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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pride that I recommend James Richard "Rick" Kestner for induction to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. As a former assistant principal and coach at Belfry High School, I watched Rick Kestner's sports career go from good to great!

Rick Kestner was gifted in football, baseball, and basketball scoring a total of 1500 points during his career. His .385 batting average led Belfry to their first trip to the Boys State Baseball Tournament in 1962. He then played football for the University of Kentucky where he set records for the number of passes caught and most yardage in a game. He was an all-team member for the All Southeastern Conference in 1964 and '65. Also, in 1965 he was selected by Playboy Magazine as a First Team All-American. In 1966 he was drafted to play for the Baltimore Colts. *of Miami Dolphins.*

James Richard Kestner is a role model for individuals and a challenge and inspiration to Belfry players who strive for his level of success. His love of sports is evident and he willingly shares his knowledge with the youth of his community. He, ideally, fits the profile for membership in the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. I am pleased and honored to offer this recommendation for James Richard "Rick" Kestner.

Respectfully,

Paul Dotson,
Assistant Superintendent of Pike County Schools

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It is a sincere pleasure for me to offer this recommendation for James Richard "Rick" Kestner for induction to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. Rarely have I known anyone that so exemplifies the standards and high ideals of the Kentucky High School Association than Rick Kestner.

He was First Team All-State in 1960 and '61 and led the Pirates Baseball Team to its first ever trip to the State Baseball Tournament. After graduating with honors from Belfry High School, Rick went on to the University of Kentucky to excel as a football standout. His love of sports is legendary and his career is without blemish.

James Richard "Rick" Kestner is a man that I am extremely proud to know and think he would be the perfect choice for membership in the Dawahares/Kentucky High School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame. He has my highest recommendation and would be worthy of this esteemed honor.

Sincerely,

Frank Welch, Superintendent
Pike County Schools