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Dr. Ted Edmonds, State Representative

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Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame

October 25, 2005

Attn: Nominations

2280 Executive Drive

Lexington, Kentucky 40505

Dear Sir,

It has been brought to my attention by Mr. Frank Dawahare, of Hoover Inc., that an excellent lady basketball player from the mountains of eastern Kentucky has been overlooked by the Basketball Hall of Fame. This lady is no other than Mrs. Irene (Moore) Strong .

She played at Breathitt High School from 1974 to 1978. She helped to put girls basketball on the road when it was just a very young sport. During her years at Breathitt High School, she appeared in two state basketball tournaments, was Miss Basketball in 1978, MVP in the 1978 State Tournament and was a High School All-American.

She then received a full scholarship to Morehead State University, where she was a starter for four years at the point guard position, member of the 1,000 point club, and a member of the KWIC and OVC All-Tournament teams.

I have attended many state tournaments throughout the years and have seen many players, but none have ever been a more exciting, crowd-pleasing and talented player than Mrs. Irene (Moore) Strong.

It would be good for the mountains to have an honor such as this bestowed on us. I cannot think of any other girl basketball player who is more deserving than Mrs. Strong to be a part of Kentucky Lady Basketball history.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would give this deep thought and not overlook this young lady when electing players for the Hall of Fame.

I am looking forward to hearing from you on this matter. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ted Edmonds, Jr." with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Ted Edmonds, Jr.

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October 18, 2005

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


To Whom It May Concern:

As Athletic Director of Breathitt County Schools and a longtime follower of Kentucky High School Athletic events, I would like to recommend Irene Moore Strong for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. Irene was an outstanding girl's basketball player at Breathitt County High School as she was awarded Miss Basketball in 1978. She went on to become an outstanding player in the Womens Basketball program at Morehead State University, where she earned the honor of membership in the 1000 point club.

She was a vital part in the exceptional success of the Breathitt County Girls Basketball program from 1975 through 1978. She was a part of the team who appeared in the State Tournament during 1977 and 1978.

I have also had the pleasure of working with Irene as she was the girls basketball coach at Breathitt County High School from 1989 through 1992; and in the capacity as a fellow educator for several years. I have the utmost respect for Irene and feel she would be very deserving of the honor of being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Again, I would like to highly recommend Ms. Irene Moore Strong for induction into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. Please feel free to contact me should you need any additional information.

Sincerely,


Mike Holcomb
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October 21, 2005

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to formally recommend Ms. Irene Moore Strong for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. Irene was an outstanding girls basketball player for Breathitt County High School, and helped to strongly establish girls basketball when it was first declared a sport in 1975.

Irene earned the top basketball honor in the state when she was named Miss Basketball in 1978. This is a very prestigious honor since there have only been 35 Miss Basketballs out of thousands of girl athletes over the past 30 years.

Irene was instrumental in leading Breathitt County to two state tournaments, in 1977 and 1978; and still holds the scoring record for Breathitt County High School, even though there was no three point shot when she played basketball. Her skill and talent in the game of basketball earned her a full scholarship to Morehead State University where she played for the Women's team and is a member of the 1000 point club.

Irene's accomplishments prove that she deserves the honor of being inducted into the Hall of Fame. She has contributed greatly to high school girls basketball, and continues to contribute as an educator in the Breathitt County Schools. She has coached the high school girls basketball team as well as the grade schools. I feel Irene has made a difference and her accomplishments deserve recognition as a member of the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. If you need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Arch Turner
Superintendent

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October 14, 2005

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

Dear Selection Committee:

Please accept this letter as my personal recommendation and nomination of Ms. Irene Moore Strong for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. Irene was an outstanding high school player at Breathitt County High School, where she earned "Miss Basketball" honors during her high school career.

Irene was recruited to Morehead State University in 1978 where she had an outstanding collegiate career and was a pleasure to coach.

A member of MSU's 1,000 point club, the career assists leader, and an all-Ohio Valley Conference tournament team member, Irene was inducted into the Morehead State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.

During her four-year career as the starting point guard, MSU averaged 21 wins per season. In fact, Irene was and is the best point guard to ever play for the Lady Eagles.

I feel I can recommend Irene without any reservation for the Dawahares Hall of Fame, as she was a great player as well as an outstanding citizen.

Yours in Basketball:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mickey Wells".

Mickey Wells
Retired Women's Basketball Coach
Morehead State University

CARL D. PERKINS
7TH DIST., KENTUCKY

COMMITTEE:
EDUCATION AND LABOR

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

January 26, 1978

Miss Irene Moore
Whick, Kentucky

Dear Irene:

I read the little article about you in the newspaper and I just wanted you to know that I admire a good basketball player like you. Some of the greatest girl basketball players in the country have come out of Eastern Kentucky, and I hope you can turn your ability into a college scholarship.

If I can be of any help to you, please let me know.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



CARL D. PERKINS, M.C.

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said that "J. L. Jackson (Falcon Coal Co.) has helped us on this... he and we are said to be good weight limits are not being now but fines can go to a of \$500 for each violation to the statutes. "Nobody at this new district court n cause and if we got fines we could be destroyed."

creature can and does prepare weather. Some of you gardeners might not feel too friendly toward the groundhog since they are notorious in the garden gobbling up the plants almost before they're through the ground. But they do have a place in nature just as they have a legend. During the fall this furry creature crawls into its burrow and hibernates all spring. It interrupts its long rest on February 2, when it is said the groundhog ventures out of its burrow to look for its shadow. If the groundhog sees his, it goes back to sleep for six weeks, meaning we'll have that much more bad weather. But if the day is cloudy, it stays outside waiting for an early spring. This legend stems from the old European belief that a sunny Candlemas Day (Feb. 2) means six

more weeks of winter weather. Now there are some who will swear that the groundhog can predict the weather. Well, this writer is anxiously awaiting the first report. Let's hope that old Mr. Groundhog decides it's a nice day and stays outside. But definitely let us hope he does not see his shadow. Believe the legend or not, why take chances!

Friday, January 27, the following cases were tried. Larry Duntz, accused of driving too fast for road condition and having no inspection ticket, case dismissed. Eddie Lee Cox, driving under the influence, fine \$37.50. Charles Ray Lawson, disregarding stop sign, case dismissed; Herbert M. King, driving under the influence, fine \$50.00 and cost \$27.50, totaling \$77.50; Gwen O. Cornett, driving under the influence, fine \$10.00, cost \$27.50, totaling \$37.50. January 30, James Warts, public drunkenness, fine \$10.00, cost \$34.50, totaling \$44.50; Carol Vance, public drunkenness, fine \$10.00, cost \$34.50, totaling \$44.50; Raymond Martin, public drunkenness, fine \$10.00, cost \$34.50, totaling \$44.50; Steve Campbell, no registration for vehicle, dismissed.

Panbowl Gas Jackson businessman Edsel has rejoined Panbowl Gas general manager, he told us today. McCoun is a former councilman and operated a appliance store which he sold days ago. The new owners, and Dana Magee, took over Feb. 1. McCoun said he had the customers who had been enough to patronize his six years would continue business with the new owners. Besides being general manager Panbowl Gas, McCoun is president of Penncott Corp. Vice president John R. Turner and treasurer, D. L. Combs.

Moore makes all-tourney at Louisville

ating in the Louisville Invitational tournament was a first time for the Breathitt Bobcats. She had a total of 58 points in both games. She hit 10 percent of her field goals and 80 percent of her free throws. She had a total of 8 rebounds and 8 assists. One writer described her as stealing the show. "One would remember, the writer said, 'her assists before the number of points her team makes scored."

Because of her demonstrated ability she was chosen on the first of two all-state teams. All other girls on the two teams were from the Louisville area. The number of fouls called in the Presentation game gave the Bobcats headaches. There were, for example, 33 called against the Breathitt girls. By contrast only 19 were called against Presentation. The Bobcats are usually not a high-fouling team. Most often the number of fouls called against them is in the teens. Once the number was as low as 9.

coming up pretty soon. We have several games to make up. Soon as the weather breaks we hope to get going full force again," observed coach Mayes Wednesday as she talked about basketball and her team.

The Bryan Station game which ended 91-57 in Breathitt's favor was a good moral booster for the girls in Kentucky's largest city. In that game the following girls hit the indicated percent of their field goals: Irene 60, Almada 56, Denise 78, Melanie 40, and Dawn 83. Dawn also hit 100% of her free throws.

Of course, Moore does score points—she had 31 of them Wednesday night—but to captivate on-lookers, she must only whip her 5-foot-3, 108-pound frame about the floor while passing, catching or stealing the ball.

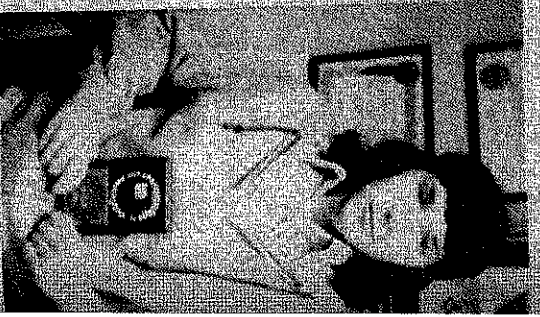
Fortunately Presentation had a bad night for the line. They hit only 33 percent. "Otherwise," observed coach Mayes, "they would have blown us out of the gym."

Their average in both games was as follows: Percent of field goals, Irene 50, Almada 32, Denise 43, Melanie 43, Dawn 63. Number of rebounds, Irene 8, Almada 9, Denise 7, Dawn 7.

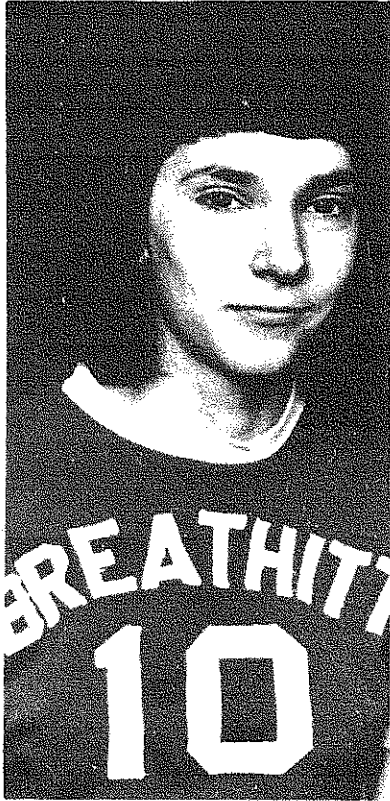
"It was a learning experience according to coach Moore," she said. The Bobcats' advantage of the confinement to a ball court with other teams were confined. "I've played a lot of games and I TV," explained one Bobcat

to be invited to the LIT to represent region 14," said Coach Mayes. She thinks her team is stronger for the experience. "Now that it is over with we are anxious to get on with the basketball season. The tournament will be

Weather permitting the Bobcats will host a home game Thursday night with Powell County. All loyal fans are encouraged to come out and watch the girls play. They put on a good game.



BREATHITT BOBCAT... All-tourney earned at the girls Invitational Tournament



IRENE MOORE

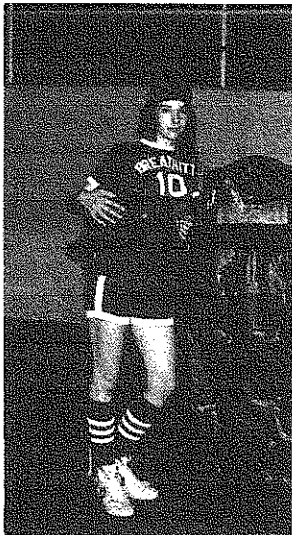
FOURTEENTH REGION — BREATHITT COUNTY BOBCATS

Morehead State University landed an outstanding player when it signed Breathitt County's Irene Moore to a full basketball scholarship.

Moore, a 5-3, 108-pound guard, averaged 20 points, four rebounds and six assists per game while leading Breathitt County to a 31-2 record and the runner-up spot in the State Tournament.

And she earned the Joe Billy Mansfield award as the best girls' basketball player in Kentucky.

During her senior year, Moore earned All-District, All-Region and All-State tournament honors, as well as All-State and All-Louisville Invitational Tournament honors. She was most valuable player for Breathitt County's team four years in a row and this year, under the guidance of Coach Joyce C. Mayes, she won the team's Most Assists Award and Best Free Throw Percentage Trophy.



Congratulations

to

ALL-STAR

IRENE MOORE

Winner of

Jo Billy Mansfield Award

at the

State Tournament

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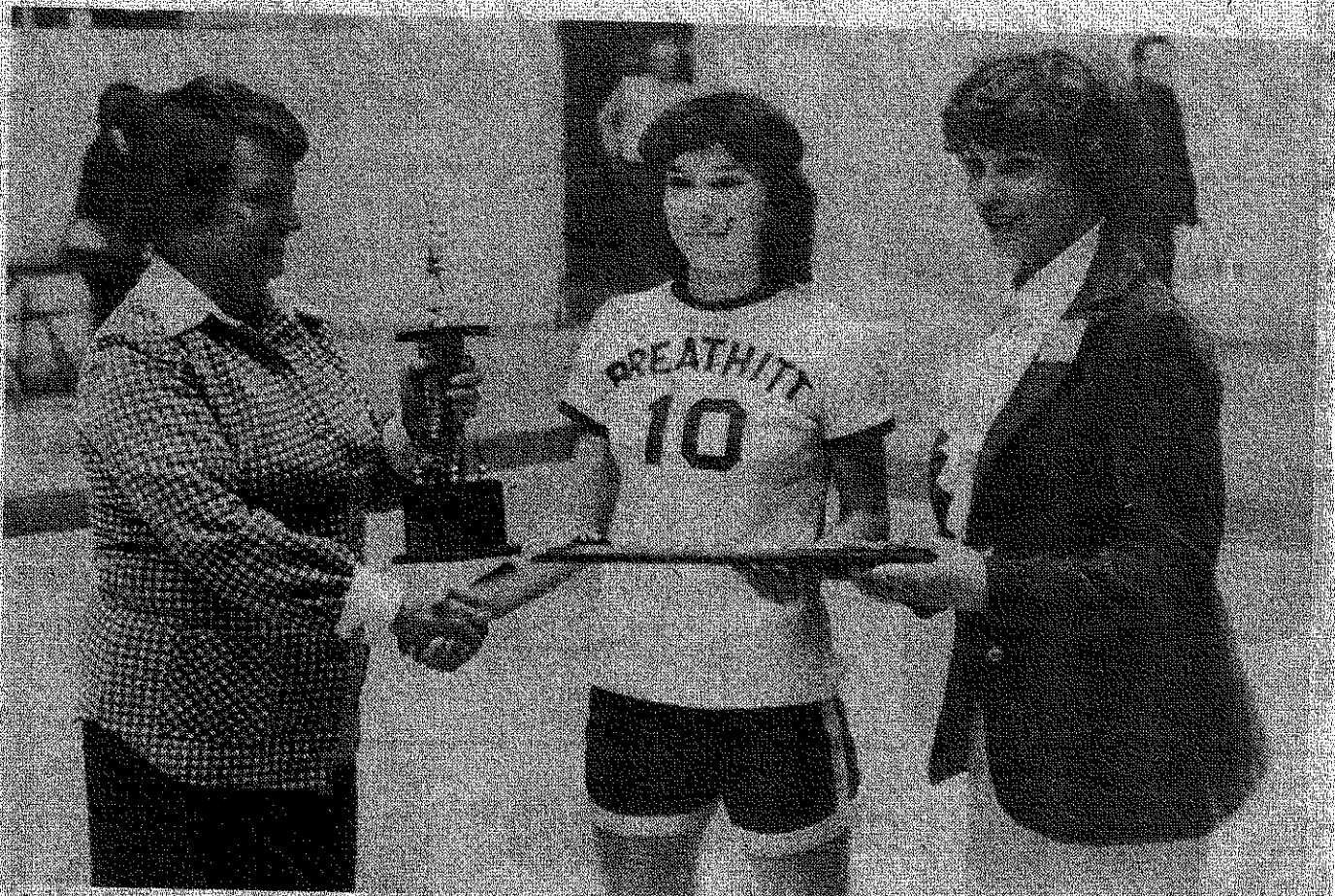
MISS BASKETBALL

IRENE MOORE



R. C. BOTTLING CO.

OF JACKSON



Irene Moore [center] was named Outstanding Player and receives plaque from Diane Caines, left, Assistant Commissioner for Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

Irene Moore named outstanding player

Diane Caines, assistant Commissioner for Kentucky High School Athletic Association presented Irene with her J.B. Mansfield Award. It was a great honor to receive the award as it represented the player in the tournament with outstanding basketball ability, academic scholarship, sportmanship, and citizenship. The plaque was presented to only one player in the tournament.

The trophy that Irene received was in recognition of her being select as a member of the all-tournament team. Melanie Gross also received a trophy for the same honor.

Irene has received a grant in aid to play basketball at Morehead University. Morehead coach said he needed one small guard to round out his team of bigger girls. Irene filled

the bill. She will ver probably start as a point guard. Her position at Morehead will be the same as the role Kyle Marcy plays at UK.

At the reception Sunday afternoon Mr. Toler summarized Irene's contributions to girls basketball when he said, "Irene Moore has done more for basketball in the past four year than anyone I know."

Commonwealth of Kentucky

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TED EDMONDS, Ph.D.
State Representative
91st District

COMMITTEES:
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October 3, 2005

Commissioner Brigid DeVries
KHSAA Board of Control
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Commissioner DeVries:

It is my distinct pleasure to nominate Irene Moore Strong for the Kentucky High School Hall of Fame.

Irene attended Breathitt County High School and graduated in 1978. She led her team to the State Tournament in 1977 and 1978. In 1978, Breathitt County reached the final game where Irene was selected as Most Valuable Player, also won the J.B. Mansfield Award, and was selected to the First Team All -State. Several other awards were bestowed upon Ms. Strong, including Kentucky's Miss Basketball and High School All-American.

After high school, Irene attended Morehead State University (MSU) where she played with some of the best, including Donna Murphy. Irene played point guard and today still holds the MSU school record for most assists. She was recently inducted into the MSU Hall of Fame.

Ms. Strong's dedication to her school is part of the reason for my nomination. Irene was a role model for many athletes. She dedicated herself to her sport and treated everyone she met with kindness and respect. She was a lady first and athlete second. She meant a great deal to Breathitt County High School and was (and is) a wonderful representative of the Commonwealth.

I urge your favorable consideration of Ms. Irene Moore Strong to the Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Ted Edmonds".

Ted "Teddy" Edmonds
State Representative

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JOHNNY RAY TURNER
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS CHAIR

29TH DISTRICT
P.O. Box 5
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October 10, 2005

Commissioner Brigid DeVries
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington KY 40505

Dear Commissioner DeVries:

It is my pleasure to nominate Ms. Irene Moore Strong for induction into the Kentucky High School Hall of Fame.

As a former high school coach, I closely followed Ms. Strong's basketball career and found her to be a good role model for young women. In 1978 she was named Kentucky's Miss Basketball. She went on to Morehead State University where she continued to excel in her sport.

I believe she continues to be a role model for young women and would be a wonderful addition to the Kentucky High School Hall of Fame. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Johnny Ray Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Johnny Ray Turner
Senate Democratic Caucus Chair

KENTUCKY STATE SENATE



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October 10, 2005

Mr. Butch Cope
2280 Executive Drive
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Johnny Ray Turner
Senate Democratic Caucus Chair

Irene Moore-Strong

Growing up as a child in the hills of Eastern Kentucky, Irene Moore-Strong could always be found wherever there was a basketball goal. Whether playing in any type of weather or by pole light after the sun went down, this young, aspiring athlete was seldom seen without a basketball in her hands. When forced to stay inside, Moore-Strong would often create her own basketball goal, molding a rim out of a wire clothes hanger and sneaking rolled-up socks out of the dresser drawers to use as a ball.

During Moore-Strong's freshman year at Breathitt County High School in 1974, girls' basketball was introduced at the high school level. Had it not been for the inclusion of this sport in her school's athletic program, Moore-Strong is convinced that she would have ended up as a high school dropout. Although she admits that she hated to attend school, Moore-Strong said she was inspired to make good grades so that she would be eligible to play basketball during her four years at BHS. Her determination to succeed in the sport paid off in the 1977-78 season when she led her team to the championship game of the Kentucky State Tournament. During this time, Moore-Strong received numerous, prestigious awards. In addition to being selected to the Louisville Invitational Tournament (L.I.T.) All Tournament Team, Moore-Strong also received the Joe Billy Mansfield Award as the tournament's Most Valuable Player, the only other award presented that year to female basketball players other than all-tournament team members. In 1978, Moore-Strong went on to become a first team all-starter member of the East-West team in the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star Game. She was named as a member of Who's Who Among America's High School Students and was honored as Kentucky's Miss Basketball. Moore-Strong finished her high school career with an impressive team record of 112 wins and 11 losses.

Upon graduation from high school, Moore-Strong received a scholarship to attend Morehead State University, where she started for four years as a point guard. Today, she is acknowledged as being the best guard to have ever played for the Morehead Lady Eagles and still holds the record for the "most assists" among both male and female athletes who have attended the college. Just recently, she was inducted into Morehead State's Hall of Fame and was acknowledged for being a member of the 1000 point club and for having achieved 499 assists during her lucrative career.

After receiving a degree in Physical Education/Health for grades K-12, Moore-Strong returned to her native Breathitt County where she has served as an elementary teacher and basketball coach for various grades throughout the years. In honor of her outstanding athletic accomplishments as a LadyCat while at Breathitt High School from 1974-78 and her service as an educator with the Breathitt County School System from 1982-present, Mrs. Moore-Strong's basketball jersey #10 was retired and can now be viewed in the trophy cases located in the Fairce O. Wood's Coliseum. Currently, Irene Moore-Strong teaches Physical Education and Health at L.B.J. Elementary in Jackson, KY. Once described as "the most excited player to have ever played in the State Tournament," Mrs. Moore-Strong still loves to play and/or watch the sport. However, she now spends the bulk of her time encouraging and motivating her young pupils to work hard so that they, too, may achieve their dreams.

