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December 13, 2005

Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame  
Attn: Nominations  
2280 Executive Drive  
Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Nomination Committee,

Enclosed is supporting information on Homer Goins for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. The information includes the following:

- 1) Nomination form copy with photo
- 2) Historical Date for Homer Goins
- 3) Nominators recommendation letter (Bill Alverson)
- 4) Recommendation letters:
  - a. Paul W. Polly – former Paris High School Superintendent
  - b. Ernest Trosper – former Paris High School Principal
  - c. Janice Cox Blackburn – Paris High School Superintendent
  - d. Dicky Baldwin – former sports writer, (Paris Daily Enterprise)
  - e. Steve Parker – former player
  - f. Raymond Smith – former player
  - g. Jeff Thompson – former player

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bill Alverson

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Dear Selection Committee:

I am writing you to ask you to consider electing Homer Goins to the Dawahare's KHSAA Hall of Fame.

I am both a good friend and a former player for Coach Goins and I am sure that you have received several letters of recommendation on his behalf.

I would like to comment on a few things that may add to what you have received. Just 24 at the time, Homer came to Paris in 1969 to take over a football program that had fallen upon some hard times. With his youthfulness came an excitement that our community had not seen for several years. He motivated his players to perform to their highest potential. I should know because he got every ounce of potential out of me, both as a player and as a young man. We worked extremely hard, both in summer two a days as well as the weight room.

Homer had several good teams. He coached Paris to two undefeated seasons and a state championship. I was fortunate to have played on the 1973 state championship team-it remains one of the great experiences of my life and continues to serve as a source of pride for our entire community.

However, there were other players that graduated prior to the state championship year who paved the way for our successes. In particular was his 1970 team that went undefeated, but lost to Lynch in the state semi-finals. This was by far the best team, with all state football players in Steve Parker, Jeff Thompson and Bill Worthington.

The level of commitment to both team and school that Coach Goins drew from his players was apparent to me, as a freshman sitting in the locker room watching the seniors and others bawl their eyes out after the loss to Lynch.

It was those players, who even in defeat, paved the way for our state championship 4 years later.

With these young men, Coach Goins built a football program at Paris in the finest sense of the word. Built on a foundation of hard work, discipline and commitment, Homer Goins made us better football players, but more importantly, he made us better men.

The fact that we never gave-up was a real hallmark of Coach Goins' teams. No matter what the score was, the Paris players could always walk off the field proud of our efforts because Coach Goins demanded nothing but our all-and he got it.

Homer Goins can be best described as a class act. His years of coaching, his commitment to shaping his players into fine young men and his commitment to our community make him a wonderful candidate for the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

I appreciate the committee taking there time to read my letter and considering Homer Goins for nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Alverson".

Bill Alverson

211 Elderberry Drive  
Carlisle, KY 40311  
November 23, 2005

Selection Committee  
Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation in support of Homer Goins as a nominee into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

I have known Homer personally since 1969 when I was Superintendent of the Paris Independent Schools and hired him as head football coach for Paris High School. At that time, the football program had fallen on hard times and was in decline. Under his guidance and leadership, the program turned around and was very successful. Accomplishments of the football program during his 10-year tenure as coach include:

ranked in the top 10 at some point 9 out of 10 years

two teams (1970 & 1973) had undefeated regular seasons

won three district championship titles

won three regional championship titles

undefeated 1973 KY State Class A champions (14-0)

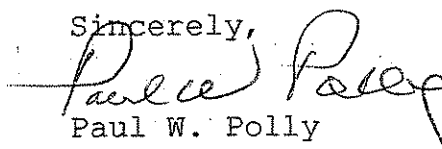
the 1972-73-74 teams had the state's longest win streak (24 games) in Class A

total won-loss record 83-31

In addition, Homer was selected as the 1973 Class A Coach of the Year. As a further testament to his coaching abilities, several of his players received scholarships to universities such as UK, Vanderbilt, Purdue, Morehead State, Murray State, Georgetown College, and others. And, the Paris H.S. program continued to flourish for several years due to the foundation that Homer built.

I was always impressed with Homer's leadership abilities, his integrity and honesty. When he "retired" from coaching, I recommended and hired him as principal of Paris High School as I believed he would continue to have a positive impact on students. I feel strongly that Homer is deserving of this honor and trust that serious consideration will be given to him.

Sincerely,

  
Paul W. Polly

Ernest Trospen  
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November 9, 2005

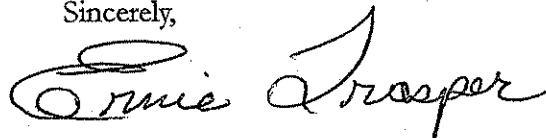
To the Dawahares KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

I feel honored to have been asked to submit a letter of recommendation in support of coach Homer Goins to be inducted into the K.H.S.A.A. Dawahares Hall of Fame. I first met coach Goins in the fall of 1972 when I became principal of Paris High School. It didn't take me very long to recognize the work ethic and dedication of coach Goins to not only the football team but the classroom as well. When he walked onto the football field, weight room, or the classroom he became a no-nonsense person that demanded respect, discipline and dedication from those around him. His won loss record and the ultimate undefeated state championship in 1973 speaks for itself.

However, I think the story of his early beginnings and how he became successful is worth telling. We both share common birthplaces, Evarts, Kentucky. After completing a very nice career at Evarts High School, he was afforded the opportunity to play football at the University of KY under coach Charlie Bradshaw. Being a disciple of coach Bear Bryant coach Bradshaw was as extremely tough disciplinarian. Team numbers began to drop as many of the football players began to leave the team. The team got the nickname of "The thin 30". One night some of the players came by Homer Goins room telling him that they were leaving the team and asked him if he would leave with them. He immediately asked if they had ever been inside an eastern Kentucky coal mine. They said no. Homer then told them about those conditions and how rough the life of a coal miner could be. He said that nothing coach Bradshaw could do to him would make him leave the team and go back to that existence.

As Paul Harvey would say "is now you know the rest of the story". He was never a quitter and he instilled into his players and those around him to be a fighter and never quit. Homer Goins deserves to be inducted into the Hall of Fame and I want to go on record as one of those people in support of this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ernie Trospen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ernest Trospen

# PARIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS



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Paris, Kentucky  
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November 10, 2005

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Kentucky High School Athletic Association  
2280 Executive Drive  
Lexington, KY 40505

To Whom It May Concern:

When I came to Paris High School as a teacher in 1979, Homer Goins was the principal. The students and staff called him "Coach" as he had just given up the head football coaching position. I have heard many first hand stories about Mr. Goins' coaching days and his winning ways. He was and is deeply respected by his players and the community of Paris. Folks in Paris still talk about Mr. Goins' coaching days with pride.

If anyone should be honored as an inductee into the KHSAA Hall of Fame, Homer Goins is that person. He has impacted hundreds of students over the years, both as coach and principal. Homer Goins has always been about Paris Pride and instilling the desire to be successful in his students and staff. I would venture to say that many young people who came through Paris High School would credit Mr. Goins with their success in adulthood.

I truly credit Homer Goins with instilling Paris Pride in me as a new teacher in 1979 and it has never left me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice Cox Blackburn".

Janice Cox Blackburn  
Superintendent

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Dicky Baldwin  
2932-B Candlelight Way  
Lexington, Kentucky 40502

(November 4, 2005)

To: Selection Committee,  
Dawahare's KHSAA Hall of Fame

Re: Possible Nominee for Hall

I would like to nominate a candidate for the Dawahare's Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Before I do that, however, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Dicky Baldwin, and I'm a former sports writer with The Lexington Herald-Leader, and former sports editor of the now-defunct Paris (Ky.) Daily Enterprise. In addition, I've worked part-time (covering football, basketball and golf) for The Louisville Courier-Journal, and have written numerous articles for many state-wide magazines and publications.

The person I would like to nominate for your hall is Homer Goins, who built Paris High School into a football power in the 1970s. His 1973 state championship team, which finished 14-0 and featured four Associated Press (all classes combined) first-team all-staters, is still regarded as one of the finest Class A teams ever produced in Kentucky.

A biographical sketch on Goins would look something like this:

He graduated from Evarts High School in 1962, having lettered in football (three years) and basketball (four years). A two-time all-state tailback, he was recruited by Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky. He cast his lot with the Wildcats, and was a member of the freshman team which scrimmaged Coach Charlie Bradshaw's infamous "Thin Thirty" squad on a regular basis. He was a tailback for the Wildcats from 1964 to 1966. Unfortunately, he spent much of his career playing behind All-American Rodger Bird. Nevertheless, he earned three letters and had a solid career with the "Big Blue."

He began his coaching career at Maysville High School in 1967. Starting the football program from scratch, he and head coach Tom Becherer led the team to a two-year record of 15-5-1. He then moved on to Paris where he directed the Greyhounds to consecutive records of 8-2, 11-1, 8-3, 9-2, 14-0 and 10-3.



Goins then became principal at Paris and coached four more years. He finished his 10-year career with an 83-31 record, capturing three district and regional titles in addition to his state crown. He had over a dozen first-team all-state selections, and sent numerous players to college on football scholarships.

He was selected the Courier-Journal Class A "Coach of the Year" in 1973. He was an assistant coach of the victorious East squad in the 1971 East-West All-Star Game. He also played tailback on the winning East team in that same 1962 event.

His record against some of the legendary football coaches of the era were as follows: Garnis Martin (Bardstown), 2-0; Charles "Chili" Ishmael (Mt. Sterling), 6-1; and Ben Pumphrey (numerous schools), 8-3.

Former UK football coach Fran Curci was so impressed with Goins' ability on the sidelines that he offered him a position on his staff. Goins was tempted by the move but had to turn down the offer due to financial considerations.

In addition to football, Goins had some powerful track teams at Paris. That was the only other sport he coached.

In the classroom, he taught physical education, psychology and sociology.

(On a personal note, I think Homer would be an outstanding addition to your prestigious Hall of Fame. If you need any additional information on this fine candidate, feel free to call me at (859) 269-5636, work, or (859) 269-9803, home).

Respectfully,

*Dicky Baldwin*

Dicky Baldwin



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November 30, 2005

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Mr. Ken Tippett  
Kentucky High School Athletic Association  
2280 Executive Drive  
Lexington, Kentucky 40505

Dear Mr. Tippett:

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Homer Goins be inducted into the Dawahares Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Coach Goins was my football coach and psychology/sociology teacher at Paris High School from 1969 through 1971.

Coach Goins was one of the most successful coaches in Kentucky during his tenure at Paris High School. He came into a program rich in tradition and a history of winning but in the late 1960s the program was in a nosedive. In just one season Coach Goins pulled the program out of that nosedive and was one victory from winning the district championship. His success during that season was the beginning of a Class "A" football dynasty: (1) teams were ranked in the Top10 nine out of 10 years; (2) two undefeated teams; (3) won three district championships; (4) won three regional championships; (4) won a State Championship in 1973; (5) a won/loss record of 83-31; and (6) held a State of Kentucky longest winning streak of 24 games from 1972-1974. Also, he produced many All-State football players and at least one Division 1A or 1AA scholarship student/athlete each year during his tenure. Further, he continued to be successful on the field for several years under the dual role of principal and football coach. I highly recommend him without reservations to be inducted into the Dawahares Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Thank you very much for considering Coach Goins for the Hall of Fame induction. If you need further information, please contact me at 859-257-7904 or e-mail me at [spark01@uky.edu](mailto:spark01@uky.edu).

Sincerely

Steve R. Parker, Ed. D.  
Associate Professor of Kinesiology

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Lexington, Kentucky 40507  
859-389-5350

November 4, 2005

Selection Committee  
Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame

Dear Committee:

Please allow this letter to serve as a recommendation for Homer Goins to be elected into the Dawahare High School Hall of Fame. I have had the blessed privilege of knowing Coach Goins as a man, as well as someone who played a valuable part in my athletic career, as my football coach.

Having been blessed to participate at every level, the attitude, fundamentals and tenacity that he taught allowed me to feel confident I could compete with anyone.

The lessons that were taught by Homer Goins not only applied to the playing field but are ones that I still use in the business world as a Vice President for a bank. Things such as teamwork, goals, competitiveness, aggressiveness, doing the right thing are qualities I look for in employees today.

As we have recently seen with our athletes, old fashioned values are precious commodities. It was with pride that Coach Goins enforced in all of his athletes being a person of good character, appearance and conduct.

Thank you for your consideration of Homer Goins, knowing he will truly add to the quality of individuals the Hall of Fame represents.

Sincerely,



Raymond H. Smith  
Vice President

RHS:mjh

JEFFREY L. THOMPSON  
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LEXINGTON, KY 40502  
(859) 987-1667, (859) 254-9891 or Fax (859) 987-4209

October 31, 2005

To the Dawhare KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

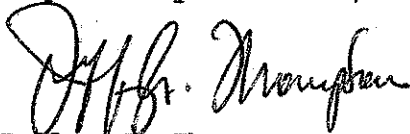
It is my honor and pleasure to recommend Homer Goins as a potential inductee into the Dawhares KHSAA Hall of Fame. I played for Coach Goins from 1969 through 1971 at Paris High School. My involvement with him includes player, employee and friend.

I feel that, besides my parents, Coach Goins was the most influential person during my high school years. I have also concluded that this was the case with my high school teammates. I base this on the fact that the majority of my teammates (black & white - poor & rich) have become successful and productive citizens. Coach Goins was a perfectionist in regard to teaching the fundamentals of football, as evidenced by his stellar coaching statistics. I learned more from him and new more about football than I did during my years playing football at the University of KY. However, his teachings went beyond football. He taught his players and students that we should have pride in ourselves and to accomplish this we had to strive to be "good" people, on and off the field. His passion for high standards had the most significant impact imaginable on his players and students.

Coach Goins, in addition to his excellent coaching career, was an outstanding football player at Evarts High School. He earned a scholarship to the University of KY where he was a member of the "Thin Thirty" under Coach Charlie Bradshaw.

Coach Goins is a model for Kentucky High School Coaches. His role as teacher and mentor to both students and athletes makes him extremely deserving of induction into the Dawhares KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey L. Thompson



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February 14, 2007

Kentucky High School Athletic Association  
Butch Cope  
2280 Executive Dr  
Lexington, KY 40505

Dear ~~Mr.~~ Cope:

Enclosed with this letter you will find 2007 Hall of Fame inductee, Homer Goins, invitation list for the annual Hall of Fame banquet. If you need any further information please contact myself or Andy Sherrow at (859) 266-1120. Thank you for your help in this matter and we look forward to the April 14<sup>th</sup> event.

Yours truly,

*gms call us 333-0429*

Bill Alverson  
Senior Vice President

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