

306 Henry St.
Greensburg, KY 42743
15 October 2022

Mr. Julian Tackett
Commissioner
Kentucky High School Athletic Association
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, KY - 40505

Dear Mr. Tackett:

As a graduate of Greensburg/Green County High School in Greensburg, Kentucky, and as teammates of one of the best baseball talents to play for the school, we urge you to consider Michael Taylor "Mike" Blakeman as a nominee for the Kentucky High School Baseball Hall of Fame.

In the nearly one-hundred-year history of Greensburg/Green County High School baseball, the school has been to only two Kentucky State Baseball Tournaments. One of those appearances was led by Mike Blakeman as pitcher. That in itself is something that speaks to Mike's individual abilities.

While the State Tournament appearance stands out, it only represents a moment in his larger high school career. By looking at his broader record, one can see that Mike deserves recognition as one of Kentucky's best young baseball talents. After your review of Mike's record, I hope you will agree that he deserves recognition in Kentucky's Baseball Hall of Fame.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

James B. DeSpain

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118 Avery Drive
Greensburg, Ky. 42743
Sept. 18, 2023

Mr. Julian Tackett
KHSAA Commissioner
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, Ky. 40505

RE: Recommendation for Michael Taylor "Mike" Blakeman for Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame 2024

Dear Commissioner Tackett:

Over fifty years ago, Michael Taylor "Mike" Blakeman was an outstanding young baseball pitcher for Greensburg High School, Greensburg, Ky. He set many state records as a Greensburg High School pitcher from 1964-1968, had 192 strikeouts in the 1968 season, and pitched in the Kentucky State Baseball Tournament in 1968 to name a few. Enroute to the Kentucky State Tournament that year, Mike pitched in the Regional Tournament--he pitched 20 2/3 innings of the total 21 innings of the two-day Regional tournament and had all three wins. We think this, as well as his many other accomplishments, merits this recommendation for Mike's inclusion in the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame 2024.

As Mike's classmates, we can attest to not only a stellar baseball career at Greensburg High School, but to high standards of sportsmanship and ethical conduct.

Thank you for your consideration of Michael Taylor "Mike" Blakeman for the 2024 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Wayne D. Edwards



Beverly B. Edwards

