

A native of Providence, Kentucky, Phil Gibson came to play basketball for Paul Watts and the Trojans in 1968 and continued his career through 1972. Coach Watts recognized greatness in the raw 6'3" youngster immediately, and despite his height, often played him on the point, having him bring the ball down court against a press. By the time Phil was a Webster County senior, he starred for Coach Eddie Ford, taking the Trojans to the Second Region tournament. Phil bolstered a very formidable front line, along with Paul Austin, a silky smooth shooter and Brent Shelton, a gentle giant from Clay. During his time playing for the Trojans Phil would finish his career with 931 points. He would also hold school records for most free throws made in a game without a miss as well as best FG% in a season. As a player he would be named to the 2nd region all star team, Three Rivers Conference team, All Region team, and All District team. He became one of the very first Webster County basketball players to earn a college basketball scholarship and played two years in junior college in Florida, and then was the first Webster County High School player to graduate from college on a basketball scholarship.

With a degree from Oakland City College in Indiana, Phil came back to his high school alma mater to coach the Webster County Lady Trojans to unprecedented success. He won over 350 games while serving as head coach from 1978-1995. He took the Lady Trojans to the state tournament two times as the 2nd Region champion (81,84). In the 90's he led the Lady Trojans to 3 All "A" Regional Championships in 3 consecutive years from 1993-1995. In 1993 the Lady Trojans reached the State All "A" finals and finished as state runner ups. He coached Sharon Ottens, the first student to win the female high school athlete of the year award in 1982. He also coached Brandi Ashby, Miss Basketball in Kentucky in 1993. During his tenure as head coach he would bring 8 district championships, 2 region championships, 3 All "A" championships and an All "A" State Runner up to Dixon. Along with his numerous regional coach of the year awards he also held the prestigious honor of being the Head Coach for Kentucky in the Kentucky / Indiana All Star Game. After leaving Webster County Phil continued to coach boys at Henderson County until his retirement. Today Phil resides in Henderson with his wife Nancy.