

October 19, 2011

KHSAA Hall of Fame Committee
ATTN: Nominations
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, KY 40505

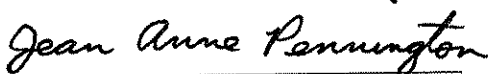
Dear Committee Members,

Coach Wendell Wilson was my basketball coach at Leslie County High School from 1975-1977, shortly after girls basketball was revived in Kentucky. Thirty-four years later I consider myself so fortunate to have a person of such character and dedication as my former high school coach. I would like to first speak of his character. He taught us about priorities in life other than basketball, he counseled us on a one on one basis if we had problems, he did fundraising on his own to provide each team member with a blazer to wear on game days, and he provided us with a great example of morals and honesty that I feel is missing in so many coaches today. One of the greatest lessons he taught me that I still carry with me today is that hard work is the road to success. That is a valuable lesson to learn when one is seventeen years old.

Coach Wilson's illustrious career at Leslie County includes numerous district championships and 3 regional titles. Early in his career he built the program to a level that Leslie County was the dominant program in the 54th district. What makes this accomplishment so impressive is that he took girls who had never played organized basketball and did not know the fundamentals and molded us into a dominant force in our district and region. He is a legend in girls basketball in eastern Kentucky. Coach Wilson currently is fifth on the list of all time winning Kentucky coaches with 564 wins.

I feel that his accomplishments both on and off the court make him truly worthy of induction to the Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,


Jean Anne Pennington

Jody K. Sizemore
Hyden, Kentucky 41749

October 21, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to nominate Mr. Wendell Wilson for the Coach's Hall of Fame. I have known Coach Wilson for many years and consider him a wonderful person, excellent coach and great mentor.

During the years he was my coach, I improved my skills as a basketball player tremendously. Throughout this time, because of his help and guidance, I was the recipient of the Ms. Kentucky Basketball award. I also received a scholarship to play basketball at the college level. I mention this now, only to highlight the importance Coach Wilson's impact had on my career as an athlete.

The significance of Coach Wilson's legacy to basketball in Leslie County still impacts coaches and athletes today. During his tenure as coach, Mr. Wilson had an impressive 564 total wins, 12 district championships and 3 regional titles. These extraordinary accomplishments set the mark for many to strive for today.

It is hard to convey in a letter the impact Mr. Wilson has had on sports in our region. I sincerely hope my coach is inducted into the Hall of Fame for our state.

Yours Faithfully,



Jody K. Sizemore

John Newell

Hyden, KY 41749

October 25, 2011

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Dear Selection Committee

This is a letter of recommendation for Coach Wendell Wilson. I've known Coach Wilson since 1976. I began working with him as a staff member and have continued doing so since that year.

Coach Wilson is a man of integrity and of faith. His list of priorities went as the following: God, family, school and basketball. He practiced what he preached as well. He not only talked the talk but he walked the walk as well.

Coach Wilson coached the Lady Eagles for 31 seasons. During those years, he compiled a record of 564 wins against 340 losses. He is one of the coaches who have gathered high wins in girls basketball history in this great state.

During the school year of 1977-78, he not only coached girls' basketball but he also coached varsity boys basketball.

Coach Wilson was more than a coach; he was an educator as well. During most of his years as Lady Eagles basketball coach, he was principal of Beechfork Elementary and guided and prepared several students to be productive citizens. He did an excellent job as a coach and as an administrator during this period of time.

I worked with Coach Wilson each of his 31 seasons and I had the privilege to see the man as his true self. He was a kind and courteous man. He was a basketball genius.

It would be a great reward to a great man to see him inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Newell', written in a cursive style.

John Newell

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Dear KHSAA Hall of Fame:

As a life-long friend of Mr. Wendell Wilson I am sending my recommendation for him to be considered for the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

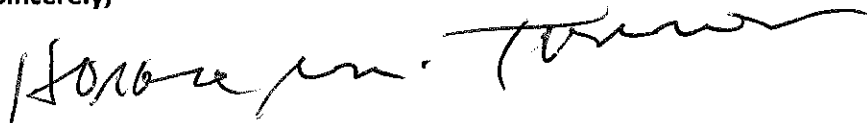
Wendell and I attended Beech Fork Elementary School and played baseball and basketball on the same teams. In our adult years we took different career paths. For many years Wendell taught and coached in the Leslie County school system. Coaching the Leslie County girl's teams he won over 400 games in his stellar career.

In addition to the impact he made on scores of young people coaching, he became the principal at the school he and I attended, Beech Fork Elementary School. He was an outstanding educator, father, church leader, and coach.

Wendell has attended the Beech Fork United Methodist Church for most of his life. He serves as an officer and treasurer of this church. He is a fine Christian man, family man, and a leader in the community. He is looked up to and respected for his excellent character, achievements, and contributions to the educational system, athletic endeavors, his family, church, and community.

It is an honor and privilege to give Wendell Wilson the highest recommendation possible to be chosen for the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 269-615-6198; or email: wildcat41@frontier.com. I'll be glad to answer any questions or give further input concerning this recommendation.

Sincerely,



Rev. Horace M. (Buddy) Turner

First Baptist Church, Paw Paw, Mi