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Dear Ms. Mitchell,

You asked me to get some additional information regarding my nomination of Billy Ray Lickert for the KHSAA Hall of Fame. I contacted the University of Kentucky Sports Department and got the following information:

Billy Ray Lickert "was named SEC sophomore of the year in his first varsity season with the (basketball) Wildcats, averaging 13.5 ppg and 9.0 rpg. Started 24 of the 25 games he played in during the 1958-59 season. His junior year was shortened due to leg surgery mid-way through the season (but he played in 20 games with 18 starts, averaging 14.4 ppg and 6.3 rpg en route to his second consecutive All-SEC honor. As a senior, led his team with 16.0 ppg and 7.3 rpg, again earning All-SEC accolades. Also was named All-NCAA Regionals in 1961."

I know that Billy Ray scored over 1000 points while at Kentucky. I think the exact number is 1053 points. If you want me to double check with the UK sports department on this, please let me know and I will.

I'm not sure if I gave you the following information about his high school basketball career. Not only did he lead his team, Lexington, Lafayette, to the Ky. High School Basketball State Championship in 1957, he was high scorer in the championship game with 26 points. Not only was he named to the All State Team he was also selected as Mr. Basketball for the state of Kentucky in 1957. He was a member of the all-star team that played against the Indiana all-star team in the summer of 1957. He also was a member of the 1957 KY. East All Star team that played against the Ky. West All Star team.

I really think Billy Ray is worthy of being honored by being included in the KHSAA Hall of Fame. If you need any other specific information, please let me know and I'll do my best to get it for you.

Sincerely yours,


Gerald Denny

