

Lewis County All-State Selections (selections began in 1939)

1939 – Martin ‘Knut’ Voiers, Honorable Mention

1949 – Billy Hamilton, Honorable Mention

1950 – Billy Hamilton, Honorable Mention

1953 – John Lykins, Honorable Mention

1956 – Ralph Davis, Jr., 2nd Team

1958 – Harold Billman, Honorable Mention

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1961 – Jack Prater, Honorable Mention

1969 – Glen McDaniel, Honorable Mention

1971 – Eddie Scott, Honorable Mention

1975 – Corky Prater, Honorable Mention

1976 – Jim Bloomfield, Honorable Mention

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David Gaunce, Honorable Mention

1978 – David Gaunce, Honorable Mention

1979 – Greg Weddington, Honorable Mention

1980 – Doug Hampton, Honorable Mention

1981 – Doug Hampton, Honorable Mention

1982 – Terry Riley, Honorable Mention

1984 – Merle Kidwell, Honorable Mention

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Andy Plummer, Honorable Mention

1987 – Mark Blevins, Honorable Mention

1996 – Chad Mefford, Honorable Mention

1997 – Austin Cooper, Honorable Mention

1999 – Billy Howell , 3rd Team

2004 – Tyler Clark, Honorable Mention

Girls

1975 – Karen Bond, Honorable Mention

Debbie Kegley, Honorable Mention

1976 – Karen Bond, Honorable Mention

1990 – Stephanie Fraley, Honorable Mention

1994 – Ada Billman, Honorable Mention

1995 – Deah Forman, Honorable Mention

1997 – Missy Bloomfield, Honorable Mention

2014 – Savannah Anderson, Honorable Mention (CJ)

2015 – Savannah Anderson, Honorable Mention (CJ)

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Ralph Davis, Jr., Cincinnati Bearcats All-American guard who played for Royals, dies at 82

Dave Clark Cincinnati Enquirer

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Ralph Davis, Jr., a star guard who earned All-American recognition in 1960 and played for University of Cincinnati Bearcats teams that reached the NCAA Tournament Final Four at the conclusion of the 1958-59 and 1959-60 seasons, died Sunday at age 82, according to his family.

Davis also played one season for the Cincinnati Royals in 1960-61. He later lived in Reading.

Davis averaged 5.4 points per game in 73 games for the Royals, which selected him in the third round of the 1960 NBA Draft. He also played one season for the NBA's expansion Chicago Packers in 1961.

Davis' 1,093 career points ranked sixth in UC history when he graduated in 1960. As a junior during the 1958-59 season, Davis averaged 15.5 points (second only to Oscar Robertson), 4.4 assists and 2.0 rebounds and earned All-Missouri Valley Conference honors. He averaged 13.7 points per game - again, second to Robertson - and was named All-MVC for the second time.

The Bearcats won back-to-back national championships after Davis and Robertson left UC.

Davis was inducted into the University of Cincinnati Athletics Hall Of Fame in 1981.

From Davis' obituary on Legacy.com:

Ralph was a loving husband and father. He was an All American and a proud UC Bearcat. He played NBA basketball with the Cincinnati Royals, Chicago Packers, and St. Louis Hawks. Ralph will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Visitation will be 9-11 AM, Saturday, June 5, 2021 at Mihovk-Rosenacker Funeral Home, 10211 Plainfield Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45241. Funeral services will begin at 11:00 AM, immediately following the visitation at the funeral home. Interment will be at Rest Haven Memorial Park. Online condolences may be shared at www.mrfh.com.

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**RALPH
DAVIS JR.**
1938-2021



Ralph Davis Jr. (1938-2021)

Men's Basketball

Posted: June 03, 2021

CINCINNATI – Ralph Davis Jr., a former standout University of Cincinnati men's basketball player and James P. Kelly UC Athletics Hall of Fame member, passed away on Sunday, May 30, 2021, at the age of 82.

Davis (September 07, 1938 - May 30, 2021) was a three-year starter for the legendary UC teams of the late 1950s which compiled a 79-9 record, won three Missouri Valley Conference titles and made two appearances in the NCAA Final Four, finishing third each time.

The high-scoring performer was a co-captain with Oscar Robertson in 1959-60 and was second on the team in scoring and assists his final two seasons, averaging 15.5 ppg as a junior and earning Second-Team All-America honors in 1960.

A two-time All-MVC selection, Davis closed out his UC career with 1,093 points, which was No. 6 on the career scoring charts when he graduated.

Davis was the 17th pick of the 1960 NBA draft by the Cincinnati Royals and played one season for the Royals before moving on to the Chicago Packers, where he started 77 games and averaged 10.4 points per game in the 1961-62 season. He scored 1,195 points and played in 150 NBA games before he retired from professional basketball during the 1962 exhibition season.

He was inducted in the UC Athletics Hall of Fame in 1991, the Greater Cincinnati Basketball Hall of Fame in 1998 and his number retired by Lewis County HS in 2010.

Davis is survived by his wife Eva, son Randy, daughters Marla and Jennifer, eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Read his [complete obituary online](#).

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In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Davis' honor to either the UC men's basketball development fund (<https://cpaw.io/rdjr>) or to Hospice of Cincinnati (www.hospiceofcincinnati.org).

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