

**Name of Person Being Nominated**

Ralph Davis

**Name of Person Making Nomination**

Jack Lykins

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**Nomination Category**

- Player

**Is this nominee deceased?**

Yes

**Birthdate (REQUIRED)**

09/07/1938

**Gender**

Male

**Is the nominee a minority (African American and others) as described in policy 2(c)**

No

**Played at which schools?**

Lewis County High School

**Graduation Year?**

1956

**Pull Down to Select Athlete Primary Competition Region (1-16) in Kentucky**

16

**Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.**

Forced to play out of position at center in high school because he was the team's tallest player, Davis used the experience to his advantage and forged an all-state, all-American and professional career. Davis graduated in 1956 as the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,476 points. Davis was a member of the 1953 VHS team that won 26 games and advanced to the 16th Region championship game. As a senior Davis led the Lions to a 20-7 record and the EKC tournament title in 1956. He averaged 27 points and 18 rebounds per game as a senior and was named second-team all-state, the highest recognition for any VHS/LCHS basketball player in history. Davis set the school record for points in a game at the time with 41. Davis led VHS to a four-year record of 72-46. Moved to his more natural position of point

guard in college, Davis enjoyed a standout career at the University of Cincinnati where the Bearcats qualified for the Final Four his junior and senior seasons.

**Please list any other factors about this individual that you would like for the Screening or Selection Committees to consider.**

He was named honorable mention All-American as a senior and was the leading scorer in the East-West College All-Star game. He played two seasons in the NBA - one for the Cincinnati Royals (1960-61) and one for the Chicago Packers (1961-62). Davis is the only VHS/LCHS athlete to have his jersey retired. Davis was inducted into the University of Cincinnati Hall of Fame in 1981.

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**Please use mouse or electronic pointer to sign this nomination attesting to its authenticity**

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