

Name of Person Being Nominated

Zeb Blankenship

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Name of Person Making Nomination

Everette "Mutt" Varney

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Nomination Category

- Contributor

Is this nominee deceased?

Yes

Birthdate (REQUIRED)

02/27/1927

Gender

Male

Is the nominee a minority (African American and others) as described in policy 2(c)

No

Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.

Zeb Blankenship was my HS coach, friend, and mentor. He got me into college, teaching, and coaching. His guidance and leadership among students/athletes helped prepare them for a future, whatever it may be. He wants them to take their talents and skills as far as possible. He was a Kentucky HS (basketball) All-Star, with Ralph Beard and Wah Wah Jones, recruited by Coach Adolph Rupp (see letter), and played at the Univ of Kentucky (see #35, front row). He was a successful, winning coach. But his favorite place to serve was anywhere he could be around athletes, ball teams, and students. Serving at KHSAA brought all he had done full circle, elected to the Board of Control in 1973, then President (1979-81). Possibly one of the biggest decisions during his tenure as President was bringing the State Boys' Basketball Tournament to Rupp Arena, and in 1981, hitting a world's record for attendance at a HS championship game (see article in file).

Please list any other factors about this individual that you would like for the Screening or Selection Committees to consider.

Please see in the file submitted Letters of Reference from notable, highly respected members of the HS athletic community, even former KHSAA Commissioner Tom Mills, former BOC President Barney Thweatt, former teammate Ralph Beard, and (mine) Coach Everette "Mutt" Varney, Scott Co HS. Though some letters are from friends now deceased, their influence should not be minimized. Please read his 1983 letter to the Herald Leader editor heralding the work of KHSAA staff and Board members, as well as the value of education for athletes. Coach loved his students, but his favorite place to be, aside from his family, was at school, around students, especially ball players. He loved coaching and being part of the athletic programs, of every kind! He deserves this recognition.

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Upload photographs, including head and shoulders photo(s)

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Everette
Varney