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Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

May 11, 2001

Kentucky Basketball Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

Gentlemen:

I feel as if the committee has overlooked one of eastern Kentucky's great high school basketball coaches in Wayland High School's "Copper - John" Campbell.

In my thirty plus years covering eastern Kentucky sports for the Louisville Courier Journal and other papers, I first saw Mr. Campbell as an all-state player for Hindman High School in the 1939 State Tournament.

Later, he had an outstanding career at Eastern ( now Eastern State University) where he was named to the all K.I.A.C. Basketball team.

Following his graduation , he came to Wayland High School in Floyd County where he tutored the great "King Kelly" Coleman for four years.

He won four 58th District tournaments, three regional championships, representing the 15th Region in the 1956 State Tournament leading his team to 3rd place in the Tournament. For me, what's even more remarkable is that his teams' accomplishments were achieved in a relatively short coaching career -- 11 years.

Mr. Campbell was held in high regard by his fellow coaches, and his affable personality was one of his best traits.

Adolph Rupp once made the statement, "He keeps his cool on the bench, better than any young coach, I've ever seen."

I trust the committee will give Mr. Campbell every consideration for the honor he so richly deserves.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gordon Moore".

Gordon Moore

To: Sawahere Selection Committee of Ky. High School  
Hall of Fame

I would like to recommend John Campbell to you for  
consideration to Sawahere Ky. High School Hall of Fame.  
Mr. Campbell was Coach at Wayland High School for  
eleven years, and during this time he had some  
outstanding high school teams. He took his teams  
to the State Tournament four times. In 1956 his  
team lost to Carr Creek in the semifinals in the  
last seconds of the game. I feel very confident  
that Wayland would have won the tournament  
if they had gotten by this game.

Mr. Campbell's team competed with teams in  
the fourteenth and fifteenth regions. I considered  
Coach Campbell a close friend and together we  
coached a Kentucky team against N. Va. team  
in 1956. Not only was he a great Coach  
but was considered by everyone who knew  
him to be an excellent school person. He was  
loved by the students as all the people  
that worked with him.

I feel that Coach Campbell was the type  
of individual that we all would like  
to see in the High School Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,  
Morton Corbin  
Former Coach of Carr Creek High School

SOME WORDS ABOUT  
COOPER JOHN CAMPBELL  
BY CLARENCE JOHNSON, ONE  
OF HIS TEAM MATES.

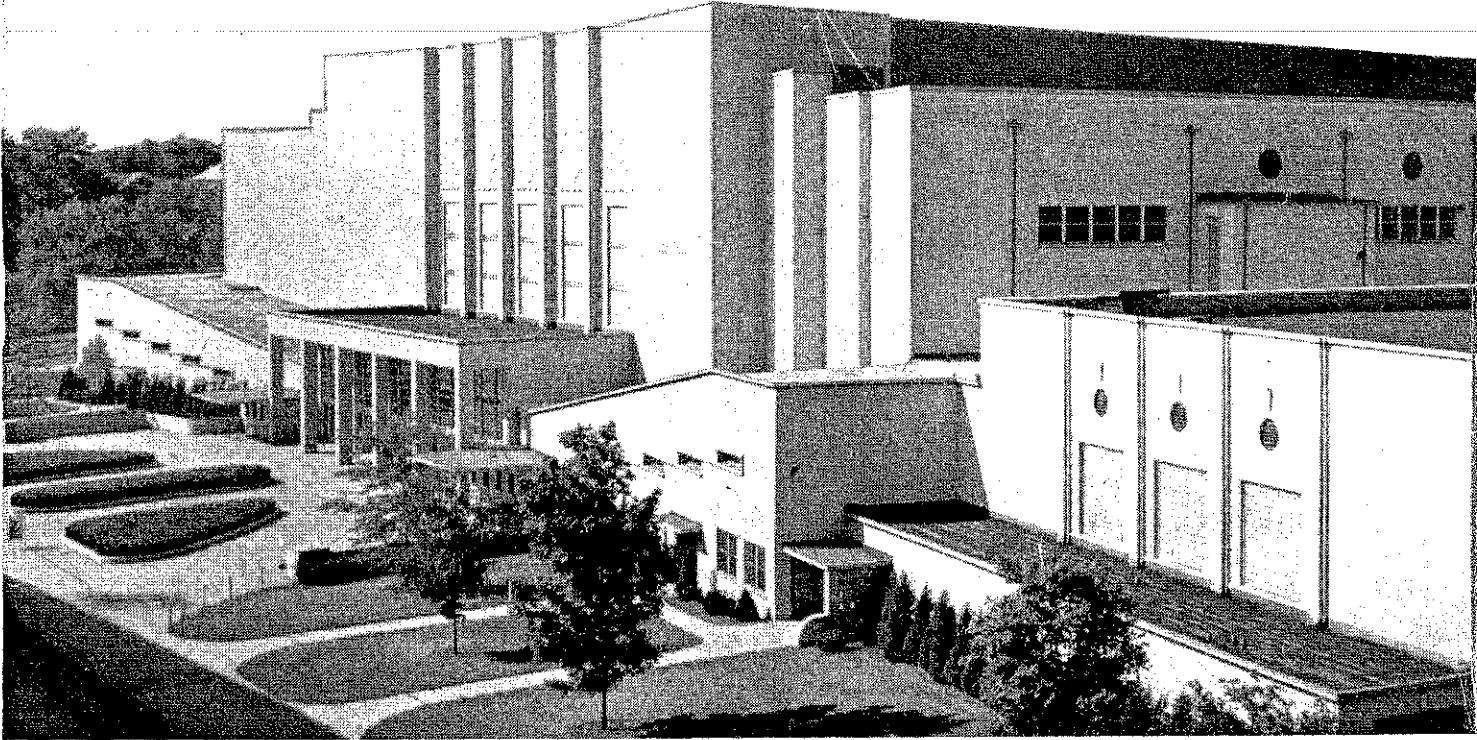
OUR TEAM LOST ONLY ONE  
GAME DURING THE WHOLE  
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COPPER JOHN WAS ALWAYS  
THE HIGH POINT MAN IN  
NEARLY EVERY GAME. HE  
WAS A GOOD JUMPER, GOT THE  
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THE WORD BACK THEN WAS  
THAT OUR TEAM HAD BROKEN  
SOME SCORING RECORDS AND  
THAT COPPER HAD BROKEN RECORDS TOO.

By Clarence Johnson

AT THAT TIME THE  
COACHES <sup>COULD NOT</sup> ~~COUNTANT~~ COACH  
DURING THE GAME UNTIL  
THE HALF TIME. COPPER WAS  
OUR COACH AND LEADER  
DURING THE GAMES. WE ALL  
LOOKED UP TO HIM AS OUR  
LEADER. HE BECAME A  
GREAT HIGH SCHOOL COACH.  
HE COACHED KELLY COALMAN  
AT WAYLAND.



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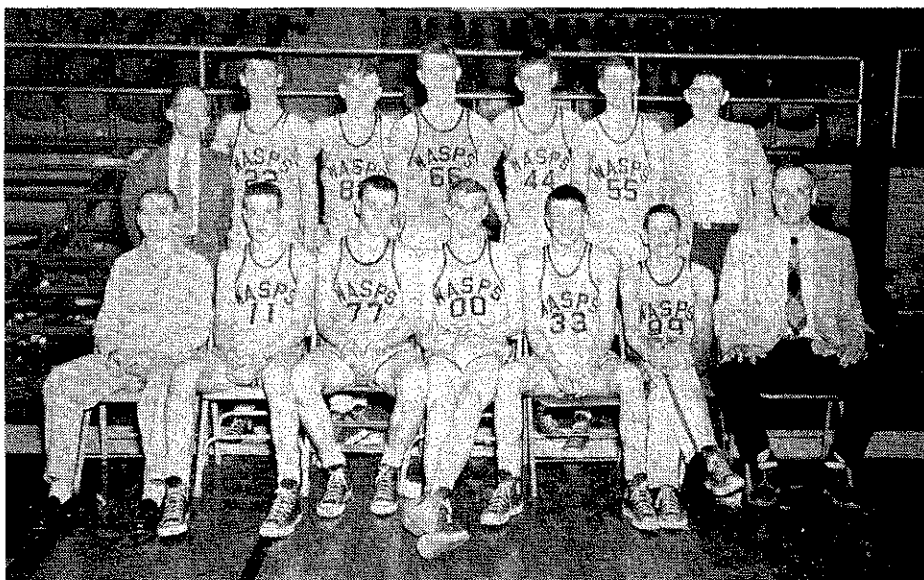
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# WAYLAND

# Region 15 Champs



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Front Row — Mgr. S. Hall, C. Slone, B. Fultz, B. Bentley, J. Thornberry, J. Greathouse, Coach John Campbell

JOHN D. CAMPBELL, Coach

SEASON'S RECORD: Won 26, Lost 5

COLORS: Blue and Gold

### District Tournament Games Won

Wayland.....79-45 .....Wheelwright  
Wayland.....100-68 .....Martin  
Wayland.....84-74 .....Betsy Lane

### Regional Tournament Games Won

Wayland.....92-84 .....Betsy Layne  
Wayland.....96-72 .....Paintsville  
Wayland.....96-90 .....Pikeville

NAME	No.	Gold No.	Age	Ht.	Sem.
✓ Kelly Coleman	66	17	6-3	8	
✓ Elwond Hall	22	19	6-0	8	
James V. Hall	44	18	6-2	8	
✓ Billy Ray Combs	55	17	6-1	6	
✓ Melvin Robinson	88	17	5-11	4	

NAME	No.	Gold No.	Age	Ht.	Sem.
✓ Billy Ray Fultz	77	18	6-0	8	
Bobby Bentley	00	17	6-0	6	
Curtis Slone	11	17	6-1	2	
Jackie Thornberry	33	17	6-0	8	
Jackie Greathouse	99	17	5-10	2	

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**-1918-**

William King, J.W. Smith and Clifford Fuller, Lexington; Red Roberts and Clark, Somerset; A.T. Rice and Bob Lavin, Paris.

**-1919-**

William King, Stanley King and Robert Powell, Lexington; McEwen, Clark and Lewis, Somerset; Bob Burnett, A.T. Rice and Russell Roberts, Paris.

**-1920-**

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**-1921-**

Jim McFarland, Lexington; Dunbar, Union Academy; McCourt, Clark County; Ray Baer, Manual; Back, Monticello.

**-1922-**

Jim McFarland, Burgess Carey, Len Tracey and Will Milward, Lexington; Collins, Owensboro; Gayle Mohney, Winchester.

**-1923-**

Frank Ropke and Ray Baer, Manual; Strickland, Hazard; Harry Smith, Lexington; Gayle Mohney, Winchester.

**-1924-**

Paul Jenkins, Frank Ropke and Daugherty, Manual; Allphin, Ft. Thomas Highlands; Lon Miller, Jim Sharpe and Theodore Adams, Lexington; Hickerson, Owensboro.

**-1925-**

Irvine Jeffries, Morris Morguelan and Potter, Manual; Sloan and McClane, Newport; J. Ramsey, Pikeville; Stan Milward and Len Miller, Lexington; Kelley, Winchester; A.J. York and Alfred Shearer, Monticello.

**-1926-**

Carey Spicer, Stan Milward and Len Miller, Lexington; Robert May and Jim Gooch, Danville; Alcany Potter, Pikeville; Malone and Forsee, Manual; Ernie Chattin and Lou Ellis, Ashland.

**-1927-**

Ernie Chattin, Ashland; German and Petralli, Manual; Devan and Jimmy



**Ralph Beard of Male**

Jump, Covington; Rabbit Torok, Bryant and Squirt Kertis, M.M.I.; Baldwin and Shell, London.

**-1928-**

Ellis Johnson and Gene Strother, Ashland; Gillis Madden, Zeldale Hale, Shelby Stamper and Ben Adams, Carr Creek; Ricketts, Covington; Basan, Henderson.

**-1929-**

Darrell Darby, Ashland; Willard Bagwell and John McElya, Heath; Dave Lawrence and Harold Oder, Corinth; Occie Stammerman and Butter Hanley, St. Xavier; Bernard Hickman, Central City.

**-1930-**

Eversole and William Davis, Hazard; Fred Borries, Jim Houchin and Worley Hawthorne, Kavanaugh; Harry Hardin, Tolu; Gordon George, Betsy Layne; Charles Pike, Lexington; Dave Lawrence, Corinth.

**-1931-**

Harry Hardin, Tolu; Bernard Hickman, Central City; Jack Magann, Ashland; Press Judy, Manual; Crum, Betsy Layne; Anderson, Covington; Fred Borries, Kavanaugh.

**-1932-**

McCoy Tarry, Birmingham; Napier and Thorpe, Hazard; Shout, Bell and Luallen, Paris; Reis, Newport; Jim Goforth, Male.

**-1933-**

Joe Billy Mansfield and Ralph Dorsey, Horse Cave; James Riffe, Red Craig and Alvin Rice, Ashland; Earl Carson and Wellington Cooper, Danville; Ralph Carlisle, Kavanaugh; Woodrow Wilson Patton, Hazel Green.

**-1934-**

Bob O'Mara, Alvin Rice and Red Craig, Ashland; Ralph Dorsey and Ross, Horse Cave; Woodrow Wilson Patton, Hazel Green; Earl Carson, Danville; Combs, Hazard.

**-1935-**

Dan McGruder, Phil Riverman and Harry Blandford, St. Xavier; Nolan, Maysville; Cundiff, Danville; Sloane, Inez; Howe and Ford, Newport.

**-1936-**

Marion Cluggish, Stan Cluggish and William Asher, Corbin; Ollie Ward, Inez; Boaz, Paris; F. Brown, Henderson; Jones and Bryant, Nebo.

**-1937-**

Bernie Crimmins and Lee Huber, St. Xavier; Jack Kirk and Ollie Ward, Inez; Petrey and Combs, Hazard; Jefferson and Jack Penn, Midway.

**-1938-**

Bert Robbin, Bernie Crimmins and Gates, St. Xavier; Red Culp and Jim King, Sharpe; Walker, McDonald and Fitch, Maysville; Jack Dumford, Bellevue; Earl Wells, Frenchburg.

**-1939-**

John Campbell, Paul Johnson, Clark Sloane and Charles Cornette, Hindman; Warren Cooper and Marvin Cooper, Brooksville; Oren Long, Covington; J.S. Robertson, Eminence; Charles Triplett, Corbin; Jack Jennings, Horse Cave.

**-1940-**

Charles Eblen and Bob Hilton, Ashland; Alex Harmon, Joe Kirk, Ben Goble and Lester West, Inez; Harold Combs, Hazel Green; Sawyer, Williamsburg; Bud Bruner, Morganfield; Warren Cooper, Brooksville.

**-1941-**

Alex Harmon, Joe Kirk and Lester West, Inez; W.L. Osborne, Rineyville; Wally Sloan and Ben Benton, Lexington; Tommy Trimble and Ben Padgett, Hardin; Ed Bell and Owen Weis, St. Xavier.

**-1942-**

Tom Canary and Tom Barry, St. Xavier; Tom Moseley, Lester Kitchen and Lynn Grogan, Lafayette; Bob Allen and Wallace Jones, Harlan; Harry Fackson, Mt. Sterling; John Oldham, Hartford; Charles Smith, Hazel Green.

**-1943-**

Luther Risner and Charles Combs, Hindman; Johnny Knopf and Junie Zoeller, St. Xavier; Walter Johnson, Mt. Sterling.

**-1944-**

Bob DeMoss, Bob Finnell and Don

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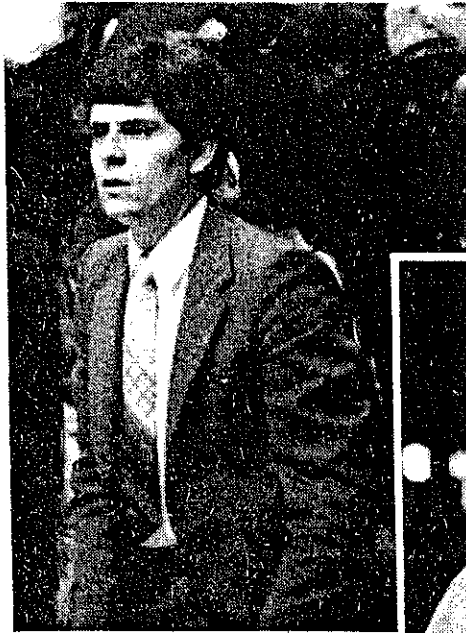
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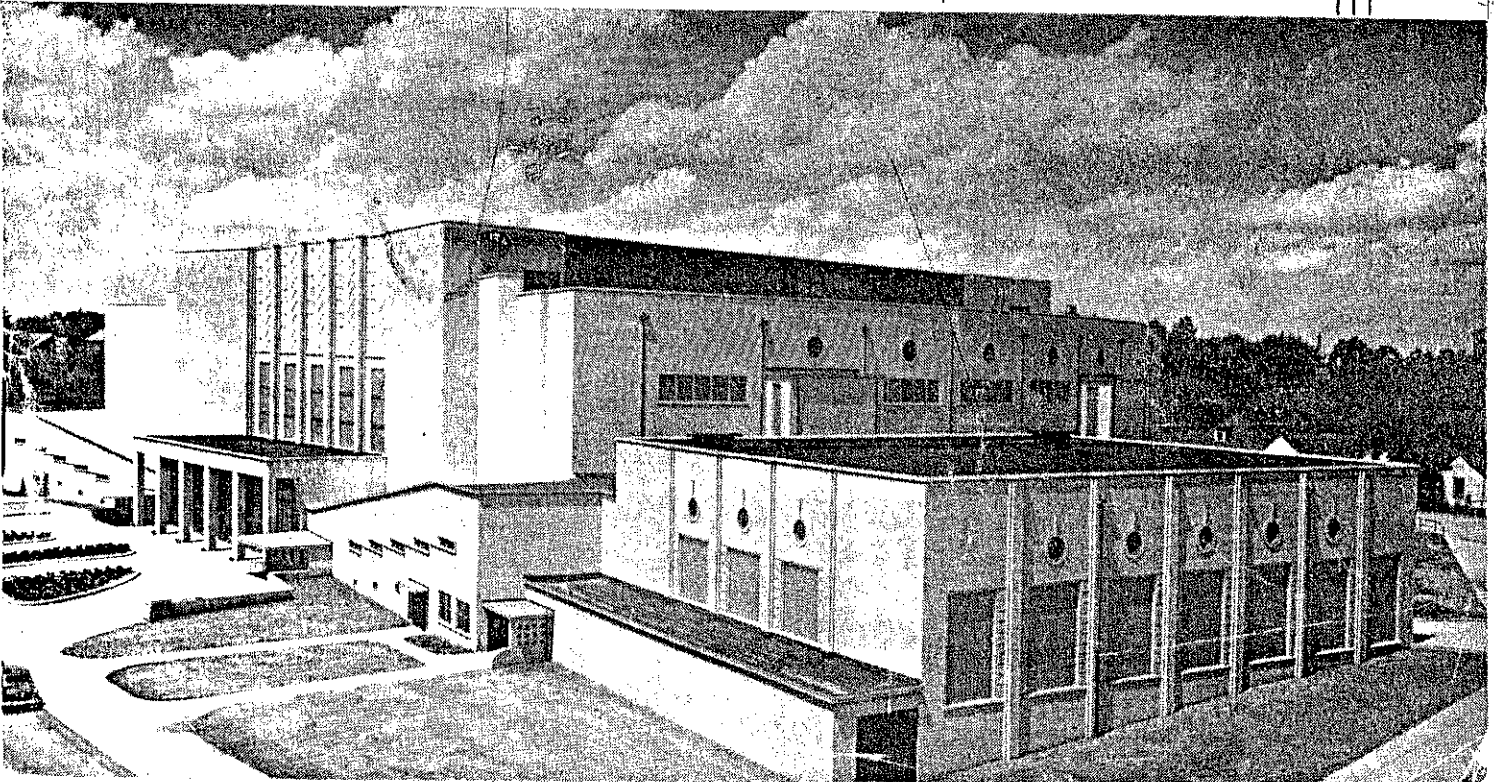
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# Region 15 Champs



Left to Right, Back Row—Manager Earl Howard, Everett Gibson, Fred Fraley, Paul Hopper, William Griffith, Manager Fred Ridener.  
 Middle Row—Oakie Warrens, Ralph Roberts, Hobart Adkins, Earl Branham, Earl Haywood.  
 Front Row—Cheerleaders Nelma Hall, Lucille Watkins, Patty Hopper.  
 Player Doug Haywood was not present when picture was taken.

JOHN D. CAMPBELL, Coach

SEASON'S RECORD: Won 21, Lost 5

COLORS: Blue and Gold

### District Tournament Games Won

Wayland	79—Garrett	55
Wayland	67—Betsy Layne	55
Wayland	70—Martin	69

### Regional Tournament Games Won

Wayland	82—Cannel City	45
Wayland	66—Meade Memorial	51
Wayland	69—Inez	61



Coach Campbell

NAME	No.	Age	Ht.	Sem.	NAME	No.	Age	Ht.	Sem.
Hobart Adkins	00	17	5-9	8	Oakie Warrens	55	16	5-9	6
Earl Branham	11	17	5-9	6	Doug Haywood	66	17	5-11	8
Ralph Roberts	22	17	5-10	6	Everett Gibson	77	17	6-4	6
Paul Hopper	33	18	6-3	8	Fred Fraley	88	18	6-2	8
Carl Haywood	44	19	5-10	8	William Griffith	99	17	6-1	6

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Score	Year	Winning Team	Winning Coach	Runner-Up Team	Runner-Up Coach
60-59	1987	AC	John Martin	Prestonsburg	Jack Stanford
72-62	1986	B. LAYNE	Wm. Newsome	Betsy Layne	Wm. Newsome, Jr.
55-52	1985	Betsy Layne	Jack Stanford	Prestonsburg	Ralph Roberts
63-61	1984	Prestonsburg	Wm. Newsome	Betsy Layne	Wm. Newsome Jr.
63-58	1983	Betsy Layne	John Martin	Betsy Layne	Jr. Newsome
63-62	1982	Allen Central	John Martin	Allen Central	Howard Wallen
76-63	1981	Allen Central	John Martin	Allen Central	Howard Wallen
51-48	1980	Betsy Layne	Jr. Newsome	Betsy Layne	Wm. Newsome Jr.
62-59	1979	Betsy Layne	David Turner	McDowell	David Turner
61-59	1978	McDowell	James Francis	McDowell	David Turner
71-70	1977	Wheelwright	Jr. Newsome	Wheelwright	James Francis
76-67	1976	Betsy Layne	Fred Setser	Prestonsburg	Fred Setser
70-66	1975	Prestonsburg	Gene Frasure	Betsy Layne	Tommy Boyd
67-58	1974	Allen Central	Pete Grigsby Jr.	Maytown	Gene Frasure
73-52	1973	McDowell	Tommy Boyd	Maytown	Gene Frasure
89-71	1972	Betsy Layne	Pete Grigsby Jr.	Betsy Layne	Tommy Boyd
79-68	1971	McDowell	James Francis	Wayland	Jim Cox
116-66	1970	Wheelwright	Gene Frasure	Wayland	David Hensley
72-55	1969	Maytown	Pete Grigsby Jr.	Maytown	Gene Frasure
81-55	1968	McDowell	Tommy Boyd	McDowell	Pete Grigsby Jr.
70-69	1967	Betsy Layne	John Campbell Jr.	Wayland	Tommy Boyd
58-49	1966	Garrett	Denzil Halbert	Wayland	Tommy Boyd
60-47	1965	Martin	Denzil Halbert	Wayland	Pete Grigsby Jr.
86-81	1964	Martin	John Campbell Jr.	McDowell	Pete Grigsby Jr.
68-66	1963	Garrett	Don Wallen	McDowell	Denzil Halbert
56-54	1962	Wheelwright	Don Wallen	Martin	Denzil Halbert
59-56	1961	Wheelwright	Don Wallen	Martin	Denzil Halbert
63-43	1960	Wheelwright	Don Wallen	Maytown	Ray Heinisch
65-51	1959	Prestonsburg	Bill Goebel	Prestonsburg	Jack Wells
78-76	1958	Martin	Denzil Halbert	Betsy Layne	Tommy Boyd
63-61	1957	Maytown	Ray Heinisch	Betsy Layne	Tommy Boyd
84-74	1956	Wayland	John D. Campbell	Garrett	John Campbell Jr.
64-53	1955	Wayland	John D. Campbell	Betsy Layne	Tommy Boyd
87-67	1954	Garrett	John Campbell Jr.	McDowell	Estill Hall
80-64	1953	Martin	Denzil Halbert	Martin	Denzil Halbert
46-44	1952	Betsy Layne	McKinley Hunter	Martin	Denzil Halbert
70-69	1951	Wayland	John D. Campbell	Maytown	Estill Hall
55-50	1950	Prestonsburg	Garnis Martin	Betsy Layne	Ted Akers
44-35	1949	Martin	Denzil Halbert	Garrett	Claud Frady
52-38	1948	Prestonsburg	John Eibner	Prestonsburg	Dave Leslie
42-30	1947	Wayland	John D. Campbell	Wayland	Lawrence Price
42-25	1946	McDowell	Estill Hall	Betsy Layne	Columbus Compton
46-35	1945	Garrett	Reb Hall	McDowell	Clive Akers
52-19	1944	Wayland	Lawrence Price	Betsy Layne	Dave Leslie
26-22	1943	Wayland	Lawrence Price	Betsy Layne	Lawrence Price
34-32	1942	Prestonsburg	Joe Hyden	Garrett	Bill Mayo
31-28	1941	Prestonsburg	Joe Hyden	Prestonsburg	Bob Harlowe
30-24	1940	Garrett	Bill Mayo	Prestonsburg	William Messer
37-20	1939	Garrett	Bill Mayo	McDowell	Clive Akers
28-15	1938	Garrett	Bill Mayo	Prestonsburg	Richard Greenwell
25-22	1937	Maytown	Wiley Jones	Betsy Layne	Hallard Wheeler
17-5	1936	Maytown	Wiley Jones	Prestonsburg	Bob Harlowe
32-14	1935	Betsy Layne	Hallard Wheeler	Lackey	Herman Jones
	1934	Maytown	Wiley Jones	Auxier	
	1933			Wayland	
25-24	1932				
51-48	1975	Allen Central	Patricia Murphy	McDowell	Bobbi L. Moore
63-47	1976	McDowell	Johnnie Turner	Betsy Layne	Bill Newsome
84-81	1977	Prestonsburg	Charles Collins	McDowell	Johnnie Turner
70-48	1978	Betsy Layne	Bernie Kok	Allen Central	Judy Eversole
54-49	1979	Allen Central	Judy Eversole	McDowell	Johnnie Turner
74-60	1980	Allen Central	Judy Eversole	McDowell	Johnnie Turner
45-32	1981	Allen Central	Judy Eversole	Betsy Layne	Donnie Williams
59-32	1982	Allen Central	Judy Eversole	Betsy Layne	Paul David Tackett
61-41	1983	Betsy Layne	Paul Tackett	Allen Central	Judy Eversole
66-50	1984	Betsy Layne	Paul Tackett	Wheelwright	Bobby Jones
49-47*	1985	Allen Central	Jerry Fultz	Betsy Layne	Paul Tackett
40.75	1986	B. LAYNE-60	DIANE ROBINSON	AC-47	BOVITA COMPTON
51-50	1987	P. BURG	BRIDGET CLAY	B. L	DIANE ROBINSON
47-38	1988	B. LAYNE	KAROL HEATH	W. WRIGHT	JUDY EVERSOLE-3

1991 20 Betsy Layne - JR. NEWSOME  
 1992 64 Betsy Layne - JR. NEWSOME  
 1993 77 Allen Central - John Martin  
 1994 103 Allen Central - John Martin  
 1995 61 Betsy Layne - RAKILO  
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 DANNY JOHNSON

# 15th. REGIONAL CHAMPIONS & COACHES

YEAR	WINNER	COACH	RUNNER-UP	COACH
1979	Virgie	Bobby Osborne	Sheldon Clark	John Martin
1978	Virgie	Eugene Lyons	<del>Johnson Central</del> <b>BOLFRY</b>	<del>Wendell Martin</del>
1977	Virgie	Eugene Lyons	Johnson Central	Wendell <del>Martin</del> <b>WALLEN</b>
1976	Betsy Layne	William Newsome, Jr.	McDowell	David Turner
1975	Johnson Central	Wendell <del>Martin</del> <b>WALLEN</b>	Virgie	Bobby Osborne
1974	Pikeville	David Collier	Paintsville	Jim Wheeler
1973	McDowell	Pete Grigsby, Jr.	Sheldon Clark	Larry Cline
1972	Johnson Central	Paul Williams	Maytown	Gene Frasure
1971	McDowell	Pete Grigsby, Jr.	Pikeville	Wayne Martin
1970	Wheelwright	James Francis	Johnson Central	Wendell Martin
1969	Maytown	Gene Frasure	Wayland	Jim Cox
1968	Meade Memorial	Wendell Wallen	McDowell	Pete Grigsby, Jr.
1967	Maytown	Gene Frasure	Feds Creek	Ralph Goode
1966	McDowell	Pete Grigsby, Jr.	Johns Creek	Aubry Taylor
1965	Martin	Denzil Halbert	Morgan County	Gail Gilliam
1964	Wayland	Thomas Boyd	Inez	Billy Ray Cassidy
1963	Garrett	John Campbell, Jr.	McDowell	Pete Grigsby, Jr.
1962	Virgie	Virgil Osborne	Wheelwright	Don Wallen
1961	Wheelwright	Don Wallen	Paintsville	Billy R. Cassady
1960	Meade Memorial	Wendell Wallen	Pikeville	John B. Trivette
1959	Pikeville	John Bill Trivette	Meade Memorial	Wendell Wallen
1958	Meade Memorial	Wendell Wallen	Oil Springs	Doug VanHoose
1957	Pikeville	John Bill Trivette	Paintsville	Jim Wheeler
1956	Wayland (96)	John Campbell	Pikeville (90)	John Bill Trivette
1955	Pikeville	John Bill Trivette	Meade Memorial	Dow Stapleton
1954	Inez	Claude Mills	Pikeville	John Bill Trivette
1953	Pikeville	John Bill Trivette	Meade Memorial	Dow Stapleton
1952	Pikeville	John Bill Trivette	Oil Springs	Rusty Yates
1951	Wayland (69)	John Campbell	Inez (61)	John Phillip Cassidy
1950	Pikeville	John Bill Trivette	Inez	John Phillip Cassidy
1949	Pikeville	John Bill Trivette	Inez	Russell Williamson
1948	Garrett	Claude Frady	Meade Memorial	Dow Stapleton
1947	Wayland	John Campbell	Inez	Russell Williamson
1946	Inez	Russell Williamson	Elkhorn City	Arthur Mullins



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**June 6, 2001**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

**I want to nominate "Copper" John Campbell, now deceased, who was a former coach of the Wayland High School Wasps Basketball Team for several years in the 1940's and 50's, to the K.H.S.A.A. Basketball Hall of Fame.**

**I was a player at Martin High School under Denzil "Hoss" Halbert when "Copper" John coached. I know he was a fine man and a good coach. He coached the legendary "King" Kelly Coleman and three (3) of his teams made it to the Sweet Sixteen. He also coached Floyd County's first all-starter, Ed Decoursey in 1946.**

Sincerely,

**Pete Grigsby, Jr., Assistant Superintendent  
Floyd County Schools**

**PG:js**

KHSAA  
Hall of Fame Selection Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure and pride that I write this letter supporting the nomination of my high school basketball coach "Copper" John D. Campbell. It is my strong opinion, his nomination and selection into the Hall of Fame would be both an honor and distinction that has long been overlooked and overdue for this very worthy individual.

His recorded of success is well documented, having won four District titles and three Regional Titles in his brief high school coaching career. In the eleven year period from 1946-1957, his teams were not only competitive in the mountains but received much statewide recognition in 1947, 1951, and 1956.

I personally give much credit to "Copper" for my own personal development and success on the basketball court. We all respected our coach and he in turn was demanding but never demeaning to his players.

It is my heartfelt desire that John D. Campbell be inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame and receive the recognition which he so richly deserves.

Sincerely,

  
Kelly Coleman