

October 28, 2016

Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame
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Dear Sir/Madam:

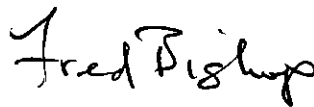
I am writing this letter in support of Gary "Tuck" Woolum's consideration for induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

I have had the pleasure of knowing the Woolum family for 45 years and they are wonderful, outstanding people who have greatly contributed to their community. Dr. Jerry Woolum and his late wife Kaye were stalwarts in Pineville and raised Tuck in the same mold.

Being several years older than Tuck, I was able to watch him excel both on and off the field/court and feel he is very deserving of being selected to the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Tuck's accomplishments are attached and well documented, but Tuck's greater contributions may have come following his glory days. He spent countless hours of coaching, teaching and building a solid foundation for children which will stand forever.

Thank you for considering Gary "Tuck" Woolum for the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fred Bishop

I had the pleasure of coaching Tuck Woolum at Pineville High School, in 1978. Tucky, as he was called in high school was a furious competitor who loved the game of football and LOVED to win. He always thought he was a great quarterback and wanted to be better than his dad, who played quarterback at the University of Kentucky. Tuck was willing to do whatever it took to be great; worked hard, study his position, football camps, and film to accomplish his goal of being great and winning. When we started fall camp in the summer of "78" at LMU university, I knew this young man was going to make a difference in our team and season. He knew who his players were(Those that could make plays and who he could count on when the "Going got tough") I knew as a coach just what type of player we had in Tuck and I also knew he was a well liked young man by his teammates and the people of Pineville. I also knew that he could throw the football in any situation that we would face. He was a gifted leader and well liked teammate, and was starting his drive to be a great quarterback, who always believed in himself, and after talking with him I knew he wanted to compete at a very high level.

As a defensive minded coach I knew we had a quarterback that was a "WINNER" because he knew who to throw it to and who could catch in a tough situation. He knew who could run, who was fast, and who could block. But our real problem was making and putting together an offensive line and we only had 19 player on the team. Tuck did not care he wanted to win and throw and I was in his corner and I was the head coach. Fred Bishop, Pat Clore, and David Thompson were coaches at Pineville who thought the passing game will help our running game. During one of our games with Harlan, Tuck broke the top part of his thumb and I ask his father Dr. Jerry Woolum if he could still play and Doc said "it too far from his heart to kill him" and Tuck's grandmother, "Big Momma" wanted to kill Doc and me. Tuck said, "I can still throw the ball, and I said go throw it". I think young men like Tuck comes along in a small town like Pineville, or the small town where I am from maybe once in a lifetime and the people and newspapers never let us forget them and the impact they have on sports. I believe that Pineville is a "Football Town" where people never forget those who make a difference in their town and who go out and bleed for their town and school. We call them warriors who put the team on their shoulders and carry them to victory. And the quarterback is always the hero who loves the pretty girl (Dr. Martha Woolum)(Smiles) and who the little boys always look up to. And I always loved the way Tuck found time to give the little boys his wrist bands that was sweaty and dirty after the game because that is what hero's do, and he liked being a hero.

Tuck earned a scholarship to play football at Eastern Kentucky University for Coach Roy Kidd. Tuck developed into a strong, tough quarterback while at ECU and during his senior year of 1982, show just how good he was by winning 13 games and guiding Eastern into the Division 1AA National Championship. He overcame many odds to become the starting quarterback. They thought he was not tall enough; he was not fast enough, and strong enough to lead the Colonels to a Ohio Valley Conference championship or take them back to the National Championship. Tuck never lost faith in himself and continued to work hard to be the best that he could be. I remember sitting in meeting with the coaches thinking they don't know what is in his heart, or how bad he wants this. Like a great players he put his big boy shoes on and went to work, overcoming many odds to lead the Colonels to the National Championship and to a record number of wins that still stand at Eastern Kentucky University. Tuck is very deserving of this award!!!! And I love him like he is my son. I also love you and your family.

Sincerely,

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Teddy Taylor

October 25, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to recommend Tuck Woolum, former star quarterback at Pineville High School, for the Kentucky High School Athletics Association Hall of Fame.

As a senior at Pineville in 1978, Tuck threw for 1,965 yards and 26 touchdowns, while also rushing for nine additional TD's. His junior season, he threw for more than 1,200 yards and had 12 TD passes. His sophomore year, he collected 1,000 yards passing and tossed 10 additional touchdown passes. He was also a member of the Class A All-State team and received Back of the Year in the conference for Pineville his senior season.

Tuck was a three-year letter-winner for us here at Eastern Kentucky University and was a member of four consecutive Colonel football teams that played in the I-AA national championship game. In 1982, as a senior, he was a first-team All-OVC quarterback as he led our team to a perfect 13-0 season and our second national championship and a final No. 1 ranking in the I-AA poll.

While serving as captain at ECU that senior season and receiving honorable mention All-American honors, Tuck set five single season school passing records.

Again, I believe Tuck has collected the credentials to be a strong candidate for inclusion in to the KHSAA Hall of Fame and I strongly recommend him for this honor.

Sincerely,



Roy Kidd, Former Head Football Coach at Eastern Kentucky University

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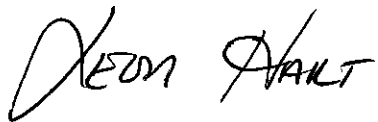
Please accept this letter of recommendation on behalf of Gary "Tuck" Woolum. I have had the pleasure of knowing Tuck for the past 37 years. I first met him when he was a senior in high school making a name for himself as an outstanding quarterback for Pineville High School. Our football staff followed his progress throughout his senior season and were delighted when Tuck chose to attend Eastern Kentucky University on a football scholarship. As the quarterback coach, I had a good amount of input into which QB's we chose to recruit. You could tell from watching him play that he was a leader who commanded the respect of his teammates and opponents alike.

Once on our campus, it was obvious that Tuck not only had the athletic ability to be an outstanding player but he also had the drive and leadership to take all of us to the highest level. He played as a true freshman and during his four year career we went to the finals of the NCAA Division I-AA championships every year. His senior season, Tuck led us to an undefeated (13 - 0) National Championship. His playmaking and calmness under pressure led our team through some challenging situations from the opening ballgame to the championship game. A "Winner" is the best way to describe Tuck, but the thing I've always said about him was that ten other players got better every time he stepped into the huddle. His strong right arm served us well but his ability to make everyone in the huddle 'believe' was what made him special.

"Tuck", short for Kentucky, has as much pride in his state as anyone in this Commonwealth. After college he chose to go into teaching where he has had a positive influence on the lives of young people wherever he has been. He continues to lead and challenge students in his hometown of Pineville, KY as a teacher and football coach to this day.

From the time of his playing days at ECU we have developed a uniquely strong bond between us that will last forever. It gives me great pleasure to see what an outstanding husband, father, brother, friend, teacher and coach he has developed into. It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Gary "Tuck" Woolum for selection to the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "LEON HART". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first letter of each word being larger and more prominent.

Leon Hart
Retired Teacher and Coach

Pineville Independent Schools

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October 24, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Gary "Tuck" Woolum. It is my hope that he is considered and inducted into the prestigious Kentucky High Schools Athletic Hall of Fame. I have had the honor of knowing this individual almost all of his life. I was his High School Science Teacher, golf coach and assistant basketball and football coach. Presently, I am his Interim Superintendent at Pineville Independent School where he currently coaches and teaches. It was Pineville's "good fortune" when he and his parents moved into our town.

Gary Tuck was unquestionably one of the most talented athletes that Pineville ever had. If it was a sport at Pineville, he participated in it, and in all of them he excelled. The sport that he received the most notoriety in was football. This sport provided him a scholarship to Eastern Kentucky University where he again excelled as a quarterback for the Colonels, leading them to a National Championship his senior year and a perfect 13-0 season.

Gary Tuck Woolum has always been a vigilant competitor in all that he does and retains that competitive nature even to this day. He received so many coveted awards and recognitions while he was a Pineville High School Mountain Lion and as an ECU Colonel. He also has coached football at the college level and been successful positively affecting young people. To me and most who know him, there is not a more deserving individual than Gary Tuck Woolum to become a member of the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

If I can provide any more information or answer any questions about Mr. Woolum's accomplishments while a student at PHS, please do not hesitate to contact me. To this day, he positively touches the lives of young people both on and off the playing fields and courts. I truly hope the committee selects him as an inductee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick S. Clore". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Patrick S. Clore
Interim Superintendent Pineville Schools
and Former Coach of Gary Tuck Woolum

October 17, 2016

Dear Sir:

I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your consideration of Gary Leonard (Tuck) Woolum as a prospective member of the Kentucky Athlete Hall of Fame. I have known Tuck since his days in junior high at Pineville High School and feel well qualified to write about him.

He was my student in grades 7-12. I taught him in many different classes-mainly math during that time. He worked hard and always did what I asked of him to the best of his ability. He obviously was a very good high school athlete and excelled in football and basketball. Upon graduation he received a football scholarship to Eastern Kentucky University and like they say-the rest is history.

Under his leadership E.K.U. won a National Championship his senior year. As their quarterback his accomplishment there was nothing short of outstanding. After college, he coached football at the Citadel, Western Carolina, and Union College. At each of those places he did a very respectable job and was widely respected by his peers and his players as well.

In the next phase of his career, he returned to Pineville High School as a teacher and coach. He has taught health, physical education, driver's education; he also has coached high school football, boys and girls track, as well as middle school football and baseball. In all of these endeavors, he has set a good example for all of his players and students as a teacher and coach.

As his teacher and as a contemporary, I have much respect for him and what he has accomplished. To sum it all up, Tuck Woolum is very deserving of inclusion into your Hall of Fame, when you meet him, you will soon see why I feel the way I do about him and his life in sports.

Thank you for your consideration.

David F. Thompson

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October 19, 2016

Dawahares KHSAA Hall of Fame

Re: Gary Tuck Woolum

Dear Gentleman,

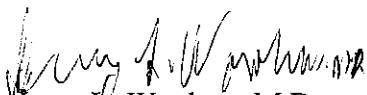
It is of great pleasure and love that I recommend Gary Tuck Woolum to be considered for Kentucky High School Hall of Fame. Tuck was a multi-letterman in football, basketball and baseball during his high school career. He led his football team to the semi-finals and the state playoffs. He was a leading scorer on the basketball team and he also excelled in baseball. He set many records as a quarterback for the Pineville High School football team and basketball team. He received all State honors, Class A during his senior year.

After graduation he attended Eastern Kentucky University and played under the legendary Roy Kidd. He was the starting quarterback on Eastern's last National Championship Team which was undefeated and 13/0. He received multiple honors during his senior year. He set records for ECU in passing and was recently selected to Eastern Kentucky's Football Hall of Fame.

Following graduation he has been a coach assistant and head at the college and high school level. He continues to teach in the Pineville School system and volunteers his time as a volunteer coach for the Pineville Mountain Lions. He has been an influence on many young children in the Southeastern Kentucky area. He has had multiple clinics and he continues to mentor the young quarterbacks of our area.

I make the recommendation without any reservation and enthusiastically recommend Tuck as an inductee. He would represent the association in an honorable manner.

Sincerely,



Jerry L. Woolum, M.D.

JLW/nmp

October 24, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend Gary "Tuck" Woolum for your consideration into the Kentucky High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

Tuck played football for Pineville High School at approximately the same time I was chosen to start a football program at Lone Jack High School which is in the same county. I knew his family and enjoyed watching Tuck's high school and college football career. Tuck was the type of athlete who expected 110% from all the players on the team because as quarterback that is what he gave. His senior year (1978) was probably his best high school year in football. Tuck threw for 2000 yards and had 26 touchdowns that year. He earned many awards for his hard work and love of the game. After the 1978 football season, Tuck received a football scholarship from Eastern Kentucky University. During his senior year at ECU as quarterback, Tuck led the Colonels to a National Championship in 1982 with a 13-0 season. He also played and excelled in basketball, baseball, golf and tennis, but everyone knew his game was football.

Tuck coached football at Citadel, Western Carolina and Union College. After coaching at the college level, Tuck returned to his hometown to teach and coach at Pineville High School. He is enthusiastic, caring, community oriented and supportive of Pineville athletics as well as the Kentucky athletic community.

I believe that Tuck is a great example of what student athletes should be. They need to have talent, but more importantly, they need to have great work ethics, determination, great leadership skills and desire to play the game.

Sincerely,


Michael S. Parker