

Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination Form

KHSAA Form GE30
Rev. 4/03

Information about Nominee

Name:	Derek Owen Homer Jr
Is the nominee deceased? (circle)	YES NO
<i>(if nominee is not deceased, please fill out address information below)</i>	
Address:	PO Box 493
City, State, Zip	Goodwell OK 73939
Phone (list day and night)	859-382-9637

Information about person making nomination (list "self" if self-nominating)

Name:	Tom Jaco
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City, State, Zip	Elizabethtown KY 42701
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Important Information Needed for ALL Nominees. This information is important to the Selection Process in helping to ensure that the desired objectives with regard to the consideration of nominees and the induction process is satisfied. (Application will not be accepted without this information)

Please list the primary category of nomination (circle)-

PLAYER	COACH	OFFICIAL	CONTRIBUTOR
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Birth Date of Nominee	11-29-77
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Sex (circle one)	Male	Female
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Is the nominee a minority (African American and others) as defined in 2(c)	Yes	No
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If this person is being nominated as a Coach, please complete the following additional information-

Coached at which High School(s)	
Year of Retirement	
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	

(over for remainder of application)

If this person is being nominated as an Athlete, please complete the following additional information-

High School Attended	Fort Knox High School	
Graduation Year	1997	
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	5th	

If this person is being nominated as an Official, please complete the following additional information-

Primary Officiating Accomplishments at the High School Level	
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For persons being nominated in all categories, please complete the following additional information

<p>Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All-time leading rusher with 8,224 yards (1st all-time) • 112 TD's (3rd all-time) • 680 points (5th all-time) • Mr. Football 1996 • Frank Camp Award Winner 1996 • Roy Kidd Award Winner 1996 • All-State 1st team 1995 and 1996 • Set several Track records at Fort Knox High School • Kentucky All-Star Football Team

<p>Please list any other factors about this individual that you would like for the Hall of Fame Committee to consider.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lettered all four years at the University of Kentucky • All SEC Freshman team in 1997 • National Honor Society Award at UK in 1998 <p>PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed with the Baltimore Ravens 02-04-2002 • Played with the Barcelona Dragons in the NFL Europe League, 2002 • Played for the Montreal Alouettes 2003 • Played for the Lexington Horsemen 2003-04

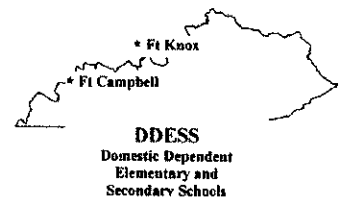
I certify that I have truthfully completed this information about the nominee with the permission of the nominee, that he/she will accept induction if selected, and I will cooperate with the KHSAA should additional information be needed for his/her consideration.

Signature _____ Name (print) Tom Jaco Date 10-25-2011

Attach any relevant press clippings and materials which would verify coaching win-loss records, or other statistical information. Also attach any other letters of recommendation of other information which may be helpful to the committee in making a final selection.



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25 October 2011

RE: RECOMMENDATION OF MR. DEREK HOMER

It is with great honor and without hesitation that I recommend Mr. Derek Owen Homer Jr. for the Dawahares/K.H.S.A.A Hall of Fame.

I had the pleasure of coaching Derek as an assistant football coach at Fort Knox High School from 1993-1996. In my fifteen years of coaching football, I never witnessed a more talented student-athlete as a running back in high school. Not only did Derek Homer possess exceptional strength and speed for a typical high school athlete, his perseverance, tenacity and passion for the will to win was far beyond any player I have ever had the pleasure of coaching.

Consequently, it comes as no surprise to me the state records and accolades that Derek accumulated from 1993-1996:

- Points scored in a career – 680/tied for 5th all-time
- Points scored in a season – 269/11th all-time
- Touchdowns in a career – 112/3rd all-time
- Touchdowns in a season – 43/tied for 13th all-time
- Yards rushing in a career – 8224/1st all-time
- Yards rushing in a season – 3003/5th all-time
- Rushing touchdowns in a career – 110/2nd all-time
- Touchdowns in a season – 41/5th all time
- Touchdowns in a game – 7/tied for 4th all-time
- Longest run from scrimmage – 99yds/tied for 1st all-time
- Named Kentucky Mr. Football 1996
- Frank Camp Award Winner 1996
- Roy Kidd Award Winner 1996
- 1st Team All State 1995/96

Derek Owen Homer Jr. has forever left an indelible footprint on the school and community at Fort Knox. I highly recommend him for this prestigious honor.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Curkendall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Todd Curkendall
Assistant Superintendent, KY District



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26 October 2011

KHSAA Hall of Fame:

I am proud to nominate Derek Homer for the KHSAA Hall of Fame. The records that Derek set and held since 1997 speak for themselves. The records Derek set simply scratch the surface of a true student-athlete. After leaving Fort Knox High School Derek went on to the University of Kentucky where he excelled on and off the field.

While at Fort Knox Derek remained focused on helping his team be successful and putting forth the extra effort to reach his goals and the team's goals. I never had the pleasure of coaching Derek, but I did get to know him on a personal level and found him to be an outstanding young man that represented our school with class and honor.

Please consider Derek Owen Homer for the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Jaco
Head Football at Fort Knox High School (1998-2007)

October 19, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: DEREK HOMER

It is with great pleasure I write this letter of recommendation for Derek Homer's nomination into the Kentucky High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Derek played for us at Fort Knox High School from 1993-1996.

Derek was a four year starter for us and helped lead our teams to 42 wins in that four year period. Derek helped our teams reach the quarter finals four times, the semi-final game twice and the state championship game his senior season.

Throughout Derek's career he showed much grit and determination playing through broken bones and torn ligaments. He never let an injury slow him down or his desire to excel and help our team perform at the highest level.

Derek set many records in his four year career. He became Kentucky's all time career rushing leader and the 1996 Kentucky Mr. Football. Derek was also selected to the Courier-Journal's 1st team All-State Team and won the "Roy Kidd" and "Walter Camp" player of the year honors.

Derek went to play for the University of Kentucky for four years. During his time at University of Kentucky Derek helped the Wildcats to some big victories including a home win against the University of Alabama and a New Year's Day Bowl appearance in the Outback Bowl.

Derek is one of the finest athletes that I have had the opportunity to coach. I give him my highest recommendation for induction into the Hall of Fame. He would make a great addition to the Kentucky High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Respectfully,

Brett Burnett
Head Football Coach and Athletic Director
Pelham High School
(205) 682-5562


RECOMMENDATION OF DEREK HOMER INTO THE KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

As a football and track coach and an instructor of the Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corp. at Ft. Knox High School and as a close friend of Derek Homer's family, I was privileged not only to see Derek develop his athletic skills but also to observe his maturing into a sound and considerate young man.

Derek's athletic prowess is easily viewed through the phenomenal statistics that are documented in the Kentucky High School and University of Kentucky's record books. As the commonwealth's all-time high school leading rusher and rushing touchdown leader he was, obviously, outstanding. He was also a state champion in track. If you saw Derek involved in any of the three sports (football, basketball, track) he participated in while at Ft. Knox High School you might think he just used his "natural ability" to excel in those activities. What you don't see is the extreme effort, numerous hours of training, and a strong work ethic he had to make himself and his team better each day. He was a team player that knew anything he accomplished was also the result of some coach's instructional knowledge or some teammate's assistance. Keep in mind, also, that the records attributed to him in football were attained without normally playing in an entire game his junior and senior years. Derek's high school football skills carried over into his college career at the University of Kentucky. By the time he graduated from UK he was in the top ten in several of UK's all-time offensive statistics. And, just as significant, he graduated as an acclaimed academic athlete.

Just as important as Derek's athletic accomplishments were his progressive and determined effort to become a productive citizen, friend, and individual. He developed leadership and speaking skills and used those attributes to encourage and promote others to become better individuals. He was often asked to speak to junior high school students about the ill effects of drug abuse and the importance of graduating from high school. He spoke to civic organizations about the necessity for communities to bond together in supporting the needs of the less fortunate in the community. Another attribute of Derek's was his love and closeness he had for his younger brother and his mother. He turned down scholarship offers from more prominent football universities in other states in order to stay close to home so his mom could see him play of Saturday.

Derek doesn't just deserve entrance into the Kentucky High School Football Hall of Fame because of his football accomplishments, which are truly outstanding; Derek is an example of a great athlete who exemplifies the traits of an distinguished individual. I strongly and without reservation recommend Derek Homer's entrance into the Hall of Fame. His being a part of such a prestigious group gives a completeness to the long list of those already inducted


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