

"I knew I wanted to go to UK all my life," he said. "Even when times were rough there, I never considered leaving."

After graduation, Adkins would go on to a 34-year career in education where he was a basketball coach for 11 years, an elementary school principal for 14 years and an assistant superintendent for nine years. He's been retired since 1992 and lives in Shelbyville.

His career almost brought him back to Ashland in 1959. He applied for the Tomcats' coaching job but it was given to Bob Wright, who would guide the '61 Tomcats to the 16th Region's last state championship.

"I don't know if I could have ever did what Bob Wright did, but it really hurt me when I didn't get the job," he said.

And of course, to this day, he's an avid UK follower. He has season tickets behind the Kentucky bench.

"I live and die with them," he said. "I think (Rick) Pitino is the greatest coach who ever coached. He's such a motivator. He can challenge you, get right up in your face, and you still love him. I sit close to the bench and marvel at his coaching."

On his nickname of "Brother," Adkins said it was something that's been with him as long as he can remember.

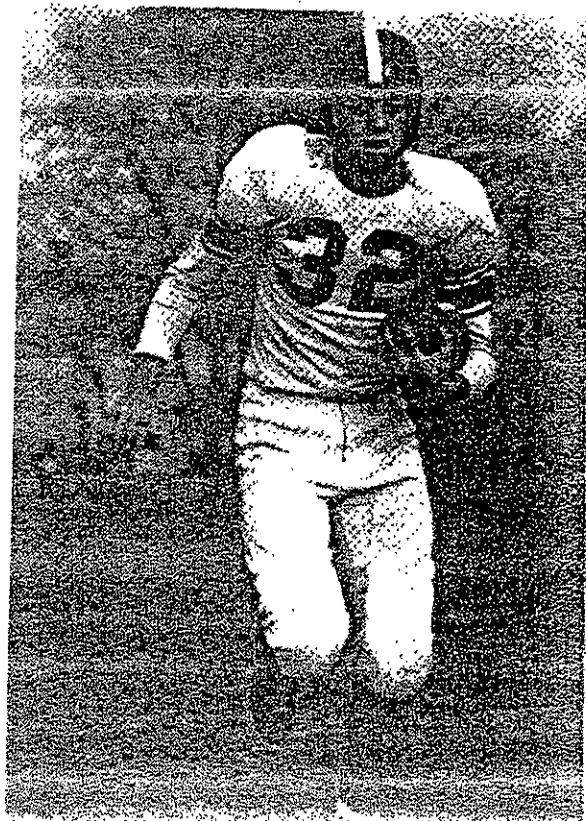
"I had a brother and he called me 'Brother.' My grandmother, mother and wife all call me 'Brother.' If somebody comes to town and says 'Do you know Earl Adkins?', they'd probably say no. But if they say, 'Do you know 'Brother' Adkins?', it's different."

EARL "BROTHER" ADKINS

EARL ADKINS—Bspectaced "Brother" didn't revise Ashland scoring records; he re-wrote the book. Here are a few: Three-year total of 1,392 points, single-game record of 38 points, regional-tournament record for Ashland of 35 points and district-tournament record of 32, high total for one season of 672 points.

A guard, he was named all-district three times, all-regional three times and named to all-tournament teams in the Pikeville Invitational and Louisville Invitational. ~~He lettered three~~

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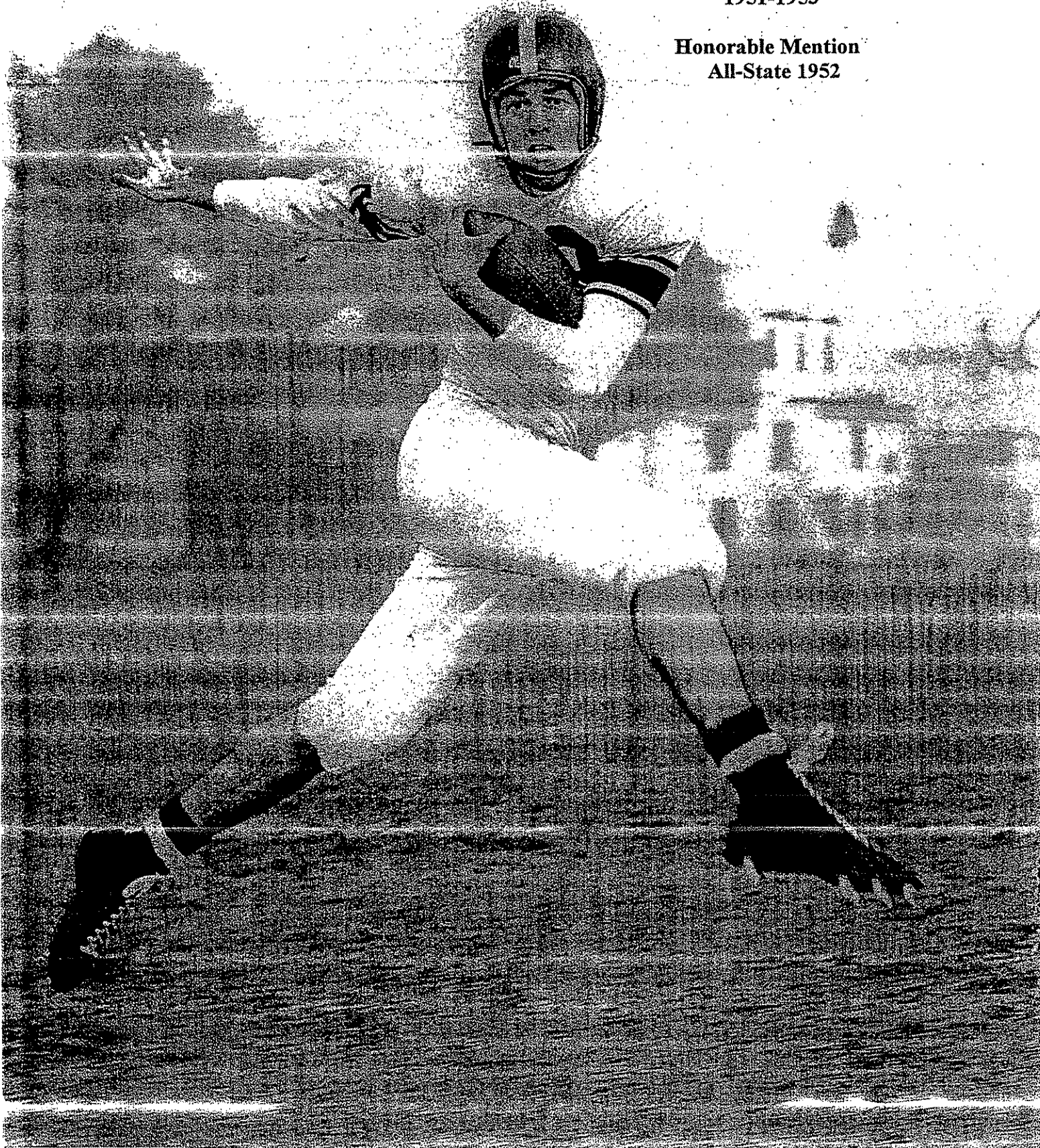
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June 29, 2004

Mr. Butch Cope
Director of Promotions & Media Relations
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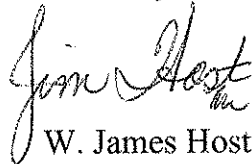
Dear Butch:

Thanks for your response of 6/21.

1. Would you please ask Ms. Mitchell to supply me the Screening Committee list so I can communicate with them?
2. You did not give me the list of who did make the Hall of Fame in 2004.
3. Please change my address to: 2216 Savannah Lane, Lexington, KY 40513.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,


W. James Host

WJH/ach

cc: Ms. Brigid DeVries



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Monday, June 21, 2004

James Host
1515 Pine Needles Lane
Lexington, KY 40513

Dear Mr. Host:

This is in response to your correspondence. Yes! We here at the KHSAA have been very busy as well. We have just concluded our State Baseball Championship, our fifth consecutive week of being out of the office conducting our events as our spring championships come to a close.

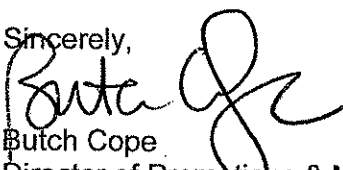
As far as the candidates selected to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, I do not judge so I would not be able to answer your first question with regard to how much better the inductees selected are compared to Mr. Adkins. I'm sure all are qualified, including Mr. Adkins. I would note that very rarely does a nominee get voted into the Hall of Fame on first submission.

Please remember, as mentioned in previous correspondence, it is a two selection process. Mr. Adkins still must be selected by the screening committee that meets in March of each year before he is eligible to be placed among the pool of nominees that is voted on by the Board in May of each year.

As for what can you do to keep him in the mix? He remains in the mix for four more years and will be reviewed by the committee in March. If you like, contact Marilyn Mitchell at the office and she can provide you with the screening committee listing should you wish to communicate with those folks.

Thanks again for your interest. I'm sure business in Frankfort has been just as busy as in Lexington.

Sincerely,


Butch Cope
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XC: Brigid DeVries



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Butch Cope
FROM: W. James Host
RE: Attached information
DATE: June 15, 2004

Butch:

Hope you are not too busy to answer the attached. You couldn't be more occupied than I am?

Hope all is well.

WJH/ach

Ms. Brigid L. DeVries



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*Teacher
6/15*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Butch Cope
FROM: W. James Host
RE: Attached letter
DATE: May 19, 2004

Butch:

Would appreciate an answer to the attached. Hope you are doing well.

WJH/ach

Attachment

cc: Ms. Brigid L. DeVries



cc: Earl Adkins
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April 22, 2004

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cc: Ms. Brigid L. DeVries

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Butch Cope
Director of Promotions & Media Relations



bcc: Earl Adkins

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November 30, 2004

Mr. Roland E. Williams
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2280 Executive Dr.
Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Mr. Williams:

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Mr. Jerry Taylor
Hart County High School
1014 S. Dixie Hwy.
Munfordville, KY 42765

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Male High School
4409 Preston Hwy.
Louisville, KY 40213

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Mr. James A. Sexton
Eastern High School
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Louisville, KY 40243

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KHSAA
2280 Executive Dr.
Lexington, KY 40505

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EARL Adkins

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Jim Host

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Friday November 7, 2003

James Host
1201 Four Pines Ct.
Lexington, KY 40502

Dear Mr. Host:

Thank you for your nomination of Earl Adkins for consideration of induction in to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. Your nomination will be held for consideration for the 2005 induction class.

As was stated in the nomination form procedures, the next phase is the narrowing down of applications by the screening committee. The committee will review all nominations received prior to the Nov. 1, 2003 deadline at its March 2004 meeting to select its list of at least 36 individuals to be voted on for induction. The screening committee may, however, select more than 36 for voting.

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If you are interested in attending the 2004 banquet, please contact me and we will forward you banquet ticket purchase information once it is finalized.

Thanks for your assistance. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Butch Cope
Director of Promotions & Media Relations

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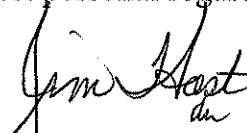
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2280 Executive Dr.
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Please keep me in the loop regarding anything else I need to do in this process.

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cc: Mr. Ken Tippett



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Butch Cope
FROM: W. James Host
RE: Attached Letter of January 20
DATE: February 10, 2004

Butch:

Still looking for a response to the attached. Look forward to hearing from you.

Hope you're having a good day.

/ach

Enclosure

2/16/04



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Thursday Feb. 5, 2004

James Host
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Dear Mr. Host:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Butch Cope", is written over the typed name.

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Dear Butch:

You asked that I remind you about this. You said you would advise me next steps. Look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jim Host
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Attachment