

High School Basketball Statistics for Beth Wilkerson

- Gained a starting position on the varsity squad in December of her 8th grade year

75-76 Basketball Season

Team Record: 15-6

- averaged 13 ppg in her freshman season
- 150 rebounds
- 36 assists
- 30 steals

76-77 Basketball Season

Team Record: 23-4

- averaged 17 ppg in her sophomore season
- 199 rebounds
- 46 assists
- 40 steals

STATE

77-78 Basketball Season

Team Record: 18-7

- averaged 15 ppg in her junior season
- 227 rebounds
- 37 assists
- 56 steals

STATE

78-79 Basketball Season

Team Record: 27-5

- averaged 20 ppg
- 330 rebounds
- 142 assists (played the guard position at 5'11" much of the time)
- 120 steals

STATE

Other Accomplishments:

- 1979 "Miss Basketball" in the state of Kentucky
- 1st Team Parade High School All-American
- Participant in the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star Game
- "Hertz #1 Award" given by O.J. Simpson
- Selected by the state's sportswriters as Kentucky's Female Athlete of the year
- State Tournament Team 77, 78, 79

- **37th All-District Team** 77, 78, 79
- **10th Region Tournament Team** 77, 78, 79
- **over 1600 career points**

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This is what ODU had to say about Beth

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WILKERSON, Beth, Forward, 5-11, 155, Senior, Paris, KY/Paris

ODU CAREER:

Recruited five years ago with former Lady Monarch standout Anne Donovan, but missed her freshman season with knee injury...brings great experience to the lineup this season, as well as maturity...saw action in 34 of ODU's 35 games last season, starting in four...gutsy player, who is not afraid to crash the boards...scored double figures in four games last season...had outstanding game against N. C. State in opening round of Winston-Tire Classic in Los Angeles with 15 points, and strong showing against Wichita State in Northern Lights Invitational with 12 points...played in 28 games her sophomore season, scoring double figures in eight games, highlighted by 15 points against Rutgers and Montclair State...started in eight contests as a freshman, scoring career high 19 points against UCLA at the field house...has played with a brace the past three seasons...had outstanding series at the 1981 AIAW national championships at Eugene, OR...considered the "sixth" man for the past three years and will add considerable experience to the forward position.

HIGH SCHOOL:

One of the most highly recruited players in the nation in 1979 behind Anne Donovan...selected "Miss Basketball" in the state of Kentucky in senior season by the state sportswriters and coaches...played in the Kentucky-Indiana all-star game during senior year...first-team Parade High School All-American...first-team Converse All-American...averaged 20 points and 11 rebounds her final year...All-State for four years.

— Also in 1979 was selected by state sportswriters as Ky's (Male-Female) Athlete of the year and was awarded "HERTZ #1" Award by O.J. Simpson.

— Is the only High School All-American to come out of Paris High.

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Basketball teams honored at Paris

PARIS—Basketball players at Paris High School were honored last night at a banquet in their honor. Both boy and girl athletes were recognized for their achievements during the past season.

Possibly the highlight of the awards presentation came when Coach Judy Cox announced senior Beth Wilkerson's jersey number 44 would be retired. It was the first time in the history of Paris High School the jersey and number of any athlete, in any sport, had been retired.

A trophy case will be erected to permanently display a picture of Wilkerson and her orange jersey. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilkerson, will keep her white jersey.

Wilkerson, a first team All-American on both the Parade Magazine and Adidas teams, was also named Most Valuable Player for the past season.

Sharing top honors on the boys team were Stephen Jacobs and Wallis Brooks, both seniors. Jacobs, who was unable to attend the banquet due to track competition, received the awards for most rebounds and leading scorer.

Brooks also received two awards, one for assists and another for the most steals. Coach Mark

Crain, who presented the awards, reminded the crowd Brooks sometimes fouled out trying to steal, but that overall his efforts were successful and very helpful to the team.

Speaking in general about the past season, Crain said the only unsuccessful thing was the 10-17 win, loss record. Despite the losing season, he said the team had learned to work together, and were friends as well as players on the same team.

Other award winners on the boys team included Dana Brack, a junior, who had the best field goal percentage. Mike Crutcher, a senior, was recognized for having achieved the best free throw percentage on the team.

Butch Maggard, a senior, was named the most improved player, and junior Tony Withrow received sixth man honors. Clayton Brooks and Buddy Whitaker were given the "Hustlin' Hound" award, and Louis Scott received the leadership award.

Several varsity players also received letter jackets. They were Mike Crutcher, Jamie Tucker, Elgin Downey, Louis Scott, Victor McKee, and managers Victor Tucker and Mike Turner.

Junior varsity boys players were

also honored, with Charles Cummins receiving the leading scorer award. Timmy Dale had the most offensive rebounds, and was also named most improved player. An honor he shared with Eric Maschke.

Junior Jamie Tucker had the most defensive rebounds on the junior varsity team, while Victor McKee had the best free throw percentage. Elgin Downey had the best field goal percentage on the team, and Mark Bell received the 110 percent award.

Other junior varsity awards went to Derrick Pierce who received "sixth man" honors, and Gary Brooks, who had the most assists.

Players on the boys' freshman team were also honored, and Euchre Johnson received the 110 percent award. Jeff Livengood was named most improved player, while John Stephenson received the defense award. Doug Crumbie received the sixth man award.

Other girl players were also honored, and all-state standout, Cathy Stiles was recognized for having the best field goal percentage. Stiles, a junior, will be back on the squad next year.

Jennie Redwine, a sophomore, was given the 110 percent award,

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Paris teams honored

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and Coach Cox explained Redwine was always helping the team to her fullest capabilities, both on and off the court.

Regina Woodford, a senior center, received the best defensive player award, and Kelly Galloway was named most improved player on the Ladyhound squad. Seniors Tanya Crumbie and Eltina Scott were also recognized for their contributions to the team.

Dee Dee Stiles received the only girls' B team award, being named most valuable player. A

sophomore, Stiles led the B team in scoring and rebounds.

Managers of the Ladyhounds team were also recognized. They are Veronica Jones and Joyce Brown.

Statisticians for all team were given special awards, and Leah Boardman, Donna Barnhill and Eugene Puckett were all recognized for their hard work.

Other members of the boosters' club were recognized, as was scorekeeper W. B. Stiles, who was thanked by both the girls and boys coaches.

It's Too Bad Kentucky Can't Name Two Miss Basketballs This Year



Sharon Garland

The arguments have raged since the two girls were sophomores. Depending on what coach you talk to or what newspaper you read, either Sharon Garland or Beth Wilkerson is the best female high school basketball player in the state.

With two such outstanding seniors, the issue may never be settled. But before the all-star games begin in June, Kentucky's Miss Basketball must be selected. Which one will it be?

Most likely it will be Garland, a 5-10 forward who led Laurel County to its third consecutive state championship this season. Over the past three years, Garland has been the leading vote-getter in most all-state polls and usually been labeled the top player.

BUT IF GARLAND wins, it will probably be on the basis of the state titles earned by the Cardinals first and basketball ability second.

"It's too bad there can't be two

Marla Ridenour



Miss Basketballs this year," lamented Roy Bowling, coach of Garland's Laurel County team.

Bowling knows Wilkerson, a 5-10 guard from Paris, is an excellent player. Although Paris is probably Laurel County's biggest rival, Bowling describes Wilkerson as "fantastic."

Wilkerson has been selected first team All-America by *Parade Magazine* while Garland was named to the second team. Major colleges have been hot on the recruiting trail of both players for over a year. Wilker-

son signed with national champion Old Dominion Wednesday. Garland, who seems to prefer a school closer to home, reportedly is considering Western Kentucky and Kentucky, with Northern Kentucky a possibility.

As far as ability is concerned, Wilkerson is a better all-around player and a superior athlete. She is much quicker and a better leaper than Garland. Wilkerson can play center and forward and switched to guard this season to enhance her college chances.

Garland began her career at center; Bowling switched her to forward this season, also for recruiting purposes.

IN PARIS' opening round game against Assumption in last week's State Tournament, Wilkerson's performance was amazing. She scored 27 points, hitting 10 of 13 shots from the field, and collected eight rebounds and seven assists in a 78-61 victory. She

averaged 21.3 points in three games and received the J.B. Mansfield Award as the outstanding player.

Garland did not dominate play during Laurel County's march to this state title as she has in the past, but did average 16.5 points in four games and proved she can hit from 15 feet.

The views of the two girls' coaches differ greatly.

"I don't think I'm biased, I think I'm right — Beth is the best all-around player in the state," said Paris coach Judy Cox. "She may not be the best shooter or the best ball-handler ... most of the time Miss Basketball is probably the best shooter. But Beth is a tremendous athlete — she can jump so well."

Counters Bowling: "There's no question that Sharon should get Miss Basketball, she led her team to three straight championships.

"She's shown how valuable she
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Dear Coach:

For the past 20 years PARADE Magazine has been publishing a boys' High School All-American basketball team. This year, for the first time, recognition will be given to the girls with the selection of the first All-American High School girls' team.

In line with this procedure we would appreciate receiving playing statistics, vital statistics and a photograph (preferably a head shot) of your player Beth Wilkerson, who has been recommended very highly to this office which will be collating the PARADE team.

We would very much appreciate your submitting names of other potential candidates for the team who, in your opinion, deserve recognition as "super stars."

Looking forward to hearing from you as quickly as possible in the above, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Haskell Cohen
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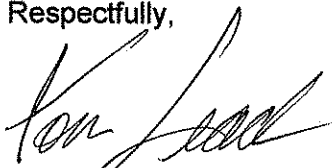
I am writing in support of the nomination of Beth Wilkerson for induction into the Dawahare's Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. To say she is worthy is an understatement. Consider the following statistics and accomplishments:

- Miss Basketball 1979
- 1st-team Parade All-American
- AP Female Athlete of the Year
- Member of the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star team
- 4-year all-stater
- 3-time member of the Sweet 16 all-tournament team
- averaged 20ppg and 11 rpg as a senior

Beyond those numbers, Beth was a player ahead of her time in terms of her athleticism. I always Ralph Beard was a player who could have played successfully in any era and I think the same was true of Beth. The way she played the game would enable her to be just as dominant today as she was 30 years ago. Had girls' basketball not been revived a years earlier, I'm confident she would have been able to play on a boys' team and more than held her own, because of that athleticism. She was recruited by the premier women's college program at that time, Old Dominion, but a serious knee injury in her freshman year limited her ability to display some of that athleticism at the college level. Therefore, she used her knowledge of the game to be a key contributor on some outstanding ODU teams.

In summary, Beth Wilkerson most definitely deserves this honor and I urge you to induct her as soon as possible.

Respectfully,



Tom Leach

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Dear Selection Committee:

Please allow this letter to serve as a recommendation for Ms. Beth Wilkerson's election to the Dawahare/KHSAA High School Hall of Fame.

As the principal of Paris High School, I had the opportunity to become well acquainted with Beth during her high school career. I found her to be an outstanding individual as well as a gifted basketball player. Beth was an excellent student who was well respected by both the faculty and her peers. Like all exceptional athletes, she served as a role model both on and off the basketball court. Her contributions to our school ranged far beyond her prowess on the court.

Few athletes in our state have ever matched Beth's achievements. She is undeniably the most successful girl's basketball player in the history of Paris High School, and her skills were also recognized at both state and national levels. Beth's numerous accomplishments while at Paris High School include:

- Graduated from Paris High School in 1979
- Chosen as Kentucky's 1979 Miss Basketball by the state's sportswriters and coaches
- Named a First Team Parade High School All-American (and the only high school All-American to graduate from Paris High School)
- Participated in the 1979 Kentucky-Indiana All-Star Game
- Chosen in 1977, 1978, and 1979 for the State All-Tournament Team.
- Chosen for the 37TH District and 10th Region All Tournament Teams in 1977, 1978, AND 1979
- Scored over 1600 career points
- Averaged 20 points and 11 rebounds per game during her senior year

As you can see, her outstanding accomplishments definitely qualify this exceptional athlete for inclusion in the Dawahare/KHSAA Hall of Fame. I firmly believe Beth Wilkerson's name deserves to be recognized among those of the most elite sportsmen and women in our state. I hope you will recognize her success by awarding Ms. Wilkerson this honor.

Sincerely,



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Dear Selection Committee:

I am pleased to nominate Beth Wilkerson Hammond as a candidate for induction into the Dawahare/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Beth Wilkerson played basketball for the Paris Lady Hounds from 1976 until 1979. As her high school coach during those years, it was a privilege to coach a player whose athleticism and intensity made her a dominating force over 30 years ago, and whose abilities would still allow her to be successful in the women's game today.

Her classic jump-shooting form was a rarity in those days and her 40 inch vertical jump was also a rarity to find in girl's high school basketball. Somehow she was able to combine tremendous physical ability, and at the same time avoid the arrogance and self-importance that seemed to come with it.

As the recipient of "Miss Kentucky Basketball" in 1979 as well as various other awards and all-tournament teams, her great desire to win, refusal to quit, and desire to carry her team to the top is evident. Her close family ties instilled in her a great attitude, great courage, and a great motivation to succeed.

After 18 years of coaching experience, I am very appreciative to have been given the opportunity to coach a complete basketball player, who loved to play the game, whose numerous clutch performances met all expectations and whose level of skill (even back in the 70's) transcends to the skills of today.

I hope that you are in agreement with me that indeed her accomplishments exemplify the tradition of athletic excellence as an inductee into the Dawahare/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



Judy G. Cox
Former Coach Paris Lady Hounds