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KHSAA Form GE30
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Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Information about Nominee

Name:	Wendell Wilson
Is the nominee deceased? (circle)	YES <u>NO</u>
<i>(if nominee is not deceased, please fill out address information below)</i>	
Address:	2211 Highway 421
City, State, Zip	Helton, KY 40840
Phone (list day and night)	606-374-4267

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

Name:	Mark Collett
Address:	P.O. Box 1492
City, State, Zip	Hyden, KY 41749
Phone (list day and night)	606-434-5600

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	<u>COACH</u>	OFFICIAL	CONTRIBUTOR
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Birth Date of Nominee	April 25, 1942
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Sex (circle one)	<u>Male</u>	Female
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Is the nominee a minority (African American and others) as defined in 2(c)	Yes	<u>No</u>
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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)	Leslie County High School
Year of Retirement	2005
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	Section 4 Region 14

(over for remainder of application)

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

High School Attended	
Graduation Year	
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	

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

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

Coach Wilson initiated womens basketball at Leslie County High School. He accumulated 564 wins, 12 District Championships and 3 Region Titles. His 30 year coaching tenure proved his ability to adapt to players and maintain longevity in a competitive sport. He was Principal at a successful elementary school in the district while molding young women into great athletes and people. Many of his players received numerous accolades including the 1999 Miss Basketball recipient. Several of his players have become successful citizens including teachers, doctors, lawyers and business owners. All of which have high remarks about Coach Wilson.

Please list any other factors about this individual that you would like for the Hall of Fame Committee to consider.

Coach Wendell Wilson is still one of the best supports of athletics in Leslie County. He can be seen at all sporting events. He and his family is such a positive influence on the whole county. The legacy he put in place in girls basketball is monumental in the county, region and state. He is truly a hero to womens athletics that carries dignity, morals and a positive attitude in all that he has done and continues to do.

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 Mark Collett Name (print) Mark Collett Date 10-24-11

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.

October 19, 2011

KHSAA Hall of Fame Committee
ATTN: Nominations
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Committee Members,

Coach Wendell Wilson was my basketball coach at Leslie County High School from 1975-1977, shortly after girls basketball was revived in Kentucky. Thirty-four years later I consider myself so fortunate to have a person of such character and dedication as my former high school coach. I would like to first speak of his character. He taught us about priorities in life other than basketball, he counseled us on a one on one basis if we had problems, he did fundraising on his own to provide each team member with a blazer to wear on game days, and he provided us with a great example of morals and honesty that I feel is missing in so many coaches today. One of the greatest lessons he taught me that I still carry with me today is that hard work is the road to success. That is a valuable lesson to learn when one is seventeen years old.

Coach Wilson's illustrious career at Leslie County includes numerous district championships and 3 regional titles. Early in his career he built the program to a level that Leslie County was the dominant program in the 54th district. What makes this accomplishment so impressive is that he took girls who had never played organized basketball and did not know the fundamentals and molded us into a dominant force in our district and region. He is a legend in girls basketball in eastern Kentucky. Coach Wilson currently is fifth on the list of all time winning Kentucky coaches with 564 wins.

I feel that his accomplishments both on and off the court make him truly worthy of induction to the Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,


Jean Anne Pennington

Jody K. Sizemore
Hyden, Kentucky 41749

October 21, 2011

KHSAA Hall of Fame Committee
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, Kentucky 40505

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to nominate Mr. Wendell Wilson for the Coach's Hall of Fame. I have known Coach Wilson for many years and consider him a wonderful person, excellent coach and great mentor.

During the years he was my coach, I improved my skills as a basketball player tremendously. Throughout this time, because of his help and guidance, I was the recipient of the Ms. Kentucky Basketball award. I also received a scholarship to play basketball at the college level. I mention this now, only to highlight the importance Coach Wilson's impact had on my career as an athlete.

The significance of Coach Wilson's legacy to basketball in Leslie County still impacts coaches and athletes today. During his tenure as coach, Mr. Wilson had an impressive 564 total wins, 12 district championships and 3 regional titles. These extraordinary accomplishments set the mark for many to strive for today.

It is hard to convey in a letter the impact Mr. Wilson has had on sports in our region. I sincerely hope my coach is inducted into the Hall of Fame for our state.

Yours Faithfully,



Jody K. Sizemore

John Newell

Hyden, KY 41749

October 25, 2011

KHSAA Hall of Fame Committee

2280 Executive Drive

Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Selection Committee

This is a letter of recommendation for Coach Wendell Wilson. I've known Coach Wilson since 1976. I began working with him as a staff member and have continued doing so since that year.

Coach Wilson is a man of integrity and of faith. His list of priorities went as the following: God, family, school and basketball. He practiced what he preached as well. He not only talked the talk but he walked the walk as well.

Coach Wilson coached the Lady Eagles for 31 seasons. During those years, he compiled a record of 564 wins against 340 losses. He is one of the coaches who have gathered high wins in girls basketball history in this great state.

During the school year of 1977-78, he not only coached girls' basketball but he also coached varsity boys basketball.

Coach Wilson was more than a coach; he was an educator as well. During most of his years as Lady Eagles basketball coach, he was principal of Beechfork Elementary and guided and prepared several students to be productive citizens. He did an excellent job as a coach and as an administrator during this period of time.

I worked with Coach Wilson each of his 31 seasons and I had the privilege to see the man as his true self. He was a kind and courteous man. He was a basketball genius.

It would be a great reward to a great man to see him inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



John Newell