Letter Of Recommendation

To whom it may concern,

I strongly recommend Frank Jones for induction into the Dawahares/KHSAA Sports Hall of Fame in recognition of his extraordinary accomplishments as a Kentucky high school football player and his enduring place in the athletic history of the Commonwealth.

In 1969, while representing Bath County High School, Frank Jones rushed for 3,361 yards in a single season, establishing Kentucky's high school football rushing record. That record stood for 54 years before it was surpassed in 2023. Few individual accomplishments better illustrate sustained excellence, exceptional athletic ability, and historical significance.

Jones' achievement deserves recognition not simply because of the number of yards accumulated, but because of the remarkable standard he established for future generations. For more than five decades, Kentucky high school running backs pursued a mark that Jones had set. His name became part of the state's football history, and his accomplishment remained a point of reference for coaches, athletes, and sports historians.

His athletic excellence continued at Morehead State University, where he earned Second-Team All-Ohio Valley Conference honors in 1973 and First-Team All-Ohio Valley Conference honors in 1974. He rushed for 1,066 yards and nine touchdowns during his 1974 season, and Morehead State later reported that he ranked third in career rushing yards in program history. These achievements further demonstrate the caliber of athlete who emerged from Kentucky's high school football ranks.

Equally important is the story behind the statistics. Jones grew up in a large sharecropping family in eastern Kentucky. His journey reflects the determination required to pursue excellence while facing substantial responsibilities and limited opportunities. With talent, discipline, and support from those who believed in him, he became one of the most memorable high school football players in Kentucky history.

The Dawahares/KHSAA Sports Hall of Fame was established to preserve the legacy of extraordinary achievements in Kentucky interscholastic athletics. Frank Jones' accomplishments merit serious consideration under that mission. His record, its extraordinary longevity, and his lasting impact on the state's football history make a compelling case for statewide recognition. Frank Jones did more than establish a record. He established a legacy. His induction would honor an exceptional athlete, preserve an important chapter of Kentucky sports history, and ensure that future generations understand the magnitude of his accomplishment.

I respectfully urge the Dawahares/KHSAA Sports Hall of Fame Screening and Selection Committees to give Frank Jones' nomination the consideration his remarkable high school career deserves.

Robert “Bobby” Jones