

Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.

Frank Sloan began his teaching/coaching career at Ashland Independent Schools in 1973. Of the 39 years, he coached a total of 32 years. Frank is the 4<sup>th</sup> winningest coach in KHSAA boys soccer with a record of 267-125-24 from 1985 to 2005. His trophies include 3 regional titles, 1 final 16, 1 final 8, 1 final 4 and 3 time Area Coach of the Year. He also served on the KHSAA Soccer Rules Committee for three years. Frank Sloan always turned out winning team and did so in an admirable fashion which won him the respect of the athletes, parents and school administration. He is a leader and exemplifies the type of character in a coach that can produce a winner. He has the desire to succeed. This trait is strengthened by his positive attitude toward achieving his goals regardless of the sacrifices and hard work involved. He is a man of high morals and a credit to the community of Ashland.

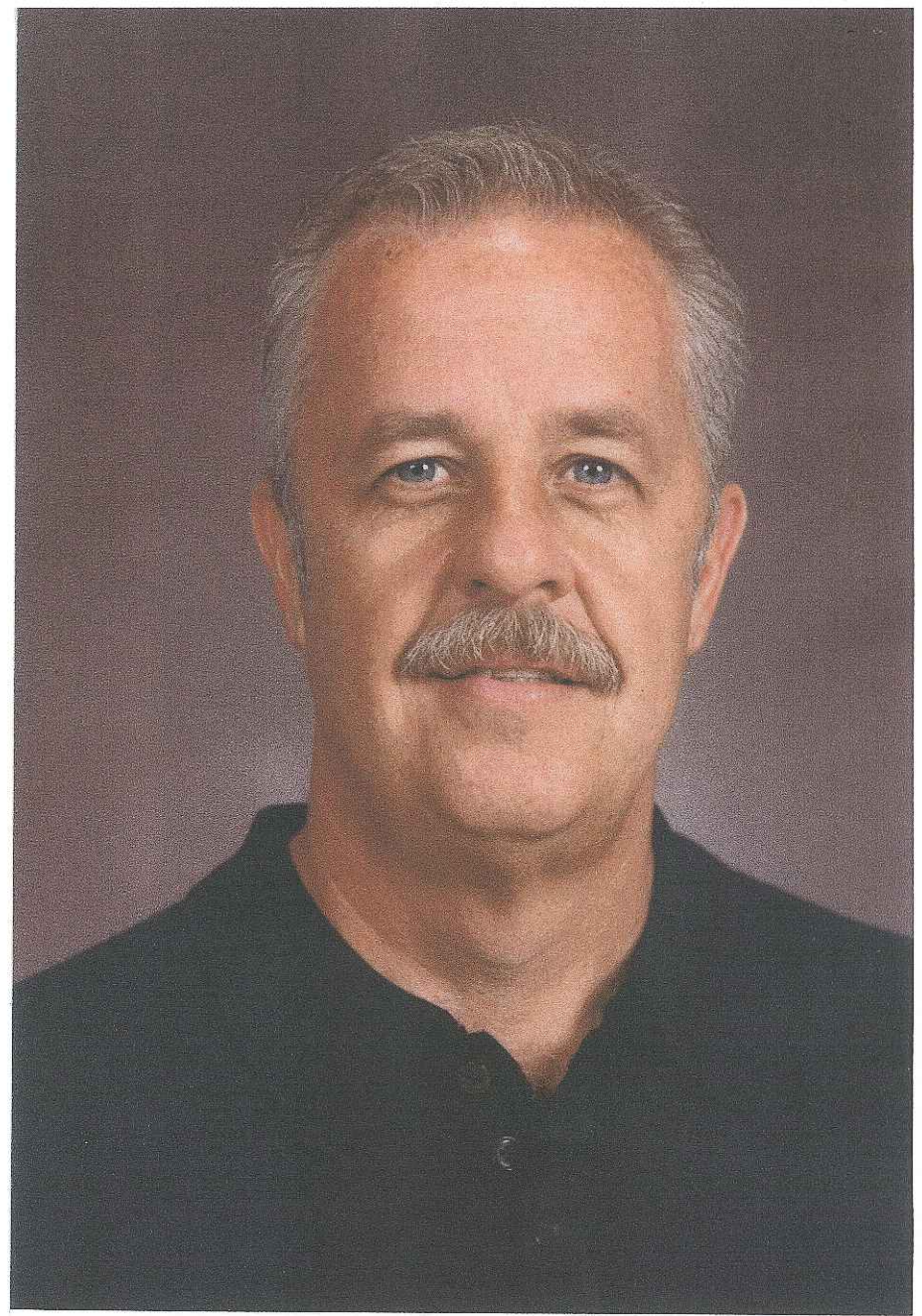
"I am a firm believer that, whatever level, if you don't have good players then you're not going to win a whole of ballgames. Ashland has a long tradition in athletics and I've always believed that great athletes make better coaches."

Please list any other factors about this individual that you would like for the Hall of Fame Committee to consider.

Frank Sloan has the rare distinction of coaching Ashland to regional championships in three sports: baseball 1978, 1979; girls basketball 1983; and boys soccer 1991, 2004, and 2005. He also was named Area Coach of Year 2 times each in both baseball and girls basketball.

Soccer college signees: J.D. Kepler – Marshall, Alex Wheeler – University of the Cumberlands

He also coached all three of his sons – Brandon, Jordan and Christian – on the soccer field.



October 1, 2012

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

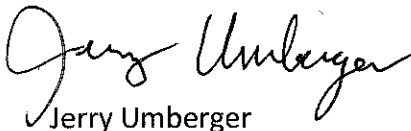
I would like to recommend Frank Sloan for the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Frank has worked in the Ashland Public Schools for 30 plus years. He has held the positions of Teacher, Administrator and Coach. During his coaching years Frank accomplished great success. He was very dedicated coach, and taught his players discipline and respect for the game.

The main reason I believe Frank is a well-qualified candidate for the Hall of Fame is the fact that he is one of a few coaches in the state of Kentucky that has taken three teams to the State Tournament in three different sports.

During Frank's tenure coaching at Ashland Blazer High School he made significant contributions to the excellence of that program. He coached the Ashland boys' soccer team to three trips to the State Tournament. Frank coached the Ashland Baseball team to two trips to the State Tournament and coached the Ashland girls' basketball team to one trip to the State Tournament. This is an accomplishment that very few coaches can claim.

If the KHSAA Hall of Fame is looking for people that have made an impact on the sports programs in the state of Kentucky, Frank Sloan is an excellent choice.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Jerry Umberger

**October 8, 2012**

**Dear Selection Committee Members:**

**I am writing in support of Frank Sloan becoming a member of the KHSAA Hall of Fame. I was principal of Paul G. Blazer High School when Frank coached our boys' soccer team and took them to the state tournament three times during my eleven years at Blazer. I never had to worry about the conduct of our players nor their safety when traveling with Coach Sloan. He had the highest of expectations for the players as well as himself. We were always prepared for every opponent; every player felt he could contribute to the success of the team.**

**Before coaching soccer, Frank also successfully coached baseball and girls' basketball. In both those sports, Frank took teams to the state tournament. The reason he won in three different sports is that he would not accept anything less than the best a player was capable of doing. His teams went into every game, believing they were going to win.**

**Frank Sloan was my assistant principal for eleven years. His strong leadership was the key to his success no matter if he were coaching or doing his administrative job.**

**I recommend Frank Sloan for induction into KHSAA Hall of Fame without reservation.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice Ledford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janice" and last name "Ledford" clearly distinguishable.

**Janice Ledford**

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E.B. LOWMAN, II  
HEAD COACH

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October 14, 2012

KHSAA Hall of Fame

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing this recommendation on behalf of Frank Sloan. Frank made many contributions and had many accomplishments in high school sports until he retired at the end of the 2005-2006 school year. He spent 20 years as the Head Coach of our Boys Soccer Team at Paul Blazer High School and currently ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in career wins for boys soccer coaches State wide.

Frank spent many hours positively influencing our youth and teaching them lessons about life as well as the game of soccer. I highly recommend Frank Sloan to become a member of the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

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E. B. Lowman, II

October 15, 2012

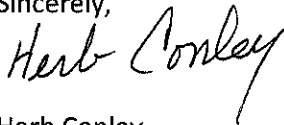
Recommendation: KHSAA Hall of Fame

It is my pleasure to recommend to your attention Frank Sloan who is a candidate for the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

I have known Mr. Sloan in a professional capacity for many years. In addition, I coached with him and his record speaks for itself. Frank has always been responsible, enthusiastic, and a very competent coach. I hope you are in possession of his coaching records which speak for his outstanding coaching accomplishments.

Frank is highly respected throughout the community and the Tri-State area as a great coach, a man of high moral principles, and one with the unique ability to bring greatness out of all those he coached and those who were a contributing part of the whole picture.

Sincerely,

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Herb Conley

October 15, 2012

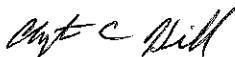
KHSAA Hall of Fame

I believe Frank Sloan would be a great addition to the KHSAA Hall of Fame. He has been a great coach and friend of mine since 1986 when I first met him on the soccer field. As my high school soccer coach at Paul Blazer High School, Frank taught me the skills that challenged me to play at the collegiate level. He pushed me on the field, and in the classroom, to be the best I could be. Frank devoted countless hours of his time coaching the Blazer boy's soccer team. His accomplishments as a coach speak for themselves.

After returning from the University of Kentucky, on a Soccer Scholarship, I became Frank's Assistant Coach for two years. His continued guidance enabled me the skills necessary to become the Head Coach of the Russell High School Boy's Soccer Team.

The impact he has had on my life and career is just one small example of his influence throughout our community.

Sincerely,

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Clayton C. Hill

# BLAZER HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure for me to recommend Mr. Frank Sloan for the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Frank has been an exemplary teacher, administrator and coach in our school system and community while at Ashland Blazer High School. During this time, Frank has had an enormous positive impact on all he came in contact with. His personality, work ethic, attitude, and persistence all contributed to both our District and community.

In addition to Frank's numerous positive qualities, he is an actively involved in numerous community endeavors. He is a man that "walks the walk" and has touched all in his orbit with his infectious enthusiasm and sparkling personality. Whether on the soccer pitch, Blazer's campus or the streets of Ashland, he has made those around him better.

Frank's dedication and determination are highly commendable and I have been greatly impressed with his leadership ability. He is a leader among his peers and those he connects with are extremely loyal followers. Frank is a highly motivated worker, taking on any challenge that presents itself. He is an accomplished administrator and coach and was an outstanding teacher prior to his ascension to the Assistant Principal's chair. Additionally, he is also a great role model for the children and adults in our community, given his behavior in all of his endeavors.

I have been asked to write many recommendations. This one has been an honor. I hope I have been able to communicate how special this individual is. His exceptional skills and superb work ethic are exemplary. I give Frank Sloan my *highest* recommendation. If you need any further information, feel free to contact me.

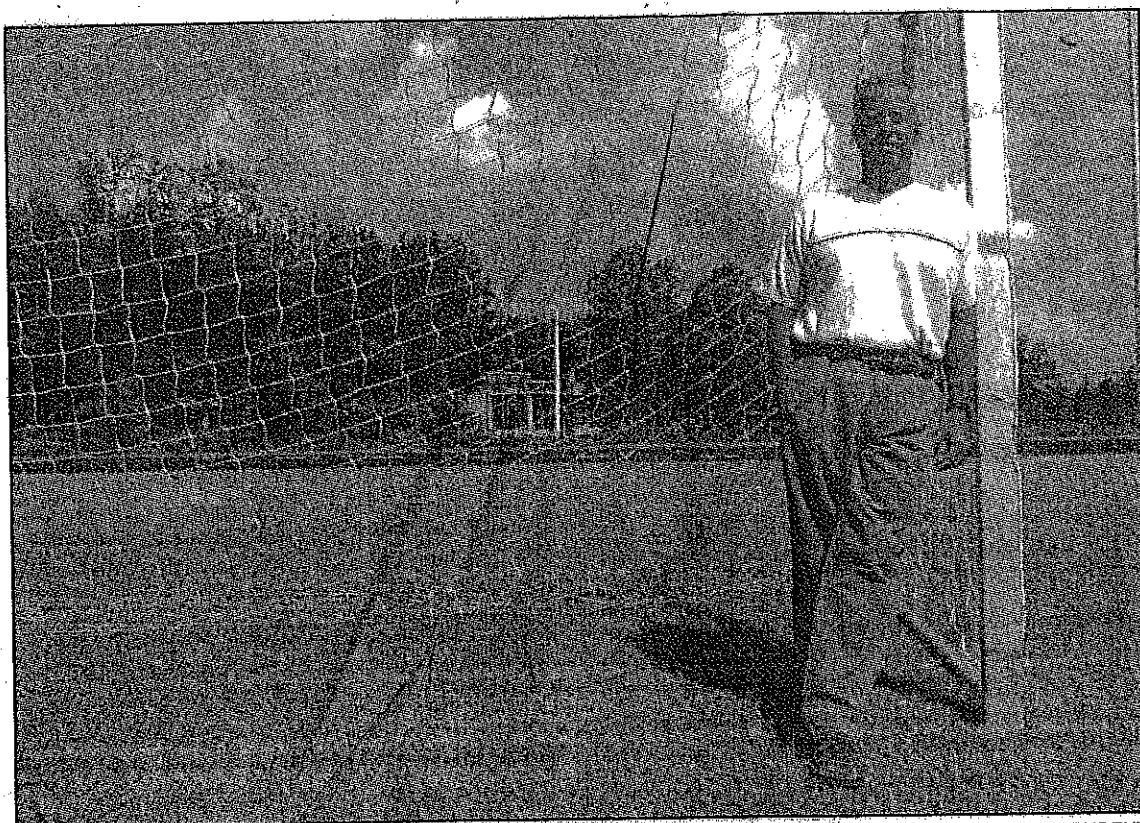
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By JOHN FLAVELL/ OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

Frank Sloan stands in front of the Tomcat soccer net. Sloan has retired from the Ashland school system, but will remain as the Tomcats' soccer coach at least through this season.

# Ashland educator calling it quits

## ■ Sloan remains boys soccer coach

By MARK MAYNARD  
OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

**F**rank Sloan is a coach for all seasons.

He seemed to always have the golden touch with Ashland sports.

Sloan achieved a rare coaching three-peat, leading the Tomcats to regional championships in three different sports — baseball, girls basketball and soccer.

After 27 years in the Ashland school system, Sloan has decided to retire from his job

as assistant principal.

For now anyway, he will remain the boys soccer coach at Ashland.

"The thing I'll always have fond memories of is the caliber of kids who played for me in every sport," Sloan said, deflecting credit to the players. "I was fortunate to have good players and good people."

Sloan, 49, has been coaching Tomcat soccer since 1985. His only regional title in that sport came in 1991 when Stuart Smith was ramming in goals

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—Frank Sloan  
Retired  
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at a state-record pace.

"Stuart was definitely a factor there," he said. "He was a great athlete. He still has the record for most goals scored in a season (59)."

While he coached soccer longer than any other sport, he also guided the Tomcats to their last regional baseball championship in 1979.

Again, Sloan says, it was the players.

"We did have some great players — Drew Hall, Daniel Smith, Donnie Allen, Greg Swift, Kevin Gothard," he said. "Tim Sexton and Tommy Welch are guys people may not remember, but they were tremendous players."

Mark Swift, the current athletic director at Ashland, played baseball for Sloan his senior year.

"My senior year of baseball was as much fun as I ever had athletically," Swift said. "He was laid-back, but he knew how to motivate you, too."

"Frank's a good man. He'll be missed around here."

Sloan's almost never had a bad coaching experience with the Tomcats. He said the players wouldn't let that happen because of their pride.

"The one thing I always noticed about the kids at Ashland is they were very coachable and very much wanted to win," he said. "I heard about that Tomcat tradition when I first came here and it's true. You had to take a lot of pride into coaching, too."

While coaching the Kittens, Sloan led that team for five years and won a regional championship in 1983.

"I won and got out of it," he said. "That was when I began my stint as assistant principal. I hated to give it up but they wanted me to put my efforts into being an administrator."

"That was a great deal of fun coaching the girls."

a junior this year at Ashland, looks to be a key player for his father.

Frank and his wife Cheri also have a younger son, Christian, in the Ashland school system.

Despite the extra hours that comes with coaching, Sloan said his wife has been behind him.

"It's something that never caused any problems," he said. "She always backed me on everything I did."

Ashland principal Janice Ledford said Sloan will be sorely missed on the administration side of things.

"We came here (to Paul G. Blazer High School) together at the same time, 11 years ago," she said. "I've never been here without him being my assistant principal. It's a vacancy that's hard to fill."

Sloan also served as an assistant principal for Herb Conley at Verity Middle School.

"Herb and I opened up Verity in 1983," he said. "That was tougher than any team I've ever coached but working with somebody like Herb really helped it."

"Janice has been great, too, at Blazer and I worked many years with Jerry Umberger. Working with quality people made the job easier."

Herb Conley is even a godfather to Sloan's oldest son, Brandon.

As a coach, Sloan has been named All-Area Coach of the Year twice in soccer and once in basketball.

While he won two regional championships in baseball, the All-Area team didn't come along until after he was out of the sport.

Sloan also coached girls track and junior high football in the Ashland system.

As for what's ahead, Sloan wasn't sure.

"I just thought it was time to do something else," he said. "I'll be finding another job. If things work out with soccer, that'll be great."

However, two years later, the soccer call came.

Sloan had played college soccer at Morehead State University. At Ashland, he replaced Doc McKinney, who started the Tomcat soccer program in 1984.

Sloan said some of his best sports memories though may have come while coaching his sons Brandon and Jordan.

Last year, Brandon Sloan and Frank Sloan were recognized as All-Area player and coach of the year — a nice family double.

"That was special and it's something that really culminates a career," he said.

"Brandon having that great year as a senior is what it's all about. That's when it really hits home."

Jordan Sloan, who will be

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# Ashland Independent School District

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November 8, 2012

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Mr. Butch Cope  
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Kentucky High School Athletic Association  
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Lexington, Kentucky 40505

Dear Mr. Cope:

Enclosed you will find an addendum to the nomination application that was submitted for Frank Sloan. Coach Sloan is a nominee for the 2014 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame induction class. Please add this sheet to his application for review by the screening committee.

Respectfully,

Stephen E. Gilmore

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Enclosure

Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame  
Class of 2014 Induction Nominee

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**Coach Frank Sloan**

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Scott Crank – Marshall University  
Jon Hart – Marshall University

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MeMe Large – Shawnee State  
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Angie Johnson – Louisville

**Boys Soccer – 1986-2005**

Clayton Hill – University of Kentucky  
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