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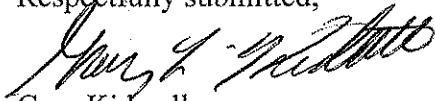
The purpose of this letter is to endorse Mr. Tom Becherer, retired teacher and football coach at Shelby County High School, for the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

It is my pleasure to submit this letter because I feel that Coach Becherer is uniquely qualified for this honor. During my 26 years of working in school athletics and administration, I have never met anyone who more exemplifies what a true high school coach should be. Coach Becherer served Shelbyville and then Shelby County High School since 1972 and has a total of 36 years of coaching with 34 years of teaching chemistry and physics. I came to Shelby County High School in 1988 and always knew Coach Becherer to be an excellent teacher, highly successful coach, and a tremendous role model and leader for the youth of this community.

Tom achieved over 225 career wins, was 4A State Champion in 1987, 4A State Runner-Up in 1993, 4A State At-Large Runner-Up in 1981, 3A State Runner-Up in 1976 and 1977. He has also received teaching awards and has had the Shelby County High School Fieldhouse, which he helped build, named after him.

Throughout this community, people hold Coach Becherer in high regard as both a teacher/coach and as a person who continues to contribute to the community. I can honestly state that I have never met a coach who has the combination of success, personal humility, and earned respect that Coach Tom Becherer has. I truly feel he is deserving of serious consideration for the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted,



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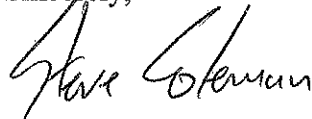
Dear Screening Committee:

It is an honor to recommend Coach Tom Becherer to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. As a coach, Coach Becherer won over 225 games. He led the 1987 Shelby County Rockets to the 4A title and led 3 other teams to runner-up finishes in 1976, 1977, and 1993. His 1981 team was State-at-Large Runner-up and the 1988 team finished the regular season undefeated and number 1 in the state.

It is obvious that Coach Becherer enjoyed much success as a coach, but he touched many lives in the classroom as well as a Chemistry and Physics teacher. In 1996 he received the Golden Apple award in Shelby County for his excellence in teaching.

Coach Becherer has influenced thousands of young people in the classroom and on the field of play. He is a model on how young men and woman should lead their lives. He understands that his purpose is not about him; it is about service to others. He leads his life as a humble servant to his family, community and the schools that he has served. I appreciate your consideration of Coach Tom Becherer to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. I believe he meets and exceeds the standards of this prestigious body.

Sincerely,



Steve Coleman
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To Whom It May Concern:

It gave me great pleasure when ask to write a letter of recommendation to KHSAA for the possibility of Tom Becherer be inducted into the Kentucky High School Hall of Fame. I coached with Tom from 1976-1992, during that time we were very successful, thanks to the great coaching ability of Head Coach Becherer. We were runners-up in class2A, runners-up class 3A, and State Champions in Class 4A. During that stretch I can only remember one year we were not in the playoffs.

Tom was a great coach, but if you were to ask him, in his own humble way he would tell you he had great players and support. Tom is an all around coach and teacher. He taught Chemistry and Physics. He started the Fellowship of Christians Athletes at Shelby County High School with memberships of 400 or more students each year. After his retirement from Shelby County he ended up at Christian Academy coaching and teaching. He took them in 2-3 years to winning seasons and the playoffs. Something they were not use to.

Tom, again is a great coach as you can see, but more than that he is a great person. He still helps former players when life gets them down. The people in Shelby County still call him Coach.

He is very active in Shelby County as he runs the Youth Football League for the Shelby County Parks.

Tom played and lettered at the University of Kentucky. He played during the tough years they called [The Thin Thirty].

He loves the game, the loves the players, and the community he servers.

I think he would be an excellent choice for the Kentucky Coaches Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



Hubert Pollett
Former Defensive Coach
Shelby County High

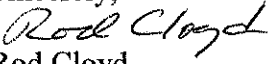
October 26, 2006

Dear KHSAA Nominating Committee:

I am requesting that Tom Becherer (retired teacher and football coach) of Shelby County High School be considered for the Hall of Fame. I had the pleasure to work with coach Becherer from 1979-1997 as an administrator and athletic director.

Coach Becherer is appreciated by his players and community as a teacher and coach. He has given of his time and expertise throughout the years I have known him. I had the pleasure of being a teammate at the University of Kentucky. Tom's values have always been high and his football teams showed his influence throughout the eighteen years I worked with him. Tom's record and championships also show the complete package needed for selection.

Sincerely,


Rod Cloyd
Retired Athletic Director
Shelby County High School

