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To the KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

Frank Lemaster is being submitted to you for induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame, and I am writing this letter to recommend him. I was his football coach and his mathematics teacher at Bryan Station High School during the late 1960's, and I know him as an athlete, a student, and as a personal friend.

I am choosing my words carefully to avoid exaggeration because any accurate assessment of Frank will sound like hyperbole, and I intend to be as accurate as possible.

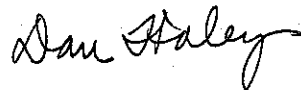
Over four decades, I was lucky to coach many, many great football players, but Frank Lemaster was the best player whom I ever coached. I realize that that is a strong statement. In addition, he was always at his best when his best was needed. He was genuinely extraordinary, and he won every honor that high school football players could win.

He was also an outstanding basketball player and an outstanding baseball player, with major league potential in baseball. He became a star football player at the University of Kentucky, and went on to a pro-bowl career in the NFL that spanned a decade and included a Super Bowl XV appearance in 1981 with the Philadelphia Eagles. I can assure you that during that time he was a superb ambassador for Kentucky high school athletics and for the state of Kentucky.

At Bryan Station High School, Frank was a top student and a model of character and good behavior. It is noteworthy that teammates and classmates who were his friends then continue to be his friends; that the old fashioned values of his parents continue to be his values today; that the humility he displayed throughout his athletics career continues to show through in his personality today.

He was an extraordinary player and he is today an extraordinary man. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame, and it is a special pleasure for me to recommend Frank Lemaster to you.

Sincerely Yours,



Dan Haley  
KHSCA Life Member

# Scouts Watching As LeMaster Rips Defenses Apart

By BRUCE GARRISON  
Herald Sports Writer

The stands were overflowing with high school fans yet there were a number of college scouts watching number 42 in the green jersey.

Every time the big fullback ran the ball, the talent appraisers shook their heads. Almost in disbelief.

"Frank LeMaster is our kind of football player," they said. "We have to get him."

LeMaster is that impressive at first sight.

He runs hard, crashing into the line head first, through the smallest holes for first downs and touchdowns.

LeMaster has gained much recognition at Bryan Station, leading the Defenders to an 8-0 record this year. He is the city's leading scorer, with 18 touchdowns and 116 points.

Friday night against Lafayette, he rushed for 158 yards with a tremendous exhibition of power and skill.

In the third quarter he was at his best.

On third down and 15, he broke up the middle of the Lafayette defense for 20 yards and a first down after slipping through several would-be tacklers.

Not satisfied, he carried the ball for 11 yards on the next play and another first down.

Then, with the Lafayette line drawn in to stop him, the 6-foot-2, 180-pounder swept wide to the sidelines on an end-around pattern.

Showing his excellent speed, he turned the corner and zipped down the field for 31 more yards and a first down on the Lafayette 12.

He wrapped up the drive three plays later with a touchdown.

LeMaster explained that his running gets stronger in the third and fourth quarters. He gained 64 yards the first half and 80 in the third quarter before Coach Dan Haley sent in reserves.

"I get into the groove, you could say, by the third quarter," LeMaster noted. "I get

used to the defense and can pick the best place to run."

Bryan Station is in the thick of the Class AA, Region Three, District Two race going undefeated in five district games.

Tates Creek, however, is also undefeated in district play, and the Defenders' encounter with the Commodores on Nov. 7 will decide the representative in the state playoff.

"I'm very aware that we have to beat them," said LeMaster. "And it bothers me after what they did to Henry Clay (TC beat Henry Clay 20-7 Friday)."

LeMaster, Bryan Station's leading ground gainer, has been the target of opponents in each of Bryan Station's game.

And he has noticed the difference from last year.

"Compared to last year, I'm a lot sorer after games," he said. "This year has been a lot rougher physically."

He has grown and gained some weight, however.

"I was 5-11 last year and am 6-2 now, and I gained about ten pounds," he stated. "I feel a lot stronger."

LeMaster's goal, like any high schooler, is the state championship.

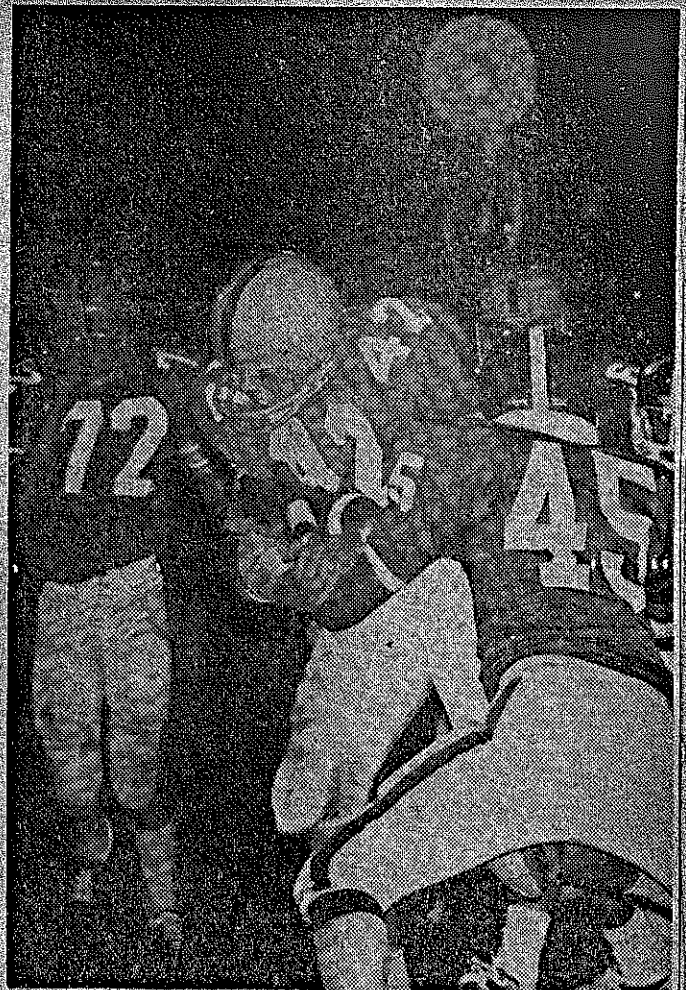
"If we stick together, and make it so we don't make any mistakes, we can get it," he said.

"Last year we made some against (Fort Thomas) Highlands in the playoffs and ended up with our second 9-1 season."

"We want a 13-0 season."

The proposed Tates Creek-Nelson County game Friday night will not be played, reports Commodore coach Roy Walton.

"It just couldn't be worked out," he said. Tates Creek will play Danville on Oct. 31.



—Staff Photo

Powerful Frank LeMaster Gains Yardage

Sunday Herald-Leader, Lexington, Ky., Oct. 19, 1969

Frank LeMaster increased his lead in the city scoring race with 28 points against Lafayette and now has one of the state's top point totals with 116. The senior fullback has 18 touchdowns and four conversions.

Walton said that he is work-

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	Pts. Opp.
Bryan Station	4	0	0	1,000	274
Sevra	4	1	0	857	208
Tates Creek	3	1	0	429	88
Lafayette	3	2	0	375	138
Henry Clay	2	2	0	284	41

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# Defenders' LeMaster, Henry C

The Lexington Herald and The Lexington Leader, Lexington, Ky., Thursday, November

By BRUCE GARRISON  
Herald Sports Writer

Class AA finalist Bryan Station flooded the 1969 Herald-Leader All-City team with eight players, led by offensive team captain and unanimous fullback choice Frank LeMaster.

Defenders' coach Dan Haley was selected in the poll of the city's five coaches as the coach of the year. The 29-year-old Pineville native guided the Defenders through 12 straight games without a loss and a chance for the school's first state championship tomorrow night against Elizabethtown.

LeMaster, a 6-2, 185-pound senior, has been the leader for the Bryan Station team on both offense and defense the entire season. A powerful runner, he has rushed for 1,610 yards in the 12 games in 235 carries. That figures for an impressive seven yards average on the carry.

LeMaster also captured the city scoring championship scoring 170 points so far — the majority coming on 27 touchdowns.

He's the target of many major college recruiting programs, and Haley has admitted that he is one of the top prospects in the state.

Captain of the defensive team is Henry Clay's outstanding tackle Tommy Bryant. A senior, Bryant was one of a few experienced players for the Devils this season and anchored the interior of Henry Clay's tough defensive line.

Bryant, who stands 6-1 and weighs 210 pounds, was rated as tops by his coach Jake Bell.

"He's by far the best player we had," bragged Bell. "He was a three-year starter and was the leading tackler on the team."

On offense, Bryan Station placed four players in addition to LeMaster. Sayre, which had its best year in the school's history, had five on the 23-player squad.

John Sebring of Bryan Station and Sayre's Tim Bailey are the offensive receivers. Both led their squads in catches. Sebring caught five touchdown passes, but also excelled as a blocker on the Defenders' sweeps.

Bailey pulled down six touchdown passes in leading Sayre's receivers who averaged 26 yards per catch. Like Sebring, he is a senior and stands 6-2.

At tackles are Bruce Maloney of Bates Creek and Larry McCormick of Bryan Station. Maloney, an 180-pound senior, was the Commodores iron man before being hurt at the end of the season. McCormick boosted the Defenders' line by being effective 70 per cent of the time

middle. Mann checks in at 6-2, 200.

The backs are talented. Quarterback David Eckdahl, a strong runner and even better passer, is the only sophomore to make the squad. The Lafayette 15-year-old won several games for the Generals through his passing and running. He defeated Tates Creek with a 76-yard run and passed for ten touchdown passes during the year.

Another Lafayette back, senior Cecil Arnold and Sayre quarterback Bruce Isaacs round out the offensive unit. Arnold, a 6-foot, 187-pounder, scored 12 touchdowns second only to LeMaster in the city. He exploded for four touchdowns against strong Clark County in his best performance.

Isaacs, a four-year letterman at Sayre, guided the Spartans' potent offense to a 35-point average. He passed well when necessary and furnished Snowden with his catches and high reception average.

The defensive ends are Sayre's Lynn Martin and Tates Creek's Bill Thompson. Martin, a senior, had great lateral pursuit in covering his part of the field. Thompson, just a junior, was noted for his aggressive play and hard-hitting tackles.

Charlie Sciantarelli of Bryan Station joins Bryant at tackle. Sciantarelli is the heaviest of the linemen, weighing 230 pounds. Haley could count on him for the big play, and was especially

effective in penetration into the offensive backfield.

Junior Alan Sumner of Bryan Station and Sayre's John Alcorn hold down the guard spots. Sumner, who's 5-10, 177, played just about every second of the Defenders' 12 games. "He's a hustler," said his coach Haley. Alcorn, a 192-pounder, was one of the most consistent players in the city. He averaged six individual tackles a game in stopp-

ing anyone that direction.

Juniors Bob John and Ben Branson Creek are two of the tacklers. John Sayre's team top tackles in addition, a 40-yard average, huge 190-pounder, tremely well as intercepting four of the Commodores' fullback on offense.

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Alan Sumner  
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Ben Branson  
Bob Johnson  
Joe Gay  
Kenny Ray

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Halfbacks — Arlyn Brock, Tom Mundy, Henry Clay, Bryan Station, Andre Station, Kenneth Chenauf, Walter Hamilton, Bryan Rose, Sayre, Andy Dot Hal Snowden, Sayre, Lafayette.  
Ends — Mark Monthis, David Robinson, Lafayette, and Ron W. Creek.  
Guards — Mike Coope, Sonny Young, Henry C



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# Master, Henry Clay's Bryant

er, Lexington, Ky., Thursday, November 27, 1969

## Head All City Team

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ing anyone that came in his direction.  
 Juniors Bob Johnson of Sayre and Ben Bransom of Bates Creek are two of the three linebackers. Johnson earned Sayre's team trophy for most tackles in addition to punting at a 40-yard average. Bransom, a huge 190-pounder, played extremely well as a linebacker, intercepting four passes. He was the Commodores' workhorse fullback on offense.  
 Mike Wanchic, a three-year letterman from Lafayette is the other linebacker. Wanchic, a 180-pound senior, used his

strength to break up plays consistently on his side of the field.  
 The safeties are Joe Gay from Henry Clay and Kenny Ray of Bryan Station. Gay, who has deceptive speed, intercepted eight passes as a junior for the Blue Devils. "He'll be our best defensive player next year," predicted Bell. Ray, a senior, played consistently well in the Defender secondary, which set a school record for interceptions in one season.  
 The squad's kicking specialist is Bryan Station's Pat Byrne. Byrne, a solidly built senior, has booted 31 extra points, including a string of 11 straight just before the playoffs.

### Offense

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John Sebring	E	6-2	175	Sr.	Bryan Station
Tim Bailey	E	6-2	170	Sr.	Sayre
Bruce Maloney	T	5-7	180	Sr.	Tates Creek
Larry McCormick	T	6-2	185	Sr.	Bryan Station
Bruce Spry	G	5-6	200	Sr.	Bryan Station
Elmer James	G	5-8	180	Sr.	Henry Clay
Tommy Mann	C	6-2	200	Jr.	Lafayette
Bruce Isaacs	B	6-0	165	Sr.	Sayre
Cecil Arnold	B	6-0	187	Sr.	Lafayette
Frank LeMaster	B	6-2	185	Sr.	Bryan Station
David Eckdahl	B	6-2	185	Soph.	Lafayette
Pat Byrne	K	5-10	165	Sr.	Bryan Station

### Defense

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Bill Thompson	E	6-2	180	Jr.	Tates Creek
Tom Bryant	T	6-1	210	Sr.	Henry Clay
Charlie Sciantarelli	T	5-11	230	Sr.	Bryan Station
Alan Sumner	G	5-10	177	Jr.	Bryan Station
John Alcorn	G	6-2	192	Sr.	Sayre
Mike Wanchic	LB	5-10	180	Sr.	Lafayette
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Bob Johnson	LB	5-9	185	Jr.	Sayre
Joe Gay	SAF	5-11	165	Jr.	Henry Clay
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### Honorable Mention

Quarterback — Bill Silliman, Bates Creek; and David Wilson, Lafayette.  
 Tackles — Robin Hall, Sayre; and Steve Pruiff, Lafayette.  
 Centers — Mike Meehan, Bryan Station; Butch Lowery, Henry Clay; and Chip Beeler, Bates Creek.  
 Fullbacks — Joby Gastineau, Henry Clay; Bill Burke, Henry Clay; and Kenney Coyle, Bryan Station.  
 Defensive Ends — Mike Critchfield, Henry Clay; and Jim Turpin, Henry Clay.  
 Linebacker — Bob Johnson, Sayre.  
 Safety — Robert (Bubba) Adams, Lafayette, and Clyde Mauldin, Henry Clay; Doug Eam, Bryan Station.  
 Guards — Mike Cooper, Bryan Station; Sonny Young, Henry Clay; Jim Cook,

# Collins, LeMaster, Hornsby, Lewis All-State

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**EMDS**—Steele is a 6-2, 205-pound senior, who was outstanding not only in offense but also defense for Coach Leon Dunning's class AA champions. He scored 76 points and is rated a major college prospect. Where he will attend college is still undecided. He's a B student. Collins, 5-4 and 210, also is rated a top college prospect by his hands and fine right touch. He and second teamer Larry Weatherly, another major college prospect, gave Woodford County the best 1-2 tackle combo in the state. Both are coached by Ray Haber.



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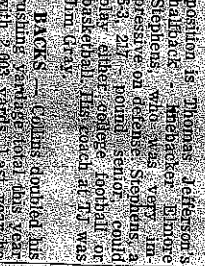
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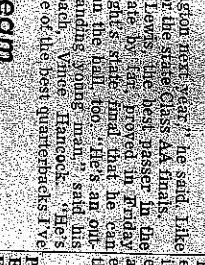
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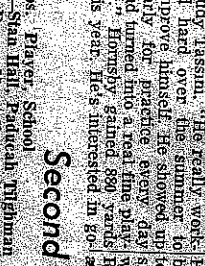
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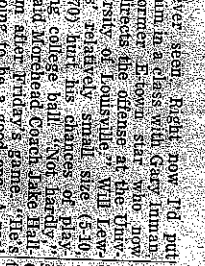
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**Bryan Station Honors**  
**Guiders At Pananel**

Friday, January 16, 1970

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E	Tommie Steele	St. Xavier	6-2	205	Sr.
E	Leon Coultter	Danville	6-4	210	Sr.
T	James McCollum	Male	6-1	225	Sr.
T	Roscoe Bottoms	Woodford Co.	5-10	216	Sr.
G	Danny Walker	Mayfield	5-9	175	Sr.
G	Jim Gardner	Fr. Knox	5-9	200	Sr.
G	Dennis Stephens	Dios. Jeff.	6-2	217	Jr.
B	Dennis Lewis	Elizabethtown	5-10	170	Jr.
B	Alfred Collins	Madisonville	6-1	184	Soph.
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E	Denny Nummelley	Woodford County	6-4	185	Sr.
T	Denny Canaday	Pikeville	6-4	215	Sr.
T	Larry Weatherly	Woodford County	6-2	238	Sr.
G	Harry Wilson	Woodford County	5-10	182	Sr.
G	Bill Worthington	Paris	5-11	185	Jr.
G	Andy Anderson	Mayfield	5-10	185	Sr.
B	Eddie Kirkford	Tyree County	5-11	185	Sr.
B	Charlie Bill Owens	Mt. Sterling	6-1	185	Sr.
B	Mike Campbell	Burley	6-3	180	Sr.
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F	Tommy Bryant	Henry Clay	6-1	210	Sr.
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G	Jerry Sweath	Madison	6-1	222	Sr.
G	Rich Faddens	Covington Catholic	5-11	218	Sr.
C	John Adams	Elizabethtown	6-1	200	Sr.
B	Rich McKay	Harstow	6-0	175	Sr.
B	John Embree	Lakme County	5-11	165	Sr.
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Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Class
E	Kince Hoover	Corbin	6-1	190	Sr.
F	Gary Hensler	Betty	6-2	180	Sr.
F	Tommy Bryant	Henry Clay	6-1	210	Sr.
A	Larry Dudley	Russellville	6-4	222	Sr.
G	Jerry Sweath	Madison	6-1	222	Sr.
G	Rich Faddens	Covington Catholic	5-11	218	Sr.
C	John Adams	Elizabethtown	6-1	200	Sr.
B	Rich McKay	Harstow	6-0	175	Sr.
B	John Embree	Lakme County	5-11	165	Sr.
P	Paul Kinslow	Tompkinsville	5-10	180	Sr.
P	Dennis Tomer	Caldwell County	6-0	200	Sr.
B	Van Pittman	Mayfield	6-1	190	Sr.

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Class
E	Tommie Steele	St. Xavier	6-2	205	Sr.
E	Leon Coultter	Danville	6-4	210	Sr.
T	James McCollum	Male	6-1	225	Sr.
T	Roscoe Bottoms	Woodford Co.	5-10	216	Sr.
G	Danny Walker	Mayfield	5-9	175	Sr.
G	Jim Gardner	Fr. Knox	5-9	200	Sr.
G	Dennis Stephens	Dios. Jeff.	6-2	217	Jr.
B	Dennis Lewis	Elizabethtown	5-10	170	Jr.
B	Alfred Collins	Madisonville	6-1	184	Soph.
B	Rich Hornsby	Grayington Cath.	6-1	190	Sr.
B	Frank LeMaster	Bryan Station	6-2	185	Sr.

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Class
E	Stan Hill	Paducah Highman	6-6	200	Sr.
E	Denny Nummelley	Woodford County	6-4	185	Sr.
T	Denny Canaday	Pikeville	6-4	215	Sr.
T	Larry Weatherly	Woodford County	6-2	238	Sr.
G	Harry Wilson	Woodford County	5-10	182	Sr.
G	Bill Worthington	Paris	5-11	185	Jr.
G	Andy Anderson	Mayfield	5-10	185	Sr.
B	Eddie Kirkford	Tyree County	5-11	185	Sr.
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HE'S A WILDCAT NOW — Frank LeMaster (left), Bryan Station's All-State fullback, is shown signing a letter of intent to attend the University of Kentucky on a football scholarship yesterday at Memorial Coliseum. Also present are head coach John Ray (seated) and, standing from left, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy LeMaster and brother Jim. Ray classified LeMaster as "a tremendous asset to our program."

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"He didn't even talk to me about it," LeMaster said. Surprisingly, his decision didn't come with any difficulty. "It wasn't really a hard decision," said LeMaster.

"I want to help Kentucky go to the top in football. I could go to Alabama or some place else like that and be on a nationally-ranked team, but there is more of a challenge to build one."

LeMaster had said earlier in school term that he would sign after the basketball season, but he changed his mind not long after basketball began.

There are several reasons I decided to sign now instead of waiting. One was the possibility of getting hurt playing basketball and another was that I got a load off my back thinking about it.

LeMaster is currently playing basketball with the Bryan Station team and is averaging 14.8 a game. He is also a valiant rebounder.

He plays baseball, too. "I could be any help to the basketball team or even the baseball team. I'd like to try."

LeMaster's arrival at Kentucky this fall will be a long-dreamed moment for the high school senior.

He will be suitable for a number of positions, including his spot at running back. LeMaster expressed the possibility of being played at that position or on defense.

# LeMaster Gets Dream, Signs With Kentucky

By DICK BALDWIN

Like so many other youngsters, Frank LeMaster had a special dream when he was growing up.

LeMaster's ambition was to play on an athletic team at the University of Kentucky.

Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock his dream came true in the office of Kentucky head football coach John Ray.

It was there that the Bryan Station star waved good-bye to college recruiters throughout the South by signing a football grant-in-aid with the Wildcats.

Also present at the signing ceremony were Frank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy LeMaster, brother Jim, coach John Ray, assistant coach Dave Aloiph and Sports Information Director Russell Rice.

LeMaster's decision to enroll at Kentucky ended a two-month recruiting war for his services between a bevy of schools east of the Mississippi River. He had several reasons for choosing the latter.

"Ever since I can remember I've been interested in Kentucky sports," he said. "I've always wanted to be a part of them someday."

"I also like Coach Ray's program and the way he runs things, and I wanted to stay in the state to play football."

Ray, who recently returned from a "successful" recruiting trip in California, said he was

more than elated that Frank had cast his lot with the Wildcats.

"We have to get the outstanding boys in the state to stay home if our program is going to be a success," he said. "We haven't been able to do this in the past. Frank is an example of the outstanding athlete. He can do so many things well, and we expect great things out of him."

Ray further classified LeMaster as not only "one of the finest athletes in the state, but also one of the best in the Midwest."

"He'll play some place for us," Ray assured.

Also expressing approval of Frank's decision was brother Jim, a three-year letterman in basketball at Kentucky from 1964-65 to 1966-67.

"I'm pleased that he's made the decision to go to school here," Jim said. "I think he's a good enough player to add to Coach Ray's program."

Like Ray, Frank isn't sure where he'll be playing when the football season rolls around, but he knows it will be somewhere.

"I'd like to run the ball, but I wouldn't mind being a flanker either," he said. "I love to play defense, too, so maybe I can play defense some."

LeMaster began his football career "at a Kiwanis Small Fry League in Paris. I guess I was about nine or 10 at the time and played halfback," he

said. "Larry Wagoner was re-

sponsible for my playing the game there."

He moved to Lexington when he was 11 and immediately joined another small fry league. He made the all-star teams in the two years he played. When he was 13 he went out for football at Bryan Station Junior High and earned a starting berth at halfback on the successful squad.

Then he entered the high school ranks where he led the Defenders to 9-1 and 12-1 records, respectively, during his junior and senior years.

The 6-foot-2, 188-pound fullback gained over 1,700 yards in his senior year for Bryan Station, and averaged about seven yards a carry. Probably his finest moment as a schoolboy performer came in the Class AA semifinals against Campbell County when he ground out 233 yards and intercepted a pass to thwart a crucial Campbell County drive that ultimately turned the game in Bryan Station's favor.

LeMaster has not discounted any ideas about playing for some of the other athletic teams during his tenure with the Wildcats.

"If I could be of any help to the basketball team or maybe even the baseball team I'd like to try," he said.

Frank LeMaster is a very ambitious individual. Because of this he was able to achieve his ambition.