

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE ALVIN C. RATLIFF TO THE
KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME. ALVIN
IS WELL QUALIFIED, AND SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF THE
DAWHARES HALL OF FAME.

HIS QUALIFICATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

AS A PLAYER -----

ALL STATE , 1ST TEAM – 1965
KENTUCKY/INDIANA ALL STARS 1965
EAST/WEST ALL STARS – 1965
HONORABLE MENTION ALL AMERICAN – 1965
SIGNED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY – 1965

AS A COACH ----- 28 YEARS

WOLFE COUNTY
JOHNSON CENTRAL
BATH COUNTY

- A. OVER 400 WINS BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL
- B. TWO REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – JOHNSON CENTRAL, GIRLS BASKETBALL 1985 AND 1986
- C. CLASS “A” REGIONAL CHAMPS, BATH COUNTY, BOYS BASKETBALL, 1998
- D. COACHED HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL SIX YEARS AT WOLFE COUNTY
- E. ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH AT JOHNSON AND BATH COUNTY
- F. REGIONAL CROSS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP, JOHNSON CENTRAL, GIRLS – 1984
- G. NUMEROUS STATE QUALIFIERS IN BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTY.

ALVIN LEFT KENTUCKY AND WENT TO VIETNAM, WHERE HE
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HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME, WHERE HE PLAYED COLLEGE BASKETBALL. UPON GRADUATION, HE SIGNED A PRO CONTRACT WITH THE NBA, ATLANTA HAWKS. A KNEE INJURY PREVENTED HIM FROM FURTHER PLAY.

IN THE 15TH REGION, ALVIN WAS CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE TOP FIFTY PLAYERS OF ALL TIMES, AND HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE SECOND TOP PLAYER IN THE 57TH DISTRICT.

ALVIN RESIDES IN MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY WITH HIS WIFE CONNIE AND THEIR TWO SONS, SHANE AND JOSHUA.



Hoopin' It Up

Drawing Shelby Doesn't Bother Lincoln Coach

By BOB WHITE

Drawing the state's No. 1 high school basketball team, Shelby County, in the first round of the 30th District Tournament doesn't bother Lincoln Institute coach Sammy Moore.

"That's fine with me," said Moore yesterday. "I'd just as soon find out how we stand then than go to the regional final and then get knocked out."

Last season, Lincoln Institute beat Shelby County 58-56 in the district final, but Oldham County eliminated both teams in the Eighth Region meet.



Sammy Moore

Shelby County—leader in The Courier-Journal's Litkenhous Ratings for the second straight week—has most of its boys back from a year ago; Lincoln Institute lost 10 players.

But one player back for Lincoln is 5-foot-11½ guard Morris Stoner, who is averaging 30.2 points in 17 games.

"He's one of the best all-around guards in the state," claims Moore. In two games against Shelby County this season, Stoner scored 31 and 21 points. Still, Lincoln lost 75-49 and 96-63.

Tonight, Lincoln visits Lexington Dunbar, the No. 2 ranked team. "It'll be a big test for us and Morris," says Moore, who in 1952 was the star of Central's national Negro championship team.

Ratliff Plays With Cast

Male High fans, who are waiting for Theodore Rose to recover from his broken arm injury, should be interested in how Meade Memorial's Alvin Ratliff is progressing.

Ratliff has scored 68 points in five games he played since suffering a hairline fracture of his left wrist on January 14.

"His shooting actually has been off," says coach Wendell Wallen, "but his rebounding has been tremendous." The 6-5½ Ratliff grabbed 23 rebounds against Prestonsburg and 21 against Montgomery County.

Ratliff still has a cast on his wrist, but before each game an inch of foam rubber is wrapped around the cast and tied down by elastic bandages.

"There are no rules against playing with a cast on," explains Wallen. "Before each game, we show the officials Ratliff's wrist and each time they have agreed the wrappings were soft enough not to endanger any of the other players."

Planning to see Ratliff and Martin's Larry Hall play against each other tonight at Prestonsburg is Gene Rhodes, Western State College assistant coach. Rhodes, too, will get a look at Prestonsburg guard Freddie Sester, whose team plays Ashland in the twin-bill.

Western also is interested in Central's 6-6 center Russell Golden. Bellarmine College coach Alex Groza, and Rhodes, are both high on Lexington Dunbar guard Robert Washington.

Making plans yesterday to see Flaget and DeSales in the upcoming district tournaments was an assistant coach for the University of Oklahoma. OU is interested in Flaget's Jerry King and DeSales' Rich Deppe.

21st Straight For North

"The only one I really feel sure they go all the way," writes Connie her postcard entry for The C.-J.'s "Connie has picked a good team. Jets have won 21 straight games.

Other regional champions Connie Tournament here March 17-20 are,

Second—Earlington; Third—Brea Co.; Fifth—Allen Co.; Sixth—Eliza—St. Xavier; Eighth—Shelby Co.; 10th—Bourbon Co.; 11th—Lexingto 13th—Corbin; 14th—Hazard; 15th—

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Kentucky Stars Explode Past Indiana By 90-80

By LEE MUELLER

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 19 — Kentucky's All-Star team, building up a 15-point lead in the first half and then seeing it melt to one point, exploded in the second half here tonight for another 15-point working edge and went on to defeat the Indiana All-Stars by 90-80, setting up a possible Blue Grass sweep for the first time in eight years.

Much to the dismay of the 11,109 spectators, the Kentucky All-Stars displayed expected superior rebounding, but outplayed the Hoosiers at guard where Nicoson had hoped his team would make up for its lack of height.

Robert Washington of Lexington Dunbar and Bobby Hiles of Maysville and Dave Hickey of Covington Holy Cross completely outplayed the Hoosiers outside.



Washington who tied Meade Mueller

Memorial's Alvin Ratliff for runner-up scoring honors with 13, left the crowd gasping on several occasions with deft passing and aggressive defensive play.

The guards' main targets were Tom Hagan, the game's high scorer with 22, and Ratliff.

Hagen, 6-2 forward, maneuvered for off-balance jump shots and criss. Ratliff, who grabbed eight rebounds, scored most of his points under the basket.

Butch Beard, who suffered this week from a sprained ankle, played tonight. Scoring four points and pulling down six rebounds—but he was not the fabulous Beard Kentuckians know so well. He still impressed Hoosiers with his tremendous determination.

Nicoson had no excuses. "They just beat us."

With a nod, he added, "This is the best Kentucky team I've ever seen."

Nicoson has coached the Indiana All-Stars for 14 straight years.

Kentucky, with a rebounding bulge of 60-49, was led by Wayne Carby of St. Xaver, who pulled off 13. Little 5-foot-11 Hickey was second with nine rebounds.

Although obviously outclassed, Indiana still had five players in double figures. Dave Harvey was high for the Hoosiers with 17. Earl Schneider and Bill Keller had 12 each and Don Curnutt and Adolph Pulliam had 10 apiece.

Kentucky used the rebounding advantage in the early moments of the second half to sew up the game.

Getting balanced scoring from its entire lineup, Coach Lou Reibel's all-stars built up a 15-

Kentucky (90)	G	F	Reb.	PF	T
Hagan	7-10	8-11	2	4	22
King	3-5	0-1	7	3	6
Golden	4-5	0-0	7	4	8
Hiles	2-5	2-3	2	1	6
Washington	6-11	1-3	4	4	13
Beard	2-5	0-1	6	2	4
Carby	3-12	2-2	13	0	8
Ratliff	4-5	5-9	8	1	13
Anglin	2-5	2-2	0	1	6
Hickey	1-6	2-2	2	0	4

Totals 34-69 22-38 60 20 90

Indiana (80)	G	F	Reb.	PF	T
Curnutt	4-12	2-2	1	3	10
Curry	0-3	2-2	1	1	2
Taylor	1-6	2-3	5	3	4
Keller	6-13	0-2	2	2	12
Moses	1-6	2-3	1	4	4
Pulliam	4-14	2-2	10	2	10
Schneider	6-15	0-0	7	4	12
Harvey	6-10	5-6	6	5	17
Kidwell	2-3	2-4	3	2	6
Humes	1-4	1-1	2	1	3

Totals 31-86 15-25 59 27 80
Kentucky 45 45-90
Indiana 47 43-80

Dave Harvey of Indianapolis Tech hit three straight jumpers from the side to lead the rally.

Behind by 13 on four occasions, the slow-starting Indiana boys quickly whittled away a seemingly safe 23-15 Kentucky advantage with eight minutes remaining, using a half-court press effectively.

Kentucky refused to fold, however, and scored eight straight points for its halftime margin. Four were tallied by Tom Hagen of Louisville St. Xavier and four by Ratliff.

Kentucky had bolted from the starting gate like a long-legged thoroughbred in a pony race.

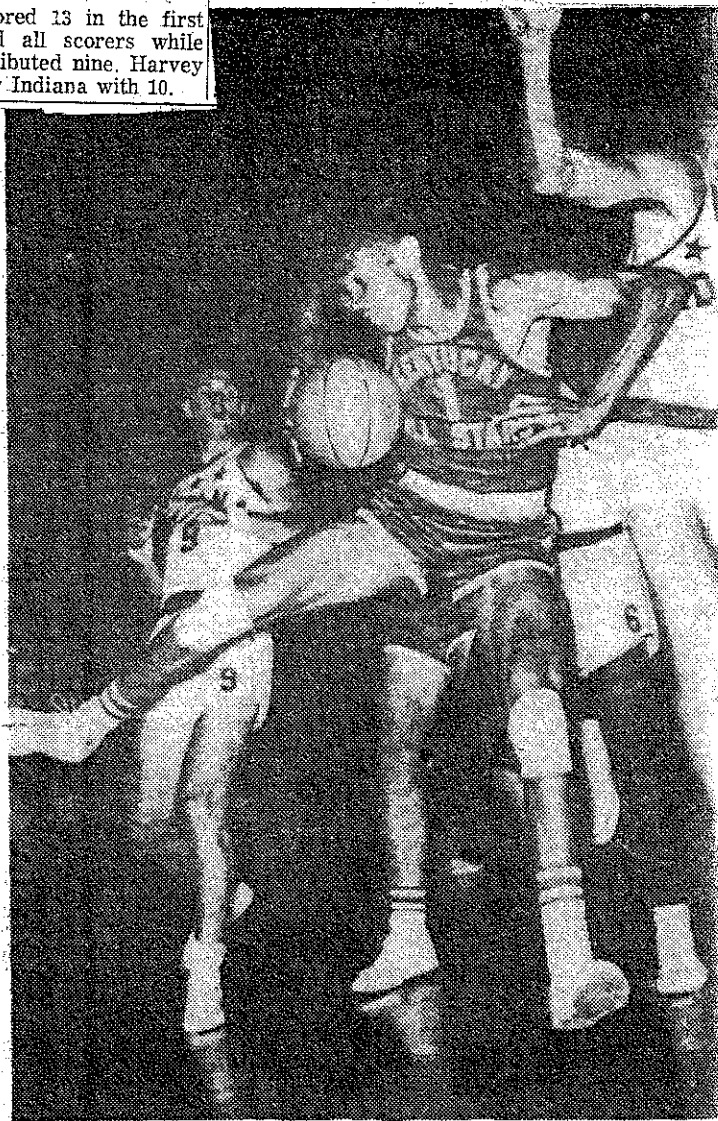
After Indiana went ahead 4-2 on four consecutive free throws, the Blue Grass All-Stars swished in 14 straight points before the Hoosiers could tally again.

Paced by the rugged and skillful rebounding of Louisville Central's 6-6 Russell Golden and Jerry King of Flaget, Kentucky scored almost at will with a swift-moving, fancy-passing fast break.

Guards Robert Washington of Lexington Dunbar and Bobby Hiles of Maysville controlled the throttle. Washington scored three points in the surge and had three assists. Hiles pumped in four and picked up two assists on behind-the-back passes.

Howard (Bugsby) Humes scored Indiana's first field goal with 12:35 left in the first half. Kentucky continued its charge and Hagen began hitting from the corners and under the basket.

Hagen scored 13 in the first half to lead all scorers while Ratliff contributed nine. Harvey was high for Indiana with 10.



ELBOW ROOM — Butch Beard, Kentucky's Mr. Basketball, come after grabbing a rebound in the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star game as well (7) of Indiana is next to Beard, with Adolphus Pulliam (6) before (9) to the left.

Driving, Quickness

Dunbar Guards

Too Much For Poe

By JIM BOLUS

You might say that Buddie Poe, basketball coach at North Marshall High, was impressed by Lexington Dunbar's guards last night in a State Tournament game won 82-64 by Dunbar.

"Those guards really went to work on us," said Poe. "They are the best pair of guards I've seen since I can't remember when."

The praise Poe was handing out was for Dunbar's speedy guards Robert Washington and Joe Hamilton, who scored 28 and 25 points, respectively.

"What do I like about them?" Poe repeated a reporter's question. "Well, their quickness and their ability to drive. They do everything well. Washington is a beautiful passer."

Poe says he thinks Dunbar "can beat Louisville Central because of their quickness," if the two teams gain Saturday's semi-finals. "But Dunbar will have to get on the boards."

Meade Memorial coach Denzil Halbert came up with some surprise remarks after seeing Breckinridge County's Butch Beard tally 27 points in a 73-55 victory over his team. He insisted that Beard wasn't the best player he had seen this season.

"Alvin Ratliff (of Meade Memorial) is better, and so is our own Larry Hall when he's on his game," Halbert

said. "Beard is a fine boy, a good rebounder. He does a fine job, but gets a lot of help from the officials under the boards."

Fight And Scratch

Halbert picks Hazard to win the State Tourney, but adds that "Breckinridge County could do pretty good itself."

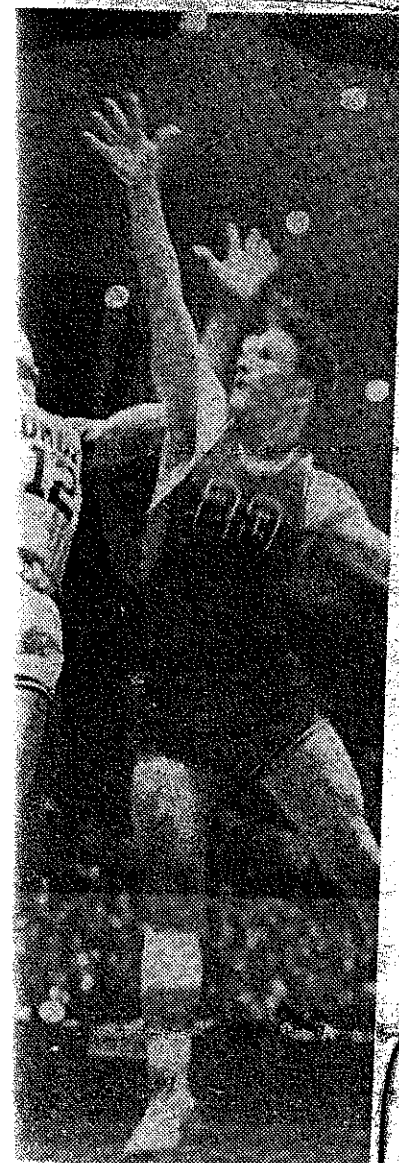
Remarks from other coaches:

S. T. Roach, Dunbar—"Our ability not to blow up when we fell behind early pleased me most. Actually, we didn't know what type of offense they would run, so we were feeling them out the first quarter."

Don Morris, Breckinridge County—"I'm glad we have another opportunity to play Shelby County. I was very disappointed in our loss to them in the Henry County Invitation-Tournament. I can assure you, they have a tremendous ball club."

"We've been coming in recent games. We've received

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Staff Photo by Bud Kamenish

PARCATS . . . Dunbar's Joe two-pointer as Howard Beth tries vainly to block the shot of last night's first round game in Freedom Hall.



KENTUCKY GUESTS—Alvin Ratliff (left) of Meade Memorial and Butch Beard (right) of Breckinridge County pose with Kentucky assistant basketball coach Neil Reed (center) after dinner at Spindletop Hall last night. Ratliff and Beard, two of the top prep cage performers in the state this year, were guests of UK yesterday. Staff Photo

Beard, Ratliff Tour UK; Attend Football Preps

By LEE MUELLER
Herald Sports Writer

Two of Kentucky's most sought-after schoolboy stars — Butch Beard of Breckinridge County and Alvin Ratliff of Meade Memorial—spent Wednesday as guests of Adolph Rupp and the University of Kentucky.

Beard, the first Negro to visit the UK campus on a recruiting trip, and Ratliff, a member of the Herald-Leader's All State team, were given a complete tour of the Lexington campus and were introduced to UK president Dr. John W. Oswald and Gov. Edward T. Breathitt.

Beard is one of the "most wanted" high school prospects in the state. He led Breck to the state championship this season. He is 6-3½.

Ratliff, at 6-5, has received scholarship offers from more than 40 colleges and universities.

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ed them everything on the campus," the veteran cage coach commented. "We wanted them to know about the other facets of the University, besides our basketball program, should they decide to cast their fortunes with us."

Neither boy would comment on whether he would attend Kentucky. Both returned home last night.

During their day-long tour of the University, Beard and Ratliff watched UK football coach Charlie Bradshaw run his team through spring practice drills. Coach Bradshaw had a 15-minute interview with the boys in his office," Rupp said.

At football practice, the two were introduced to Governor Breathitt, former Gov. Lawrence Weatherby, and members of the UK staff.

Rupp said Beard talked with former UK All-American Frank Ramsey, "who thinks there's

no other place in the world to go to school."

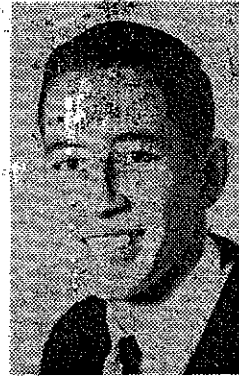
After lunching with members of this year's Wildcat basketball team and student congress president Steve Beshear, the two All-Staters were given guided tours through the UK medical center and other departments of the university.

Rupp, asked if he thought the boys were impressed with the tour, was noncommittal. "We were sufficiently interested to visit both of them at home and then to invite them to visit us," he said. "I think that should assure them of our sincerity."

Ratliff, accompanied by his coach Wendell Wallen, and Beard, with Herald-Leader "Coach of the Year" Don Morris, dined at Spindletop hall last night with Governor Breathitt, his party of some 30 businessmen, and other Kentucky officials.



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Ted Rose	Male High	F-C	6-6	205	Jr.	17	13.9
Tom Hagan	St. Xavier	F	6-2	185	Sr.	18	19.9
Mike Casey	Shelby County	F	6-4	170	Jr.	16	23.0
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Hey, Coach Bradshaw

Butch Beard Impressed With UK—Grid Program!

By BILLY REED
Leader Sports Writer

If University of Kentucky football coach Charlie Bradshaw needs a 6-foot-3 player who can shoot, dribble and rebound, a definite prospect spoke up today in Hardinsburg, Ky.

Butch Beard, Breckinridge County High's great basketball player, paid an all-day visit Wednesday to the UK campus and was most impressed with Bradshaw and his football program.

"I was impressed by the school as a whole," Beard said, "but everybody was talking about the football program and I think that aspect impressed me more than anything."

After viewing a grid practice Wednesday afternoon in the company of Gov. Edward T.

Breathitt and fellow All-State cager Alvin Ratliff of Meade Memorial, Beard predicted: "Mr. Bradshaw will have a good team."

Beard was told that basketball coach Adolph Rupp probably wouldn't quibble if he wanted to sign a football grant-in-aid, just as long as he picked UK over Louisville, Western, Murray, and Evansville.

"I'd like to play football," Beard said, "but I'm not exactly cut out for it."

Beard and coach Don Morris arrived here about 10:30 a.m. Wednesday and were exposed in ensuing hours to one of the most impressive groups of recruiters ever assembled at UK.

In addition to Rupp, Bradshaw, and Breathitt's party of

about 80, Beard and Ratliff met and talked with former Wildcat All-Americans Frank Ramsey and Alex Groza; former governor Lawrence Wetherby, and UK president Dr. John W. Oswald.

"It's like a dream," said Beard, who welcomes rather than shuns recruiting pressure. "It doesn't bother me. In fact, I kinda enjoy it. This is a once-in-a-lifetime situation."

Beard listed three qualities he hopes the school he selects will possess: (1) good educational opportunities, (2) a good coach, (3) a good campus environment.

How does UK stand up? "I liked the campus life," Beard said, "and it is one of the best universities around. My opinion was upped considerably."

Beard and Ratliff were guided around most of the campus and ate lunch with UK basketball players and Steve Beshear, president of the Student Congress. They met Breathitt and his party at football practice and wound up the day by dining with the governor's party at Spindletop Hall.

"He's the nicest fellow you ever could meet," said Beard.

"The governor is a very radiant personality," Morris added, "and he certainly is pulling for UK."

Beard is the first Negro prospect ever invited to visit the UK campus, and he came here before going to the other four schools to which he has narrowed a long list of offers.

Ratliff, 6-6, was accompanied by coach Wendell Wallen. He has narrowed a list of more than 40 offers to UK, Morehead, and Eastern.

Last week Ratliff visited Morehead and was so impressed that he ranked it ahead of his other top choices. He also was impressed with UK, but declined to comment on whether he would sign with the Wildcats.

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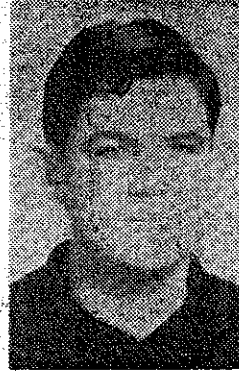


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SWAPPING STORIES—Meade Memorial's Alvin Ratliff (left) and Breckinridge County's Butch Beard (right) discuss with Kentucky recruiter Neil Reed their visit to the UK campus after dining at Spindletop Hall Wednesday night.



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TED ROSE—Impressed Eastern Kentucky coaches when he paced Male to Ashland Invitational Tournament title. . . . In three games there, he had 68 points and 45 rebounds besides blocking numerous shots.

Male was unbeaten and Rose was averaging 19.5 points and 17 rebounds until his injury. . . . Returned to action in district tournament and "showed lots of courage playing with that big cast on," says coach John Rendek. . . . His best effort in five post-season games

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Third Team

- Tommy Hobgood, West Hopkins.
- Sammy Little, Montgomery Co.
- Ron Gathright, Thomas Jefferson.
- Charles Rutledge, Harlan.
- Ken Rigdon, Allen Co.
- Hollie Heaberlin, Raceland.
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After 11 weeks, Rose's cast will be taken off this Friday.

"Rose is very deserving of this honor," says Rendek. "At Ashland, I felt he proved he was one of the state's best players." Even though he's a junior, Rose already is attracting college scouts. "I have a file full of letters asking about him," Rendek reports. He'll run track this spring.

HAGAN—A three-year standout for the Tigers, Hagan had an exceptionally fine senior season as he averaged 19.9 points in 22 games to rank second behind King in the City scoring race.

"Tom's best asset is pursuing the basketball," says coach Joe Reibel. "He always seems to be in the right place." Hagan averaged 11 rebounds, hit 50 per cent of his field goal attempts and 75 per cent of his foul shots.

Became full-time starter after sixth game of sophomore season. Since then, he has never failed to score under 10 points and has never missed a game. A son of former UK All-American Joe Hagan, Tom is in the top academic class at St. X. Among the colleges after him are UK, Dayton, Vanderbilt, St. Louis and Bellarmine. Is Tigers' shortstop and leading hitter in baseball.

CASEY — Shelby County coach Bill Harrell calls Casey "a tremendous competitor," and the last part of the season proves his point.

Casey was flat on his back for 15 days with the mumps and had a temperature of 104 for three days. His weight dropped from 178 to 158 pounds. During the district and regional tourneys, Casey's weight went up to 165. Still he was 13 pounds underweight when he averaged 23 points in two State Tournament games.

Before he got sick, he averaged 24.6 points, supporting Harrell's claim Casey "can go one-on-one and whip anybody around the basket." A regular as a sophomore, Casey led Shelby County to No. 1

spot in final C-J. Litkenhous Ratings this season. Between an "A" and "B" student, Casey also plays baseball as a first baseman or shortstop.

RATLIFF — Meade's first All-Stater since Donnis Butcher in 1955, Ratliff is the complete player. In 27 games, he averaged 18.9 points, grabbed 240 offensive and 254 defensive rebounds. He had 93 assists and hit 45.5 per cent of his field goal attempts.

Those statistics are impressive considering he missed four games with a broken wrist and played the last eight games of the regular season with a cast on.

Ratliff's coach, Wendell Wallen, calls him "the best boy I've coached in eight years. Alvin has lots of natural ability plus size. He should be an outstanding college player."

UK is Ratliff's No. 1 choice for college, but Eastern and Pikeville are hoping he'll change his mind. Alvin ranks 39th in a class of 74.

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Butch Beard of Breckinridge County has been named to the second team All-America high school basketball squad selected by Parade Magazine.

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Hall led Martin to 36-3 record by averaging 22 points and 15 rebounds a game. "For his size, he is the best rebounder I've seen," says Halbert. Hall hit 52 per cent of his field goals.

When school is out, Hall will move to Louisville, where his father has a business close to Freedom Hall. Still, Hall is ticketed for UK although more than 20 schools are seeking him. They included UL, Western, Eastern, Murray, Morehead, Washington and Florida. His other sports are golf (he shoots in low 80s) and baseball (he's a pitcher and Martin's leading hitter). He is a "B" student.

KING — Came to Flaget as a top football prospect, but leaves as the Braves' all-time leading scorer in basketball.

King, whose football career ended after suffering a broken leg in his freshman year, finished with 1,402 points in three years as a regular. Broke old school marks of 1,320 held by 1960 All-Stater Tommy Finnegan.

This season was King's finest by far, as, with a more determined attitude, he captured City scoring title with a 24.2 average in 27 games. A big help to King was his coach, Phil Rollins, who rates Jerry "a better over-all player than Butch Beard. Personally, I think Jerry is a better shooter and he can muscle himself around the boards better."

A "B" student, King most likely will attend Louisville, Illinois or Michigan although Dayton and all the state colleges are after him. His other sport is track, in which he throws the discus.

JIM ROSE—For outside shooting and tricky moves, Rose was hard to beat, but actually his sophomore season wasn't as good as his freshman year. Then, he averaged 21 points and 12 rebounds and made the All-State Tournament team.

However, Hazard's other two big guns, Chester Rose and Freddy Hogg, had their best seasons this year, which may attribute to Rose's average dropping to 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Rose has been a regular since the eighth grade and last fall was rated as the state's second best cager in pre-season polls. Hit 43 per cent of field goal shots. Is first baseman and pitcher in baseball.

1964 ALL-STATERS—Three of last year's All-Staters, Bob Tallent of Maytown, Tommy Porter of Christian County and Jim LeMaster of Bourbon County are at UK.

The leading vote-getter on the 1964 honor team, Westley Unseid of Seneca, attends UL. Other All-Staters last year and their present schools are:

George Wilson, Dunbar, now at Kentucky State; Dallas Thornton, Male, at Kentucky Wesleyan; Phil Wagner, Harrison County, at Georgia Tech, and Orville Stepp, Inez, at Marshall.

As we begin looking at the nominations for the Hall of Fame, I hope you will have a chance to look over the qualifications for **Alvin Ratliff** and give him your close consideration.

Because this is a high school Hall of Fame, I always think that it's important that we look closely at what the applicants did for high school athletics. I believe Alvin meets this criteria. Some of his basketball accomplishments while he was a player at Meade Memorial High School (1965) in Johnson County include:

- All-State, 1st team
- Honorable Mention All-American
- Kentucky/Indiana All Stars
- East/West All Stars
- Signed with University of Kentucky for Coach Adolph Rupp

As a coach, he won over 400 games in his 28 year coaching career at Wolfe County, Johnson Central, and Bath County. During that time he won two regional championships (1985 & 1986-Johnson Central girls) and a Class A regional championship (1998-Bath County boys). In addition to basketball, Alvin also coached baseball, football, and cross country. His Johnson Central girls were the cross country regional champions in 1984 and he had numerous qualifiers in both boys and girls cross country.

Region 15 has selected him as one of the Top 50 players of all time. Even after retirement, he has continued to serve as a volunteer assistant in order to stay involved with the game and with the students.

Just as a personal note, Alvin is a Vietnam Veteran and was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery and received a Purple Heart.