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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to Cokie Cox. I had the opportunity as a young man to play against teams that were coached by Cokie at Hazard High School. My freshman and sophomore years at M.C. Napier High School, I played on the Varsity Basketball team. Cokie was the Head Basketball Coach at our cross-town rival, Hazard High School. My team played against his team in the regular season and the District Tournament in both these years. Cokie's teams were always well prepared for and exhibited great sportsmanship in every game they played. One of the things that I remember the most about playing Cokie's team was the amount of respect he gave the visiting team both before and after the game.

In my opinion, one of Cokie's great accomplishments has being in being an advocate for all Eastern Kentucky High School Athletes. He is not only supportive of his alma mater, Hazard High School, but of all the other area high school sports programs. For example, since I have been principal at Perry County Central High School he has helped several of our sports programs by supporting our less fortunate athletes. When you get to know Cokie you realize that he has a soft spot in his heart for the less fortunate athlete because he was one of those less fortunate athletes growing up and sports were his avenue to success.

I am honored that my friend, Cokie Cox, thinks enough of me to ask for my support in this matter. I am honored to have the opportunity to recommend Cokie Cox to the Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Estill Neace'.

Estill Neace
Principal
Athletic Director
Perry County Central High School

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER M/F/D/

Colin "Cokie" Cox was born January 9, 1942 in Neon, KY. He moved to Hazard with his family in December 1953.

His athletic career began when he was in eighth grade in 1956. He was a member of the high school baseball team and was on the junior varsity basketball team as an eight grader.

During his high school career he earned 14 varsity letters: three in football, three in basketball, four in track and four in baseball.

Cokie was a three year starter on the football team, playing center at 160 pounds. He also played corner back on defense. He was selected to the All Conference team, EKMC, his junior and senior year. He was also selected to the Courier Journal All State team his junior and senior years.

His high school football team was undefeated his senior year, making the playoffs the first two years of the playoff system. They were regional winners in 1959 and 1960. This was before the class system was formed. During the 1960 season the Bulldog defense only had three touchdowns scored on them the entire regular season, they shut out the teams in all their other victories.

Cokie was also a member of the Kentucky All Stars that defeated the West Virginia All Stars for the first time, in 1961.

Cokie was a starter on the basketball team his junior and senior years. The team won the district tournament his senior year. He was selected to the All Conference team his junior and senior years.

Cokie went on to play basketball at Lees Junior College. His team lost to the Mobily Missouri by four points in the NCAA Regional finals. Mobily won the National Junior College Championship that year.

He started for the baseball team all four years of high school. They were the regional runners up their senior year.

He was a member of the track team all four years also. They were regional runners up his junior year, and won the region their senior year. Cokie won regional titles in the mile, the half mile, and the 110 hurdles three years in a row, and took part in the state track meet each of those three years.

His senior year he won the qualifying heat in the half mile. Again, this competition was before the state was divided into classes.

Cokie returned to Hazard after college graduation, and started his coaching career in 1967 at Hazard High School. He was an assistant coach for football and basketball, and head track coach. As an assistant three Hazard basketball teams won the region and advanced to the state tournament. They were also regional runner ups three years while Cokie was coaching. He also coached the football team in a district playoff game as an assistant.

In 1968 Cokie formed a track team for the girls. This was the first girl's athletic team at Hazard High School since the 1930's.

In 1977 he was appointed head football coach. His team won the district in 1980. He coached several players who won all state honors, and some who went on to play college football. One of his former players had a tryout with the Denver Broncos of the NFL.

In 1981 he was appointed head basketball coach.

Cokie's track teams also had great success through the years. Every year he took several boys and girls to compete in the state track meet.

In 1975 Hazard built a new school and a new track. The KHSAA assigned Hazard as a regional track site, and Cokie was appointed regional track manager. He served in this capacity until he retired in 1983 to take over a family business.

Cokie also refereed high school football and basketball for several years. During the 17 years Cokie served as a coach at Hazard High School he also helped run the Bitty League and Little League basketball programs for elementary school children. He also worked with the Little League Football program for those years.



APPALACHIAN REGIONAL HEAD & NECK CENTER

Frank D. Mongiardo, M.D., F.S.C.

October 29, 2008

Kentucky High School Athletic Association

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to give my enthusiastic endorsement of Colin Cox for the Kentucky High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Coach Cox was my track coach when I attended Hazard High School from 1974 – 1978. Not only was he a great coach, winning many meets and championships, he was a mentor to many student athletes. Under his leadership, I won the region in the long and triple jump.

His hard work and coaching abilities helped mold me into the person I am today. He made all of us believe we could achieve great things both on the track and in life. It would be a great honor for my community and alma mater if Coach Cox were to be recognized for his great achievements. It is an honor he truly deserves.

Sincerely,

Daniel Mongiardo, M.D.
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TO: K.H.S.A.A.
FROM: D. Charles Dixon, Mayor
DATE: 10/23/08
SUBJECT: Dawahare's Hall Of Fame

I am writing concerning Calvin "Cokie" Cox. I can fully recommend Colin to the Dawahare's Hall of Fame.

I became acquainted with Colin as a long time track and cross country coach at Jenkins High School.

Jenkins had a partial track that many of the local schools competed on. Hazard was one of them. Colin always had a very competitive team. One of the strengths of his time was speed. Another positive thing about Colin's team was that there was always good discipline. This is certainly in contrast to many of the athletes today.

Highway 15 was being rebuilt and the Hazard team had to travel through this construction to get to Jenkins. In those days coaches took cars to transport their team. I can remember Colin saying that he was destroying his car going to track meets.

After several years Hazard was able to get a track. Because of this, the regional track meet was held at their facility. One of the things about a regional track meet at Hazard was that they were always run in a manner that benefitted all competitors. Because of Colin's efforts, the Jenkins team was assured that those who deserved it qualified for the state track meet.

In thinking back over my years as a coach I remember that Colin was always fair with all teams, and always made you feel welcome to Hazard.

I can not think of anyone who deserves this award more than Calvin "Cokie" Cox.

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To Whom It May Concern

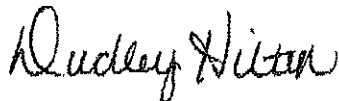
I am writing this letter in regards to Cokie Cox. Cokie and I have been friends and colleagues for 34 years.

I met Coach Cox when I began coaching football in Breathitt County. He was the head football coach at Hazard High School. Our football teams competed against each other three or four times. Coach Cox always had his teams well prepared and they were very well coached. He also did some basketball coaching and his basketball teams were coached in the same manner.

In my opinion, Coach Cox's greatest contribution was in track. I started the track program at Breathitt and he was always very helpful to me. He directed me in beginning the program and in organizing and hosting many track meets. Every track meet that he ran at Hazard High School was nothing but first class. He experienced a great deal of success in the track program at Hazard.

I am honored to have the opportunity to recommend Coach Cokie Cox to the Hall of Fame.

Sincerely



Coach Dudley Hilton
Head Football Coach
Bell County High School

