

DANVILLE *Athletics*

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October 3, 2007

Dear Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee;

I would like to nominate Larry Vaught for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Larry Vaught is the sports editor at The Advocate Messenger. He has worked at The Advocate Messenger in Danville, KY since 1975. Larry was the assistant sports editor from 1983 until the time he was named Sports Editor in 1996. Today he continues to serve as the Sports Editor for The Advocate Messenger.

Larry covers sports in Boyle County, Lincoln County, Mercer County, Garrard County and Casey County. He and his staff make high school sports a year round priority.

He was named 2003 and 2006 Kentucky Sportswriter of the Year by the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association. Larry has won numerous other Kentucky Press Association awards for feature stories, game stories and columns as well as one from the United States Basketball Writers Association.

Larry served as president of the Kentucky AP Sports Editors Association from 1984-1991. During this time he helped start the Mr. Football award. He currently serves as third vice president for the National Associated Press Sports Editors Association. (A position no one else from Kentucky has ever held.)

He has been a feature writer for the Cats Pause (1976-2004) and Kentucky Sports Report and has been on radio talk shows in Lexington and Danville. He is currently on the UK football pre-game show on WLAP.

On a more personal note, Larry has been such an asset to our athletic program at Danville High School. Larry is the Chairman of the Bob Allen Pigskin Classic Bowl Committee. He is personally involved with obtaining over \$16,000 in donations from the community each year to help make this bowl a financial success that supplements our entire athletic program. Larry and his professional peers and contacts have been invaluable in distinguishing this bowl from so many others across the state.

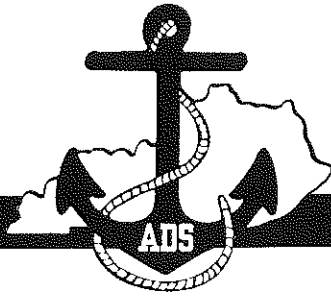
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FOOTBALL
1962, 1984, 1987, 1989, 1991,
1992, 1994, 2000, 2001, 2003

BOYS TRACK
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GIRLS TRACK
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Also, Larry is the chair of the Danville High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. He has helped me obtain sponsorships and organize a committee to select deserving athletes over the past 100 years.

The countless hours he devotes to our athletic program has been unsurpassed by anyone else in our community.

It is my sincere hope that you will honor Mr. Larry Vaught by selecting him into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Sam Harp
Danville High School
Athletic Director / Head Football Coach

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September 24, 2007

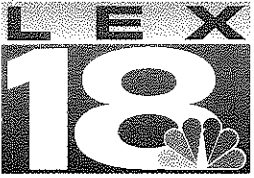
TO: Nominating Committee for Dawahare's/KHSAA Hall of Fame
FROM: Tom Leach/ Big Blue Sports Network
RE: Larry Vaught

I am writing in support of the nomination of Larry Vaught as a candidate for enshrinement into the Dawahare's/KHSAA Hall of Fame. I have known no more passionate advocate for high school sports than Larry and he works tirelessly to cover both high school sports and the University of Kentucky Wildcats superbly-- a job you may notice it takes more than one person to do at other media outlets. I also appreciate the delicate balance Larry must strike in covering a community which features both a city school and a county school and having each side always thinking the other gets more favorable publicity. High school athletics is a valuable component in the development of confident, well-rounded and successful students and it's important to recognize their achievements and we all benefit when folks like Larry do their jobs so well.

Sincerely,

Tom Leach 

Tom Leach
Big Blue Sports Network



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September 19, 2007

Sam:

I am honored to write a note from the heart for Larry Vaught.

You can't have a Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame without Larry.

Part of our job is to cover high school sports. But, there are a few who go way above and beyond the call of duty.

Larry really cares about people.

Larry really cares about his community.

Larry cares about doing the right thing. He has often worked long hours, and gone out of his way many times to give high school players and coach's publicity that they might never receive. And I know there have been times where Larry could have written one thing, but he chose to take the high road.

I look forward to the day where I can say...congratulations to Larry when he is voted into the prestigious Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Alan S. Cutler
Sports Director WLEX-TV

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Host of the Cincinnati Bengals Radio Network

Cincinnati Reds Radio Network

700 WLW Sports Talk

Dear Members of the Selection Committee:

It is my Pleasure to support the nomination of LARRY VAUGHT as a candidate for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

I have had the distinct honor of knowing Larry for over forty years. During that time he has distinguished himself as a great sports writer as is indicated by the many, many honors awarded to him for his outstanding coverage of high school sports in the Commonwealth of Ky.

A hard working reporter who has traveled the state and nation covering sports of all kinds. To Larry the track team, the soccer team, the baseball team, the golf team, the softball team and the tennis team, are just as important as the football team and basketball team.

Larry not only covered local teams but he was at the forefront of addressing many issues that pertained to high school sport on the state and national level. The attention his coverage brought to issues of concerned helped to bring resolution to many of those issues over the years.

Larry Vaught is a true friend to High School Sports and more importantly he is a true friend to the many young men and women who participate in high school athletics. A phone call here a letter written to a college coach has no doubt helped to open the college doors of opportunity for many a high school athlete in this area and region.

Larry shows how much he truly cares about high school sports by his staying in touch with many of the athletes he has covered over the years.

Please seriously consider Mr. Larry Vaught a candidate for this great honor.

Thank You

ALVIS JOHNSON

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alvis Johnson".

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September 20, 2007

Dear Sirs:

It is my pleasure to recommend Mr. Larry Vaught for selection to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. He is an outstanding candidate for this honor.

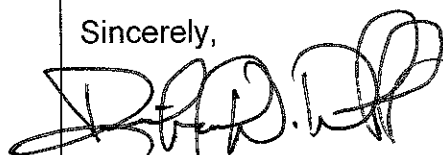
Larry Vaught is first and foremost a supporter of interscholastic athletics throughout the state of Kentucky. He regularly writes about students and schools that would not receive any attention without his help. He has the unique ability to find a story about high school athletics that needs to be told and, more times than not, inspires the reader.

Larry Vaught supports the endeavors of high school athletics by being involved in all areas of the process. He has had a tremendous impact on improving the status and public perception of high school sports by focusing his column/articles on the millions of positives that come from high school competition. He has garnered many readers' attention by highlighting coaches and athletes who have taught and learned the valuable lessons that interscholastic sports teach. He has always promoted and supported the value of high school athletic competition.

I support the nomination of Mr. Larry Vaught for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. According to your criteria, I cannot think of a more deserving candidate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Webb
Superintendent



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Sam Harp, Athletic Director
Danville High School
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Please add this letter to your packet to support Larry Vaught for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. Thank you.

Dear Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

I am writing in support of Larry Vaught for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. Larry has had and continues to have a tremendous positive impact for the student-athletes at the Kentucky School for the Deaf, as well as all other area schools. As the longest acting Athletic Director in the Advocate Messenger Newspaper area (28 years), I have seen for almost three generations, how Larry has managed the sports department at the newspaper. In the early days, the sports page mainly provided game previews and results. The following information has been added by Larry Vaught:

1. Statistics for most sport teams on a weekly basis
2. All Area All Star teams as well as a selection of the Girl and Boy Athlete of the Year
3. Addition of sports reporting for all minor sports in the area
4. Special features on girl and boy student-athletes who are outstanding in their respective sports
5. Special features on girl and boy student-athletes who have faced adversity as an athlete
6. The "Vaught's Views" column provides opinions on issues facing athletic directors, coaches, and student-athletes

In spite of the fact that KSD is a very small school and about 75% of our students are residential and do not subscribe to the newspaper, Larry has always given equal sports coverage for our KSD teams. Due to the Advocate Sports coverage of KSD students, the information has been used to nominate students for All-American Deaf Honors.

Larry has also been our Guest of Honor and Speaker at our annual All Sports Athletic Banquet.

On a personal note, Larry has volunteered as a regular speaker for 15 years at my Kentucky Coaches Education Classes, explaining the process and ethics of contacting and reporting sports

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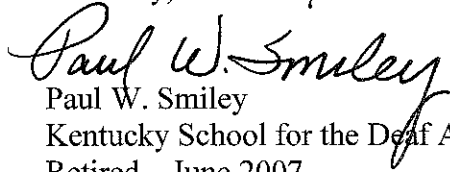


information to the media. KCEP has honored him for this work with a "Distinguished Service Award".

Larry Vaught was named Kentucky Newspaper Associations Sports Writer of the Year in 2006, for his outstanding work with athletics in the newspaper.

I am confident that your consideration of Larry Vaught for the Hall of Fame Honor would be appreciated by all the athletic directors, coaches and student-athletes from the 9 schools in the Advocate Messenger area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul W. Smiley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Paul W. Smiley
Kentucky School for the Deaf Athletic Director
Retired – June 2007



October 17, 2007

Kentucky High School Athletic Association
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, Ky. 40505

Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I write in support of the nomination of Larry Vaught to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame. I have known Larry since coming to Danville 21 years ago. Throughout those years Larry has exhibited the exemplary qualities and character of one who would make an outstanding member of the Hall of Fame.

As a sports reporter, he believes in the purity of sports and the athletes and coaches who participate in them. He writes about the dedication, commitment, and hard work of coaches and players rather than focus on mistakes or shortcomings. Knowing that in every contest there is a winner and a loser, he typically reports on the events that won the game rather than the things that contributed to the loss. He maintains the perspective that he is reporting on high schools kids, all who truly want to win.

As a dad and a fan, he has supported the development of many young athletes throughout central Kentucky, including his own children. He has been a coach in the youth leagues of our community so that he could support his kids as well as promote the development of many other youngsters in need of a positive adult role model to grow in sports as well as in life. He has used his vast experiences in sports as a coach and reporter to provide knowledgeable counsel to student athletes who need encouragement and support so that sports can make the impact on their lives that Larry is convinced they can. He has supported, first hand through his writing, speaking, and counsel, the impact athletics have on individuals and teams contributing to levels of accomplishment beyond what even they could dream. Kids from all across the state know they can count on Larry's acknowledgement and support because they know he appreciates athletic accomplishments regardless of the team or player achieving them.

Without a doubt, Larry Vaught has been one of the contributing factors to the success of athletes and athletic teams in Central Kentucky. There are many factors that enable our area of the state to enjoy some of the most successful athletic programs anywhere, but certainly one of the contributing factors has been the positive impact of Larry. His promotion of teams and coaches has encouraged participation and established expectations at the highest level. The resulting successes have become the foundation for building champion athletes and programs unparalleled anywhere else in Kentucky. Larry has been an essential part of the development of the "championship posture" found in Central Kentucky.

Larry is also a well respected member of our community, known not only because of his profession, but also because he is actively involved in the community. He has a major leadership role in organizing and carrying out the Great American Brass Band Festival which attracts thousands of visitors to Danville each June. Larry is also chairman of the states premier bowl game, the Bob Allen

Pigskin Classic, which kicks off the season for four football teams each year in Danville. He is also an active member of his church and other civic organizations in our area.

Larry Vaught is a quality person. In addition, he has done more for the positive promotion of sports in Kentucky than most any other coach, player, or team. He is an outstanding representative of what Kentucky athletics represents. These are the reasons he would be an exemplary member of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Please give him your utmost consideration as you select the next class of inductees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Rowland".

Bob Rowland
Superintendent