

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is written as a recommendation for Coach Kevin Whitman to the KHSAA Dawahare's Hall of Fame.

Kevin was my longtime assistant girls basketball coach at both M.C. Napier and Perry Central as well as serving as the girls soccer coach and boys and girls track coach at Perry Central. He also served as the head coach for the girls basketball team at M.C. Napier for one season. Although Kevin has a long list of accomplishments as a head coach his true value was his closeness that all of his players felt toward them. He wasn't just a coach, he was also a father figure to all the players for well over 20 years in the Perry County School system. Kevin was not only knowledgeable about the sports he coached but he cared deeply about the teams, and the players and also representing Perry County in general. He played a huge role in the success of my basketball teams both at M.C. Napier and Perry Central. He served not only as an assistant on my team but was basically our general manager of operations for our team. He was a great assistant and a great JV coach for the girls basketball team for over two decades. He also had a very successful tenure as the track coach at Perry Central. His athletes won several regional championships in the years that Kevin led the program. After stepping away from track Kevin took on a new challenge as he became the girls soccer coach at Perry Central from 2006 to 2023. His teams were regional champs 3 times and district champs 4 times and he also was the assistant boys soccer coach where the program also won several district and regional championships.

In closing I will say that Kevin Whitman is simply put a winner in everyway and a positive influence to the athletes he served in Perry County and I am proud to recommend him to be inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Respectfully,

Randy Napier

June 16, 2023

To whom it may concern,

It is with great honor that I am writing this letter of recommendation for Coach Kevin Whitman to be inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. The Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame is one of the most distinguished honors one can receive in Kentucky sports and Coach Whitman is a perfect candidate for induction.

There are many coaches out there that have dedicated their careers to servicing the athletes of Eastern Kentucky. With a career that spanned over three decades, Kevin Whitman was as assistant to the most recent inductee of the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame class, Randy Napier. In 1994, he helped coach the 1994 M.C. Napier Lady Navajos to the KHSAA Sweet 16 state championship, bringing home the ultimate crown. After this, both he and Coach Napier went on to win several 14th region championships at Perry County Central and coached numerous 14th region players of the year, including two Miss Basketball finalists. In 2014, Coach Whitman was selected to man the sidelines of the prestigious McDonald's All-American Game in Chicago.

As one can see, Coach Kevin Whitman has one of the most storied and legendary careers of any assistant coach in the history of the Commonwealth. His presence on the sidelines has changed many a life for the youth of Eastern Kentucky. His influence can be found to this day and will be felt for many years to come. Simply put, there is no one more deserving of induction into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame than Kevin Whitman.

Sincerely,

Kristie Combs,

1994 Sweet 16 MVP

2011 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Inductee

Buckhorn School Athletic Director

Coach Kevin Whitman is a true credit to the teaching/coaching profession. He has always been a true role model for the hundreds of athletes that he has had the opportunity to coach over his 39 years (10 years at M.C. Napier High School and 29 years at Perry Central High School). Kevin has coached Girls Basketball, Girls and Boys Soccer, also Girls and Boys Track. He not only has been an assistant coach for all the above sports, but also Head Coach for Girls Basketball, Head Coach for Girls Soccer, and Head Coach for Girls and Boys Track. He has coached in numerous District, Regional, and State Championships. He has been voted several times as 14th Region Coach of the year. Kevin has over 200 career wins in Girls Soccer, placing in the States all time coaching Top Twenty victories. He is the all time leader in career victories at Perry Central High School, and leads the 14th Region in Career victories. Kevin was also honored by being selected to coach in the 2014 McDonalds Girls All American Basketball Game (West team) and 2007 Girls Kentucky All Stars Basketball Game (Ky vs Indiana).

It is my great honor to nominate Coach Kevin Whitman to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association as a multi sport coaching legend. Kevin has dedicated his life to the service of Kentucky athletes. It would be very fitting for Kevin to be Inducted into the greatest Hall of Fame in our nation, Our own "Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame."

All of Coach Kevin Whitman's career coaching records are enclosed with the nomination information.

God Bless,
Coach Dale A Mabrey
Pleasure Ridge Park High School