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I am writing to endorse the nomination of Timothy Glenn Napier, better known as Glenn, to the KHSAA Hall of Fame. He is being nominated for his contributions to athletics, and more specifically as a high school contest official. However, he has been a very well rounded and successful proponent of high school and collegiate sports for a large part of his life, and I was fortunate to serve as a teammate of his at Morehead State University and a friend for life.

Glenn was first a dual sport athlete at MC Napier High School in Hazard, Kentucky prior to 1978. He played basketball, baseball, and was on the track and field team. He is widely known as one of the best high school basketball players to come out of the region and was highly recruited by universities across the nation. He was all-state and honorable mention in various state publications and due to the declining health of his father and close proximity, he chose Morehead State University to continue his playing career. I enjoyed being his basketball teammate and he also was a starting pitcher on the MSU baseball team. He was a four year starter for MSU and is known as one of the best long-range shooters in MSU basketball history, playing before the three point field goals were enacted. He has 1,330 career points and 214 career assists at MSU and still ranks high on each of those lists. Also interesting, he once held the national record for most consecutive free throws made.

After his collegiate days, he went on to coach basketball for a brief stint at Dilce Combs High School, before accepting a job as boys' basketball coach at Breathitt County High School. There he coached basketball and baseball for several years.

After coaching, he decided to put on the stripes and become a high school official and a very successful one at that, officiating basketball, football, and baseball. He was a finalist for the KHSAA Basketball Official of the Year in 2008 and has officiated the KHSAA boys and girls sweet 16 tournaments and championship games, as well as the boy's state football finals on different occasions.

I've known Glenn for many years, as both a friend and a teammate, and as a spectator from the stands. He excels in various areas and has been a huge proponent of high school athletics in the state of Kentucky. In closing, he has been a high school and collegiate hall of fame player, successful coach, and state recognizable official – and at a high level of success, which is very hard to find and is admirable. I feel that he should be highly considered as an inductee to the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Thank you,


Rocky Adkins
Senior Advisor to Gov. Andy Beshear

It is my honor and privilege to support the nomination of Timothy "Glenn" Napier, to the KHSAA Hall of Fame. I can think of no one more deserving. His contributions to Athletics in this Commonwealth have been widespread and over a long period of time but it is specifically his successes and contributions to Kentucky High School Athletics that I want to highlight. While I was fortunate to serve as his basketball coach at Morehead State University, I have closely followed his career since, also.

Glenn played three sports consistently (basketball, baseball, a brief stint on the football team, and ran track and field), at MC Napier High School in Hazard, Kentucky. In my opinion, he is one of the best high school basketball players to come out of the region, and I was thankful that he chose Morehead State University to continue his playing career and that I was given the opportunity to coach him. He was inducted into the Morehead State Athletic Hall Of Fame in 2006. He was also a starting pitcher on the MSU baseball team, which was no easy task while balancing both collegiate sports and very successfully. He was a four year starter for the basketball team and once held the national record for most consecutive free throws made. After college, he became a high school coach at some schools in the 14th region, in both basketball and baseball.

When not coaching a particular sport, he would officiate games and at a very high level. He officiated basketball, football, and baseball at different times in his career. He was a finalist for the KHSAA Basketball Official of the Year, the 14th region official of the year, and has officiated the KHSAA boys and girls sweet 16 tournaments and championship games, as well as the boys state football finals on different occasions.

I've known Glenn for many years, first as a coach, and then as a lifelong friend. It was exciting to see him officiate at the highest levels of high school sports and in state competitions. Without any reservation, I strongly recommend Glenn Napier's induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame!

Respectfully and Thank - You!


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PIKE COUNTY ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

RECOMMENDATION TO THE KHSAA HALL OF FAME

It comes as no surprise to all the mountain regions that love athletics that I highly recommend Glen Napier to the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Glen not only excelled in playing sports at a very high level in high school and college, but also became one of the KHSAA most outstanding officials in the Commonwealth.

From his early days in high school playing at M.C. Napier High School he played basketball, baseball and ran track. He was then heavily recruited by several colleges. He was on the All-State team at that time, but he chose to further his career at Morehead State University. There he excelled as a dual player playing both basketball and baseball. Due to his strong playing abilities at MSU he was inducted to the MSU Hall of Fame. He also coached for a time at the legendary Dilce Combs High School and at Breathitt County High School. He later started officiating in basketball, baseball and football. He officiated the Sweet Sixteen twice and the championship game in 2006. He also officiated the All "A" State Tournament as well as the KHSAA Girls State Tournament.

As a KHSAA Hall of Fame inductee, I highly recommend Mr. Napier. I know of no one more deserving.

Ancie Casey

Returns to Sweet Sixteen

Napier makes good call

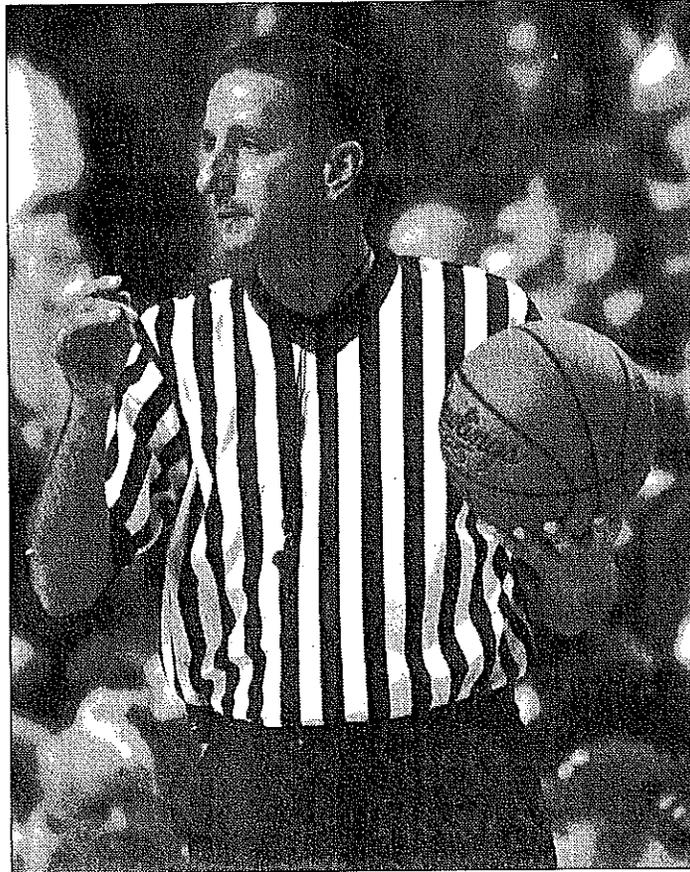
By James David Fugate

Voice Sports

It had been nearly 30 years since Glenn Napier ran on to the court at the Sweet Sixteen as a star player for M.C. Napier High School. Last week he made it back again—as a referee.

Napier, employed by the Breathitt County Board of Education, can be found during the basketball season officiating games in the 14th Region. Officials are graded by coaches as the season progresses and Napier proved he was one of the best by being selected to call in the Sweet Sixteen. Napier, who has lived in Breathitt County for over 20 years, is believed to be the first from Breathitt to make it to the state basketball tournament as an official. Napier said the second trip to the state as a participant was much like the first; you want to perform to your best on high school basketball's biggest stage.

Napier called the opening round game of the tournament and returned for the second round. Officials are also graded in the state tournament, and the better ones advance on to the next round. For some officials, it's one and done, but not for Napier. Not only did he advance to the second round, he moved on to Saturday morning's semifinal. Proving the class act that Napier is, he relented from calling the championship game (the highest honor an



Glenn Napier continues to prove himself to be one of the state's best officials, as pictured above and below.



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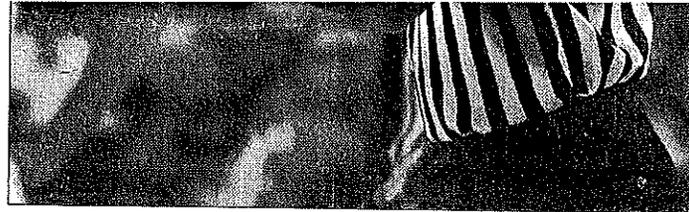
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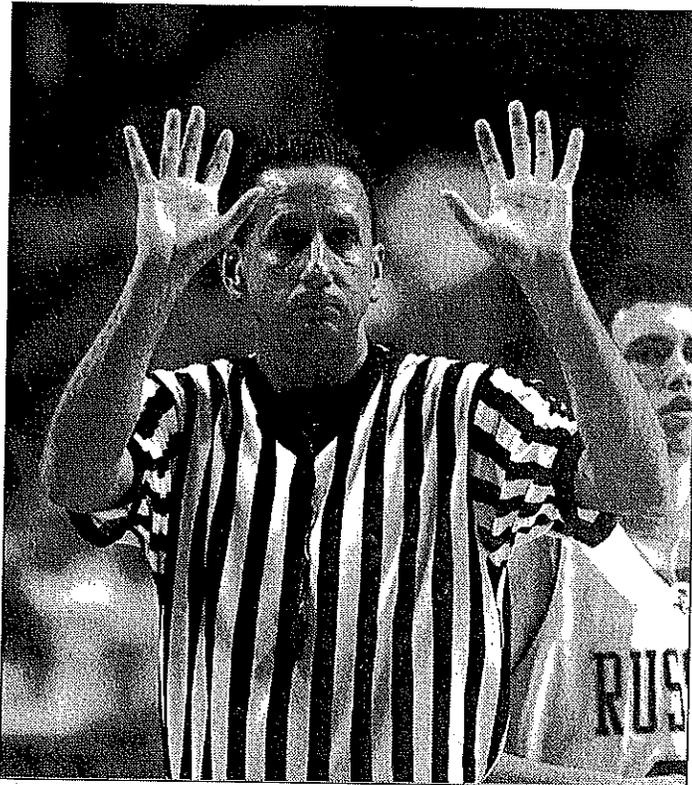
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morning's semifinal. Proving the class act that Napier is, he relented from calling the championship game (the highest honor an official can receive), which opened the door for a retiring referee. Napier said that his official friend would've done the same for him.

Calling a championship game is not new to Napier; he has also called a football



state championship contest. Don't be surprised to see him become a Sweet Sixteen veteran. As a player and official, he's performed superbly, and he's well on his way. Good call!



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Mountain Tops

Cats Fall Short In Philly Once Again "Mountain Girls Teams Head West To Sweet 16"

The KHSAA Commissioner's office advised me as a high school coach to not evaluate officials immediately after games because you're too emotional. I was also advised by some of my new peers in the media to not write columns too quickly after games for the same reason. Sorry friends, I have to write my true feelings, let's begin. Patrick Sparks knows deep in his heart what it means to wear the **Blue & White**. Randolph Morris, Joe Crawford, and yes, Rajon Rondo have no concept what it means, and more importantly don't care.

Sparks tried to pull off the same miracle against U-Conn Sunday that John Pelphrey, Richie Farmer, and Deron Feldhaus tried against Duke in Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love back in 1992. The only difference was Sparks was all alone in his efforts except for Bobby Perry, while Pelphrey, Farmer, and Feldhaus had their entire team playing like they all had the heart of a true Wildcat. The difference

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CLASS:

INDUCTION: 2006

SPORT(S): Men's Basketball

Glenn Napier was a four-year letterwinner and starter for the Eagle basketball team from 1978-82. He is one of the greatest long-range shooters in Eagle basketball history who played before the three-point field goal rule was enacted.

At the time of his induction, Napier ranked 15h on MSU's all-time scoring list with 1,330 points and 16th on MSU's all-time assist list with 214. Napier also pitched for the Eagle baseball team. After his playing days he went on to become one of the top high school basketball and football officials in Kentucky and has worked for both the boys and girls state basketball tournaments.

Napier is a native of Perry County (Ky.) and is currently serving as a volunteer assistant coach at Breathitt County High School for the boys basketball team.

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