

CHARLES "DOODLE" FLOYD

(Mr. Floyd was a star on the legendary Cuba Cubs Team that was State Champion in 1952 and State Runner Up in 1951 and that is recognized by most as having no equal in Kentucky basketball history in terms of color, come-from-behind wins, and popular fan support. This is a listing of some of his accomplishments.)

Led the team in both scoring and rebounds in both the 1951 and 1952 seasons

Led the team in both scoring and rebounds in both the 1951 and 1952 State Tournaments

All State Tournament Team in both 1951 and 1952

Courier Journal All State Team in both 1951 and 1952

Lexington Herald All State Team in both 1951 and 1952

All American Game - Chuck Taylor's North/South All American Game in 1952

Kentucky East/West All Star Game in 1952

Kentucky/Indiana All Star Game in 1952

Scored 20 or more points in each State Tournament game in 1952, scored the deciding basket in the sudden-death overtime win in the 1952 semi-finals, scored 3 key baskets in the final deciding minutes of the 1952 championship game, scored 12 points in the final quarter of the comeback win over Corbin.

Broke Cliff Hagan's scoring record in the Louisville Invitational Tournament in 1952

Paducah Sun Democrat All Purchase Team in both 1951 and 1952

Paducah Christmas Invitational Tournament All Tournament Team in 1952

Played on varsity all four years at Cuba, scored 45 points in a game as a Sophomore.

Led NATION in scoring at Northeast Mississippi Junior College in 1953-54

All American at Northeast Mississippi Junior College in 1953-54

National Junior College All Tournament Team in 1953-54

Starting five in 1952-53 as a freshman at Murray State until he suffered a broken wrist
Starting five in 1954-55 at Mississippi Southern, scored 66 points against Alabama
Out with back injury in 1955-56, on starting five at Mississippi College in 1956-57

Additional References:

"When Cuba Conquered Kentucky" by Marianne Walker

DVD - The Story Men - Produced by John Ed Walker and Jedco

NOMINATION OF

CHARLES “DOODLE” FLOYD

FOR DAWAHARES/ KHSAA HALL OF FAME

JUL 31 2006

Charles “Doodle” Floyd was a star and leader of the legendary Cuba High School 1951 Kentucky State Runner-Up and 1952 Kentucky State Champions.

He has been recognized for decades by distinguished coaches, elite players, knowledgeable fans and sports writers as one of the best players in the history of Kentucky High School Basketball.

Because it was erroneously assumed that he was already in the Hall of Fame, he has never been nominated until now.

The typically humble and non-attention seeking “Doodle” has never personally sought this recognition nor has he lobbied others to speak on his behalf. This nomination is being submitted solely by others who were eye witnesses to his greatness and who have been remiss in allowing this oversight to persist for many decades.

Since “Doodle” is already in his seventies and we feel that his election is long overdue, we respectfully request your most serious consideration of his outstanding qualifications and accomplishments summarized herein and his election to the Hall of Fame in the upcoming selection process. We also refer you to the DVD, The Story Men, the book, When Cuba Conquered Kentucky, and the actual game films of the team.

SOME ADDITIONAL NOTES RELATING TO CHARLES "DOODLE" FLOYD:

Coached basketball in Kentucky for two years at Farmington and Fulgham High Schools;

Served as Athletic Director and Assistant Recreation Director for the city of Madison Heights, Michigan for 10 years;

Served as Recreation Director and Little League Sports Director for the city of Knoxville, Tennessee for 10 years;

Personally spent hundreds of dollars in both situations in Madison Heights and in Knoxville for shoes for kids who wanted to play but could not afford shoes;

Has participated in Senior Olympics for the past three years, qualifying for state competition each year;

Continues to do volunteer work with the Boys Club of Knoxville, teaching basketball fundamentals to children.

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To: Members of the Selection Committees for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame
Subject: Nomination of Charles "Doodle" Floyd of the Legendary 1952 Cuba Team
From: Don Poyner Date: January 3, 2007

We respectfully request your consideration for the rectification of the significant injustice in the long, long overdue induction of Charles "Doodle" Floyd for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. This is not the fault of the KHSAA but rather our failure to nominate based on the assumption that he had already been inducted. When the Official Nomination Application comes to you in April/May with his phenomenal listing of honors and accomplishments, we hope you will share the feeling of distinguished coaches, elite players, knowledgeable fans, and people who have done extensive research who feel that his incredible qualifications give the highest priority to his long overdue induction. In addition, he is already 73 years of age. They have recognized for decades that Doodle's unbelievable ability, production, and performance with the legendary 1951 and 1952 Cuba Team make him one of the most outstanding, talented, unique, popular, and productive players in Kentucky basketball history. Our official nomination for Mr. Floyd was submitted by a committee of educators, coaches, former players, members of the Hall of Fame, and other fans throughout the Commonwealth and other states.

In addition to All State, All American, and multiple other honors; Doodle Floyd's team leading scoring and rebounding, his uncanny and almost impossible to defend "Windmill" hook shot, his extraordinary domination of the boards even though he was only 6'3", his ball handling and defensive skills, his colorful Goose Tatum style of play, his incredible ability and performance, and his pressure production in so many unbelievable come-from-behind wins attracted thousands of fans and established Doodle as a "Star" and "Leader" of this phenomenal Cuba championship team and as one of the most elite players to ever play the game.

Many authorities believe the Cuba legacy is one of the greatest high school sport stories in history both in Kentucky as well as the entire nation. This is because of the size of the tiny school, their unique history making Globetrotter style of play, their underdog status in almost all the State Tournament games, the overwhelming odds that they had to overcome, the never equaled fan support that they generated, and their unbelievable come-from-behind finishes in almost every State Tournament game in both 1951 and 1952. Doodle Floyd was crucial and key to the success of this team.

Since Mr. Floyd has the most elite of qualifications and is already in his seventies, we hope that his election will be accomplished in the upcoming process and respectfully request your consideration of him for this prestigious Hall of Fame.

For additional references in addition to the Official Hall of Fame Nomination Application that will come to you in April/May, please refer to the DVD produced by Mr. Ed Garrett and the book, **When Cuba Conquered Kentucky**, by Marianne Walker.

Thank you for your consideration.

LIST OF LETTERS OF DOCUMENTATION

To keep the application **brief**, we secured letters from only the following key people:

Teammate **Howard Crittenden** who went on to star in college and professional basketball, is a retired school administrator, and is already a member of the Hall Of Fame;

Barney Thweatt who starred on the State Championship Brewers Team and in college basketball, is a retired school administrator, is already a member of the Hall Of Fame, and is the author of the book, **Brewers Basketball, A Winning Tradition**;

Phil Rollins who is already a member of the Hall Of Fame, was the star of the Wickliffe Team that lost to Cuba in the Regional Finals in both 1951 and 1952, and starred in college basketball;

Ed Garrett who has an extensive background in coaching, athletics, and school administration and after over 500 hours of research and work produced the DVD relating to the Cuba Team, **The Story Men**, that is being called the best production that has ever been done relating to Kentucky basketball;

Marianne Walker who did three years of research relating to the Cuba Team and is the author of the book, **When Cuba Conquered Kentucky**;

Adrian Smith who was a Sophomore at the Farmington School in Graves County competing against Cuba in 1952, later starred on the University of Kentucky Team and the Cincinnati professional team in the NBA, and was the MVP in an NBA All Star Game;

Warren Fiser who competed in the Kentucky State Tournament, the East/West All Star Game, and the Kentucky/Indiana All Star Game and played at Vanderbilt University;

Jimmy Webb who was a starter and key member of the Cuba Team in both 1951 and 1952 and was later a coach, teacher, and school administrator;

Rex Story who was team manager as an eighth grader in 1952, is the son of Coach Story, later was a star player at Mayfield, competed in the State Tournament two different years, and was named to the All State Tournament Team;

Bill Pollock who was a teammate on the Cuba team and played a key role in the 1952 Championship Game;

Jimmy Brown who as a Sophomore was a teammate on the 1952 State Championship Team. (Crittenden, Webb, Pollock, and Brown are the only other surviving members of the 1952 varsity team.)

Selection Committee
Kentucky High School Athletic Association
Dawahares Hall of Fame

July 9, 2006

Dear Selection Committee,

This letter is being written to recommend Charles "*Doodles*" Floyd for the KHSAA Dawahares Basketball Hall of Fame. Doodles and I were teammates on the legendary Cuba High School basketball team that was runner-up in the KHSAA State Basketball Tournament in 1951 and won the KHSAA State Basketball Tournament in 1952.

Our team is still remembered after fifty-four years by the older basketball fans in Kentucky. A book entitled, *When Cuba Conquered Kentucky*, written by Marianne Walker and published in 1999, features the lives and history of the Cuba Cubs basketball team. Not only is Doodles Floyd highlighted throughout the book, an entire chapter was written about him specifically. Over the years, hundreds of articles have been written about the colorful Cuba Cubs. A key to the success of our team was Charles "*Doodles*" Floyd.

In 1947, when we were eighth graders, Coach Jack Story came to Cuba High School as principal and basketball coach. He would show us films of the Globetrotters and then say, "*Boys, get out on the gym floor and see if you can learn to do those things.*" Doodles copied Goose Tatum, the center and clown of the Globetrotters. We learned to play a style of high school basketball that had never been seen before in Kentucky. It was incredible how well Doodles learned Goose Tatum's style, and it was that *style* that attracted hundreds of fans to our games.

Doodles Floyd is still remembered today throughout Kentucky because of his ball handling skills, showmanship, and uncanny *windmill hook shot*! He had outstanding jumping ability. In the time when it was not common, Doodles could do a 360 degree turn in the air and dunk the ball behind his head with both hands.

Over the years, I have traveled extensively throughout Kentucky. It doesn't matter where I go, if there is a discussion about Kentucky state basketball tournaments and high school basketball teams, someone will always bring up the Cuba Cubs. Inevitably, someone will say, "*Where is Doodles now?*"

I have seen hundreds of great basketball players in my lifetime. In my opinion, Doodles Floyd was the best high school pivot man in the state of Kentucky in the 1952 basketball season. In 1951 and again in 1952, Doodles was the key to our unbelievable success as a high school basketball team. He made the Courier Journal's First Team All-State both

years as well as the All-State Tournament teams. He was also selected to play in the National North-South All-Star game.

Doodles had all the skills and moves that a coach would want in a high school basketball player. His showmanship and personality drew so many people wanting to see us play that most of our games had to be played in larger gyms just to accommodate the crowd. Even then, all the fans couldn't get inside. In the state tournaments of 1951 and again in 1952, when we took the court to warm-up, the organist would play *Sweet Georgia Brown*. Doodles would take the post position and we duplicated the Globetrotters' warm-up style. Doodles was the "*key entertainment*", and the crowd loved it!

I realize there may not be anyone on the selection committee who ever saw Doodles Floyd and the Cuba Cubs play basketball. However, the things I have written are accurate. Doodles is deserving of this tremendous honor to be selected as a member of the KHSAA Dawahares Basketball Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



Howie Crittenden

Cuba Cubs Teammate

Member of the KHSAA Dawahares Basketball Hall of Fame

July 20, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

I was privileged to play in the Kentucky High School Boys' State Basketball Tournament three consecutive years and was a starting guard in nine games.

I have observed many great players since 1946. Doodle Floyd was one of the best centers I ever saw play. He made the opponent's defense collapse in an effort to keep the ball out of his hands, but even with defenders all around him, he was still a prolific scorer. He was also a great defender and rebounder.

Since Cuba's gymnasium had very limited seating capacity, and the Cubs expecting a very good team in 1951-52, most of their home games were played on neutral courts that had greater seating capacity. I was an assistant coach to Mr. McCoy Tarry at Sedalia during the 1951-52 season.

I saw Cuba play several season games, all district, regional, and state tournament games, and observed Doodle with great admiration and pleasure.

I also played on the Murray State College 1952-53 team as a teammate of Doodle. I saw him practice daily and watched him contribute to the team during a very successful season in the OVC.

Yes, I saw Wah Wah Jones, Cliff Hagen, Frank Ramsey, Wes Unseld, Butch Beard, Vernon Hatton, Johnny Cox, Darrell Griffith, Charles Hurt, Mike Silliman, Sonny Allen, Kelley Coleman, Jerry Bird, Phil Grameyer, Rickie Farmer, Chris Lofton, Howard Crittenden, Phil Rollings, Coy Creason, Mason Cope, Van Mathis, Jim Owens, and many other great high school players. Doodle Floyd should definitely be included in the KHSAA Dawahares Hall of Fame.

I was fortunate to be inducted into the Hall of Fame in the class of 1991 simply because I played for a Hall of Fame Coach, and had some great teammates who played as a unit and went undefeated in 1948.

Cuba was runners up in 1951 and won the State Championship in 1952. There is no way that would have been possible without the contributions of Charles "Doodle" Floyd.

It is my pleasure to recommend that Doodle be inducted into the Hall Of Fame in the class of 2007.

Barney Thweatt

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July 14, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

Whenever the names of outstanding basketball players from the Jackson Purchase region of Western Kentucky are brought up, the name Charles "Doodles" Floyd is always the topic of conversation.

I didn't know "Doodles" on a personal level - only on the basketball court. We bumped heads on about three occasions and I've had great respect for him since those years of 1951 and 1952 when we were both playing high school ball.

Having lost to the Cuba Cubs in the regional finals in both of those years and seeing that team have such success in the state tourney, I feel that a great deal of their success goes to "Doodles" and his windmill- type hook shot.

To the people in the selection process for the KHSAA Athletic Hall of Fame, I wholeheartedly recommend Charles "Doodles" Floyd.

If you need more information or background on this player and his early life in the Jackson Purchase, I suggest you read the book **WHEN CUBA CONQUERED KENTUCKY**. It will certainly impress you with his accomplishments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phil Rollins". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Phil Rollins

KHSAA Hall of Fame Member

Ed Garrett

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5/1/2006

To whom it may concern:

This is a recommendation on behalf of Charles "Doodle" Floyd of the 1952 Cuba, Kentucky, High School Basketball State Champions, for his consideration as a worthy candidate to be inducted into the Kentucky High School Hall of Fame.

I have never met Doodle Floyd nor has he or anyone else asked me to speak on his behalf. However, I feel compelled to do so based on my in-depth exposure to his accomplishments during a year long DVD effort about the Cuba team which I produced.

My background as a player and coach of this game along with experience in productions of this nature, made me a likely candidate for the project. I accepted and since it was for a charitable goal with no pay involved, I donated my services. This is important only to reinforce the fact that there is no ulterior motive on my part whatsoever for highlighting a man in an era that is now over five decades ago. Additionally, I am confident that Ronnie Carter of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association will affirm that I have a degree of credibility by my having witnessed an incredible number of high school basketball games and outstanding players in my four decade association with the sport as an educator with the Nashville Metropolitan Board of Education.

After having invested over 500 hours in this DVD project, which included reviewing 1,000's of frames of actual game film and reading 100's of articles about this team, I was startled to discover that Doodle had not been included the Kentucky Hall of Fame. He had been named All-State in Kentucky two years in a row and was his team's leading rebounder and scorer. He was consistently on the outstanding player list of the sports writers and coaches across the state and, in the minds of many, was one of the five best players in Kentucky both in 1951 and 52. This was accomplished on a team selected from a class of only 18 boys and whose competition included the largest schools in the state. In both of these years of competition in the Purchase Area, Cuba lost only one game and it by one point.

I watched these 50 + year-old film and marveled at his incredible ability. His patented hook shot reminded me of the great All-Americans, George Miken and Neil Johnston except that Doodle shot it with either hand. His positioning and timing on rebounds was uncanny but explains why he, at 6'3, consistently out rebounded the much taller opponents. I mused as I read through a seemingly endless list of accomplishments that surely this man has been overlooked - it would be an injustice not to at least bring attention to him as a person who deserves a serious look, even at this late date.

Therefore, I submit the enclosed DVD as evidence that speaks for itself as to why Charles "Doodle" Floyd belongs in the Kentucky High School Hall of Fame. I believe that any who review the evidence will hasten to agree with me.

Respectively submitted,



Marianne Walker
13 Riverdale Court
Henderson, Kentucky 42420

July 23, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support the nomination of Charles Floyd to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Charles was a star on Jack Story's Graves County Cuba Cubs Basketball team from the time he was in the eighth grade to his senior year, 1952, when the team won the state championship.

I am the author of a book about the Cuba Cubs triumphant story. My book - **When Cuba Conquered Kentucky** - took me three years to research and write and was published in 1999.

During this three year process, I read everything I could find relating to this legendary team and interviewed hundreds of people who saw them play. A common theme throughout these interviews was an expression of the belief that Charles Floyd is one of the best high school players in the history of basketball in Kentucky. Charles, nicknamed Doodle, rescued the team from defeat with his patented hook shot on many occasions and led the team in scoring and rebounding. Based on this research, I feel that I am qualified to make this recommendation and to express my surprise that he has not already been nominated for and inducted into this honorable society.

In addition, in my opinion, Doodle was as an important component to the success of the Cuba Cubs as Tayshaun Prince is presently to the Detroit Pistons. If Doodle had not been part of the Cuba Cubs, we would never have heard of the team.

Sincerely,



Marianne Walker

Adrian H. Smith
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July 19, 2006

KHSAA Hall of Fame

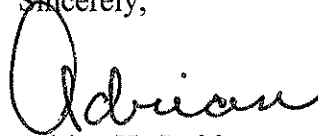
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my desire to have Charles "Doodle" Floyd inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

I had the opportunity to play on the high school, collegiate and professional level and feel his induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame would be excellent recognition for Charles. He was an outstanding high school player and led the Cuba Cubs in both scoring and rebounding in 1951 and 1952, as well as the State Tournament both of those years. Also, Charles was All State and All State Tournament in both years and scored 20 or more points in each State Tournament game in 1952. Cuba won the State Tournament in 1952.

Thank you for your consideration for the induction of Charles "Doodle" Floyd into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. I feel his record and accomplishments are worthy of this great honor.

Sincerely,



Adrian H. Smith

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June 1, 2006

Recommendation for Induction into the Kentucky High School Hall of Fame

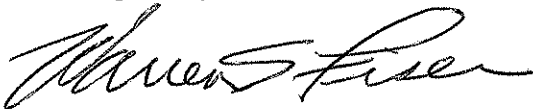
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Charles "Doodle" Floyd for membership in the Kentucky High School Hall of Fame. He was the star center for Jack Story's Cuba Cubs who won the 1952 Kentucky State Basketball Tournament and were runner up in 1951. Doodle Floyd was on the All Tournament Team for both of these years. He was Cuba's leading scorer and rebounder.

I am 67 years old and have played and watched a lot of basketball but can only recall a few high school players who after over 50 years are still being talked about. Doodle Floyd is one of these players. The others are in the Hall of Fame. I saw the Cuba Team play other First Region opponents in 1952 as a 7th Grader in Brewers, Kentucky. Also, I have recently watched game films from the Kentucky High School State Tournament in 1951 and 1952 which are available from Eastern Kentucky University Archives. Doodle Floyd was a complete basketball player. He is remembered to this day for his hook shot which he could shoot from either side. In my opinion, Doodle was equally as good at passing the ball for assists and being in the right place to get a rebound. Doodle could dribble the ball across the center line when needed. His under hand free throws were accurate. Doodle hit a fade away jump shot to beat Hindman in sudden-death overtime during the semifinal game in 1952.

As mentioned, I have watched and played a lot of basketball both at the high school and university levels but I know of no one more deserving of being elected to the Kentucky High School Hall of Fame than Charles "Doodle" Floyd.

Respectively submitted,



Warren S. Fiser

All Purchase 1956 and 1957

East-West All Star 1957

Kentucky-Indiana All Star 1957

Vanderbilt University Letterman 1957-1961

SUBMITTED 7-7-06

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
RE: CHARLES "DOODLE" FLOYD , AS CANDIDATE FOR INDUCTION INTO THE
DAWAHARES KHSAA HALL OF FAME.

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE DOODLE FOR INDUCTION FOR A LOT OF REASONS.
FIRST OF ALL, I DON'T BELIEVE THERE WAS A MORE POPULAR STATE TOURNEY
PLAYER THAN DOODLE . ALSO, SINCE I WAS A STARTER AND TEAMMATE OF HIS AS
MEMBER OF THE CUBA RUNNER-UP TEAM OF 1951 AND ALSO THE STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP OF 1952.

DOODLE HAD A STYLE OF HIS OWN WITH A WINDMILL HOOK SHOT. I PLAYED WITH
DOODLE FOR 5 YEARS (FROM 7TH GRADE TO SENIOR YEAR) AND I WATCHED HIM
DEVELOPE THIS SHOT OVER THE YEARS . IT WAS NO GIMMICK. IT WAS EXTREMELY
ACCURATE AND HE COULD SHOOT WITH EITHER HAND WITH EQUAL ACCURACY. HE
HAD VERY LONG ARMS AND GOOD HANDS AND EXCELLENT TOUCH. HE WAS ALSO
VERY STRONG AND DECEPTIVE IN FAKING AND COULD DRIVE LEFT OR RIGHT TO
THE BASKET.

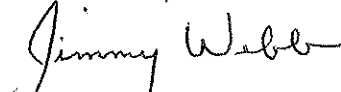
ALSO, I HAVE NEVER SEEN A HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER DOMINATE THE BOARDS THE
WAY DOODLE DID. A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THIS IS EVIDENT IN THE VIDEO OF THE CUBA
VS MANUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OF 1952. WE HAD TO COME FROM BEHIND
GAMES IN STATE TOURNEY PLAY , AND DOODLE WAS A DRIVING FORCE IN MOST OF
WINS WHEN WE HAD TO COME FROM BEHIND. NOT ONLY DID HE GET A LOT OF
ATTENTION WITH HIS UNORTHODOX MOVES , BUT HE WAS A DOMINANT FORCE ON THE
FLOOR. I'M NOT SURE OF STATS, BUT I'M SURE HE AVERAGED 20-25 PTS PER GAME
AND PROBABLY WOULD HOLD STATE REBOUND RECORD IF STATS WOULD HAVE
BEEN KEPT ACCURATELY.

DOODLE WAS CONFIDENT AND COLORFUL PLAYER AND FUN TO PLAY WITH AND
FOR FANS TO WATCH. HE WAS A TEAM LEADER AND TEAM PLAYER . HE WAS VERY
UNSELFISH AND AN EXCELLENT PASSER. HE BELIEVED \
WE COULD BEAT ANYONE, AND SAY , "IT AIN'T BRAGGIN IF YOU CAN BACK IT UP".
HE WAS A GREAT INSPIRATION TO THE TEAM, ESPECIALLY IN THE STATE
TOURNAMENT.

DOODLE ALSO RECEIVED THE HONORS OF ALL-TOURNAMENT AND ALL-STATE IN
BOTH HIS JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEARS.

I WAS A STARTER WITH DOODLE FOR 2 YEARS (STATE RUNNER-UP 1951 - STATE
CHAMPS 1952), AND I BELIEVE I AM QUALIFIED TO STATE THAT HE IS A VERY STRONG
CANDIDATE FOR INDUCTION IN DAWAHARES HALL OF FAME. I CONSIDER IT PRIVILEGE
AND HONOR TO NOMINATE HIM.

SINCERELY,



JIMMY WEBB , RETIRED SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR, AND FORMER TEAMMATE OF
CHARLES "DOODLE " FLOYD

July 12, 2006

To Whom it May Concern:

I am glad to learn that there is an effort being made to induct Charles "Doodle" Floyd in the Dawhare's Kentucky State Athletics Hall of Fame.

Without question, Doodle Floyd's accomplishments in the sport of basketball have earned him a spot with the elite as a player of the sport.

Doodle is probably best remembered as the leading scorer and re-bouncer on the fabulous "Cuba Cubs" during the 1951 and 1952 seasons. The Cubs were runners up in 51' and winners of the 1952 Kentucky State High School Basketball Tournament. Doodle was also the leading team re-bouncer and scorer for the Cubs during the 51' and 52' State Tournament games.

Doodle was selected to the All State Tournament teams in both 51' and 52'.

He was selected to the Courier-Journal and Lexington Herald's All State teams.

He was selected and participated in the Kentucky East/ West and Kentucky/ Indiana All Star games in 1952.

He was selected and participated in the North/ South All American game in 1952.

He pursued a collegiate career and was an All American at Northeast Mississippi Junior College in 1953-1954.

Doodle possessed and perfected a "Windmill Hook" shot, while he was in high school, that made him an offensive threat that not just any one player could defend. With, his long arms and the ball being released a body and an arm length distance between the ball and his defender made it untouchable. Not only was it difficult to defend, he had perfected the shot at all distances and positions on the court.

I have watched the selection into the Kentucky State Dawhare's Hall of Fame of Athletes and coaches over the years and wish to recognize the originators and perpetuators of this group as extra ordinary supporters of Kentucky State Athletics. I know and have known many inductees that were so deserving to be recognized as truly outstanding contributors to the sport and this organization has done just that.

I write this request that Doodle be inducted in behalf of my Father, J.B. "Jack" Story, who was Doodle's coach as well as my coach and who if he had lived longer would have himself petitioned this Kentucky Hall of Fame long before now. My Dad through out his colorful and illustrious career would have considered Doodle as one of his very best stars. One of "Doodle's teammates, Howie Crittenden, is another one of my Dads very best stars that has already been inducted along with my Dad. They were three members of the most colorful & best remembered of all Kentucky State High School Basketball Teams.

Please give "Doodle" his place in this great group of Kentucky Sports people.

Respectfully requested,

Rex Story
Rex Story

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in concern of a person whom I had the honor and privilege to watch and also play the game of basketball with Mr. Charles "Doodle" Floyd. I can truly say that his ability both on and off the floor to play the game had no equal. He introduced the windmill or as some call it the hook shot as we know it today. Many others have tried to copy it but most all have fallen short. "Doodle" introduced the shot from the playground as a boy trying to keep the ball from the others while mastering it to score his shot. It is my honor and my belief that Mr. Charles "Doodle" Floyd does truly belong in the hall of fame for his abilities of the game from the playground to the floor to halls of our great coliseum.

Sincerely: Bill Pollock

July 20, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

I was a high school Sophomore in 1952 and a member of the varsity squad of the Cuba State Championship team. As one of the best high school basketball players I have ever seen, I would like to recommend Charles "Doodle" Floyd for the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

His unbelievable rebounding against the much taller players that Cuba had to compete against in almost every game in the State Tournament made it possible for them to be competitive. He was also the team scoring leader.

Cuba had to come from behind in almost every game in the State Tournament, and Doodle led the way in these unbelievable, pressure come back situations.

Doodle and Howard Crittenden were the team stars. Howard is already a member of this Hall of Fame. Everyone assumed that Doodle was already a member; and thus, no one has nominated him. Therefore, in my opinion, his induction is **long overdue**. **Five of the ten members of this varsity team are already deceased. Since Doodle is already in his seventies, we respectfully request your consideration of his nomination so that his election will not be delayed any longer.**

Sincerely,


Jimmy Brown