

Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

I've followed 13th Region basketball since the early 1970s and it's my opinion that coach Mike Jones has been the second most successful coach of that era, trailing only Clay County legend Bobby Keith.

Coach Jones had only two losing records in 28 seasons as a boys coach and 30 years total (counting two years as a girls coach at Cawood) and won regional titles in 1993, 1995, 1996 and 2001. He took both Harlan and Clay County to the state tournament and finished second in the 13th Region at both Cawood and Harlan County. He also won All A Classic state titles in 1994 and 1995 and has coached numerous all-state players, including Mr. Basketball Charles Thomas and NAIA All-American Nick Sanford.

Even more important than the wins and championships for me has been the class and character that coach Jones brought to his teams. In the years following his teams, I learned basketball from coach Jones, as well as the value of hard work and the importance of consistency in dealing with everyone.

Respectfully,

John D. Henson