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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my distinct honor to recommend Larry "Cotton" Adams for selection to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. Coach Adams has been a very important individual in the history of the storied Corbin High School Redhound football program. He was a player in the early 1960's for Corbin, participating on an undefeated team as a freshman and a state runner-up team during his junior year. He later was an assistant coach and then the head coach at Corbin. As head coach he has a state championship and a state runner-up to his credit. In all, Corbin has been credited with 11 state championships or runners-up finishes in their history...Coach Adams has been involved in 7 of those seasons as a player or coach.

I actually experienced Coach Adams from a very different perspective. He was my high school typing teacher (and a very good one). I entered his class with a little hesitation because even though I was an athlete, I did not play football. I was a basketball/baseball guy and didn't really know what to expect from the fiery and very intense football coach. To my surprise and relief, his classroom was just that...a classroom. I was treated the same as my football playing friends and pushed equally as hard in class. Coach Adams showed me respect, attention and provided motivation to learn his content. He told us (in 1976 before personal computers) that typing was going to be around forever and we would appreciate this skill someday. I write this recommendation letter for him today with a skill he shared with me. He was everything as a teacher that I had heard about him as a coach. He accepted only your best, held high standards for everyone, and worked as hard as his students (players).

To me, it is clear that his coaching accomplishments at Corbin should merit this award. He has had a major influence on one of the most successful and consistent football programs in our state's history. But, he accomplished all of that in the same way he has led all parts of his life, with grit and determination while caring for those he was working with.

I have been in this school system for 32 years and I know of very few people who have experienced as much athletic success as Larry Adams. I am glad I have had the opportunity to share a bit about his academic success as well. He is deserving of this honor, and I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Striving to be our BEST*





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September 26, 2023

To the Dawahare's KHSAA Hall of Fame board:

I am writing today to give my enthusiastic support of the nomination for Coach Larry "Cotton" Adams' induction into the Dawahare's KHSAA Hall of Fame. For the city of Corbin, Coach Adams has always been here for us. From his time as Assistant Coach, to Head Coach, and any and all other positions that needed filled, he's been here. His vision and passion for Corbin Football has touched countless lives and multiple generations of Redhounds. For me personally, I have always referred to Coach Adams as just "Coach" (never Cotton, as that was too disrespectful for a young girl/teenager/adult and now Mayor)! He was always "Coach" to me, and though I never played football, he showed me the love of the game, the drive for excellence, the perseverance and hard work it takes to succeed and underneath it all, he modeled what it truly means to be "once a Redhound, always a Redhound". In my humble opinion, he deserves this honor and so much more. I thank you for giving him your consideration.

Most sincerely,

Mayor Suzie Razmus

City of Corbin



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September 23, 2023

### Dawahare's KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

It is an honor to be given the opportunity to nominate Coach "Cotton" Adams for the KHSAA Hall of Fame. I have the unique distinction of playing for Coach Adams for three years from 1980 through 1982, as well as to coach with him during his last six years of his career. We were lucky enough to win state titles in both 1980 and 1982. I returned to Corbin after college in 1989 to coach with Coach Adams, and I have been in the district that he brought me back to for thirty-five years. We were able to be state runner-ups together in 1990 as a coaching staff. Coach Adams records and championships speak for themselves, but how he goes beyond for the student athlete is what made him special. He was a mentor when I was an assistant and continued to be one during my 15-year tenure as head coach. His players were always his number one priority on the field, in the classroom, and after hours in the community. Many of his players related more to him as a father figure than they did to their own father. Even as I coached during transcending times of the spread offense, Coach's basic fundamental ways to run a program still gave me the framework to run a successful program. Coach Adams was a one of a kind motivator; he brought out the best in each individual player to create great Redhound teams. Coach Adams will never be "Cotton" or Larry to me; he is always "coach."

Steve Jewell

Principal Corbin High School

KHSAA Board of Controls  
2280 Executive Drive  
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Committee Members,

It is with gratitude and thanks that I have the opportunity to recommend Larry "Cotton" Adams for the Dawahare's KHSAA Hall of Fame. I have tremendous respect for Coach Adams as a person and as a football coach. I played for him for four years (1973-1976) and was on a State Championship team my senior year. I also had him as a business teacher at Corbin High School and was always impressed with the similarity between the way he coached football and taught his content. He was very much a detail-oriented person who had a passion for whatever he was doing. The word that comes to mind when I think of Coach Adams is "competitiveness". It did not matter if you were going through monotonous conditioning drills or trying to improve the number of words you could type per minute; he was going to get the best out of you. It always occurred to me that he was consistently working as hard or even harder than the student/athletes.

The success of the Corbin football teams while he was involved with them (both as an assistant and head coach) is undeniable. Two state championships and a runner-up as an assistant to Archie Powers and another state championship and runner-up as the head coach speaks for itself. This is certainly Hall of Fame criteria, but the most endearing characteristic that Coach Adams displayed was his caring for his student/athletes. He coached every young man as if they were his own. He taught difficult life lessons, but also explained why doing the right thing, ***was the right thing***. It did not matter what "side of the tracks" you were from, you could expect to be pushed beyond your own expectations and loved at the same time. That, in and of itself, is difficult to do.

I learned a lot about football from Coach Adams, most of which never contributed to any monetary gain. However, the character and integrity attributes that were displayed on a daily basis have helped me tremendously in my professional life. I am a partner in a successful trucking company and completed a term as the Whitley County Judge Executive, both of which are high stress positions that require you to make decisions that are difficult at times. I learned how best to do that from being mentored and guided by people like Larry Adams. I consider it one of the many blessings of my life to have been involved with Corbin football, and Coach "Cotton" Adams was a very large part of that. As a matter of fact, he still moonlights a bit with our current coach Tom Greer on occasion and I know our kids are better off for that as well.

Thank you for this opportunity, I hope I have conveyed how much this man has meant to our program and our community.

Sincerely,

*Burley Foley*

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September 27, 2023

Selection Committee  
Dawahare's KHSAA Hall of Fame

Re: 2023 Hall-Of Fame Nomination/Recommendation  
Larry "Cotton" Adams  
Football Coach  
Corbin High School

Dear Selection Committee,

Please accept my nomination and recommendation of former Corbin High School Head Football Coach Larry "Cotton" Adams for induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

My player experience was quite unique in that I only played for Coach Adams for one season, my senior year. I moved to Corbin at the start of the spring semester of my junior year in 1980. Coach Adams was the first member of the coaching staff to welcome me to the team. It was easy to see that Coach Adams was all in for football, and more importantly he had a concern for his players.

From January until we won the Class AA championship in November of 1980, Coach Adams, my position coach, and an assistant to Coach Archie Powers, passionately instilled in us; commitment to ourselves and our teammates, tenacity, drive, and most of all perseverance..."boys we've got to stay after them, don't let up". His coaching of his players for the game of football helped to mold us for the game of life. Challenging us to be our best self both on and off of the field, and in the classroom. Many of my teammates have been very successful in their chosen careers. And I am sure that the "stay after it" attitude helped along the way.

Now as a member of the community, I recently saw again Coach Adams' passion for the game, and the love for his players. On September 15, 2023, Corbin's first home game of this season, Corbin High School and the Corbin community celebrated 100 years of the CHS football program. During the half time program Coach Adams, now retired, at mid-field and surrounded by many of his former players, gave us a passionate team talk just like he did when we were on the practice field, in the locker room or on the sideline of a game. He still had that same team passion, but yet it was as if he was just talking to you.

In conclusion, Coach Adams' coaching career that began in 1968, has been hugely successful in the numbers of wins, district championships, regional championships, and state championships. And, of course the numbers of student athletes that he has positively influenced.

Again, I enthusiastically recommend that Larry "Cotton" Adams be inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



David B. Jackson  
President