

KHSAA
Board of Control
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, KY 40505

November 1, 2022

Dear Board of Control,

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend Justin Sharp as a candidate for the KHSAA 2022-2023 Hall of Fame.

Justin Was a varsity starter for the Earlington Yellow Jackets for five years from 1963-1967. He began as a starting forward in his eighth grade year in 1962-1963. He was an integral part of each team from that year through 1966-1967. He led the team in scoring and rebounding in his junior year when the team won the regional tournament and in his senior year when the team won the state tournament.

As opposed to listing all his accolades, I am enclosing a very informative cover sheet for your information and perusal. I am also enclosing a letter of recommendation.

Finally, I would add that I had the privilege of playing on the team with Justin for his last two years. I have followed high school basketball for the past forty years and I can truthfully say he is one of the best players I have ever witnessed.

Thanks for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Lonnie J. Burgett

Birthdate 11-25-47

Earlington High School 1963-67*

Total Points - 2300

Rebounds - 1750

Assists - 773

Honors

1964-65

All District

1965-66

All Hopkins County

All District

All Region

All State Honorable Mention

1966-67

All Hopkins County

All District

All Region

MVP of 2nd Region

All Western Ky Team

All State first team

All-Tournament Team in Sweet 16 1967

Member of the State Championship KHSAA team 1967

All America Honorable Mention

Played in Kentucky East-West All Star classic

2005 inducted into Hopkins County Hall of Fame

Team Won-Loss Record

1962-63 -25-5

1963-64 -19-9

1964-65 -30-3

1965-66 -29-7

1967-67 - 38-1

Total 141-25

***Does not include stats from 8th grade year**

June 16, 2022

To KHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL

It is with great pleasure I support the nomination of Justin Sharp, member of the 1967 Kentucky Boys High School Basketball Championship Team and outstanding former Earlington, KY basketball player, to the Kentucky State High School Basketball Hall of Fame. Justin is a hometown hero to the small town in which we were both educated, at that time boasting no more than 2800 residents and an independent school system with nearly 125 students in our 9 - 12 grade high school classes. And we were competitive!

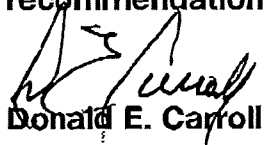
While he excelled in the basketball arena, I remained a lifetime member of the Hopkins County community, elected to serve County as Jailer, Sheriff, and most recently Judge Executive of Hopkins County from 2007-2018.

Justin was a vital member of the ¹⁹⁶⁷ Kentucky High School Boy's State Championship Team. During his career from 1962-67, he scored 2300 points, had 750 rebounds and 773 assists. He was selected for many Hopkins County, District, and Regional teams, culminating in a senior season in which he was also Most Valuable Player of the 2nd Region, member of KY All State First Team, member of All Tournament Team in Sweet 16 1967, and member of the State Championship KHSAA team in 1967. The team had a proud 38-1 record his senior year and a 141 win and 24 loss during his career. Justin was inducted into the Hopkins County Central Hall of Fame in 2005.

His achievements personify the dreams of many young athletes, to reach for and achieve what seems the impossible. He is an example of success through desire, perseverance, and sheer love of the game.

Justin Sharp continued his success as a college player and high school basketball coach, sharing his skill and enthusiasm and becoming a positive role model in many lives. His integrity, strength, knowledge, and faith have served him well and influenced many fortunate young players who have known him best as Coach.

It is without reservation I submit this letter of support and give him my highest recommendation.


Donald E. Carroll