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Dawahares-Kentucky High School Athletic Association  
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RE: Hall of Fame

Dear Committee:

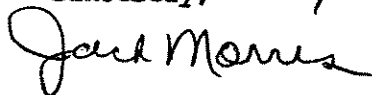
I would like to take this opportunity to nominate Joe Ford to the Dawahares-Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

I was Joe's high school (Mayfield High School) football coach. He was one of the most outstanding player, student and athlete I have had the opportunity to coach. He was, and is, always a gentleman. While participating in three sports, he maintained a 3.8 grade-point average and was involved in many extra-curricular activities.

I followed Joe's college career with extreme interest where he excelled in all facets. I have enclosed a list of Joe's awards and accomplishments; and in addition, some newspaper articles signifying his greatness.

Without a doubt, I feel Joe Ford has the qualifications required to be in the Dawahares-Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



Jack Morris

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Enclosures

JOE T. FORD

Mayfield High School (1968-1972) Graduated 9th in Class--95 GPA.  
National Honor Society-1971, Outstanding Teenagers of America-1971,  
Four Year Starter Earning 12 Total Letters (Basketball, Football, and Baseball),  
Top Ten High School All American by Sunkist in association with the U.S. Basketball  
Writers Association-1972, Top Ten All-American Team by Coach and Athlete Magazine-1972,  
Two Time Courier Journal All-State First Team Basketball-1971 & 1972, All Time Leading  
Scorer in MHS History (2503 points), Invited in 1972 to the Dapper Dan Basketball Classic,  
Team Compiled 90 Wins in Four Years, Basketball Jersey Retired at MHS in 1972, Played  
4 Years Football, Participated in two Kentucky High School Playoffs, Courier Journal  
All-State End-1971, Courier Journal All-State Defensive Back-1972, Scored Touchdowns  
by Running, Passing, Receiving, Kick-Off Returns and Punt Return. Tryouts-1976 for  
Dallas Cowboys, Played 4 years Baseball--Batting Average for 1971 was 475 and 1972  
was 472, Four District Championships and One Regional Championship, Played in Kentucky  
High School State Tournament-1970. Selected to All-State Football and Basketball  
Teams in the same year-1971 and 1972. Only time in the school history a player has  
accomplished this honor.

Vanderbilt University (1972-1976) Graduated B.A. Degree 1976  
ODK Leadership Fraternity, Played in 100 plus games during career, Started fifth  
game of Freshman Year, Started every game in seasons 1974, 1975, and 1976,  
Member of 1,000 Point Club-16PPG (1976), Season: 51.5% FG, 81% FT, Third Team  
All-SEC, Tri-Captain 1975, Captain 1976, Member of Famed "F" Troop, 1972-73  
Team Ranked as high as Ninth in Nation, 1973-74 Team Ranked Fourth in Nation,  
1972-73 Team Ranked Second in SEC, 1973-74 Team SEC Champs, Played in NCAA  
Midwest Region, 1975-76 Team Third in SEC, Lead team in Assists three of four  
years, 1972-73 Member of SEC Baseball Championships, Played in NCAA Championship  
Tournament.

Married 18 years, Wife Kim, two sons (Hunter age 11, and Taylor age 8).  
Currently involved in coaching both baseball and basketball.  
Employed by Northwestern Mutual Life, Paducah, KY, as Chartered Life Underwriter

# MHS's Joe Ford Named High School All-American

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—The following press release has been received from the office of Letterman—a national magazine which publicizes high school athletics. The publication each year picks national High School All-American basketball and football teams. This season, Mayfield High School's Joe Ford has been named to the magazine's High School All-American basketball team.)



JOE FORD

Letterman, the nation's only high school sports magazine, announces its 1972 High School Basketball All-Americans. Like the magazine, this year's top stars cover the nation and show high school sports at its best.

The list of America's best includes a Top Ten, twenty Honorable Mentions and dozens of "Challengers" from 44 states.

—Biggest of the Top Ten is Bob Parish of Woodlawn High School in Shreveport, Louisiana. A 7-footer, Parish is the star at the school best known for producing football quarterbacks Terry Bradshaw of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Joe Ferguson of Arkansas University. Parish brought basketball prominence to Woodlawn High, which began for him when he averaged 26.9 points a game as a freshman in 1969.

—Right behind Parish in size is 6-11 Danny Moses of Williamson High School in Williamson, West Virginia. A two-time all-stater, Moses used his 250 pounds to good advantage as a 25-point scorer last season.

—Last year Thornridge High School in Dolton, Illinois won both the football and basketball state championships, and most of the credit must go to Quinn Buckner. Only 6-3, Quinn is a great leaper and is Letterman's choice as 1972 High School Athlete of the Year. A 20-point-plus shooter Quinn is also a B student and president of Thornridge Letterman's Club.

—John Lucas of Hillside High School in Durham, North Carolina, is a 6-2 guard, considered by many the best

backcourt man in the South. He is also one of the quickest defensive players in the land.

—Joe Ford of Mayfield High School in Mayfield, Kentucky may be the best all-around athlete of these 10. An all-stater in both football and basketball last year, he is also considered a pro prospect in baseball and shoots golf in the 70s. A 6-3, A-student, he averaged 23.6 points a game.

—Walt Luckett of Kolbe High School in Bridgeport, Connecticut averaged 33 points a game last year as the Top Ten's leading scorer, and he was the leader on the state championship team. Three times last year Luckett got 40 points or more in one game. He is now receiving the same honors granted Lew Alcindor (Kareem Jabbar) and Dean Miminger when they were New York stars.

—Bob Manker of La Habra High School, La Habra, California, is a 6-5, 215 pound rebounding ace who has hit at a 55% clip to average 20 points a game.

—Dave Modest of Linton High School in Schenectady, New York, averaged just under 30 points a game last year, connecting at a fantastic 72% of his field goal attempts. Only 5-10, 155 pounds, Modest is the smallest of the Top Ten.

—Lynn Royal of Hughes Springs High School, Hughes Springs, Texas, blocked 16

shots in the state championship game last year and hit 58 points in one game last season. A 6-7 all-Texas star, he has led Hughes Springs High to the state AA tournament twice already and to the title last year. Royal averages 27.9 points a game and 17 rebounds.

—Phil Sellers of Thomas Jefferson High School in Brooklyn, New York is the most heralded player in New York City and a 6-5 leaper who can play underneath as well as outside. He's called by many the best in the East.

Letterman's All-American Basketball Team was selected with the assistance of sportswriters across the nation. The All-American team will be officially announced in the December issue of Letterman, listing all Honorable Mention and Challenger winners.

# MHS, Cu

Three Third District won basketball games while Lowes was upset by Lone Oak.

Mayfield's Cardinals easy 71-31 verdict Farmington, Cu through in a 67-42 Fulton City, and downed North Marsh

In other games at First Region, Cu dumped South Marsh Murray beat winless 58-48, St. Mary bopped Co. 83-71, and Ball rolling with a 58-57 vs Reidland.

## Mayfield 71 Farmington 3

Mayfield's man defense allowed Farmington only five field goals in half as the Cardinals a 71-31 win here last

Coach Bob Sparks' stretched their unbeaten to five games before crowd in the MHS gym.

With their starting giving away only one the first period before began filtering into the Red Birds streaked first period lead, increased margin to 36-10 at and 60-21 going into period.

It was the ninth loss starts for Coach Joe Wildcats.

Leading 16-2 going second period, Coach relieved starting guard Waldrop, then substitutions into the rest of the way. Only senior center Karl A played the entire game the Red Bird starters.

Coach Mikez also substituted freely, particularly in the period. The Wildcats slowed when Wright, the senior in the starting line, injured twice and forced out about half the game.

Wright sustained a injury in the first half, the helped from the floor a painful knee injury later game.

Mayfield senior reserve Mike M... strong defensive game to periods, was forced from floor with an ankle injury late stages.

While the Cardinals strangled all Wildcat threats, Mayfield double-figure scoring from starters as nine Red Birds into the scoring column.

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# Joe Ford Named To Another All-American Cage Team

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., — Height was prominent, but speed and quickness dominated as the nation's top senior basketball players were named today to the High School All-America Basketball Team as selected by Coach & Athlete Magazine and Sunkist Growers, in cooperation with the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.

The Top 100 basketball players from public, private and parochial schools were cited for All-America recognition. Based strictly on athletic ability on the basketball court, ten of these were selected to the "Super Ten." They made it the "Year of the Moving Man", prepsters who scored, rebounded, directed play and kept the game moving... 6-foot-3 to 6-foot-7. That doesn't mean the big guy was missing, because he wasn't.

Twenty-seven received special citation on the All-America Cum Laude Honor Roll for outstanding achievement in scholastic, extra-curricular and community activities of their school, in addition to their basketball ability. Four made both the Super Ten and the Cum Laude: Quinn Buckner of Illinois, Joe Ford of Kentucky, Jeff Fosnes of Colorado and Walter Lockett of Connecticut.

Several hundred others were nominated for the Honorable Mention Honor Roll.

Ohio and New York led the Top 100 All-America selection, each with six, while California, Illinois and Pennsylvania each placed five, and Indiana four.

For Buckner, of Thornridge High in Dolton, Ill., it was a seldom achieved honor. He had also been chosen for the Super Eleven in football. Scott May of Sandusky, Ohio, was selected for the Top 100 in both sports.

Defensive records are most difficult to put down on basketball paper, but offensively they are in the record books. Walter Lockett of Kolbe High, Bridgeport, Conn., broke the New England season and career marks of Calvin Murphy, while at White Station High in Memphis, Tenn., Bill Cook erased the scoring records of Johnny Neumann.

Statistics are impressive on all of them. Ira Terrell of Roosevelt High in Dallas, Texas, is a true All-America example: 30.7 points per game, 28.2 rebounds per game, 6.1 assists per game. Chairman of the All-America



**JOE FORD**  
MAYFIELD, KY.



**WALTER LOCKETT**  
KOLBE, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.



**QUINN BUCKNER**  
THORNIDGE, DOLTON, ILL.



**JEFF FOSNES**  
WHEAT RIDGE, COLO.



**IRA TERRELL**  
ROOSEVELT, DALLAS, TEXAS



**ROBERT PARRISH**  
WOODLAWN, SHREVEPORT, LA.



**NINO SAMUEL**  
CENTRAL, SALINA, KANS.

selection committee was Dwight Keith, publisher of Coach & Athlete Magazine.

A representative of Coach and Athlete magazine will attend the MHS All-Sports Banquet here Tuesday, May 9th, to present an All-American trophy to Ford and another trophy to MHS, according to a spokesman from the magazine.

His latest All-American honorary team election was the second such honor bestowed upon Ford this season. In addition, the MHS ace was named to on the first team of every major Kentucky honorary prep cage team this season.

## The Super Ten

Player	Height	Weight	School	City and State	Coach
Quinn Buckner	6-3	210	Thornridge	Dolton, Ill.	Ron Ferguson
Joe Ford	6-3	175	Mayfield	Mayfield, Ky.	Bob Sparks
Jeff Fosnes	6-6	190	Wheat Ridge	Wheat Ridge, Colo.	Mike Frink
Walter Lockett	6-4	180	Kolbe	Bridgeport, Conn.	Leonard Lee
Dave O'Connell	6-3	175	McNicholas	Cincinnati, Ohio	Jim Stretch
Robert Parrish	7-0	220	Woodlawn	Shreveport, La.	Ken Ivy
Nino Samuel	6-5	185	Central	Salina, Kans.	Carroll Cyr
Phil Sellers	6-4	180	Thom. Jefferson	New York City	Gerald Wichern
Stan Sligh	6-7	195	Hopewell Co.	Aliquippa, Pa.	Milan Markovich
Ira Terrell	6-8	200	Roosevelt	Dallas, Tex.	Ellis Davis

# Joe Ford Named 2nd-Best Cager In State

Mayfield All-State senior guard Joe Ford is the second-best high school basketball player in the state this year, according to a pre-season coaches' poll published Sunday in the Louisville Courier-Journal newspaper.

The 6-3, three-sport letterman at Mayfield High School is ranked second to 6-7 senior Jerry Thurston of Owensboro High School.

In third place, according to the poll, is 6-11 Steve Smith of McDowell, Johnny Hagans, 5-11, of Hazard is rated fourth, while Johnny Britt, 6-2 senior at Warren East, is rated fifth in the coaches' poll.

The 6-11 Smith, a member of pre-season favorite Owensboro High School, is the tallest prep player in the state this season.

Ford, the MHS Cardinal hardwood ace, is one of the most sought-after players in the Commonwealth. He was named to the Courier-Journal All-State basketball team at guard last year, and he is considered a shoo-in for similar honors in his senior year.

The 185-pound Ford sets a new MHS individual career basketball scoring record with every point after breaking the old school record of 1,290 points during his junior season in 1970-71. At the conclusion of his junior year in basketball, Ford had upped the school's individual scoring record to 1,621 points in three years with one full season to go.

He also holds third place and seventh place at MHS for high scoring averages in one year. During his sophomore season, Ford took over seventh place in school scoring averages with his 20.6 game average. Then during his junior season last year, he grabbed third place among the school's leading averages with a 23.6 mark per game. He has a three-year shooting average of 50 percent from the floor and 74 percent from the charity stripe.

"Ford is the best all-around athlete I've ever seen in any high school," according to MHS basketball Coach Bob Sparks, "and he's the best high school basketball player under pressure that I've ever seen," the Cardinal varsity coach said.

"His ball-handling, passing, shooting and basketball knowledge are outstanding," the MHS coach said.

In addition to being picked as second-best player in the state in this year's pre-season poll, Ford also has been named among the top 100 prep players in the nation by the staff of the national Basketball Yearbook. In a breakdown of four high

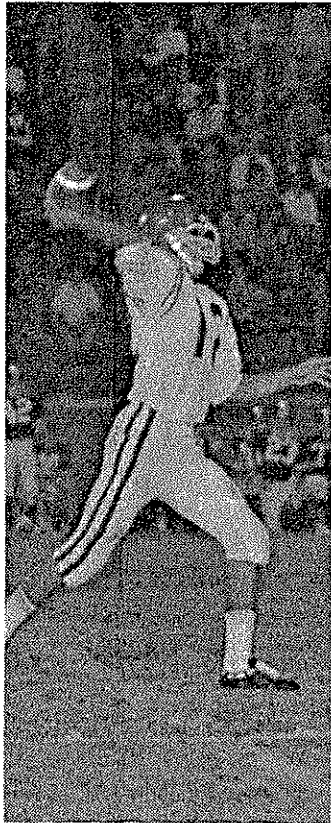


**BASKETBALL** — Joe Ford, son of former Symsonia coach and Mrs. Joe Ford of Mayfield, has been selected as the second-best high school basketball player in the state in a pre-season poll this year. The 6-3 senior also has been picked in the No. 8 spot in the South-Southwest region by a national magazine. Pictured shooting at the foul line, Ford broke his school's individual scoring record last season as a junior with 1,621 points prior to being picked on the state's All-State basketball team. Ford is considered a cinch to repeat as an All-State basketball player during his senior year with Coach Bob Sparks' MHS team.

school basketball regions in the current issue of the publication, Ford was picked as the eighth-best player in the South-Southwest region.

Although Ford says basketball is his game, he excels in football and baseball. The list stops there probably because he's never tried any other high school sports as a team member. For example, he shoots in the mid-70s as an amateur golfer, although he's never gone for his school's golf team.

As an end and receiver in football in his junior year, Ford was named to the All-State football second team after teaming with All-State senior

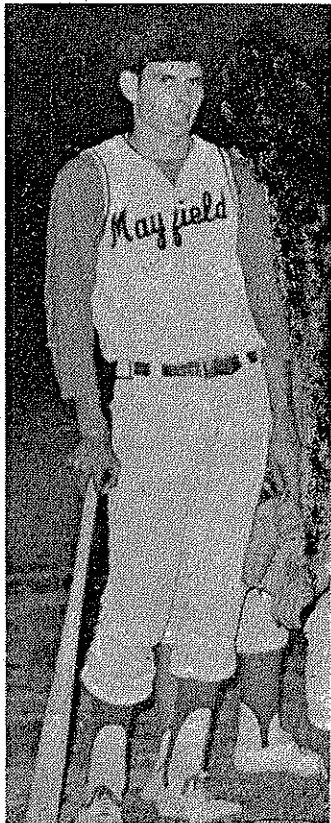


**FOOTBALL** — Although he says basketball is his game, Mayfield's Joe Ford has been named twice to the state All-State football squad. Last season as a junior, he was picked an All-State second team end. This week, Ford was named to the All-State first team as a defensive deep back after shifting to the quarterback spot during the regular season for Coach Jack Morris' Cardinals. He is pictured passing during a regular season game this year.

quarterback David Fowler to give the football Cardinals the best passing combination in the state in 1970. This year, he was selected to the All-State first defensive team as a deep back.

Following Fowler's graduation last year, MHS football Coach Jack Morris shifted Ford into Fowler's quarterback spot and Ford led the Birds to an 8-1-2 season as the district's runner-up team.

As a baseball player, Ford is considered a big league prospect. Playing the shortstop position for MHS baseball Coach Roger Fields, Ford is a .400 switchhitter who hits mostly from the southside. Every MHS baseball team on which Ford has played has won the district championship. He



**BASEBALL** — As a shortstop on last season's MHS baseball team, coach by Roger Fields, Mayfield's Joe Ford was a .400 hitter from the southside and an outstanding defensive player. He is considered a baseball major league prospect if he should choose that sport over basketball. Every Cardinal baseball team on which Ford has played has won a district baseball championship.

has never started on a losing team in three sports at MHS.

"I'll probably decide to play basketball in college," Ford is quoted as saying in the Courier-Journal story. "I've spent a little more time at it than anything else and I believe I like it the best. Besides, anybody who grows up in Kentucky almost has to feel that way."

An "A" student academically, Ford can almost write his own ticket as far as athletic scholarships are concerned. He has received "feelers" from almost 200 colleges and universities, including Kentucky, Tennessee, UCLA, Notre Dame, Vanderbilt and Maryland.

During the Ford-Fowler era at MHS which ended with the graduation of Fowler in 1970,

the school could claim the best two all-around athletes

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# Joe Ford Is Selected On Annual C-J All-State Basketball Team

Mayfield junior Joe Ford has joined nine other basketball players in Kentucky on the annual Louisville Courier-Journal All-State Basketball Team announced Sunday.

The Mayfield junior ace was the fourth-leading vote getter in the state in this year's Courier-Journal All-State picks.

Leading the 10-man squad in number of votes was Anderson Co. senior Jimmy Dan Conner. In second place was Pleasure Ridge's Randy Waddell, followed by Maytown's Pat Tallent and Ford. Others on the All-State first team are Male High's Henry Husky and Larry Haralson, Louisville Central's John Luster, Laurel County's G. J. Smith, Jerry Thurston of Owensboro, and Arch Johnson of Breathitt Co.

Ford was the only selection from extreme West Kentucky on the top three C-J All-State teams. Players from the First Region who received Honorable Mention listing were: David Alexander, Murray; Jeff Bean, Symsonia; Sherman Cothran, South Marshall; George Davis, Paducah; David Davis, Benton; Jack Fisher, Mayfield; Tommy Glover, Paducah St. Mary's; Danny Hart, Lowes; David Jones, Cuba; David Kilcoyne, Fancy Farm; Leonard Larkin, Carlisle Co.; Keith McClure, Cuba; Pete Roney, Calloway Co.; Mickey Thomason, Carlisle Co.; and Freddie Whittemore, Symsonia.

In addition to being named on the C-J All-State First Team this year, Ford also was selected on the Mayfield Messenger's All-District team and the Paducah Sun-Democrat's All-Purchase team. He also was named on the Associated Press' All-State Second Team this year and was a All-State football third team selection at the conclusion of the 1970 football season.

The son of a Mayfield businessman who coached Symsonia to the State Tournament quarterfinals in 1960, Ford is the first athlete in Mayfield High School history to be selected on All-State football and basketball teams in the same year.

In the March 22nd issue of the Louisville Courier-Journal, sportswriter Bob White called Ford one of two best high school basketball players in the state next year. The other top prospect in the state next season in Owensboro's Jerry Thurston, according to White's poll.

Mayfield coach Bob Sparks



**ALL-STATERS** — Mayfield's Joe Ford, a 6-2 junior, has been picked on the annual Louisville Courier-Journal and Times Kentucky All-State Basketball First Team. Shown in action at the foul line in this picture, Ford has become the first MHS athlete in history to be chosen on All-State basketball and football teams the same year. He was chosen on the All-State Football Third Team at the conclusion of last season. The Cardinal ace set a new career scoring record at MHS this season by scoring 591 points to raise his career scoring total to 1,621. The old career scoring record was 1,290 points set last year by Jerry Sanders.

(Messenger Photo)

calls Ford the best prospect in the state in 1971-72.

"He is the best guard I've ever seen in high school," Coach Sparks said, "and in my opinion, he'll be the top high school player in Kentucky next season."

"Ford has tremendous basketball potential in every sense of the word," the Mayfield coach continued. "However, I believe his strong points are his ability to read a defense and to play under pressure. He's at his best at probing the opposing team's defense, then going to the defense's weakness. He's also a great player under pressure," the Mayfield coach said.

Equally as strong at driving to the basket as hitting from outside, Ford set a new Mayfield High School individual scoring record with his 591 points scored the past season. Although just a junior, he has scored a total of 1,621 points in three seasons at MHS. The old record of 1,290 career points was set by Jerry Sanders last year in his fourth year as a MHS

# Four District Players All-Purchase Cage Team

Four basketball players from Graves County's Third District teams joined six other eagers on this year's All-Purchase Basketball Team, sponsored by the Paducah Sun-Democrat newspaper.

All-Purchase selections are picked by coaches in the 23-team First Region. At the same time, regional coaches selected First Region champion Carlisle County's Tom Buchanan as 1971 Regional Coach of the Year.

Third District players announced Sunday on the All-Purchase team are Mayfield's Joe Ford, Symsonia's Freddie Whittemore and Cuba's David Jones and Thomas Swatzell. All four players were named on this year's All-District team, sponsored by the Mayfield Messenger and selected by district coaches.

Mayfield's Ford, a 6-2 junior, is the only repeater from last year's All-Purchase team. Ford and Whittemore, a 6-4 Symsonia senior, and Sherman Cothran, a 6-1 South Marshall junior, were unanimous picks on this year's honorary team. Cuba was the only team other than the regional champion Carlisle Co. Comets to land more than one player on the All-Purchase team.

After completing his second year of coaching at Carlisle Co.,

Buchanan was Purchase Coach of his fellow coaches after defeating Tilghman for the and representing the Kentucky State Tournament.

After losing to L in the opening year's State Tournament, Buchanan-coach ended their cage 34-3 season. In his first year at Carlisle Co. he saw his team with a 26-8 mark.

A graduate of I School, the Buchanan grad Eastern New Mexico and coached several three different schools before coming to He also served at Meridian High School for one year.

This year's basketball team is

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| 1. Joe Ford      |
| 2. Freddie Whitt |
| 3. Sherman Coth  |
| 4. David Davis   |
| 5. Jeff Davis    |
| 6. David Jones   |
| 7. Russell Turnb |
| 8. Pete Roney    |
| 9. Leonard Lark  |
| 10. Thomas Swat  |

Cardinal basketball player. Ford has one more year to add to his record career scoring total.

This year's Courier-Journal All-State Team is as follows:

Player	School
Jimmy Dan Conner	Anderson Co.
Randy Waddell	Pleasure Ridge
Pat Tallent	Maytown
Joe Ford	Mayfield
Henry Huskey	Male High
Larry Haralson	Male High
John Luster	Lou. Central
G. J. Smith	Laurel Co.
Jerry Thurston	Owensboro
Arch Johnson	Breathitt Co.

# Joe Ford Named To UPI All-State First Team

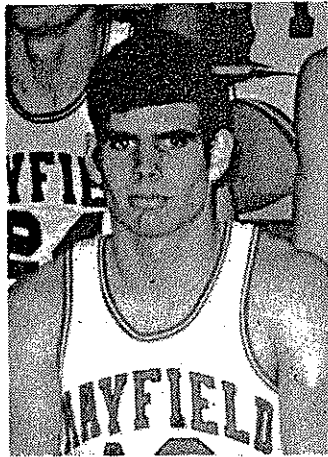
Mayfield's Joe Ford has added another basketball honor to his long list of credits in his senior season as a Cardinal hardwood starter under Coach Bob Sparks.

Ford's latest honor is his selection today on the United Press International All-State basketball team.

The Red Bird senior was named to the UPI All-State second team last season in addition to being honored as an All-State first team pick by the Louisville Courier-Journal newspaper and the Associated Press.

Listed as the smallest player on this year's UPI All-State first team, the 6-3 Ford joins 6-7 Owensboro senior Jerry Thurston, 6-11 McDowell senior Steve Smith, 6-6 Carroll Co. senior David Miller, and 6-5 Louisville Male junior Wesley Cox on the team.

Owensboro's Thurston was leading vote-getter among the



**Joe Ford  
Mayfield**

UPI first team selections.

First Region players to make the UPI "honorable mention" list were Jeff Bean of Symsonia, Keith Collins of Paducah Tilghman, Gary Duncan and Mickie Thomasson, both of Carlisle County.

Don Butler of Symsonia, Don McAlister of Ballard Memorial and Bob Sparks of Mayfield drew "coach of the year" votes, a selection won by Ashland's Harold Cole.

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# Joe Ford Turns Down Dapper Dan Invitation

Joe Ford, Mayfield's second-year All-State basketball senior, has turned down an offer to play in one of the nation's most prestigious prep invitational tournaments.

The MHS senior guard turned down a bid to the Dapper Dan Basketball Classic in Pittsburgh, Pa., because of a conflict of interests.

Ford had a choice to make -- play in the Dapper Dan in Pittsburgh April 7 or play baseball for MHS during his senior season this spring. He chose to pass up the Pennsylvania school-boy classic and play Cardinal baseball.

According to regulations of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, Ford could not have the Dapper Dan cake and eat it, too. A Kentucky athlete cannot compete in regular high school athletics in the state after he participates in an out-of-state journey of this sort.

A KHSAA official confirmed this regulation to the Ford family during the past couple of days. Following a period of decision-making during which Ford contacted another state basketball star who did participate in the Dapper Dan, the Cardinal backcourt star turned down the Pa. offer.

"I telephoned UK team member Ronnie Lyons, who played in the Dapper Dan Classic during his senior year at Mason Co. High School," Ford said last night.

"He said the Pa. game carries a lot of prestige for all players, but he said he probably would turn down the offer if he had it to do over again in order to finish out his baseball eligibility his senior year in high school.

"I thought about it a lot," Ford said, "and I have decided to play baseball here and turn down the offer."

Ford's invitation to play in the Dapper Dan is believed to be the first such offer to any West Kentucky prep star in recent history. Several Kentucky high school hardwood stars from other sections of the state have received an invitation, however. Last year, Jimmy Dan Conner, star of the State Tournament runnerup Anderson Co. team, played in the Dapper Dan. Other recent participants from Kentucky have been former UK star Mike Casey and former Western Ky. All-American Jim McDaniels.

The Dapper Dan Classic is

staged by the state of Pennsylvania and pits the 10 best Pa. prep cagers against 10 top "at-large" players from others states. It is considered one of the nation's most prestigious invitational tournaments for any selected high school player.

In addition to his basketball skills, the three-sport letterman Ford is considered a top-flight baseball prospect. He has earned three letters in baseball already on MHS Coach Roger Fields' diamond crew. Last season he played shortstop on the regional championship Cardinal baseball team. His decision to turn down the Dapper Dan offer entitles him to return to the Cardinal baseball lineup when the season starts April 15.

In the meantime, Ford and his Cardinal basketball team mates begin action tonight in the First Regional Tournament at Murray after winning the Third District Tournament title last week.

# Waddell, Huskey, Thruston, Smith

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all. Tallent, who's going to be the school's valedictorian, Johnson and Johnson are straight-A students. Conner and Conner have B-plus averages.

Conner is second-team All-State. Thruston is Rodney Woods of Lone Jack and Thruston of Male.

Conner has signed with Tennessee. Thruston has 40 points, Gordon paced Male with 38.3 mean besides making 18.3 percent in a row.



**Jimmy D. Conner**  
Anderson County



**Randy Waddell**  
Pleasure Ridge



**Pat Tallent**  
Maytown



**Joe Ford**  
Mayfield



**Henry Huskey**  
Male High



**Larry Haral**  
Male High

Sketches of each All-Stater.

A four-year regular, Conner has 4.7 points and 14 rebounds a season high of 40 points in 1969.

Conner is the 30's seven times, in 1968 at Frankfort in the Conference Tournament and in 1969 in Anderson County.

Conner is an excellent golfer, will forego that sport so he can play in the Dapper Dan basketball classic Friday night.

Conner is headed for the University of Kentucky, where the past two years he has played with Thomas Payne of Lexington and Ronnie Lyons, Mason City. He's also played at North Carolina, Duke and

— "Randy's shooting immensely," said Pleasure

Ridge Park coach Gary Schaffer. "Many people don't know this, but Randy only hit 29 per cent of his field goal attempts as a junior. He hit 48.2 per cent this year."

"As a ball-handler, passer and shooter," Schaffer said, "there's no finer guard in Kentucky than Randy." Waddell, who scored 53 points against Leitchfield, averaged 21.2 during his 92 games in four years at PRP.

A C-plus student, Waddell is undecided on college. He visited Mississippi State this weekend. He plans to visit Alabama and Florida the next two weekends, and maybe Southern California and Western Kentucky later on. UK and Louisville would like to have him, too. Waddell, a fine pitcher, doesn't plan to play baseball at PRP this spring.

**TALLENT**—Coached by Gene Frasure, Tallent amassed nearly 2,700 points in

## Second team

Player-School	Ht.	Class
Rodney Woods, Lone Jack	5-11	Sr.
Bill Gordon, Male High	5-10	Sr.
Glenn Turner, McDowell	6-2	Sr.
Richard Derkson, Cov. Catholic	6-2	Sr.
Johnny Hagans, Hazard	5-11	Jr.
Steve Smith, McDowell	6-11	Jr.
Joe Johnson, Todd County Central	6-5	Sr.
Johnny Britt, Warren East	6-2	Jr.
Joe Stepp, Warfield	6-3	Jr.
James Washington, Frankfort	6-0	Sr.

## Third team

Player-School
Darryl Owens, Madisonville
Rick Batsche, Newport Catholic
Johnny Williams, Harlan
Linn Hopewell, Clark County
James Biven, Bardstown
Donnie Bland, Franklin-Simpson
Ronnie Redmon, Valley
Dwaine Parsons, Lex. Bates Creek
Louis Simmons, Manual
Andy Williams, Georgetown

four seasons and made the All-State Tournament team in 1969.

Tallent can rebound as well as score. "I'm a natural guard," he said, "but because I was the biggest guy on our team

I had to play forward. I averaged 35 against Betsy La...

Tallent, who plans to be a public accountant, said his "open" on college. He visited U

# Waddell, Tallent repeat winners in region voting

By BOB WHITE  
Journal & Times Staff Writer

For the second straight year, Kentucky basketball coaches have voted Randy Waddell of Pleasure Ridge Park as the best player in the Sixth and 15th Regions,

and Pat Tallent weren't unanimous, but they were pretty close.

Of the 16 Sixth Region coaches, John Luster of Central, and Tom Lowry of Valley and Floyd got split the remaining votes. In the 15th Region, Glenn Turner, McDowell's

sharpshooting guard, and another voted for Sam Baker of Belfry.

G. J. Smith of Laurel County and Rodney Woods of Lone Jack, voted No. 2 in the 12th and 13th Regions, respectively, a year ago, were elevated to the No. 1 spot off their play this season.

Jimmy Dan Conner of Anderson County, second in the 11th Region balloting last season, was named best player in the Eighth Region. Anderson County was switched from the 11th Region to the Eighth last spring.

The coaches honored three juniors, voting Joe Ford of Mayfield best in the First Region, Jerry Thruston of Owensboro No. 1 in the Third Region and Johnny Britt of Warren East tops in the Fourth Region.

## Coaches ratings by regions

### FIRST REGION

Mayfield: 2—Sherman Coltran, South Fork; 3—George Davis, Paducah; 4—Tilghman, Carlisle County; 5—David Davis, White County; 6—Whittemore, Symsonia; 7—Mickey, Boyle County; 8—David Alexander, Murfreesboro; 9—Doug McClure, Cuba; 10—Doug Goodman,

### SECOND REGION

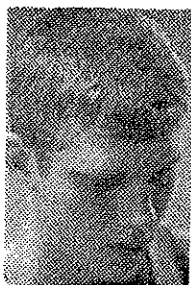
Todd County Central: 2—Darrell, Mayfield; 3—David, Shelton, Christian; 4—Lowry, Henderson City; 5—Maxie, Boone County; 6—Louis Willis, Earlington; 7—Hopkinsville; 8—Lennus Redd, Tripp; 9—Alderdice, Livingston Central; 10—Madisonville.



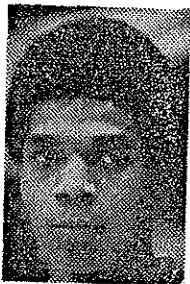
# Ford on All-State



**John Luster**  
Louisville Central



**G. J. Smith**  
Laurel County



**Jerry Thruston**  
Owensboro



**Arch Johnson**  
Breathitt County

weekend. He will go to Louisiana State next weekend. He's already visited Morehead, Vanderbilt, George Washington, Duke, Florida, Alabama and Western.

**FORD**—His 591 points this season raised his three-year total to 1,621, already tops in Mayfield's history. Ford's high games were 38 against Symsonia in the Third District tourney and 37 against Pleasure Ridge Park.

Ford, whose dad coached Symsonia to the quarter-finals of the 1960 State Tournament, is a tremendous all-round athlete. He made third-team All-State as an end in football, he's rated a pro prospect as a shortstop-pitcher in baseball and he shoots in the 70's in golf.

**HUSKEY**—Male's physical leader never missed a game in three years, starting all 96 games and leading Male to an 83-13 record during that time.

A man among boys, Huskey was, according to Male coach Jim Huter, "THE man we went to when we really needed two points."

A fine shooter from the foul circle and corners, the left-handed Huskey averaged 14.8 points and 12.6 rebounds. "Some of the largest junior colleges are making a bid for him," Huter said, then mentioning Vincennes, Ind.; Henderson County, Texas; Trinidad, Colo.; Casper, Wyo., and Kilgore, Tex.

**HARALSON**—This Male star probably is the best outside shooter for a big man Kentucky has had since Jim McDaniels starred at Allen County in 1967.

Haralson, tallest All-Stater at 6-9, hit 51 per cent of his field goal tries, 80 per cent of which were taken from beyond the 12-foot range. Haralson averaged 11.9 rebounds.

Indiana, U of L and Florida State lead the recruiting war for Haralson, but he's also wanted by Western, Michigan State, Minnesota, Iowa, Villanova, Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh.

**LUSTER**—"The No. 1 boy in the state, no doubt about it," said Central's Robert Graves after Luster totaled 65 points and 56 rebounds in three State Tournament games.

"Luster moves so quickly to the basket after he gets the ball," Graves said. "He jumps well, he can pass, rebound (15 per game) and shoot. He can do it all."

A C-student, Luster is sought by Eastern Kentucky and Pepperdine.

**SMITH**—"G. J. had a terrific year under the circumstances," said Laurel County coach Raymond Reed. Smith suffered a broken bone in his left foot just before the season began and again in pre-game warmups for the 12th Region final.

Yet, Smith averaged 22 points and 12 rebounds and led Laurel County to the State Tournament quarter-finals. His high games were 38 points against Knox Central and 24 rebounds against Corbin.

A B-student, Smith will play college ball somewhere in Kentucky—either at UK, Morehead, Eastern or Western. Smith is a first baseman and pitcher in baseball.

**THRUSTON**—"Jerry will be one of the most sought-after kids I've ever had after his senior year," predicts Owensboro coach Bobby Watson.

Thruston, whose brother Felix made All-State in 1967, averaged 22.3 points and 18.6 rebounds. A deadly shooter from in-close, Thruston hit 61 per cent of his field goal attempts.

Thruston's high games were 32 points against Henderson City and 29 rebounds against Daviess County. He had 43 points and 29 rebounds in two meetings with Male, and 69 points and 44 rebounds in three State Tournament contests.

**JOHNSON**—The youngest All-Stater, Johnson won't turn 17 until April 8. He led Breathitt County in every category—27.5-point average, 85 per cent free throw shooting, 54 per cent field goal shooting and 14.5 rebounds per game.

"Arch's agility and quickness are tremendous and made it hard for anyone to guard him close to the basket," said coach Jack Stanford.

Where will Johnson go? "Eastern and Morehead are hot after him" Stanford said, "but they're both scared Western will get him."

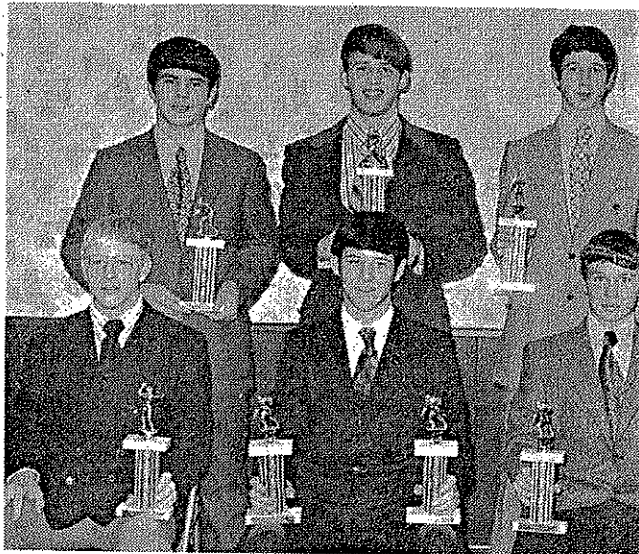
Johnson's other sports? "We don't have any others at Breathitt County," Stanford said. "Basketball is it."

**1970 ALL-STATERS**—Eastern and U of L each landed two of the seven seniors on the 1970 All-State first-team. Eastern signed Robert Brooks of Richmond Madison and Bobby Newell of Clark County. U of L landed Bill Bunton of Male and Tim Cooper of St. Xavier. Leonard Coulter of Danville went to Morehead, John Von Lehman of Covington Catholic to Dayton and Lyons of Mason County to UK.



**COACHING AWARDS**—Coaches of the undefeated MHS freshman football squad were honored during the freshman football banquet Friday night at South Highland Country Club. Receiving awards in recognition for their squad's outstanding

season were Head Coach Leahy. MHS was principa



**FROSH TROPHY WINNERS**—Sixty-four members of last season's unbeaten MHS freshman football squad received individual trophies during the squad's banquet Friday night at South Highland Country Club. Squad members, their guests, parents, coaches, managers and cheerleaders attended the event. Winners of special awards on last season's freshman squad are pictured as follows: seated, left to right, Greg Hill, Best Offensive Player trophy

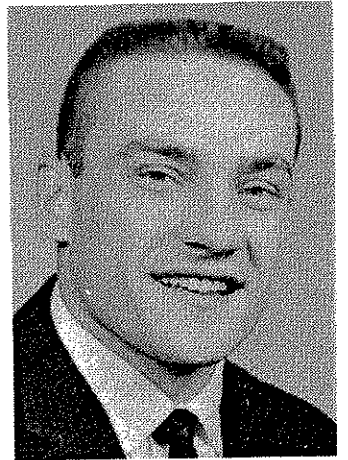
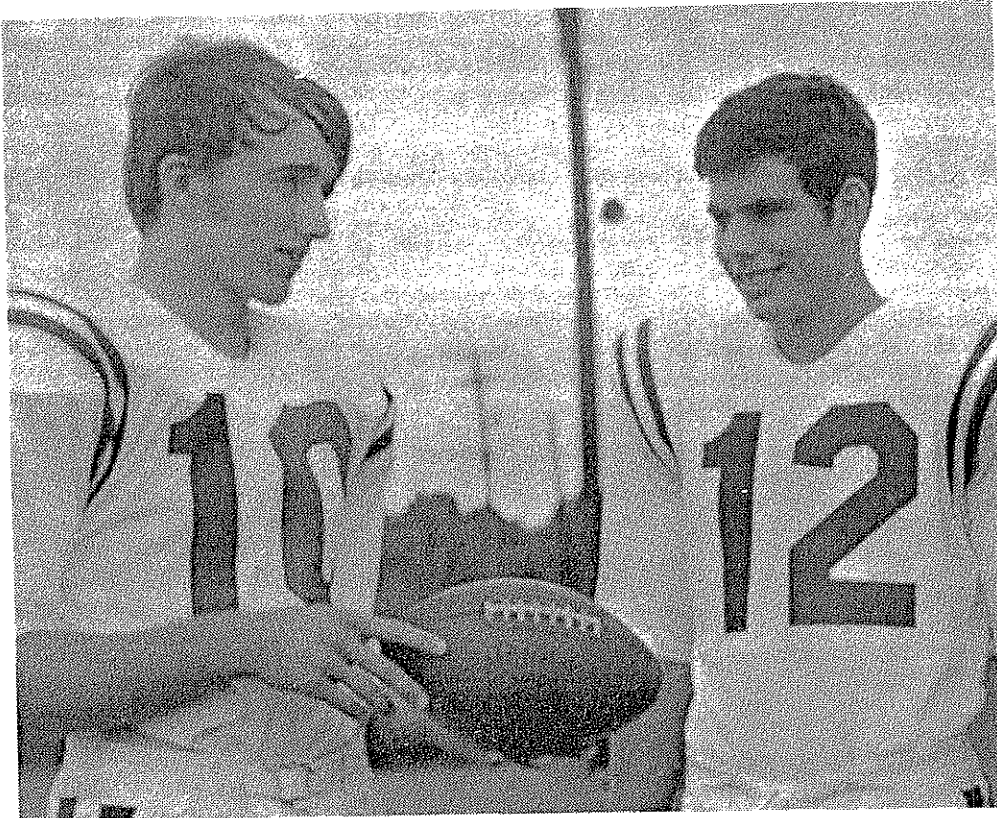
winner; Ran and team Valuable Pla Hubbard, M left, Joey Jimmy Crav Trey Hawk Leonard For Trophy.



**5TH GRADE CHAMPS**—Fifth-grade cham double-elimination tournament in the Elem Program here are pictured as follows: left to r Robert Green, Greg Hawkins and Bobby Ro Terry Thurston and Mark Breedlove.

Fowler, Ford, Coach Morris

# Two MHS Players, Coach Named All-Staters



**ALL-STATERS** — Mayfield senior quarterback David Fowler (left) and junior end Joe Ford have been named to the annual Courier-Journal newspaper All-State Class AA football teams. Fowler was named to the All-State Class AA first team, while Ford was selected to the All-State second team as an end. Fowler tossed 14 touchdown passes, completed 72 of 122 passing attempts, ran for nine more scores, and averaged more

than 40 yards punting during his senior year. Ford was used as an end, utility back and quarterback during his junior year. He caught 30 passes for 10 touchdowns and 271 yards, and gained 195 yards in 37 carries. Both players also played regular defensive back positions in addition to their offensive duties. Both Fowler and Ford were named to All-WKC positions and Fowler was selected on the Mid-South team prior to their All-State honors in Class AA football.

**HONORED** — Mayfield head football coach Jack Morris tied for second place for Class A/Coach of the Year honors in the Louisville Courier-Journal All-State football selection published Thanksgiving. In his second year as head coach a MHS, Coach Morris' teams have completed two-straight undefeated regular seasons, won two district Class A/ championships, and one regional Class AA title. His overall record as coach so far is 20-2. He was picked Coach of the Year in this year's All-WKC selection. Winner of this year's state Class AA Coach of the Year honor was Roy Walton of Lexington/Tates Creek.

following players were named to three different All-State teams

Two Mayfield Cardinal football players and Coach Jack Morris have been selected on the annual Louisville Courier-Journal newspaper honorary All-State teams. All-State player selections from Mayfield are quarterback David Fowler and end Joe Ford. Fowler was named to the All-State Class AA first team, while Ford was selected as an

end on the All-State second team.

Cardinal head coach Jack Morris tied with Erlanger Lloyd's Frank Bruns for second place as Class AA Coach of the Year. Winner of the Class AA Coach of the Year honors was Roy Walton of Lexington/Tates Creek.

Courier-Journal All-State selections in Class A, Class AA, and Class AAA categories were published Thanksgiving Day.

Fowler, a 6-2 senior letterman in three sports, helped spark Coach Morris' Cardinals to an overall 9-1 record and their second-straight district Class AA championship before the Red Birds were defeated by Madisonville in the regional title game. Fowler was injured early in the second period with the Cards leading 14-7. At present, he is recovering from knee surgery as the result of his injury in the regional playoff.

The sterling senior all-around athlete tossed 14 touchdown passes during his last season at Mayfield and also scored nine more times on individual runs. He hit 72 of 122 passes good for 1155 yards and averaged 43 yards per punt during his senior year.

In previous honorary team selections this season, Fowler has been named to the All-WKC team and to the Mid-South Team, composed of the 23 top prep football players in the

Mid-South area as selected by the Memphis Press-Scimitar newspaper.

Ford, another truly outstanding all-around athlete at Mayfield, was named to the All-State Class AA second team as an end in his junior year. He also was another All-WKC selection.

Running from the end and utility back positions, depending upon the offensive "set" of the Cardinals, Ford teamed with Fowler to give Mayfield the best pass-catching duo in the state this season.

Ford caught 30 passes for 10 touchdowns and 271 yards. He also ran for 195 yards in 37 carries as a utility back. In addition to his other duties, Ford was the reserve quarterback behind Fowler.

Both Ford and Fowler played defensive back positions for this year's Red Birds in addition to their offensive duties.

Coach Morris tied for second place in Class AA Coach of the Year spot after completing his second-straight undefeated regular season at Mayfield in his second year as head coach. In each of his two years, Coach Morris has directed his teams to district championships. Last year, the Birds defeated Madisonville for the regional title. His two-year record as mentor for the Cardinals is 20-2.

As selected by the Courier-Journal newspaper, the

**CLASS AAA**  
First Team

PLAYER	SCHOOL
E-Darrell Culver	Butler
E-Ronald Butler	Male High
T-Maurice Osborne	Manual
T-Fred McCampbell	Male High
G-Rick Schmitt	Flaget
G-Don McDonald	Butler
C-Karlos Bruce	Thos. Jeffers
B-Steve Jewell	Butler
B-Joe Pierce	Trinity
B-Ben Thomas	Thos. Jeffers
B-Mike Clark	Flaget
Coach of the Year —	
Elmer Collina, Butler	

**CLASS AA**  
First Team

E-Bill Topmiller	Cov. Catl
E-Doug Sexton	E'town
T-Junior Hardin	Lex. Bryan Statio
T-Craig Leftin	Highlands
G-Rick Grover	Highlands
G-Tom Rose	Boone Co.
C-Joe Billow	Russell
B-Alfred Collins	Madisonvil
B-Dave Freer	Highlands
B-David Fowler	Mayfield
B-Ernie Lewis	E'town
Coach of the Year — Roy Walt	
Lex. Bates Creek	

**SECOND TEAM**

E-Joe Ford	Mayfiel
E-Bruce Carpenter	Corbin
T-Steve Iker	Erlanger Llo
T-Henry Kuykendall	Owensbc
G-Neal Wheeler	Boyd C
G-Don Hendrickson	Cumberla
C-Mike Sterbling	Erlanger Llc
B-Doug Speaks	Cov. Holme
B-Ken Chenault	Bryan Stat
B-Glenn Simpson	Danville

# Baseball Team Hard-Hit By Graduation

equalizer -- caught up with Cardinal baseball after three years as the best prep pitcher in the state at his HS Cardinal position. Roger Fields, who pitched last year without a loss, is ready for

David Fowler, the pitcher, is the only pitcher on any team in West Virginia in three years, five departed last season's Red Bird finished 20-5 in the district and championships. Fowler, other pitchers on Coach Fields' team are outfielders David Kent Stone and David Davenport Kendall, who sustained an injury which kept him from playing

baseball this season.

Returning starters are Mike Adams, senior righthander who won five games without a loss as a pitcher last year, and letterman junior righthander Roger Creason, whose 1971 mound record was 5-3 including several scoreless innings in the Cardinals' State Baseball Tournament loss to Rowan Co.

Backing up these two starting pitchers are Mark Stone, rookie righthander, and possibly Larry Sanderson, who is slated to play the infield if he's not on the mound.

Other returning starters are veteran shortstop Joe Ford, the team's leading hitter last season with a sizzling .475 average, veteran catcher Greg Waldrop, a .345 hitter last year, letterman third baseman Mike Adams when he not pitching, and letterman fielder Barry Kennemore.

"The way things look now," Coach Fields said, "I'll probably use Sanderson at first base in place of Kendall. When Sanderson pitches, then someone else must fill in at first base. The same switching around must be done at third base when Adams pitches. The necessity of learning more than one position will slow us this season," Coach Fields said.

"With the exception of the returning starters and Sanderson at first base, the remainder of the infield positions are open. Kennemore will return to the outfield. I hope to be able to

play Randy Shelton, senior relief catcher, in a regular outfield spot. The other field position is open," Coach Fields said.

"We're going to have tryouts for new players and I hope to pick up some rookie starters for the vacant team positions. Some of the boys already working out with the squad in addition to Shelton are Mike Moore, Danny Kincer, Wayne Lovelace and Mark Stone.

"Although we're weaker overall than any other year since I've been coach here, I think our starters will have stronger arms than last year's squad. This leads me to believe our strong point should be our defense. Our chances this season depend upon how well several younger players develop," Coach Fields said.

The Red Bird pitching definitely will be weaker than last year because of the departure of Fowler. However, Adams and Creason came along strong last year and should develop into dependable starters this year. Creason is hampered at present with a shoulder injury from football which prevents his throwing at full speed. A great deal of Mayfield's success depends upon how well his injury responds to treatment.

Ford and Waldrop should form the nucleus of an adequate Red Bird batting order, although Coach Fields said three of the four starters lost from the 1971 squad were .300 or better stickmen.

In his three previous seasons as Mayfield baseball coach, Fields' teams have put together a 54-9 record, won three district titles, one regional championship, and finished in the regional runner-up spot another year.

The Cardinals open their 25-game schedule with a doubleheader with Christian Co. at Mayfield beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 15. The Birds' regular season ends May 12 prior to the start of the District Baseball Tournament.

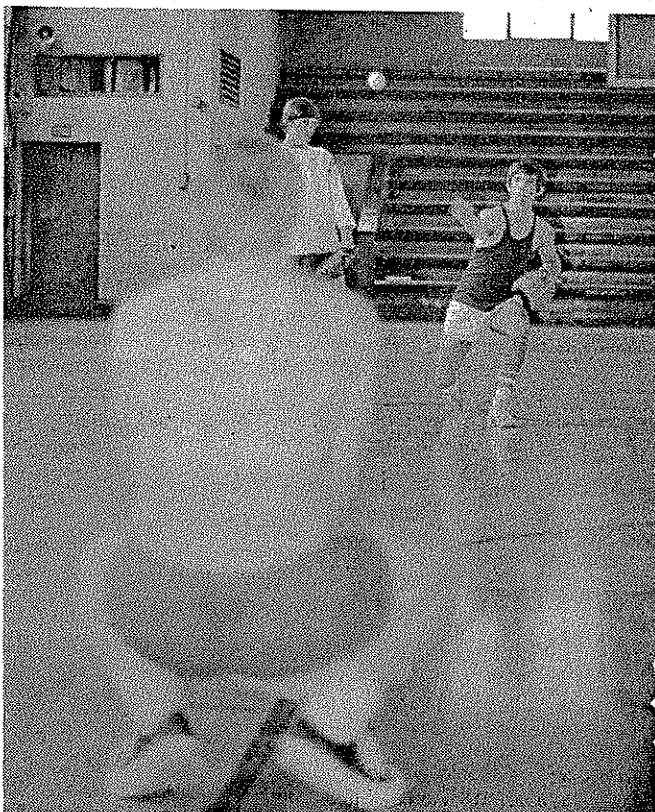
The Birds have scheduled six double-headers this season as well as several night games. The night games were scheduled to give more adult fans an opportunity to see the Birds in action at the ball field on North 17th Street.

The complete Mayfield schedule will be published at a later date.



**RETURNING STICKMEN** — Greg Waldrop (left) and Joe Ford are veteran MHS Cardinal baseball hitters returning for their senior season this year. Waldrop finished last year with a .375 average while Ford hit at a sizzling .475 clip on last season's district and regional championship team of Coach Roger Fields. Both lettermen are expected to form the nucleus of this season's Cardinal batting order.

(Messenger Photo)



**LEADING PITCHERS** — Heading the list of lettermen pitchers returning to Coach Roger Fields' Mayfield Cardinal diamond corps this season are Roger Creason (left, background) and Mike Adams (throwing). Creason finished last season with a 5-3 record on the mound, while Adams was unbeaten in five starts. Completing the battery is letterman catcher Greg Waldrop in the foreground. Creason and Adams are expected to carry most of the pitching load this season following the graduation of Cardinal pitching ace David Fowler.

(Messenger Photo)



**BASEBALL SQUAD** — The 1972 Mayfield Cardinal baseball squad is in mid-season with four returning starters from last season's district and regional championship team. The Red Birds are pictured as follows: front, left to right, Barry Kennemore, David Aubin, Keith Pyle, Mike Moore, Mike Thurmond, Joe

Mikez and Steve Cochrun. Second row, left, Wayne Lovelace, Roger C Waldrop, Randy Shelton, Danny Kincer, Joe Ford, Larry Sanderson, Mark Stone, Mike Adams and Coach Roger Fields.



**RETURNING STARTERS** — Four returning starters form the nucleus of this season's MHS Cardinal baseball team. Flanking Coach Roger Fields on his left are outfielder Barry

Kennemore, shortstop Joe Ford, catcher Greg Waldrop and infielder-pitcher Mike Adams.



**HITTING TIPS** — Joe Ford (extreme left), MHS Cardinal baseball hitting leader last season with a .475 average, returns to his regular shortstop position this year. Here he prepares to demonstrate his batting stance to

four new Red Bird starters, Keith Pyle (second from left), David Aubin, Larry Sanderson and Mark Stone. Another new starter -- outfielder Randy Shelton -- is not pictured.

# Joe Ford Signs Scholarship To Vanderbilt Unive

## Most Widely-Publicized MHS Athlete In History Signs Vanderbilt Scholarship Here Last Night

Joe Ford, the most widely-publicized athlete in Mayfield High School history, has signed a scholarship to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., to play basketball.

The 6-3, 185-pound, three-sport star graduate of MHS was the most highly-prized high school basketball guard in Kentucky and one of the nation's "blue chip" prospects for a year before he signed to play basketball for the Vanderbilt Commodores of the Southeastern Conference.

Commodore Head Coach Roy Skinner was present when Ford signed his scholarship in the Ford home last night.

A Ford family spokesman said the MHS star was contacted by approximately 200 schools, including almost every major college and university in the nation, during his senior year alone.

Prior to signing at Vanderbilt, Ford narrowed his choice to Vandy, the University of Kentucky and the University of North Carolina. His final decision was choosing between UK and Vanderbilt, Ford said.

A straight-A student during his career at MHS, Ford said he chose Vanderbilt because, "I like the coaches, players and the location of Vanderbilt and I wanted to play SEC basketball. Also, Vanderbilt is one of the top-ranked schools academically. I don't know exactly what I want to do when I get out of college and I don't know if I'll be good enough to play professional sports. Certainly, I would consider an offer in professional sports when I graduate if the opportunity presents itself," Ford said.

Vandy Head Coach Skinner made the following comments concerning Ford: "Not only am I pleased to have Ford for his basketball ability but also he is one of the finest young men I have ever recruited. We have several good players and young men at Vanderbilt and I think Ford will fit in and really be an asset to our program as well as to the University and the Nashville community.

"We have had some great players from Kentucky," Coach Skinner said, "and I think Joe will be one of the best yet."

In answer to a question, Coach Skinner said Ford may also play baseball at Vanderbilt.

"Our assistant baseball coach watched him play baseball for Mayfield this season and thinks Ford can play an infield position on the Commodore baseball team next season. As far as I'm concerned, Ford certainly has my permission to play baseball as well as basketball at Vanderbilt," Coach Skinner said.

A four-year starter in basketball, baseball and football at MHS, Ford won every honor available in basketball during his senior year.

The climax of his basketball

career came near the end of the cage season ending in March when he was acclaimed a High School All-American by the Sunkist Growers, Inc., publication in association with the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.

In addition to being named to the top 100 players in the nation by the Sunkist publication, Ford also was named to the publication's Top 10 Players and the same organization's Scholastic All-American Team.

Ford also was named a high school All-American by the Coach and Athlete magazine prior to the beginning of his senior year in basketball.

At a recent MHS Sports Banquet, Ford's uniform No. 10 was retired to mark the first time in history a Cardinal athlete has been so honored.

In addition to his national honors, Ford is a two-time Kentucky All-State selection at a basketball guard position and he was named to the All-State Football Team end position during his junior year under football Coach Jack Morris. As a senior football quarterback, Ford was named to several regional honorary teams.

His athletic ability is not limited to basketball and football. After starting four years on MHS baseball teams under Coach Roger Fields, Ford is considered a major league prospect. He habitually leads his team hitting and during the past two years at his shortstop position, he was maintained about a .500 batting average.

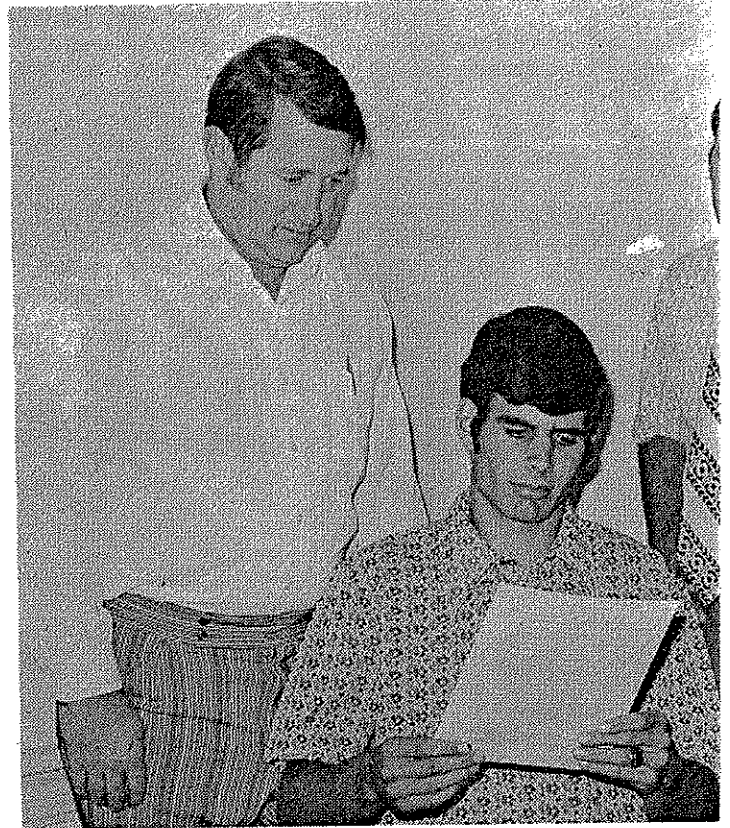
However, it was his basketball ability which brought most honor to Ford in national, state and area circles.

Acclaimed by Coach Bob Sparks as the finest individual he's ever coached and the best "clutch" high school player he's ever seen on a basketball floor, Ford holds two major individual scoring records at MHS.

His 2503 total points in four years is far-and-away the most in school cage history. Ford also holds the MHS all-time individual scoring average for one season of 26.9 points per game. He stands fourth in number of goals scored in a single game, fourth in total points in a single game, and second in school history in number of free-throws in a game.

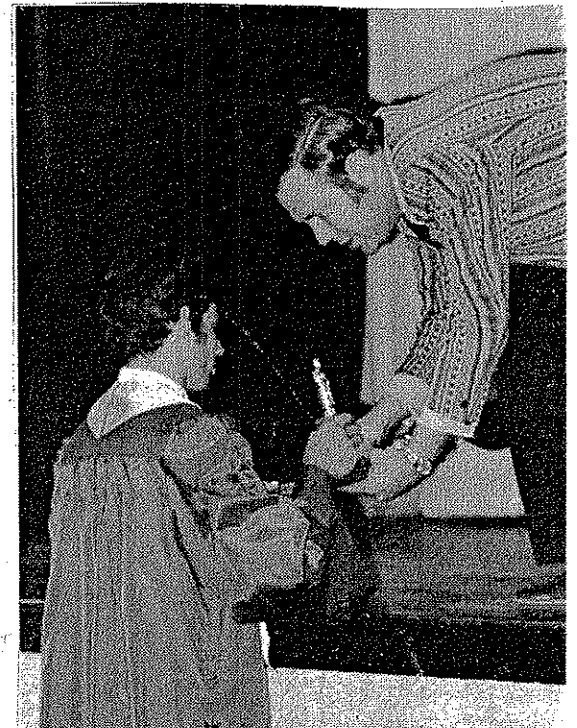
During his four years as a basketball starter at Mayfield under coaches Don and Bob Sparks, teams on which Ford played compiled an overall won-lost record of 90-25. These four teams won three Third District championships and finished in the First Regional runner-up spot one time.

Ford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ford of Mayfield. His father is a building contractor and was former cage coach at Symsonia High School. His mother is Dean of Women and a teacher at MHS. A sister, Shawn, will be a freshman student at MHS next semester.



FORD SCHOLARSHIP — Joe Ford (center), most widely-sought high school basketball player in Kentucky following his graduation this year at Mayfield High School, is pictured looking over a scholarship to Vanderbilt University prior to signing at the Ford home here last night. Ford's father is pictured left while MHS Baseball Coach

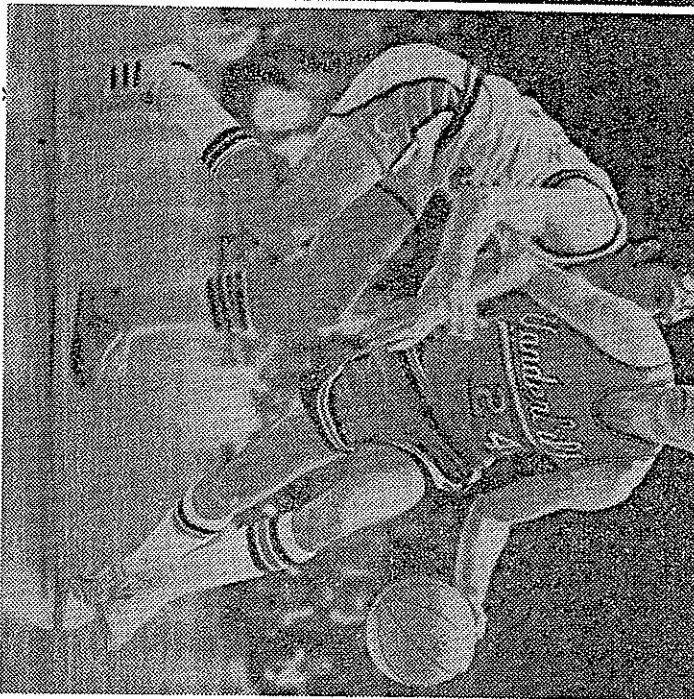
Roger Fields is a four letter in the school career, Ford eligibility by playing Cardinal baseball high school All basketball player University in the f



RECEIVING THE ROTARY CLUB'S AWARD to our senior boy at Mayfield High School is Joe Ford. Presentation was made by Sen. Carroll Hubbard at the Honors Day Program at the High school earlier this month. (MESSENGER)



**BUTCH FEHER**



**JOE FORD**



**MIKE MOORE**



**JEFF FOSNES**

—Staff Photos By Greg Thompson

# Unforgettable Seniors: Their Final Weekend

Facing Mississippi State tonight and SEC-leading Alabama Monday evening, both in Memorial Gymnasium, these Vanderbilt F-Troopers and Mike Moore close out memorable Commodore:

Butch Feher, from Alpena, Mich., Joe Ford, from Mayfield, Ky., and Jeff Fosnes, from Denver, Colo., have been starters from their frosh seasons. Moore came on to make

solid contributions the past two seasons. During their four years, the F-Troop has played in over 100 games each, scored a combined 4,000-plus points and led Vandy to a 73-32 won-lost record.

MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

BASKETBALL RECORDS SINCE 1952 through 1979

Leading Scorers  
(Career)

1. Joe Ford, 2,503 pts., '69-'70-'71-'72
2. Eddie Williams, 1,721 pts., '73-'74-'75
3. Don Hubbard, 1,593 pts., '76-'77-'78
4. David Youngblood, 1,489 pts., '76-'77-'78-'79
5. Jerry Sanders, 1,290 pts., '67-'68-'69-'70
6. Warren Fiser, 1,157 pts., '56-'57
7. Roger Fields, 1,111 pts., '62-'63-'64
8. Orbie Arnold, 1,053 pts., '54-'55
9. Keith Hill, 1,033 pts., '64-'65-'66-'67
10. Kay Hughes, 981 pts., '59-'60-'61
11. Clinton Turner, 939 pts., '70-'71-'72

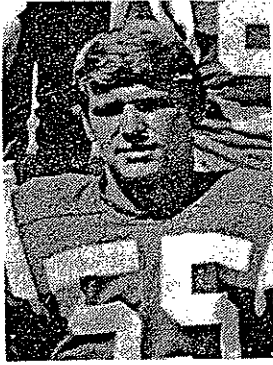
Leading Scorers  
(Per Game Average)

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|----------------------------|------|
| 1. Joe Ford ('72)          | 27.6 |
| 2. Orbie Arnold ('54)      | 26.4 |
| 3. Warren Fiser ('57)      | 25.0 |
| 4. Eddie Williams ('75)    | 24.5 |
| 5. Joe Ford ('71)          | 23.6 |
| 6. Don Hubbard ('77)       | 23.0 |
| 7. Kay Hughes ('61)        | 21.6 |
| 8. Walter Clapp ('68)      | 21.5 |
| 9. Orbie Arnold ('55)      | 21.2 |
| 10. Joe Ford ('70)         | 20.6 |
| 11. Jim Youngblood ('64)   | 20.3 |
| 12. Keith Hill ('67)       | 19.8 |
| 13. Don Hubbard ('78)      | 19.7 |
| 14. Eddie Williams ('74)   | 19.5 |
| 15. Warren Fiser ('56)     | 19.4 |
| 16. Rex Story ('56)        | 18.9 |
| 17. David Youngblood ('79) | 18.8 |
| 18. Bob Henderson ('57)    | 18.6 |
| 19. Clinton Turner ('72)   | 18.5 |

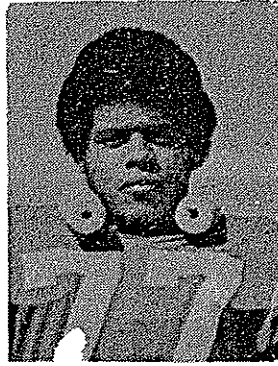
Field Goals

1. 19 - Orbie Arnold vs. Murray, 12/29/53
2. 18 - Eddie Williams vs. Marshall Co., 2/25/75
3. 17 - Warren Fiser vs. Mounds, Ill., 1/15/57
3. 17 - Walter Clapp vs. Fulton, 2/9/68
5. 16 - Joe Ford vs. Sedalia, 1/7/72
5. 16 - Don Hubbard vs. Tilghman, 12/4/76
7. 15 - Eddie Williams vs. Dawson Springs, 12/14/74, and vs. Marshall Co., 2/1/75
7. 15 - Joe Ford vs. Symsonia, 3/5/72, vs. Heath, 3/8/72, and vs. Paris, Tenn., 1/7/69

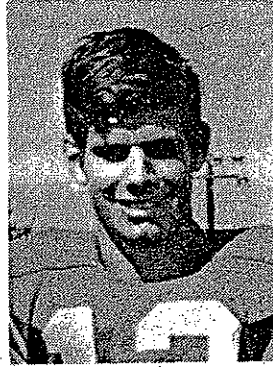
# Rains, Anderson, Ford: All-Staters



RANDY RAINS



KARL ANDERSON



JOE FORD

By BILL WINTER  
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A pair of quarterbacks whose teams failed to make Kentucky's post season playoffs have been named to the starting unit on the Associated Press Class A and Class AA All-State prep football teams.

Billy Fouch, a strong-armed passer from Class A Rowan County, and David Eckdahl, a standout runner and passer for Class AA Lexington Lafayette, were selected in balloting by Kentucky sports writers and sportscasters.

The balloting was dominated by the state's stronger teams, with Madisonville landing five starters in Class AA offensive and defensive teams, and Harrodsburg and Trigg County each landing three on the starting units for Class A.

Madisonville finished the regular season as the No. 2 ranked team in the AP Class AA poll and will play Lexington Bryan Station for the state title Friday.

Harrodsburg finished the season as the top-ranked squad in Class A but was upset by Trigg County in semifinal playoff action. Trigg County will play Lynch for the Class A state title Friday.

Fouch led Roan County to a perfect 11-0 record, although his team's sometimes-soft schedule precluded an appearance in post-season action.

Fouch passed for 1,439 yards and 23 touchdowns during the season, and rushed for 428 more yards.

"He's one of the most dedicated young men I've ever seen," says Roan County coach Paul Ousley. "He's definitely a college prospect. He's just a top-flight kid."

Eckdahl also managed impressive statistics at Lexington Lafayette, which won eight of 10 regular season games, then dropped a tough 14-12 decision to Elizabethtown in a first round playoff game.

Unofficially, he passed for 3,350 yards during three seasons, including 950 yards this season.

Selected first-team offensive ends were Corbin's Bruce Carpenter and Madisonville's Ches Riddle. At the tackles are Eddie Grider of Lexington Henry Clay and Mark Brasher of Madisonville.

Marshall Kearns of Harrison County—One of the top vote getters—and Terry Fee of Middleboro, also a popular choice, are at the guards, flanking center Warren Gorrell of Lexington Bryan Station.

Mayfield's Randy Rains was honored as the Class AA team's kicking specialist.

Holding down the end slots on the Class AA defensive team are Ft. Thomas Highlands' Dan Long and Paducah Tilghman's Adrian Wolfe.

Interior defensive linemen include Mayfield's Carl Anderson; Madisonville's Larry Carney; Madisonville's Ed Baxter, and Paducah Tilghman's Dale Young.

Kraig Richardson of Bowling Green heads the linebacking corps, joined by Caldwell County's Billy Joe Grooms and Lexington Bryan Station's Marcus Hardy.

Deep defensive backs include Bill Johnson, Owensboro Senior; Joe Ford, Mayfield; Bert Bathiany, Highlands, and Steve Curnutte, Ashland.

## Class AA All-State Offense

ENDS — Beuce Carpenter, Corbin; Ches Riddle, Madisonville. Tackles—Eddie Grider, Lexington Henry Clay; Mark Brasher, Madisonville. Guards—Marshall Kearns, Harrison County; Terry Fee, Middleboro. Center—Warren Gorrell, Lexington Bryan Station.

Tilghman. Linebackers—Kraig Richardson, Bowling Green; Billy Joe Grooms, Caldwell County; Marcus Hardy, Lexington Bryan Station. Backs—Bill Johnson, Owensboro Senior; Joe Ford, Mayfield; Bert Bathiany, Highlands; Steve Curnutte, Ashland.

## Class A All-State Offense

ENDS—Fred Bishop, Pineville; Gary Cisco, Rowan County. Tackles—Bill McConnell, Paris; Robbie Morton, Richmond Madison. Guards—Robert Elliott, Pikeville; James Tyler, Trigg County. Center—Dennis Cabbage, Russellville. Quarterback—Billy Fouch, Rowan County; Backs—Wayne Jackson, Harrodsburg; Selby Grubbs, Trigg County; Kenny Armour, Wheelwright; Rick Preston, Paintsville. Kicker—Glenn Bugg, Harrodsburg.

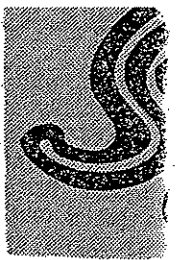
## Defense

ENDS—Glenn Bugg, Harrodsburg; Larry Palmer, Trigg County. Linemen—Tom Duncan, Lynch; Eddie Terry, Pinesville; Steve Haydon, Bardstown; Dan Logsdon, Washington County. Linebackers—Jeff Thompson, Paris; Buzzy Pardieu, Bardstown; John Hugly, Richmond Madison. Backs—Bill Yates, Harrodsburg; Dannie Eddins, Frankfort; Tom Breeze, Mt. Sterling.

## Class AA Honorable Mention Offense

ENDS—Darrell Liles, Henderson County; Rob Queen, Ashland; Randy Leslie, Prestonsburg; David Crozier, Somerset; Cal Long, Erlanger Lloyd. Tackles—Steve Parker, Lafayette; John Lewis, Hopkinsville; Gary Crum, Boyd County. Guards—Steve Justice, Ashland; Carl Crumbaugh, Tilghman; Center—Dan Nation, Daviess County. Quarterback—Rick Morris, Henderson County; Tim Murphy, Covington Catholic. Backs—Alfred Collins, Madisonville; Randy Dorrah, Caldwell County; Richard Gardner, Ashland; George Wilson, Tilghman.

## Defense



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Mayfield dominant prep squad selected

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Joe Jagers, in year stint at Nelson Class A. Jagers playoffs Friday, finished

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There were field, named to the quarterback the a tackle last season Redbird, linebacker the second year.

The other repeat back from Caldwell

Mayfield's other Wilson and defensive remaining two were backed the Tigers,

In addition to F Class A standouts. 82 points and rushing selected fullback. Grubbs of Trigg County Porter McCuiston of

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## ALL-WES

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E—Fred Gray, Caldwell  
E—Larry Dewese, 1  
T—John Lewis, Hopkinsville  
T—Collins Wilson, Madisonville  
G—Karl Anderson, Mayfield  
G—Chip Carpenter, 1  
C—Dennis Cabbage, Mayfield  
QB—Joe Ford, Mayfield



# LETTERMAN'S 1972 BASKETBALL ALL-AMERICANS

High school basketball's best, these are the stars expected to lead their teams to title bids.

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his teammates on the floor. He shouts with each basket, groans with each turnover and will be ready to do the job should his coach call.

John Randich is what high school athletics is all about. He may not make any all-American teams, any all-state teams or any all-conference teams. But he'll make the All-People team of every person who knows him.

On the other hand, the country is full of players who will make the "all" teams as it looks like another banner year for high school basketball. One prospect is John's teammate Roger Powell, who joins the rest of LETTERMAN'S 1972 All-Americans as the best the game has to offer. All play rugged defense, display clever moves and along with scoring skill that special basketball savvy coaches look for.

LETTERMAN'S selections combine all these assets. The best are LETTERMAN'S top 10, those who because of what they have accomplished deserve national acclaim.

#### THE TOP 10

QUINN BUCKNER, 6-3, Thornridge, Dolton, Illinois—A tremendous athlete . . . named to 1971 LETTERMAN football all-American team . . . fine student . . . starred on state champion squad in both

sports last year . . . physical yet smooth, rugged yet catlike . . . quickness galore . . . give him a plus in every department.

JOE FORD, 6-3, Mayfield, Kentucky—The greater the pressure, the greater Joe performs . . . smart, shoots with confidence and has a bag full of moves . . . equally impressive in football and baseball, but basketball gets the nod . . . could play for any club through combined skills, both mental and physical.

JOHN LUCAS, 6-2, Hillside, Durham, North Carolina—Considered by many the best guard in the south, John will play in a state where competition is especially keen this winter . . . very mature, far above average speed and uncanny moves . . . sure hands for ball handling, shooting and tight defensive play.

WALT LUCKETT, 6-4, Kolbe, Bridgeport, Connecticut—First to practice, hates to leave . . . last winter went over the 30-point mark 15 times and still managed 9 assists and 8 steals a game . . . shot 55% from field for 33 point average . . . led club to state title.

BOB MANKER, 6-5, LaHabra, California—Strong, loves the fast break and is as dangerous as any one-on-one player in the country . . . muscles the boards, should average at least 20 rebounds a game his final campaign . . . hit over 55%

LETTERMAN'S TOP 10

Name	Height	High School	City	State
Quinn Buckner	6-3	Thornridge	Dolton	Illinois
Joe Ford	6-3	Mayfield	Mayfield	Kentucky
John Lucas	6-2	Hillside	Durham	North Carolina
Walt Lockett	6-4	Kolbe	Bridgeport	Connecticut
Bob Manker	6-5	LaHabra	LaHabra	California
Dave Modest	5-10	Linton	Schenectady	New York
Danny Moses	6-11	Williamson	Williamson	West Virginia
Robert Parish	7-0	Woodlawn	Shreveport	Louisiana
Lynn Royal	6-7	Hughes Springs	Hughes Springs	Texas
Phil Sellers	6-5	Jefferson	Brooklyn	New York

listening beads of sweat dot his forehead, put there by the exertion of pre-game warmups and excitement of opening night of 1971-72 high school basketball season.

John Randich of Joliet (Ill.) Central High School and hundreds of other young men across the country, it is a night like never. After hundreds of hours of practice, suddenly, it's the real thing.

Starting lineups are being boomed by the public address speakers to the crowd, and John nervously pushes his glasses back against his forehead. He will not hear "Randich" called tonight. Or tomorrow night. You see, he is a second stringer. He has a total of 12 points in his career, garnered last winter with Joliet's squad which played a 16 and 4 record, had pulled far behind. This season he is likely to have very limited action, though perhaps at a smaller school he would stand out, for Joliet Central has a team headed by one of the country's best. Despite this, Randich is one of his team's trcaptains. He has perhaps more than the 6-9 Randich and the super-shooting Randich who will be getting dozens of scholarship offers, represents high school basketball—and all of high school athletics. Randich is the permanent man: working 100% each in practice, going one-on-one with the second team all-American Roger Powell, throwing his 6-2 frame against the boards in practice battles and running mile after mile of cross country in the off-season to get in shape for basketball. With all that, he still finds time to be a good student and a team leader.

Off! The basketball season is on. Randich sits forward on the bench, watching each move of

the 23-point man Nino Samuel leaped for the Kansas crown for Salina Central.

## FORD ELECTED COMMODORE CAPTAIN

Playmaking guard Joe Ford has been elected as captain of the 1975-76 Vanderbilt basketball team, it was announced Monday by Head Coach Roy Skinner. It was further announced that Butch Feher, the other Commodore starting guard, will serve as the alternate captain.

Ford, a 6-3 economics major from Mayfield, Kentucky, ranks as one of the top guards in the Southeastern Conference. He led Vanderbilt in free throw shooting last year with 83.9 per cent accuracy and also passed out 95 assists and averaged 12.9 points per game.

An outstanding ball-handler, Ford stepped into the Commodore starting lineup as a freshman and has been there ever since. He played a key role on Vanderbilt's 1973-74 SEC co-championship team, ranking first in field goal shooting at 50.2 per cent and averaging 10.6 points per game.

Feher will also be starting for the fourth consecutive year. A 6-4 native of Alpena, Michigan, he came on strong last year to average 20.5 points per game. He was also second on the team in rebounds, an outstanding statistic for a guard.

An All-SEC candidate, Feher improved his field goal shooting dramatically last year, moving up from the 39.8 percentage of his sophomore year to an impressive 51.2 per cent. He is considered one of the top pro guard prospects in the country.





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