

Dickie's Career Coaching Resume

- 1972-1992** **Volunteer freshman coach and Para-Professional Assistant Coach to Dan Bates at Letcher High School**
No Records as assistant coach and freshmen coach
- 1992-1997** **Served as boys' assistant coach and JV coach for Eddie Whitaker at Whitesburg High School**
No record as assistant and JV coach
- 1992-1995** **Head baseball coach at Whitesburg High School**
Record 67 Wins and 23 Losses -2 District Championships, region semi-finalist
1 time
- 1997, 2004, 2005** **Head softball coach at Whitesburg High School**
Record 61 wins and 19 losses-2 District Championships, 1 Region
Championships
- 1997-2005** **Head girls' basketball coach at Whitesburg High School**

Record of 168 wins and 64 losses-6 District Championship, 4 All Region
Championships, All A State Runner-up in 2004, 3 times Region Runner up
- 2005-2017** **Head girls' basketball coach at Letcher County Central**
Record of 250 wins and 121 losses-8 District Championships and 3 Region
Championships, KHSAA Elite Eight in 2006
- 2009-2012** **Head volleyball coach at Letcher County Central**
Record of 92 wins and 13 losses-3 District Championships and 3 Region
Championships
- Total Girls' BB Record** **418 Wins and 185 Losses**
14 District Titles
3 Region Titles
4 All A Region Titles
1 Elite 8
1 All A Runner Up

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Dear Recipient

I am writing this letter in support of nominating Richard "Dickie" Adams to the Dawahares KHSAA Hall of Fame. I first met Dickie in 1988. Dickie hosted a wedding for my college roommate. I was the best man in the wedding. I got to know Dickie a little better as I got to see him coach junior varsity boys at Letcher High School and later at Whitesburg High School. I also coached against him in baseball when he was the head coach at Whitesburg and I was the head coach at Jenkins. Dickie had the reputation of being a good coach. A few years later the girls basketball head coaching position came open at Whitesburg. I was an assistant girls basketball coach at Jenkins at that time. Jenkins and Whitesburg are both in the same county and district and are only 11 miles apart. It was a rivalry. I secretly hoped that Dickie would not get the job at Whitesburg because I knew he would do a good job, he did. I later became the head girls coach at Jenkins. In the 8 years that I was the the head coach we only beat him twice. Once when neither of our teams were very good and once when both of our teams were pretty good. I was lucky enough to beat him in the district championship game in one of those games. We rode together to the regional draw the next day. Dickie was always humble in victory and gracious in defeat. In 2009 I changed jobs and was hired as the assistant boys coach and health and PE teacher at Letcher County Central High School. Dickie was the head girls coach at LCC. Dickie was one of the first people to congratulate me and gave me my first LCC shirt. We share a mutual fishing friend and often get together for a fish fry. Dickie is an excellent fish fryer. He is a jack of all trades. He is very knowledgeable in carpentry and plumbing. Looking at his coaching resume you can see that not only was he a successful coach in girls basketball, but also volleyball, softball, and baseball. I have the upmost respect for Dickie and am proud to call him my friend. Please consider electing him to the Dawahares KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,


Jerry Bentley

July 7, 2017

Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame

ATTN: Nominations

2280 Executive Drive

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To whom it may concern:

It is a pleasure to have been asked to write on behalf of Coach Richard "Dickie" Adams for possible nomination to the Dawahare's KHSAA Hall of Fame. I have known Coach Adams for over 4 decades in different capacities including a cherished friend of my family. In sports, I have coached with and against Coach in several sports including baseball and boys basketball. As a teacher, he and I worked together at the Letcher County Education Center for the past 5 years until his past retirement in 2016.

Why am I nominating Coach Adams to be a member of the prestigious KHSAA Hall of Fame? Three reasons come immediately to mind.

First, as a player, he was a 2,000 point scorer at Letcher High School and who would later play at NCAA Division II Roanoke College (VA), for Virginia Sports Hall of Fame Coach Charlie Moir. He would win the Division II National Championship in 1971-72. Coach Moir would later move to Virginia Tech University.

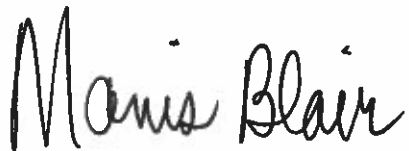
Second, after his playing days were over he went into a family business, but not turning away from coaching at his alma mater and being a volunteer assistant under Coach Danny Bates for 20 years. He would later go back to school to become a special education teacher, and thus, start his official coaching in 1992. Coach had an impeccable record in several sports at Whitesburg and Letcher County Central High Schools. He garnered regional championships in softball (1),

volleyball (3), and girls basketball(3). In all sports he has won over 638 games, with 418 coming in girls basketball.

Lastly, throwing all those wins away, he is a Hall of Fame Coach based on the many contributions he made on the lives of all he touched at Letcher, Whitesburg, and Letcher County Central. The countless hours of not only sports instruction, but life instruction, during their playing careers molded them into the women and men that Letcher County could be proud of.

I do believe that this man and Coach richly deserve the opportunity to be inducted into your hallowed halls.

Thank you for considering our coach of Letcher County and my friend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Manis Blair". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Manis" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Blair".

Manis Blair, Head Teacher

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August 29, 2017

Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame
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Dear Committee Members,

This letter is to support the recommendation of William R. "Dickie" Adams for the KHSAA/Dawahares Hall of Fame. During the entire time of my tenure as a school administrator in Letcher County, Coach Adams served as either assistant or head coach of various sports. His coaching responsibilities included: assistant and junior varsity boys' basketball coach, head baseball coach, head softball coach, and head girls' basketball coach at Whitesburg High School and head girls' basketball coach and head volleyball coach at Letcher County Central High School. Coach Adams is very deserving of this distinguished honor because of his tradition-setting, positive impact on the lives of numerous young athletes and high school sports in Letcher County.

Coach Adams' impressive coaching record includes 418 wins and 185 losses as head girls' basketball coach. Within this record, he led his teams to 14 district titles, three region titles, four All-A region titles, and had one Elite 8 team and one All-A State Championship runner-up team. During the 21 years Coach Adams and I worked together as Coach and assistant/head principal, he was a mentor to both his student athletes and fellow coaches. Off the court, Coach Adams was a teacher who was deeply involved in the lives of his students; and on the court, he displayed the sportsmanship of a professional and the care of a father. Coach Adams managed all aspects of his coaching responsibilities well including: fundraising, parent involvement, and cooperating with other sports within the school athletics program.

Being familiar with many of the distinguished members of former Dawarhares/KHSAA Hall of Fame classes leads me to conclude that Coach Adams certainly belongs on the next roster. With much admiration, it is my privilege to recommend Coach William R. "Dickie" Adams for the KHSAA/Dawahares Hall of Fame. The leading role he played in helping define 21st century Kentucky high school athletics makes him a very deserving recipient.

Sincerely,



Stephen R. Boggs
Assistant Principal, Whitesburg High School, 1994-2000
Principal, Whitesburg High School, 2000-2004
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June 29, 2017

Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame
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ATTENTION: Nominations

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to nominate Dickie Adams for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. I have known Dickie for several years as I grew up with him at Isom, Kentucky and have known his family for the last 40 years. Dickie comes from an outstanding athletic family and has had outstanding athletic accomplishments in his own right, let alone in the coaching field. Dickie was a successful basketball coach at Letcher High School and played at Roanoke State University during college.

Dickie and his family have all worked hard in multiple areas of sports at Letcher High School, Whitesburg High School and Letcher County Central High School. Dickie has coached and won a number of incredible basketball games in girls basketball and several championships in girls volleyball at Letcher County Central High School. Dickie Adams coached my daughter Vannah Breeding during her grade school and high school career and successfully won during her senior year the 14th Region Basketball Tournament and participated in the Kentucky girl's state tournament.

Dickie is an outstanding coach. His win/loss record is incredible, as you can see in the handout accompanying this letter. He is definitely deserving of such an honor and is a proud member of the Letcher County Community.

I submit this letter and my endorsement for Dickie Adams for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

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June 21, 2017

Dawahares/KHSAA
Hall of Fame
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I am writing this letter in support of Mr. William Richard Adams nomination into Kentucky's Hall of Fame. I have the honor of his friendship for over fifty-five years. He worked with me in developing a program that won Program of the Year by the International Directors of Personnel. A few years later, he was instrumental in assisting me in creating an award-winning Day Treatment Center in Letcher County, Kentucky, to address the needs of nontraditional students and those adjudicated via the courts and the Department of Juvenile Justice.

During my tenure as a coworker and later as his supervisor, I found him to be consistent in dealing with the students, disciplined in terms of handling volatile situations, and always having the students best interest at heart. I firmly believe that coaches learn these attributes through their coaching endeavors. Mr. Adams carried these values on and off the floor, as his record of success attests. The number of girls that were inspired by his leadership and commitment to them is staggering. The amount of money generated for their education of the years is astronomical. The strong character foundation that he demonstrated by example resulted in young ladies that came back to the area and contributed unselfishly to their community. Such achievements must not go unrecognized as well as his personal achievements and sacrifices.

Mr. Adams was a highly sought-after basketball player from a small rural school in eastern Kentucky. He was recruited by Coach Charlie Moir of Roanoke College and played on the 1971-72 NCAA Division 2 championship team. This speaks volumes of his work ethics, sacrifices, and self-motivation. As a coach, he passed along those attributes. His love of basketball was only superseded by his love for passing along principles, morals, and ethics to his teams. Those values were adopted by the girls in a slogan they created: "What would Dickie do?"

Having worked with Mr. Adams for over twenty years and being privy to his steadfast characteristics, I can unequivocally and wholeheartedly offer my endorsement for his nomination into the prestigious Kentucky Basketball Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



David P. Chaltas
Director of Letcher County Education Center (Retired)
2000 KY EBD Teacher of the Year
Author/Historian

Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame

Attn: Nominations

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Dear Committee Member,

Writing a letter to nominate Richard "Dickie" Adams, is an honor for me. Years ago as a young coach, I looked up to Coach Adams and respected all he did. Now as a more veteran coach, I still do at even greater levels. He has been and always will be a great advocate for the game of basketball, especially for the girls.

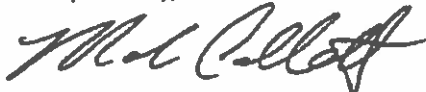
Coach Adams is one of the fiercest competitors in the game always getting the best out of each of his teams year in and year out. He's a coach that you have to strive to match his intensity and get your players to match his teams' intensity, all the while knowing when it comes to X's and O's, he will always get the best of you.

Coach Adams is a great coaching friend of mine that is a great resource when scouting other teams or just wanting to bounce an idea off him concerning the game. You will always find him at every association meeting, planning and promoting his team, the region and the game. Our teams have had some great battles, most of which his club has come out victorious. On those nights, he is humble and telling me "if you need anything, let me know." And in the rare occasion, we were able to get the win, he was congratulatory and wishing the best of luck. All the while I knew he meant he would help if I needed anything, as well we he did wish us luck as we moved forward.

It is without hesitation, I would recommend Coach Dickie Adams for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of fame. His record in various levels of coaching for over 45 years speaks for itself. But on even a deeper level, he is a true competitor and a true coaching friend. One who always has and always will represent our Region and the game of basketball with pride and respect. I always tell everyone, "he's the best around, he's the one we dread."

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you choose Coach Adams, he will also be an inductee you as a committee can be proud of and will represent your organization greatly as well.

Respectfully,



Mark Collett, Head Coach-Leslie County Girls Basketball

Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame

Attn: Nominations

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Dear Committee Member,

I am writing this letter on behalf of one exceptional coach Richard Dickie Adams. Coach Adams has been a part of my life for over fifteen years now and there is no better leader than him that I have ever been around. I first knew Dickie when I was seven years old and attended many of the Whitesburg High School girls' basketball games. I then began a relationship with him when my father introduced us and I became Whitesburg High Schools Girls' basketball water girl as a second grader. For the next four years I sat on Coach Adams bench and watched him lead teams to many championships and also become someone who I adored. After 2005, our county consolidated and Dickie was named the head coach of our new Letcher County Central Cougars team, where I was also a water girl for him there for one year. At conclusion of both schools, Coach Adams had 14 District Titles and 3 Region Championships.

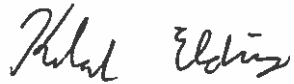
As a seventh grader, I was invited up by Coach Adams to play at the high school and for the next six years I played for Dickie. Throughout those years I received countless hours of instruction, discipline, and encouragement from this man who, by now, had become like my second dad. Coach Adams never failed to be honest with me and give me his best whether it was on the court or off the court. The most proud moment of my basketball career with Coach Adams was my senior season when we defeated Perry Central for the 14th region title. So now I had won a 14th region championship title with Coach Adams as a water girl and now a player. The hug I received after the final buzzer sounded with him will be a moment I will never forget.

After graduation my relationship with Dickie continued and he helped me to receive a full ride scholarship to play basketball at the University of Pikeville. All throughout high school, he knew I had a dream to play college basketball and he helped me in living that dream as a reality. Coach Adams would call schools for me and speak to other coaches telling them all about me. He was one of the most essential persons in shaping me into who I am today. In 2016, as a junior in college, I made it to the NAIA national tournament final four and when I returned home I could hardly wait to go speak with Coach Adams about that amazing experience and thank him for helping me get to that point because without him I would not have received that chance.

Within the last year I graduated from the University of Pikeville with the highest honors in my class and received a degree in Elementary education. As a basketball player, I became Pikeville's all-time leading three point shooter, a three time All-conference player, both academically and athletically, and as a senior I was named a NAIA All-American. These honors do not speak from what I have done alone, I was mentored by a man named Dickie Adams who put forth his best effort to make every single one of his players not only great basketball players but great people. One thing I want to also mention is because of Coach Adams I myself have always admired to be a coach and I am now getting the chance to be the

Junior Varsity coach at my alma mater and his. He was the biggest promoter in me getting this job and there is no way I could ever thank him enough for all he has done for me. Dickie Adams has spent the majority of his life dedicated to coaching and molding young kids into great people. It is with great honor that I write him this letter to be inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Coach Adams is the epitome of a terrific coach and mentor and would be a great addition to your Hall of Fame.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelah Eldridge". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ms. Kelah Eldridge



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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing you to give my upmost recommendation for Richard "Dickie" Adams to become a member of the Dawahare's/KHSAA Hall of Fame. As a coach, Adam's credentials speak for themselves. He has led teams to a District Championship nearly 20 times, a Regional Championship over 10 times, and progressed in State Tourney play to the Elite 8 level! As an educator, Dickie has served as a true mentor to his students, and acted as advocate for them to continue in their academic and athletic endeavors at the collegiate level. Whether in athletics or not, Dickie has made long-lasting impact on literally thousands of young people from Eastern Kentucky. These qualities (often low on compensation but high on pressure) truly shine the spotlight on his genuine love of sports, his focus on helping to develop potential in young people, and the innumerable positive impacts he has had on every boy and girl who has participated and been under his guidance.

The Hall of Fame is a special place filled with exceptional individuals who have shown great achievements, integrity, and character - all the while making student athletes the best they can be. Coach Adams fits this to a tee. He has won over 600 games in multiple sports, including High School Girls' Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, and High School Boys' Baseball. Not only has he taken each sport to the state playoff levels and won, but most importantly, he has won the hearts of those who have at any time called him "Coach." I can only hope that you may see enormity of impact Coach Adams' 45 years of dedication and service has left on the student-athletes of Eastern Kentucky.

Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at 606-634-7710.

Thank you for your consideration of Coach Dickie Adams. I have been blessed not only to work alongside him, but also to be his administrator, and I can say without reservation that Coach Adams deserves to be among Kentucky's Elite and be called a Dawahare's/KHSAA Hall of Fame Coach.

Sincerely,

Robert Hammonds
Head Boys Basketball Coach
Assistant Principal
Letcher County Central High School



Your Petroleum Center

September 2, 2017

Dawahare's/KHSAA Hall of Fame
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Committee Member,


As a former player of Coach Dickie Adams, I am writing to support his nomination as a contributor to the Dawahare's Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Coach Adams has been involved in high school athletics since 1972. He worked tirelessly seven days a week to ensure his teams were well prepared for each season. With 418 wins, 14 district titles, three regional titles, four All A regional titles, one Elite 8 appearance and an All A State Runner Up, his dedication to his players and community never went unnoticed.

I was privileged to play for Coach Adams for six years. During that time he coached us to win countless games including a runner-up finish in the All A state tournament. Although I no longer remember the details of each game, I do remember the countless lessons he taught me on and off the court.

Coach Adams taught and instilled in me and my teammates love, passion and dedication that not only helped us become the best athletes we could be, but also become the women we are today. For that, I am forever grateful. The lessons he taught have helped me be more prepared for the ups and downs during my professional career.

As I start my first season as the Letcher County Central girls' basketball assistant coach, I reflect on the lessons he taught me. Work hard, play hard and good things will happen. I hope I can pass on the knowledge, skills and life lessons taught to me by my coach and friend, Dickie Adams.

Coach Adams has been a great value to girls' basketball in Letcher County, the 14th Region and the KHSAA. He is truly deserving of this great honor.

Sincerely,

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July 30, 2017

Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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Dear KHSAA,

It is with great pleasure that I write on behalf of Coach Dickie Adams. As a former player of his, I find myself reflecting back to my basketball career and thanking this man for all he has taught me. The hard work, drive, and discipline he taught his players were not just for the basketball court. He always reminded us to carry this work ethic into our future careers and endeavors.

Coach Dickie Adams is one of the most dedicated men I know. From the countless hours of watching game film, practices, games, fundraisers, etc., his hard work and commitment to the game never went unnoticed. Coach Adams ended his career as a basketball coach with 418 wins and 185 losses, 14 District Titles, 3 Region Titles, 4 All A Region Titles, 1 Elite 8 and 1 All A Runner Up. In 2012 he ended his career as the head volleyball coach with 92 wins and 32 losses, as well as 3 District Championships and 3 Region Championships.

My time spent playing under Coach Dickie Adams helped shape me into the person, nurse, wife, and mother I am today. With that being said, it is the least I could do to write on his behalf to recognize his accomplishments. Coach Adams would make an outstanding addition to the Dawahare's/ KHSAA's Hall of Fame.

Respectfully,



Haley Whitaker Johnson, RN

To whom it may concern:

I have known Richard Dickie Adams for approximately 25 years, both personally and professionally. We coached against each other in neighboring regions...Dickie from the 14th and myself from the 15th. We formed a great relationship and I always had the utmost respect for Dickie and his teams. Dickie has always been a man of wonderful character, with a very strong work ethic. I think that has been evident through the success of his teams over the years.

When I think of Dickie Adams as a coach, I think of one of the best kept secrets in the mountains! Statewide, many may not have known his name, but here in the mountains he was well known and very respected! His teams were always tough minded, well disciplined, were always very well prepared, and they never beat themselves!

I always used Dickie's teams as a measuring stick for my own. If we could compete with Dickie's team, I felt like we would be one of the better teams in the mountains. Also, I knew playing Dickie's team every year, would expose all the weaknesses my own team had. Playing his team would show us what we needed to work on to compete for our own region. Because year end and year out, regardless of his talent level, Dickie's teams were always among the top in the mountains.

Dickie clearly knew the game of basketball and how to get the most out of every team, every year! I used to tease Dickie and tell him that his Superman kryptonite was the magic pencil he was known to always carry over his ear, and if I could only steal it away I wouldn't have any trouble beating him! But, it definitely wasn't magic that brought Dickie such success. It was hard work, determination, and a fierce love for the game that few people can only imagine! In my opinion, there is no one more deserving of this great honor!

Thank you,
Rodney Rowe
Shelby Valley High School
Girls Basketball Coach

Tony A. Sergent
Superintendent
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July 27, 2017

Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame
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Dear Committee Member:

It is my honor to recommend and support Richard "Dickie" Adams for the induction into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. I cannot imagine a person who has dedicated more of his life to the athletes of Letcher County for the past 45 years.

Dickie's coaching career began as a volunteer assisting Coach Dan Bates at Letcher High School in 1972 and continued for 20 years. From 1992-1997, he served as the boys' assistant coach and junior varsity coach for Eddie Whitaker at Whitesburg High School.


Having all this experience under his belt, he branched off to baseball as head coach for Whitesburg High School, and in three years held two district championships and one regional semi-finalist. Soon after that, he was the head softball coach with two district championships and one regional championship.

Coach Adams found his niche when he became head girls' basketball coach of Whitesburg High School, and then later of the consolidated Letcher County Central High School. For 20 successful years, he impacted the lives of young ladies, their parents, the school, and the community. He helped to bring pride to both schools as they saw countless wins and numerous titles. Coach Adams retired with 14 District Titles, 3 Regional Titles, 4 All A Regional Titles, 1 Elite 8, and 1 All A Runner Up.

But those are only numbers; this man did so much more for the athletes of Letcher County. Through his work ethic, love for sports, and devotion to students, he mentored young men and women and inspired them to be better human beings. His "people" were held to a higher standard because they wore the uniform that was associated with prominence and respect.

For these reasons and so many others, it is without reservation that I recommend Richard "Dickie" Adams's induction into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. He will make you an outstanding member.

Respectfully,



Tony Sergent

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July 1, 2017

Committee Members
Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame
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Dear Committee members,

I was a head boys basketball coach for 21 years before becoming an administrator. I have coached both in the 13th and 14th regions. I feel there is no more deserving coach than Dickie Adams for Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. His record and accomplishments in Letcher County stand for themselves. He has been a lifetime community member that has coached all levels from little league to a variety of high school sports. Coach Adams has worked tirelessly and been successful at every level. His girls basketball program has been a dominant force in eastern Kentucky and the entire state for many years.

I have come to admire Coach Adam's program not only for the competitive teams he would put on the court but the other things his program came to stand for. I will mention a few simple things: attending a family member's funeral, attending a wedding, attending graduation, helping players whose parents were in rehabilitation. His compassion and ideal of family always seemed to have no end. I have nothing but the upmost respect of Coach Adams and the program he ran for many years.

I have absolutely no reservations in saying Mr. Richard Dickie Adams is deserving the honor of Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Eddie Whitaker



Principal, Jenkins Independent Schools

Season Ends For Eight Great Lady Cougar Seniors LCC Loses In Opening Round of State Tourney, 62-60

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ber Crawford and at this point of the game, the score was 47-41.

The next score was well into the quarter when Kelly Adams had a beautiful jumper assist by Sara Baker and put the score at 49-41. A jumper by Lauren Delong was made at the 05:55 mark to pull the Lady Eagles closer at 49-43. On the next play a turnover by Sara Baker with a steal by Lauryn Salyer. Soon after, a missed shot by Lauryn Salyer for Johnson Central and a blocked shot by Amber Crawford and the defensive rebound by the team led to a turnover by Courtney Block.

Ali May had a three-pointer to pull the Eagles within 3 points 49-46 at the 04:51 showing on the clock.

Kristina Bentley, on the next trip down court had a beautiful assist from Kelly Adams and went up to the net making the two pointer to put the Lady Cougars up 51-46. At 04:23, Johnson Central's Bailey Daniel scored on a 2 pointer to pull within 3 points, 51-48.

Lauren Delong was called for a foul that sent Courtney Brock to the free-throw line and a team time out was called. With about 4 minutes left in the quarter, Courtney scored on both her free throws, giving the Lady Cougars a 53-48 lead again.

On the next play, Bailey Daniel came down court and shot a long three-pointer with an assist by Ali May pulling within 2 points 53-51.

On the next play, Bailey Daniel sent Amber Crawford to the line with 03:31 and she shot her free throw making the score 54-51. On the next play

Cougars came up with the dead ball rebound. Cheyenne's second free-throw was on the money and put the Lady Cougar's up by 2 points.

Kristina Bentley was called for her 4th foul of the evening at the 00:18 mark. This put Lauren Salyer on the line shooting 2. Salyer made both shots to tie up the game at 60-60.

With 00:11 on the clock, Paige McPeck stole the ball from Courtney and went down getting the ball to teammate Bailey Daniel who had a lay-up with eight seconds left in the game to give the Lady Eagles their victory of 60-62.

The Lady cougars got the ball with 6 seconds left and the shot came up short. The Lady Cougars season ended for eight seniors but they will be taking their memories with them as some will be playing college ball next season. The Lady Cougars have had a great four years in high school and many goals met with these young ladies. Good Luck and congratulations go out to the team and their coaches.

LCC Lady Cougar Coach Dickie Adams talked about the game after the loss: "We went by the game plan about as best as we could and did it to the best that we knew how. Johnson Central made some tough shots down the stretch. I heard Coach Orz Jackson say some games ain't meant to be. I know Johnson Central hit a crucial three pointer that hit

the top of the back board and everywhere else and bounced straight in, they banked in two jump shots and sometimes play goes that way."

"I tell you these girls up here are really emotional so please, and we have enjoyed being here and wished we were still playing," he said.

Adams added that the whole season was a work in progress as far as making to the state tourney, and to get to the region. "I think mind set changes a little bit at the region, it's not about getting better and improving, it's more or less you having a game plan and trying to play to that game and plan to your strengths and against their weaknesses."

"Like tonight, we knew that Kristina had a big game when we played them before at home, and we felt like we could get her the ball in the right situations, but it is survive and advance and I know that is an old cliché, but I have been doing this a long time and I know that part ain't changed a bit."

Adams said that the rematch between the two teams was much like their first meeting earlier in the season.

"It was very similar, except they made a shot at 3.9 seconds to go to beat us at home, I wished it would have been 5.5 and we would have made it, but sometimes it just doesn't work out. It was very similar to this game the way it played."



Senior Lady Cougar Kristina Bentley is doubled teamed here but still managed to put 25 points on the board in the opening round of the Girls Sweet 16 State Tournament.

anne Stidham showed her skill with 16 points and 8 rebounds to help Letcher County Central High School's Lady Cougars to a 53-36 win in the semifinal round of the 14th Region Tournament held at Morton C. Combs Gym at Knott County Central High School in Hindman, Kentucky on March 6th, 2015.

The Lady Cougars led 25-13 at half time and continued to out-score the Lady Commodores 14-9 in the third to take a 39-22 lead into the final quarter. The Lady Commodores had their best quarter on offense in the final period of play, tossing in 14 points. But the Lady Cougars, in turn, had 14 points in the fourth to give them their final score, winning the game by 27 points.

Kristina Bentley, a senior forward, played a big role in the game having a double-double as she had 11 points, pulled down 3 offensive boards and 8 defensive boards for a total of 11 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 blocked shots for LCC.

Joining Stidham and Bentley in double figures were Courtney Brock with 11 points and 6 rebounds, 2 assists; Kelly Adams with 10 points and she had of 8 rebounds, 4 assists, and 2 blocked shots. Shelby Hall added 3, Sara Baker had 1, and Paige Caudill added a free throw as she left the bench.

Rachel Curry led the Lady Commodores with 11 points.

Letcher County Central's largest lead was 52 to Perry County's 29. The lead changed one time - the game tied once, and the longest scoring runs were LCC 15-2 and PCC 6-0. The Lady Cougars were 16/26 from the stripe, Lady

The win set up a matchup between the Lady Cou-



Courtney Brock, a senior forward, played a great defensive game throughout the tournament for the Lady Cougars. Courtney had a double with 11 points, 6 rebounds and 2 assists in the game with PCC. She was named to the 14th Region All Tournament Team.

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Police Seize Marijuana Plants, Growing Equipment and Cash From Neon Man

The search for an alleged shoplifter led police to discover an indoor marijuana growing operation in Neon late last week.

Jenkins Police reported that Blake A. Johnson left the Jenkins Rite-Aid without paying for merchandise on Friday evening.

Jenkins Police Officers Crystal Davis and Josh Richardson were assisted by Fleming-Neon Police Officer Adam Swindall in locating Johnson at his Fleming-Neon home on Goose Creek Road, where police say 32 marijuana plants, thousands of dollars worth of professional type lights and electronics used for indoor grow labs, hundreds of dollars worth

of chemicals ordered via internet, digital electronic scales, and over \$1,300 cash were seized at the time of the arrest.

Johnson was charged with cultivating marijuana over five plants, trafficking in marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia by Fleming-Neon Police Officer Adam Swindall and taken to the Letcher County Jail where his bond was set at \$2,500 cash.

Police Seek Suspect In January Robbery Of Neon Gas Station

The Fleming-Neon Police Department has obtained an arrest warrant for Jeremy Ritohie of Neon in connection with the



Lady Cougars Are Regional Champions

Letcher County Central Seniors are happy to show off their Championship Trophy after winning over Knott County Central in the 2015 14th Region Girls Championship game Sunday afternoon in Knott County, 47-46. The girls will travel to Bowling Green this week to play in the Girls Sweet 16 State Championship Tournament. Left to right, back row: Amber Crawford, Kristinia Bentley. Front row: Kelly Adams, Sara Baker, Cheyanne Stidham, Courtney Brock

Lady Cougars Advance To 14th Region Semifinals With Win Over Jackson

Letcher County Central Lady Cougars advanced to semifinals of the 14th Region Tournament after a 52-41 win over Jackson City Lady Tigers in Monday's first round game at the Morton C. Combs Arena at Knott County Central High School in Knott County, Kentucky.

"It wasn't too pretty offensively and defensively at times, but the girls kept battling," Lady Cougar Head Coach Dickie Adams said. "This time of year you just want to win and advance, so no matter, we'll take it."

The Lady Cougars took control by out-scoring the Lady Tigers 31 to 19 in the third and fourth quarters. Senior point guard Cheyanne Stidham heated up in the first half scoring 11 points, hitting on 4 of 10 attempts. She scored on a 2 point shot and connected on 3 of 5 three-point attempts. In the second half, Cheyanne went to the foul line and scored 6 of 6 of her game-high 17 points to keep Jackson City at bay.

Sophomore guard Shelby Hall scored on 3 of 4 from the free-throw line in the first half. Shelby got a squirt of energy together in the last half and added five 2-pointers. She went back to the line adding 2 of 2 from the line to give her a total of 17 points in the Cougar victory.

Kristina Bentley, senior forward/center, came off the bench and had a double-double, scoring 4 of 11 from the field, then going to the line and was 4 of 6 for a total of 12 points, she pulled down 4 offensive rebounds

and 6 defensive boards for a total of 10 rebounds and she had 2 blocked shots for her night's work.

Sara Baker, a senior guard, tossed in a three-pointer in the first half then came up with one in the third quarter for a total of 6 points.

Courtney Brock, senior forward, pulled down 4 rebounds, along with 6 assists.

Kelly Adams had 3 rebounds and Amber Crawford also had two.

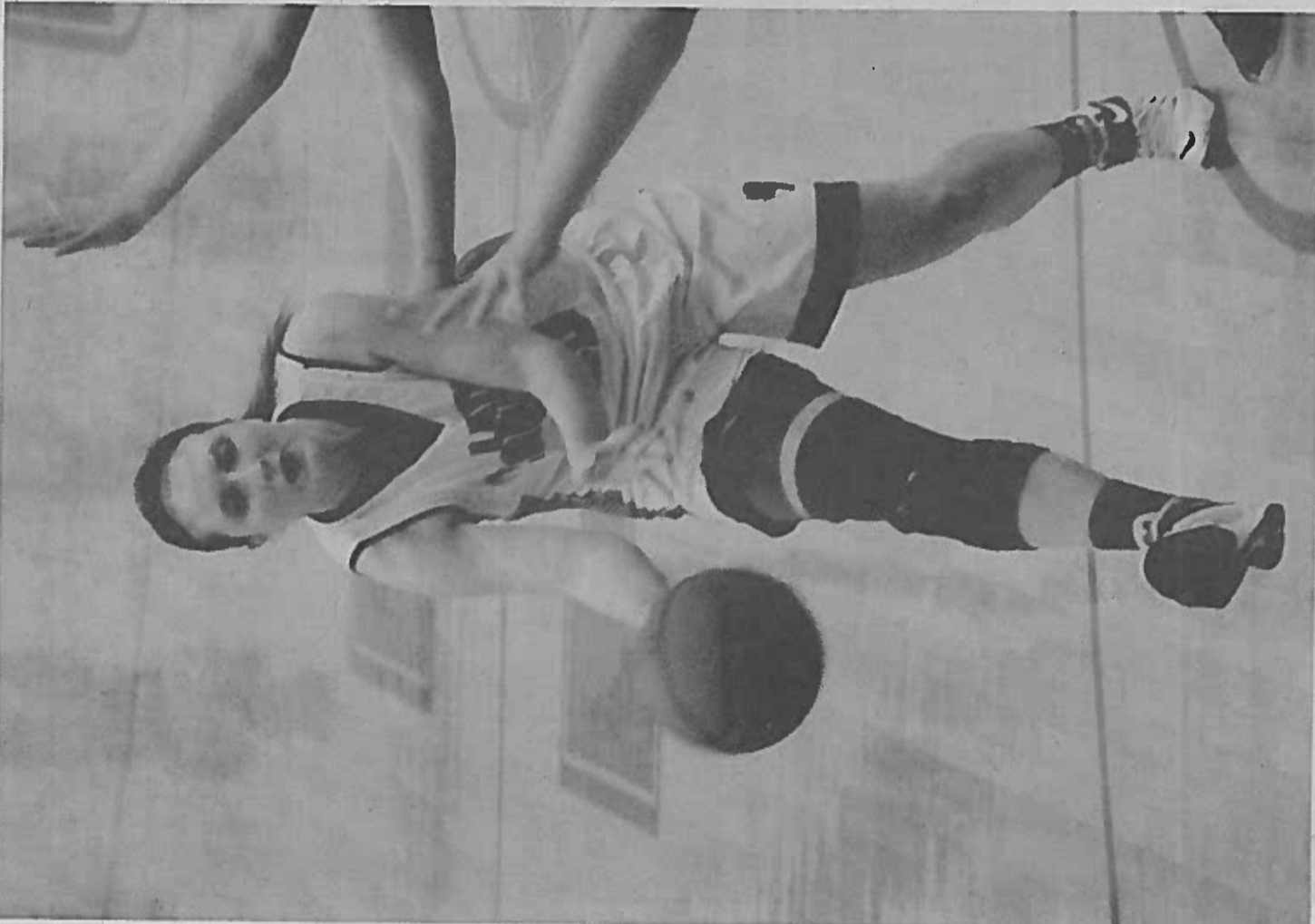
Ashlee Combs led Jackson City with 14 points and also had 8 rebounds. Kelsey Taubee added 10, Abidell Thomas 4, Hailey Turner got 2 and pulled down 13 rebounds, Brittany Barnett 5 points, and Heath-

er Thompson scored on 2 three-pointers for 6 points. The Lady Tigers had a 22 to 21 lead at halftime.

"Kristina Bentley really stepped up for us. I've been telling to everyone to be ready to go and beat people to those 50-50 balls, go offensive, rebound and be willing to make a play," Adams said. "Kristina did that and ended up with a double-double."

The Lady Cougars did an outstanding job going to the Free-Throw line scoring 5 of 6 in the first half and got to the line in the last half scoring on 12. They were 17 of 21 for the evening of play.

Jackson City Lady Tigers ended a very successful season 17-12



Kelly Adams, a senior center for LCC came on strong for the Lady Cougars in the 14th region games. She is going in for a shot in the last half of the game with PCC were she had a total of 10 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 blocked shots to help out in the Lady Cougar win over PCC. She was also named to the 14th Region All Tournament Team.

Lady Cougars Outlast PCC Lady Commodores, Advance To Regional Championship Game

Perry County Central Lady Commodores were 11/18 gars and Lady Patriots for rallyed late, but Cheyanne Stidham showed her shooting from the line. The 14th Region Championship...

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