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Ladies and Gentlemen



It is with great pleasure and gratitude that my brother and I recommend Larry Weathers as an excellent addition to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. Larry's senior year at Woodford County High School (1969-1970) was outstanding. I (Tim) was a year behind Larry in high school, while my brother (Richard) was a year ahead of him. In 1970 we knew that Larry was a great athlete, but we didn't realize the significance of his accomplishments at that time. They were on the scale of things that he had always done beginning in little league sports. I still remember being outweighed by more than a hundred pounds, and trying unsuccessfully to tackle him in Little League.

In 1969 Larry helped the Woodford County High School football team to an 11-1 record including the championship title in the Central Kentucky Conference. (CKC) Larry was first team All-CKC and All-State according to both the Courier Journal and Lexington Herald. A few months later Larry went undefeated to become the Heavyweight Regional and State Wrestling Champion. Later in May 1970 he defended his State and Regional Championship titles in the Shot Put at the Shively Sports Center in Lexington.

While achieving these accomplishments Larry maintained an above average GPA, and was a member of the Woodford County High School Key Club. Larry did graduate from Alabama A&M University where he was selected to their Hall Of Fame in 1999. Larry was second team ALL-Conference as a sophomore and first team as a junior and as a senior. He was also a teammate of Pro Footballs Hall of Fame member John Stallworth. He played in the Canadian Professional Football League for a short period too.

Today Larry is the senior minister of the Gadsden Baptist Church in Gadsden Alabama, husband to Sherree, father to two, and a grandfather. A little more than a year ago my brother and I were talking in awe and amazement of the contributions Larry made to Woodford County and Kentucky as an individual, and as a team member. We finally realized it was extra special.

Sincerely

  
Timothy F. Middleton  
  
Richard W. Middleton

November 6, 2007

Selection Committee  
Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame  
2280 Executive Drive  
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Dear Selection Committee:

It is a pleasure for me to endorse the nomination of Larry Weathers as a candidate for induction in to the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Larry is a 1970 graduate of Woodford County High School and is possibly the best all-round athlete to have played for the school.

I was the head wrestling coach and an assistant football coach during most of his years at Woodford County. I had the privilege of coaching Larry in both football and wrestling and to watch his development as an athlete and as a person. He was always as outstanding as a person as he was an athlete. He is the very best athlete I have ever had the pleasure to coach. It was a joy to work with an athlete with the truly gifted skills that this young man possessed. He went on to be an All-State Tackle in football (1969), State Heavyweight Wrestling Champion (1970), and was the State Shot Putt Champion in Track and Field (1969 and 1970).

After his graduation from Woodford County High School, Larry played football and graduated from Alabama A&M University in Gadsden, Alabama. He later played in the Canadian Professional Football League for a while. He is a member of the Alabama A&M Athletic Hall of Fame.

Larry has always been a person of good character and solid values with a deep concern for others. He currently resides in Gadsden, Alabama where he is a minister of a Baptist Church. An athlete who was a champion in two sports and all-state in a third is the perfect candidate for induction.

I urge the Selection Committee and the Board of Control to grant admission to the Hall of Fame to this remarkable athlete and person.

Sincerely,



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4 November 2007

Kentucky High School  
Athletic Association  
Hall of Fame  
Selection Committee

Dear Committee Members,

I endorse the candidacy of Larry Weathers (Woodford County High School 1970) For the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Larry is perhaps the best all around athlete to perform ever at Woodford County High School.

As a teacher and track coach at Woodford County High School during the 1960's and 1970's, I had the privilege and pleasure to coach Larry throughout his high school career. He was the best all around athlete I ever coached.

Proof of this lies in his accomplishments. He was all state tackle in football, state wrestling heavy weight champion, and state shot put champion twice, (1969 & 1970).

Aside from his wide range of outstanding accomplishments, he was an outstanding individual, an accomplished leader, and a person not to back away from challenges. Larry was able to handle his talent and the attention it brought to him. He was a disciplined competitor, who could focus on the task and perform under pressure.

A prime example of his ability was the winning of his second state shot put championship. All season that spring of 1970 the gifted senior and the returning champion was regarded as a "shoo-in" for the championship. Unfortunately, on the day of the meet Larry got a case of nerves and on his preliminary throws, he either fouled or made a poor throw. With each unsuccessful throw, the tension and pressure became greater. He found himself in the worst of circumstances. In third place with only one throw remaining.

Just before his final throw, he removed himself from the crowd and competitors and went into a meditative state trying to regain his composure and confidence. A few minutes later, he was called for his final throw and his final chance to win the state championship. He stepped into the ring and made his final throw. It was his best of the day, one of the best of the year, and good enough to win the championship.

Such the type athlete and person was Larry Weathers.... a winner.

I recommend his inclusion in the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame without reservation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Grimes", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bill Grimes

Superintendent, retired

Danville Independent Schools

Woodford County High School

Track Coach 1964 – 1973

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### RECREATION NOTES

In 7th and 8th grade basketball last week, the Satellites defeated Nonesuch 34-21 and the Tigers downed St. Leo's 45-34. Leading scorers for the Satellites were Warren with 14 and Fitzgerald with 11 for Nonesuch; Antrobus with 9 and Bradley with 4; for the Tigers, Clark with 20, and St. Leo's, C. Moore with 12.

The Eagles defeated Millville, but the score was not reported. The Midget-Midway game was canceled.

Action in the 5th and 6th grade division saw the Satellites take a 21-19 decision from Nonesuch and St. Leo's best the Tigers 23-18.

Mullins led the Satellites with 16; Wilson and Bowles had 8 and 6, respectively, for Nonesuch. St. Leo was led by J. Moore with 9, while the Tigers' Curtley had 12.

Mortonville defeated Pisgah and the Eagles defeated Millville in this division, but the scores were not reported.

### JACKETS NAMED TO ALL-STATE TEAM

Four Woodford County Yellow Jacket football standouts have been named to All-State teams picked by the Lexington Herald - Leader and Louisville Courier-Journal, and two others received honorable mention in one of the selections.

Tackles Larry Weathers and Roscoe Bottoms were both picked as first team members, but not by both papers. Weathers was on the Courier-Journal first string but the Herald second team, and Bottoms on the Herald first team and Courier third.

End Denny Nunnelley was a second team choice by both papers, and guard Hartley Wilson made the Herald second team.

Honorable mention by the Herald went to center Clark Midkiff and back Gary Jones.

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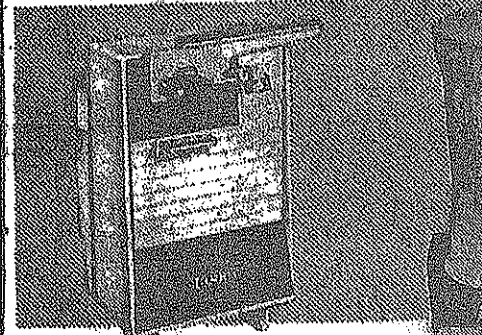
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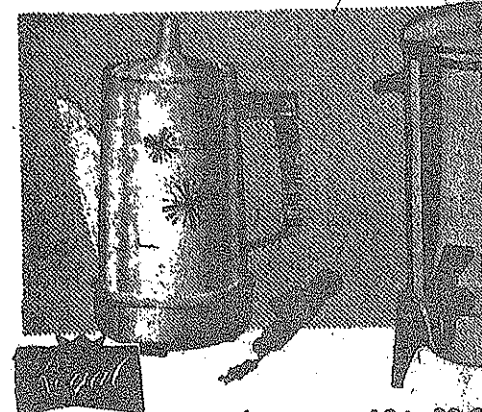
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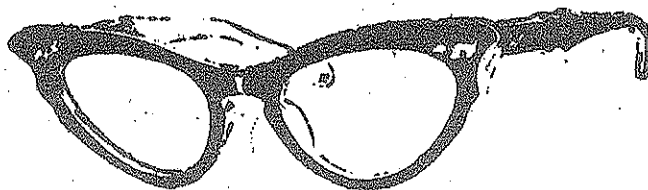
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# Woodford State Wrestling Champ

## Crooker Named Most Valuable; Waggener Ties for Third

By GARY TUELL  
 Courier-Journal & Times Staff Writer

When the State High school Wrestling Championships ended at Jeffersontown High last night, about the only thing that set Woodford County apart from the others was a couple of fellows named Hartley Wilson and Larry Weathers—and, of course, a state crown.

Thanks to Wilson and Weathers, coach Wayne Hansen's underdog Woodford County outfit dethroned North Hardin as the state wrestling champ. Wilson, a muscular 175-pounder, defeated defending state champion Rene Jackson of Kentucky School for the Blind for a surprise first-place finish in that division. Meanwhile, Weathers, a burly 215-pound senior, upset North Hardin's Bernie Head for the heavyweight crown.

"I'm not surprised at anything Weathers does," Hansen said after the two-day meet came to an exciting close last night. "I'd have to say that Wilson and Weathers are our one-two wrestlers. Both were regional champs and both were undefeated this season."

Wilson carried a 16-0 slate into the state meet while Weathers' mark was equally impressive at 15-0.

"People told me we could win it all," Woodford County's Hansen remarked. "We had a lot of good boys in the finals, but I wasn't sure how well we would do. After all, we hadn't wrestled North Hardin or any Louisville schools during the regular season."

Hansen, a bespectacled blond, guided Woodford County to a 14-20 record in his first season at the helm.

North Hardin, which captured the state title the last two years, finished in a three-way tie for third with Waggener and Boone County. Meanwhile, Ft. Campbell scrambled to a second place finish.

"Everything is picking up across the state," said North Hardin coach Bruce Douty. "The meet was pretty evenly matched. Woodford County didn't really clean it up."

There were plenty of thrills for the 2,500 fans that packed into the J'-town Gym for the 10th annual state finals.

For example Ray Crooker of third place Boone County pinned Ft. Campbell's Mike Cassidy in the 155-pound division, then walked off with the Most Valuable Wrestler trophy when the grand affair ended. And Crooker's teammate, spunky

Doug Steger, finished his high school career on a winning note. Steger, friendly little Boone County standout, out-pointed Woodford County's No. 1 Davis 9-1 for his third consecutive crown in the 115-pound section. Generally, Steger wound up with a 73-1 career won-lost record.

Eastern High's Ray Russel pulled the most exciting victory of the final matches, coming from behind to end Waggener's Don Sundberg. Sundberg, the favorite, held a narrow lead late in the match but the quip Russel picked up two points with seconds to go that shoved him on to good.

Russel, a junior, wound up with a won-lost record for the season. Overall, the championships were a stunning success.

"This is the finest talent I've seen in the 10 years we've held finals," remarked veteran Westport Bob Weenosen. "All the matches just great. Even the consolation matches were outstanding."

But thanks to Wilson and Weathers and a handful of others, Woodford County's spirited team was the best all.

### Team Wrestling Standings

Woodford County 64 points; Ft. Campbell 52; Boone County 48; North Hardin and Waggener 37; Westport 27; Trinity 22; Danville 21; Newport 19; Fern Creek 17; Eastern, Hopkinsville and Bell County 16; Frankfort 14; St. Xavier and Kentucky School for the Blind 11; Pleasure Ridge Park and Millerburg Military Institute 6; Valley and 4; Caldwell County 3; Franklin-Simpson 2; Boone County, Lexington Lafayette and Oldham 1 point each.

### Wrestling Finals Results

98-pound division—Bill Clarkson, Hickman

# Male Pastes Tilghman 75-61; Western High Edges Ahrens

Male High, which dropped from No. 1 to No. 3 in the state basketball ratings last week, made a bold bid last night to regain the top spot.

Coach Jim Miller's lowering host club, led by 6-foot-7 Bill Bunkton, polished off for its eighth consecutive win and its 22nd in 23 games.

An overflow crowd of 4,100 saw Bunkton hit eight of 13 field goal tries and grab a game-high of 18 rebounds. Male,

whipped 13th-ranked Thomas Jefferson 76-53 Friday night.

Tilghman, now 21-4, was led by 6-6 Stan Hall, who scored 22 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

In another local game, No. 9 Pleasure Ridge Park—the only team to beat Male—improved its record to 21-1 by beating Fern Creek 104-82.

Thomas Jefferson bounced back with a 59-55 decision over Shawnee. Western

boon 79-63, Lexington Fates Creek coasted past Seneca 92-66 and Louisville Country Day beat Evansville Country Day 54-49.

PRP was led by Randy Waddell and Kevin Kok. Waddell made 13 of 22 shots for 26 points. Kok connected on nine of 11, as well as taking 16 rebounds. PRP's team hit 47 of 85 shots for 55.8 per cent.

Elmore Stephens' 23 points and 15 rebounds helped TJ snap a two-game losing

at the country club last Wednesday. (Photo by Jim Curtis)

the two-mile to make up the difference.

Individually, Mike Jackson of Woodford County was one of the meet's two double winners, taking first in the low and high hurdles, and Larry Weathers, who last week set a regional record in the shot put with a toss of 53-5, bettered that mark Tuesday with a 53-10½ throw.

meet ended Saturday, the WCHS team had garnered 15 points for a fourth place berth behind Lafayette (59), Bryan Station (48), and Tates Creek (21).

A Lexington newspaper carried the following account concerning Weathers in its Saturday edition:

Bound for Alabama A & M on a football scholarship, Weathers hopes to continue throwing the shot put in college . . . and perhaps even join the wrestling team.

"I'd like to do all three in college but I doubt that I'll have time," he said.

As an All-State tackle, Weathers helped Woodford County record 11 wins in 12 games this past season. Woodford County won the Central Kentucky Conference title but lost in the regional playoffs to Elizabethtown.

"I like football the best," Weathers said. "I like the game because you have to depend on people. It's a team thing. But then," and he thought, "I like wrestling because

it's an individual thing and it has contact."

A heavyweight, Weathers won all 25 of his matches en route to the state championship.

Now that he has won the regional shot put title Weathers said he's confident about winning the state crown. And the 17-year-old Versailles, Ky., native is confident about attaining the goals he has set for the next four years at A & M.

"I'd like to go to A & M and start all four years. And then I'd like a shot at playing pro ball. I think I have a good chance at making it," he said.

### WEATHERS RETAINS SHOTPUT TITLE

Woodford County High School's Larry Weathers heaved the shot 53 feet 5 inches Friday to repeat as champion in the Class AA Regional finals at the Shively Sports Center in Lexington. Weathers broke his own record of 52-10 1/8 set last year. He will advance to the state finals next Saturday at the Sports Center to defend his state title.

Also winning an event was George Troxler, who took the triple jump at 43-66 1/2. Owens of WCHS placed third in this event. Jackson placed third in the 120-yard hurdles.

When the track and field

### PONY LEAGUE SIGN-UPS

Pony League sign-ups for boys 13-15 will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Junior High athletic field, the recreation commission announced this week.

The commission also noted that coaches are needed for the league.



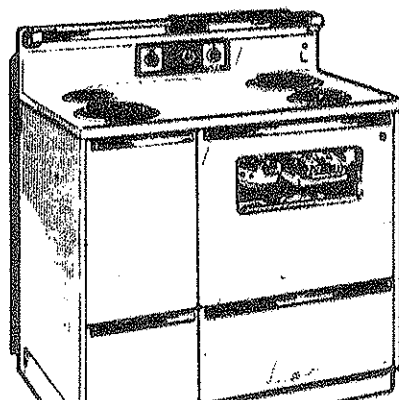
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**FOOTBALL PRACTICE BEGINS**-----Last Thursday the mem football team reported for spring practice under Coach Georg paring their practice uniforms are Rick Nutter, Bobby Egbert lee. (Photo by Jim Curtis.)

## WEATHERS WINS STATE TITLE

Larry Weathers, Woodford County High School senior, successfully defended his state high

school shot put title last Saturday.

Weathers hurled the shot 52 feet, 10 1/2 inches.

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**1970**

Team - Woodford Co.

Runner-Up - Fort Campbell

Most Outstanding Wrestler -

Individual Winners -

95-Bill Clarkson (Hopkinsville); 107-Allan Boyd (Ft. Campbell); 115-Doug Steger (Boone Co.); 123-Ronnie Chapman (Ft. Campbell); 130-Nick Barker (Danville); 137-Ray Russell (Eastern); 145-Charles Roach (North Hardin); 155-Ray Crooker (Boone Co.); 165-Victor Masson (Boone Co.); 175-Hartley Wilson (Woodford Co.); 185-Steve Vessels (Fern Creek); Heavyweight-Larry Weathers (Woodford Co.).

**1969**

Team - North Hardin

Runner-Up - Seneca

Most Outstanding Wrestler -

Individual Winners -

95-Mike Nolan (Newport Catholic); 103-Jim Whitehouse (Ky. School f/t Blind); 112-Doug Steger (Boone Co.); 120-Tommy Nelson (Seneca); 127-Dan Dickerson (Ky. School f/t Blind); 133-Steve Johnson (Ft. Campbell); 138-Ken Welch (Flaget); 145-Charles Roach (North Hardin); 154-Dwight Williams (Seneca); 165-Ed Brandon (North Hardin); 175-Craig Kissel (Trinity); Heavyweight-Jim Haek (Ft. Campbell).

**1968**

Team - North Hardin

Runner-Up - Kentucky School f/t Blind

Most Outstanding Wrestler -

Individual Winners -

95-Jim Von Dreele (Westport); 103-Doug Steger (Boone Co.); 112-Jay Crawford (North Hardin); 120-Danny Dickerson (Ky. School f/t Blind); 127-Eddie Wade (Hopkinsville); 133-Mike Givens (Hopkinsville); 138-Larry Crowe (Ky. School f/t Blind); 145-Bob Fehribach (Flaget); 154-Ed Brandon (North Hardin); 165-Bob Dierson (Trinity); 180-Buz Shelton (North Hardin); Heavyweight-Ronald Jackson (Seneca).

**1967**

Team - Newport Catholic

Runner-Up - North Hardin

Most Outstanding Wrestler -

Individual Winners -

95-Arvil Meyers (North Hardin); 103-Dennis Huber (Newport Catholic); 112-Jay Crawford (North Hardin); 120-Mike Givens (Hopkinsville); 127-Eddie Wade (Hopkinsville); 133-Pete McKay (St. Joseph); 138-Greg Palmer (Newport Catholic); 145-Ed Brandon (North Hardin); 154-Mike Fey (Newport Catholic); 165-James Earl Hardin (Ky. School f/t Blind); 180-Pete Allen (Millersburg Military Institute); Heavyweight-Peter Anderson (Millersburg Military Institute).

**1966**

Team - Kentucky School f/t Blind

Runner-Up - Newport Catholic

Most Outstanding Wrestler -

Individual Winners -

95-Jay Crawford (North Hardin); 103-Danny Dickerson (Ky. School f/t Blind); 112-Gibbons (Hopkinsville); 120-McKay (St. Joseph); 127-Larry Crowe (Ky. School f/t Blind); 133-Ricky Malito (North Hardin); 138-Moore (St. Joseph); 145-Williams (Seneca); 154-Fey (Newport Catholic); 165-James Earl Hardin (Ky. School f/t Blind); 180-Renard Keal (Westport); Heavyweight-Peter Anderson (Millersburg Military Institute).

**1965**

Team - Ahrens Trade

Runner-up - St. Joseph Prep

Most Outstanding Wrestler -

Individual Winners -

95-Ronald Harris (Ahrens); 103-Charles Jones (Ahrens); 112-Larry Crowe (Ky. School f/t Blind); 120-Jimmy Smith (North Hardin); 127-Adam Ruschival (Ky. School f/t Blind); 133-Luther Graham (Ahrens); 138-Tom Abell (Ahrens); 145-Williams (Seneca); 154-Bristol (St. Joseph); 165-Hardin (Ky. School f/t Blind); 180-Pettit (Millersburg Military Institute); Heavyweight.-Frame (North Hardin).

November 16, 2007

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To Whom It May Concern:

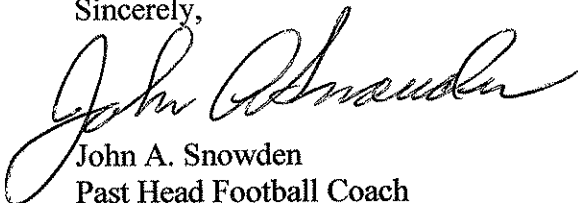
I wish to take this opportunity to introduce to you a young man of many values. In my eighteen (18) years of coaching high school football I have been blessed by knowing Larry Weathers. He was outstanding in sports; All-state in Football, State Wrestling Champion, and twice State Shot Putt Champion in Track and Field. This tells you of some of his physical abilities.

Larry Weathers came in to the Woodford County educational system at a time of unrest because in integration. Larry took a leadership role that was not popular with most of his friends. Through his leadership and determination he made integration work for himself, and other student athletes.

After graduation from high school, Larry went on to play football at Alabama A&M. He then played professional football in Canada. Larry is now a minister. He helps his people to live a full and meaningful life.

I recommend him to the Board of Control as a candidate for inclusion in the KHSAA Hall of Fame

Sincerely,



John A. Snowden  
Past Head Football Coach  
Versailles High School  
Woodford County High School

