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Dawahare's/Hall of Fame Selection Committee
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Ladies and gentlemen of the selection committee:

It is an honor to address the Dawahare's/KHSAA Hall OF Fame committee with my nomination of my friend and coworker Gary Ball as a Contributor in the Sports Media Category.

I had met Gary only briefly before we began fifteen plus years of working together broadcasting high school football, first on the radio with WVLK and then with William Warfield and PrepSpin.Com. Looking at Gary Ball's background and his success over the last 20 years with The Scholastic Ball Report and his more than 30 years representing numerous high school athletes in the media, you get a picture of the scope of his coverage of Kentucky high school sports. But what I see is his tireless devotion to telling the success story of each individual young girl and boy. And he does this during every broadcast. For example, one of the things Gary is most proud of is his knowledge that his coverage and personal attention to the athletic and academic skills of these young people helps in numerous ways. He promotes leadership and points out the importance of academics which allows college recruiters to see these things through various media outlets.

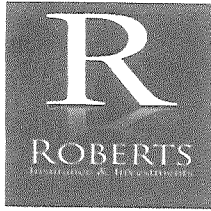
Gary cares deeply about our Kentucky student athletes. He proves it every time we hear his voice on video and radio broadcasts. This past year has been very tough for many of us but especially for Gary. But in his usual fashion he attacks each and every hurdle thrown at him with tenacity, especially the way he worked to strengthen his voice. This is such a tribute to his professionalism and his devotion to the media and to the people, (especially due to PrepSpin.Com) all over the world who count on him to deliver the best play-by-play possible.

In conclusion, Gary has a catchphrase that he uses in his basketball broadcasts, "Soup and a Sandwich". It means the basket and the free throw. I have often thought that we are all served much more than that every time we hear Gary's broadcasts.

Please accept my nomination of Gary to the Dawahare's/ KHSAA Hall OF Fame as a Media Contributor.

Sincerely,


Mike Meighan



LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

October 26, 2022

To Whom This May Concern,

We know of no one who has done more to promote Kentucky High School sports than our good friend Gary Ball.

As the producer of Scholastic Ball Report, he has kept us all informed not only of the scores of the games, but sometimes more importantly, the stories behind the amazing student athletes. We learn not only about their athletic accomplishments, but also their academic accomplishments and achievements off the field. He has also been a mentor to many students who are interested in a career in broadcasting.

As the voice of Prep Spin, he has allowed us all to feel like we are at the games even when we are unable to attend. This has been even more helpful during the Pandemic, when many people were unable to attend the games.

We highly recommend him as a member of the Kentucky High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

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Football and Life Lessons from Old Coaches

David Buchanan

October 25, 2022

To the Dawahare's KHSAA Hall of Fame Committee:

Gary Ball is an excellent choice for enshrinement in your Hall of Fame! He has given his life to celebrating student-athletes across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Scholastic Ball Report has become the premier recognition for our young people. Gary's preparation to make it a great show is 2ND to none.

In 2016, I had two rock star administrative assistants who worked like crazy to make our football program function on a high level. Both young women were softball players. Gary had them on one of his shows and they were thrilled! They were also deserving of the recognition... and that is Gary's best thing.... Helping and celebrating young people!

Gary Ball is an icon in KY HS Athletics. He will be a tremendous addition to the Dawahare's KHSAA Hall of Fame!

Sincerely,

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Dear KHSAA Hall of Fame nominating committee,

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Gary Ball to be inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. I have known Gary for over 20 years. There are very few people that advocate for the student athletes of Ky more than Gary. He approached me 20 years ago on the football field to gauge my interest in supporting a new show idea he had that would highlight the accomplishments of student athletes of ky on a weekly episodic television show. The visionary that he is was never more evident in this venture. I jumped on this opportunity with Gary as I felt it was a great opportunity as well. He not only highlighted the accomplishments of the student athletes on the field, but also highlighted their accomplishments off the field as well. He acknowledged the importance of getting and maintaining good grades by highlighting academicians on his weekly show. Early in his career, he valued the importance of giving back to the school community by highlighting a school. He even went as far to allowing students that were interested in the broadcasting/ communication field to intern on his show to gain valuable experience. This experience has afforded the opportunity for MANY students to go on to college to get a degree in broadcasting. It also allowed students to get out of their comfort zone to learning how to speak in public in a controlled setting. I recommend Gary with the highest amount of confidence for induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

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October 28, 2022

Dawahare's / KHSAA Hall of Fame
Sports Media Contributor Category

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great respect I write this letter in support of Gary Ball's nomination into the Dawahare's/KHSAA Hall of Fame in the Sports Media Contributor Category.

I've known Gary, personally and professionally, throughout his 35 years of high school broadcast career doing radio, television, and now webcasts. In particular, I would like to mention his involvement with the Scholastic Ball Report. Since its inception he has been the Executive Producer of the show. The show is now in its 20th year and still going strong. He has always been an ambassador for high school athletic and academic accomplishments, many times including aspiring journalists still in high school as the talent for the show, which helped launch their career.

As well, he was a huge contributor to the many years WKYT-TV had the opportunity to broadcast the high school Sweet Sixteen championship games.

It is without reservation I strongly recommend Gary Ball for the Dawahare's / KHSAA Hall of Fame in the Sports Media Contributor Category.

Respectfully,
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