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November 21, 2000

James Sexton
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Dear Mr. Sexton:

I would like to recommend Joan Dunaway Burks for the Dawahares KHSAA Hall of Fame. She was a four-year starter in basketball at the University of Louisville from 1977 to 1981, graduating at the time as both the career scoring leader (1185 points) and the career assist leader (356 assists). She held the single season assist record (1979-80: 119), and the single season scoring record (1978-79: 383), finishing in the top 5 in free throw percentage (73%), in free throws made (123), and in scoring average (10.4). Her honors also included making the KWIC All-Tournament Team in 1977-78 and 1978-79, and the Metro Conference All-Tournament Team in 1979-80.

Before she came to U of L, Joan participated in basketball, track, and cross-country at Pleasure Ridge Park High School. At PRP, she was All-State twice in basketball (1975-76, and 1976-77). She also made the Kentucky All Star Team in 1977, during which Kentucky swept both games against Indiana, and she received the second most number of votes behind Geri Grigsby as Miss Basketball.

She finished as the all time leading scorer in basketball at PRP, which held for over a decade, and she was named the Outstanding High School Female Athlete of the Year in 1977 by the Louisville Area Chamber of Commerce. She was also named as a High School All-American. In addition, Joan was a member of PRP's 1976 State Champion Cross-Country Team, and Coach and Athlete Magazine named her as a Prep Track and Field Athlete of the Year for 1976.

Today, she is the "Gil Thorpe" of Jefferson County Traditional Middle School, coaching boys and girls cross country, girls' basketball, and boys and girls track.

November 26, 2000

Jim Sexton
K.H.S.A.A.

To Whom It May Concern:

I served as girls' varsity basketball coach at Pleasure Ridge Park High School from 1970-1980. Joan Dunaway-Burks played basketball from 1973-1977. She was an exceptional athlete and leader. Her versatility and unselfish attitude was outstanding throughout her high school career. She was a role model to her teammates and players alike.

Coaches, fans, and the news media consistently saw her "textbook style" jumpshot, and outstanding performance on the court. Her athletic ability as an all-around player was reflected in numerous awards as an all-star player within the district, region, and state.

Overall, Joan's composure and confidence on and off the court were distinguished for a high school athlete. Her athleticism and consistency throughout her high school career makes Joan my recommendation for the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

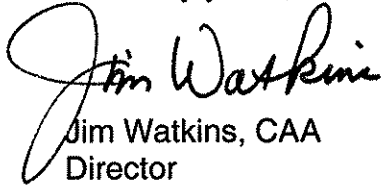
Sincerely,

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Corinne (Corky) Mastey

Many wonderful representatives of Kentucky high school athletes have been inducted into the Dawahares Hall of Fame, and I believe that Joan's significant contributions to the early days of Kentucky women's basketball would compliment that prestigious list of honorees. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Watkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jim Watkins, CAA
Director

For PRP girls, best is yet to come

By CHRISTINE DOUGHTY
Courier-Journal & Times Staff Writer

Ask Pleasure Ridge Park High's Corky Mastey how her girls' basketball team is progressing and she'll assure you the best is yet to come.

Although PRP has posted only a 4-4 record, coach Mastey predicts the squad will be one of the county's top teams within the next few years.

What's the basis for the coach's optimism?

Freshmen — four of them, to be exact. While most area girls' varsity teams keep the use of freshmen to a minimum, Mastey rotates the four in starting berths, and often uses other freshmen, too.

"By the time these girls are seniors, we'll be one of the best — if not the best — in the county," says coach Mastey, who is in her fourth year at PRP. "For a young team, they've got lots of potential."

Judging from a few of the PRP statistics this season, she could be right.

The squad's leading scorer, Joan Dunaway, is a freshman. The 5-foot-4 guard has racked up 114 points for a 12 point-per-game average. Another freshman guard, Gina Atzinger, frequently starts and has accumulated 75 points.

Besides being good ballhandlers, the girls have "tremendous speed," according to their coach, thanks to their experience on the PRP track team.

Two freshmen substitutes, Lea Vessels and Barbara Herndon, share rebounding honors. Lea has pulled down a team-high 82 while Barbara has grabbed 61.

PRP's power isn't vested solely in freshmen, though. Junior guard Vicki Mischler holds one of the starting berths and has scored 79 points. Another junior, 5-5 forward Mary Dunaway (Joan's sister), has grabbed 70 rebounds.

Sophomores Debbie Duncan and Karen Knoop also alternate in the forward and center slots. Debbie has 56 rebounds to her credit while Karen has pulled down 36.

Depth isn't a problem for PRP. In fact, coach Mastey says she has 10 girls who could start any game so it's hard to decide on which ones to use.

Despite the team's record, Mastey is proud of the job the girls have done.

"We lost to Western and Westport by only 10 points, and we had three freshmen in," she points out. "With a little experience and teamwork, these girls will be right in there at the top."

Miss Dunaway, PRP win scoring war

Joan Dunaway of Pleasure Ridge Park and Cathy Gravatte of Doss staged a scoring war in local girls high school basketball action last night. But it still wasn't Cathy's day. Joan beat her 27-point out-pub by one and Pleasure Ridge Park walked off with a 57-44 victory.

The difference boiled down to PRP's balance. After looking past Miss Gravatte's 27, the next highest total was her sister Patty's six. The scoring then dips to Pam Pinnick's three.

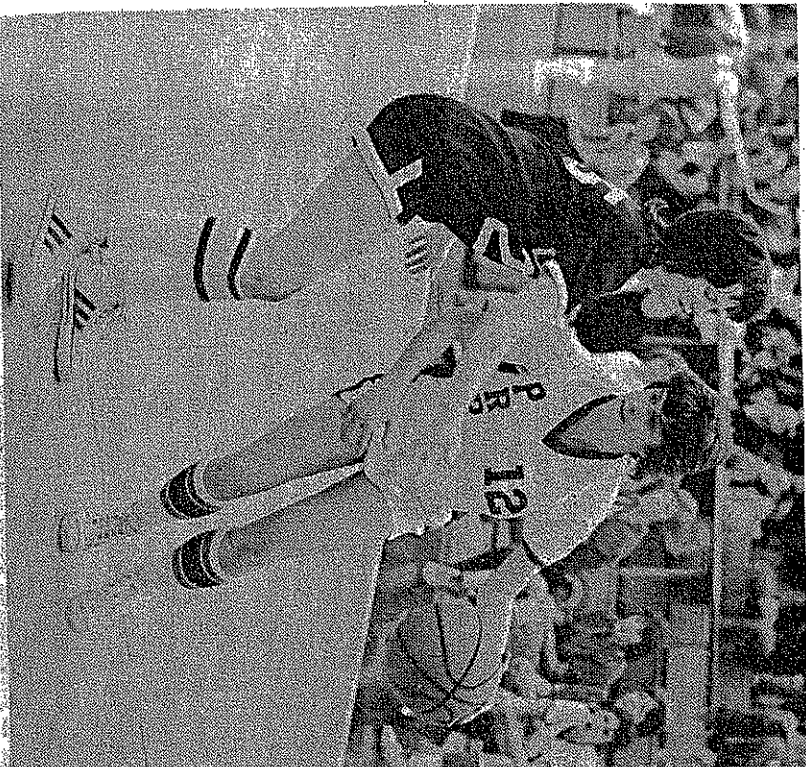
In addition to Joan's 28, guard Barbara Herndon scored 10 points and Vickey Mischler and Gina Atzinger six apiece.

After grabbing a 14-4 lead after the first eight minutes and extending that to a spread of 14 by the half, PRP (9-3) had few worries. Joan, a 5-foot-6 sophomore guard, totaled 12 points at the half and added 16 during the last two periods. "She connected on jumpers around the key," said Ms. Mastey. "Joan's showing

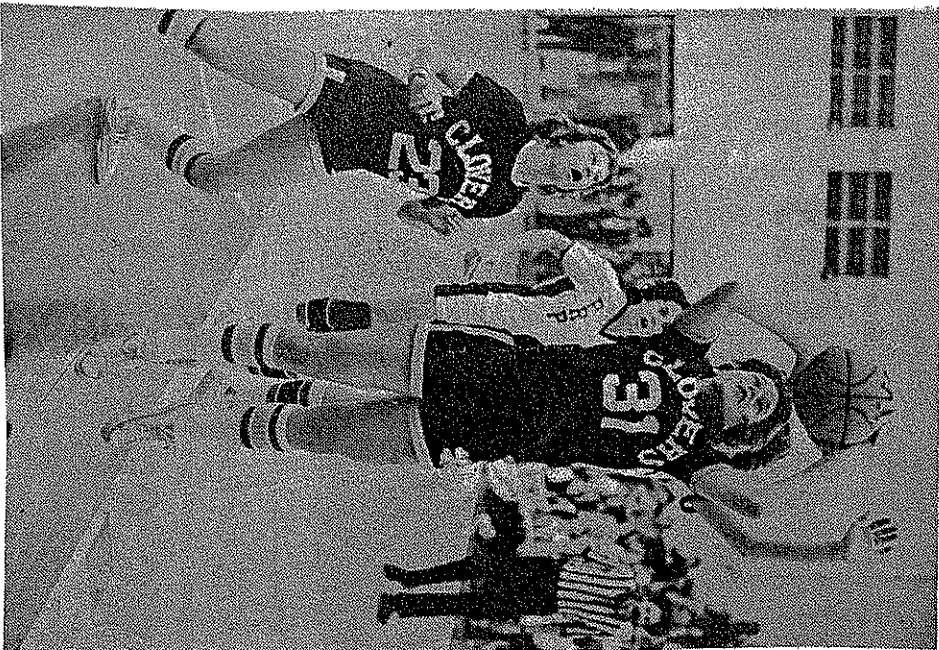
Ballard 60, Southern 49.
Butler 64, Thomas Jefferson 48.
Iroquois 77, Mercy 37.
Jeffersontown 53, Stuart 37.
Pleasure Ridge Park 57, Doss 44.
Seneca 40, Valley 26.
Western 35, Westport 24.

was the best for anyone on our team this year. She's really been hot since the LIT."

Pleasure Ridge Park hops Angela Merici; Butler beats Western in OT, tips P.R.P. for crown



P.R.P.'s JOAN DUNAWAY drives on Angela Merici's Ann Esterle at last Thursday night's district semifinal clash. Dunaway scored 20 points and hauled down 16 rebounds to aid Pleasure Ridge in its 73-50 conquest.



ANGELA MERICI'S Connie Pierce (#31) thought she had a non-contested two-point play until P.R.P.'s Joan Dunaway came from behind to block her shot. Pierce had 21 points when the game ended in Pleasure Ridge Park's favor 73-50.

Athlete of the Issue

by Rhonda Graf

Joan Dunaway has made many contributions to the girls' basketball team during her four years as a player. Besides being acknowledged state-wide, she has also gained national recognition. Because of her basketball talent she has been sought after by many college coaches.

Coach "Corkey" Mastey feels that this 5'7 1/2" senior will probably receive a scholarship. Dunaway does not have any definite plans on what college she will attend.

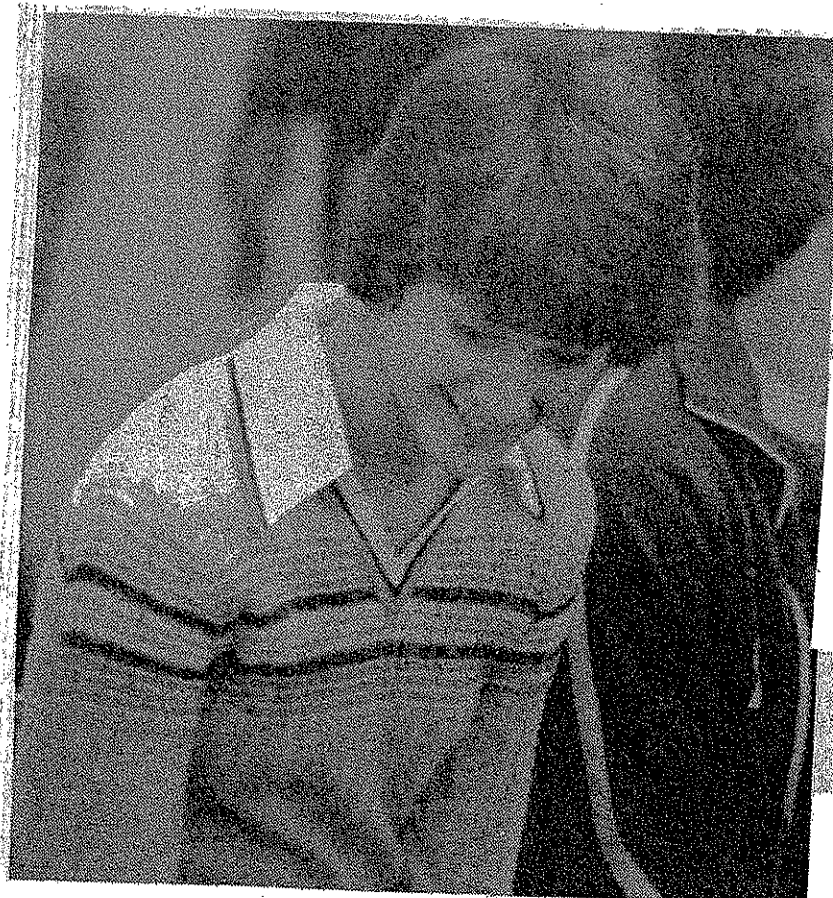
With her 15 point average she has been a great asset to the team. Coach Mastey commented, "Joan is one of the best jump shot shooters compared with the rest of the players in the state. She is also an exceptionally good free throw shooter." Her free throw ability was greatly executed in the semi-finals of the Louisville Invitational Tournament (LIT) against Sacred Heart where she saved the game with only seconds remaining. Besides her offensive talents, Mastey added, "She is one of the best defensive

players in the Louisville area, if not in the entire state."

Throughout her four years on the Panther team, Dunaway has received numerous awards. Last year she was voted to the first team LIT, the Regional All Tourney Team, and the first team All State. Besides gaining recognition at PRP and throughout the state, last year she received a certificate for being one of the top women athletes in the nation. As of this year she has been named to the second team LIT.

Basketball is not Dunaway's only talent. She has been a member of the track team for three years and the cross country team for two years. She also participated in the Pep Club and the Model Discipline Project.

Bobbie Herndon, one of Dunaway's teammates, said, "She is a good competitor that never gives up." Coach Mastey concluded, "Joan is a floor leader who keeps the rest of the team's spirit up."



Joan Dunaway enjoys participating in many sports.

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Bell to speak

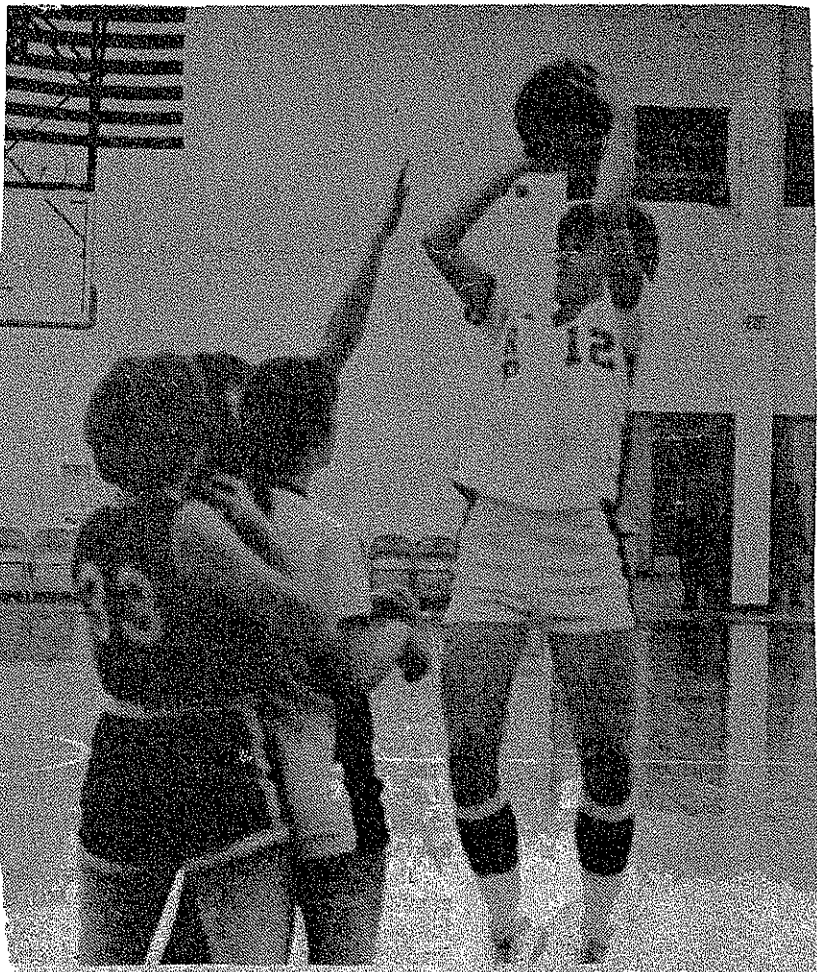
Tommy Bell, retired National Football League official, will discuss instant replay at the ninth annual All-Sports Banquet sponsored by the Louisville Area Chamber of Commerce at 7 p. m. Friday at the Executive Inn. Among sports figures to be honored are high schoolers Alfred Agee of Valley, Jeff Lamp of Ballard and Joan Dunaway of Pleasure Ridge Park; Wesley Cox of the University of Louisville; pro golfer Fuzzy Zoeller and sports contributor Bill Doyle of the Greater Louisville Bowling Council. The dinner is planned as a tribute to Ed Kallay, a WAVE radio and TV sportscaster and entertainer who died last week.

Chamber to honor athletes

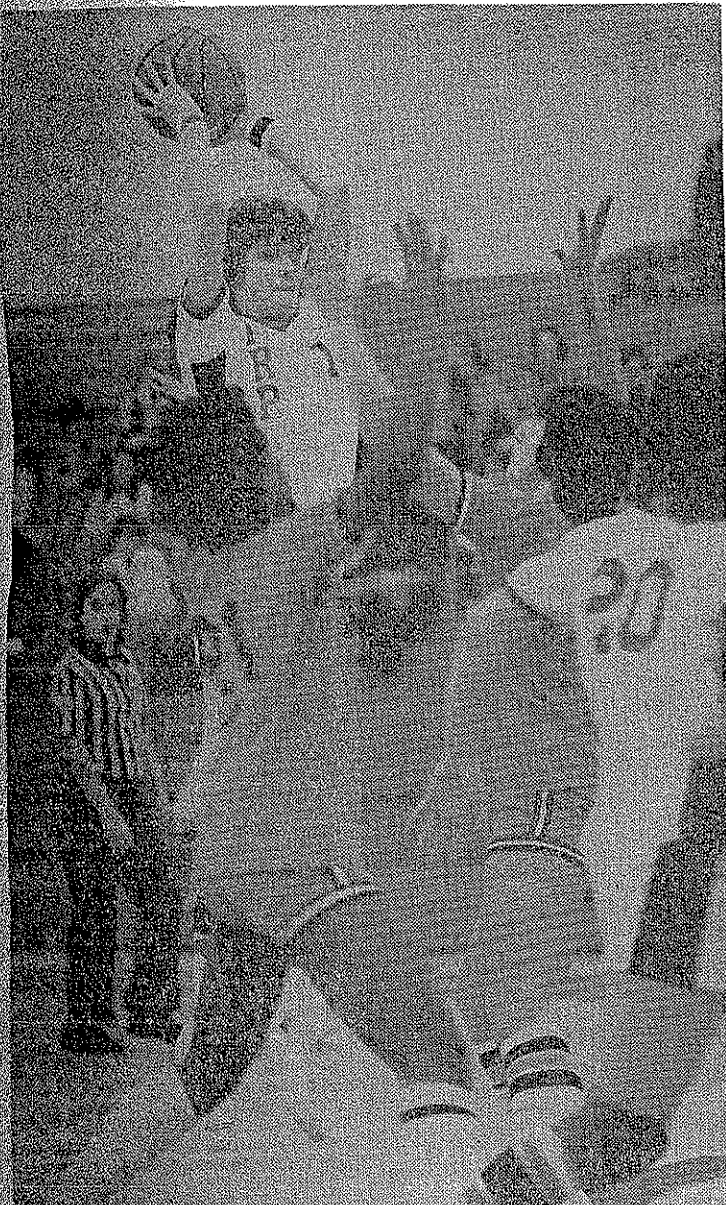
Bill Doyle, president of the Louisville Bowling Council and the man who worked so hard to land the 1980 American Bowling Congress tournament for Louisville, and five athletes will be honored by the Louisville Area Chamber of Commerce at its ninth annual All-Sports Awards dinner on May 13 at the Executive Inn.

Joan Dunaway of Pleasure Ridge Park is the high school female athlete of the year. Ballard's Jeff Lamp and Valley's Alfred Agee are the male winners. U of L's Wesley Cox is the collegiate winner. Pro is golfer Fuzzy Zoeller.

Tickets, priced at \$12, are available at the Chamber. Lexington's Tommy Bell, retired National Football League referee, will speak about instant replays. Tommy's agin'em.

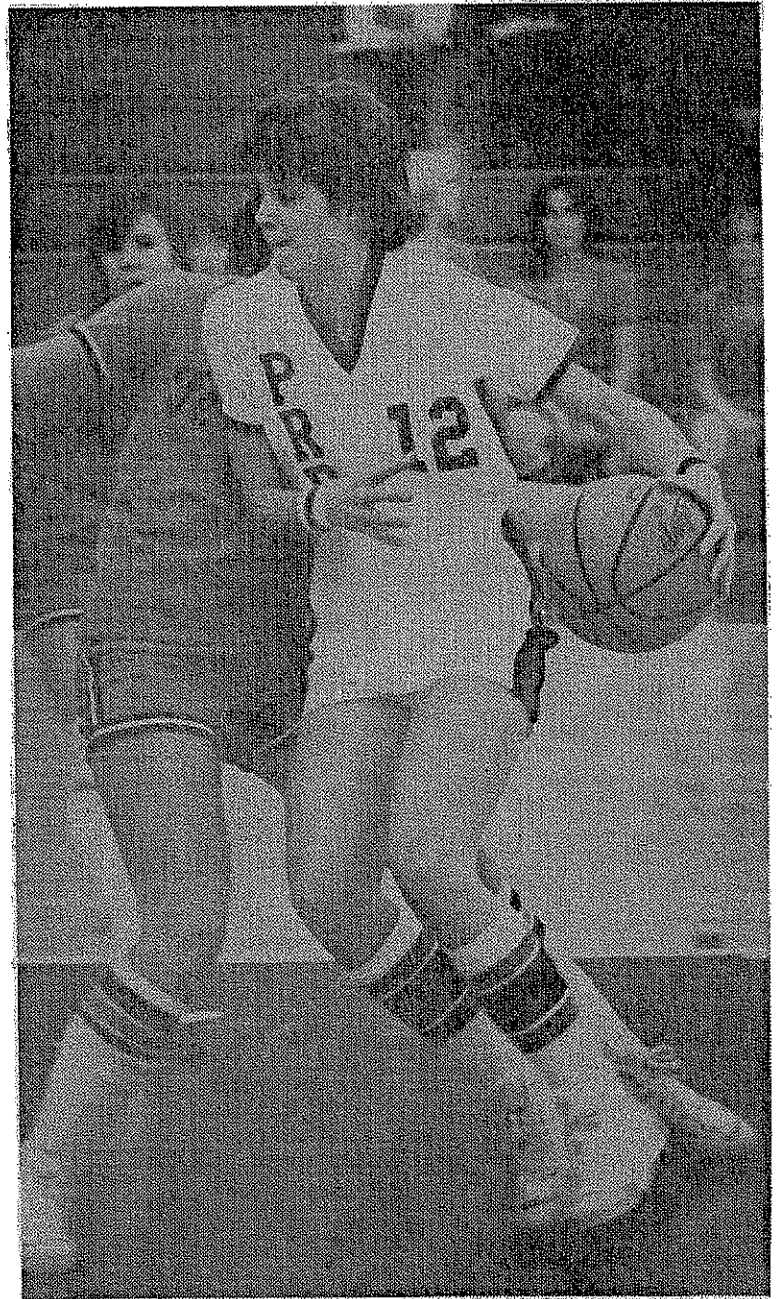


Raymer blocks her competitors while Dunaway connects for two.



Staff Photo by Stewart Bowman

Looking for help is Pleasure Ridge Park's Joan Dunaway, who is getting pressure from a couple of Fern Creek defenders in the game last night at Pleasure Ridge. Dunaway came up with 24 points in leading Pleasure Ridge to its 52-45 triumph.



Staff Photo by Stewart Bowman

PRP's star on the move

Pleasure Ridge Park's Joan Dunaway drives down the lane as a Fern Creek player reaches behind her on defense. Dunaway scored 24 points to lead Pleasure Ridge to a 52-45 victory last night.



JOAN DUNAWAY

**PLEASURE RIDGE PARK PANTHERS — CORINNE MASTEY, Coach
SIXTH REGION**

At Pleasure Ridge Park basketball opponents aren't only defeated . . . they are Dunaway with.

And that's been true for years.

Joan Dunaway, a 5-8, 125-pounder, averaged 16 points, nine rebounds and six assists while leading PRP to a 22-5 record and the finals of the sixth region. She finished second in the balloting designed to choose the best basketball player in Kentucky, and was voted the top player in the Sixth Region.

But the name Dunaway has been listed on Pleasure Ridge Park's girls' basketball eligibility sheet for many years. Joan is the 5th girl from her family to play basketball at PRP.

Joan, who was selected to All-State teams after her junior and senior years, plans to attend the University of Louisville.

MARIA DONHOFF

LOUISVILLE ASSUMPTION ROCKETS

MARY HELEN ZAHN, Coach

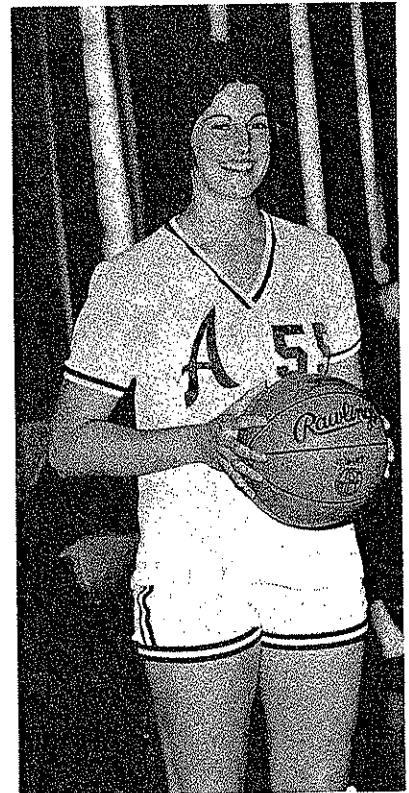
SEVENTH REGION

Maria Donhoff helped carry Louisville Assumption to the semi-finals of the State Tournament and earned All-American and All-State honors with her 17-point, 15-rebound average for the season.

But the 6-0, 158-pounder still will have to go a bit further to match the performance of an older brother, Alan. One of three Donhoffs to play basketball at Louisville St. Xavier, Alan signed with Ohio Northern and earned NCAA Division II All American honors. Another brother, Brian, is a freshman member of Bellarmine's basketball team.

But Maria, who hasn't decided on a college as yet, could be the best of the bunch. She has been listed on various All-State teams for three years and was a member of the All-State Tournament team this season. She has also earned All-District and All-Region honors.

Besides basketball, a sport that has been Maria's favorite since the sixth grade, volleyball and softball are near the top of Maria's list of activities.



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Decisions, Decisions.

U of L signs Dunaway

Kentucky lands Cowan; Raker chooses Virginia

Freddie Cowan and Lee Raker, two of Kentucky's brightest high school basketball prospects, have signed national letters of intent.

Cowan, a 6-foot-8 center from Union County, will attend the University of Kentucky, while Raker, a 6-5 forward at state champion Ballard, will attend the University of Virginia.

Although several schools were considered in the running for both players, the University of Louisville was the big loser. U of L, which has not yet announced a signee, was chasing both.

Cowan said he was influenced by former Union County players Larry Johnson and Dwane Casey, who went on to UK.

"I started following UK about four years ago when Larry started playing for them," said Cowan. "Larry, Dwane and I are all good friends. It was just that they had two Union Countians, that's why they had more pull with me."

"I talked to Larry and Dwane when I visited UK, and they told me the good

guard Joan Dunaway of Pleasure Ridge Park High.

Dunaway finished second to UK signee Geri Grigsby of McDowell in all-state balloting, but Hall said she "didn't try to recruit Grigsby that much be-



JOAN
DUNAWAY

PRP star
chooses U of L

cause I think Joan is the best all-around guard in Kentucky. She was our No. 1 recruiting priority and I feel good about signing her."

U of L had previously signed Gina Atzinger of PRP and Cindy Piet of Scottsburg, Ind.

Eastern Kentucky signed 6-1 center Sandy Grieb of Western.

Meanwhile, Denise Lyle of Fern Creek High signed to attend Alabama on a women's golf grant-in-aid. Lyle, who plays on the Fern Creek boys' golf team, is a former state junior Professional Golfers Association champ.



LEE
RAKER

Vandy's loss,
Virginia's gain

points and the bad points. They didn't lie to try to get me there."

Raker, an honor student, said he had narrowed his choice to Vanderbilt and Virginia before choosing the Atlantic Coast Conference school.

"I considered U of L, but I wanted to get away from home," said Raker. "I've always lived in this area, and I thought it would be good to get away and see some place else."

Kentucky, which has only one more grant to offer this season under its National Collegiate Athletic Association probation-imposed limit, earlier signed G-10 Scott Courts of Arvada, Colo.

Greg Stich of Trinity High has decided to follow his brother, Gary, to the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. Gary helped Chattanooga win the NCAA Division II championship, and has signed to play professionally in France. Greg is a 6-5 forward.

Meanwhile, U of L women's basketball coach Terry Hall completed her recruiting for the year by signing 5-8

High School All-American

This certificate is awarded to

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* JOAN MARIE DUNAWAY *
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in recognition of outstanding ability in

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sportsmanship, and involvement in extra-curricular activities.

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Will Hammer

Editor



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This is to certify that

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John Allen Dees, Publisher
Coach & Athlete Magazine