

# Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination Form

KHSAA Form GE30  
Rev. 10/99

### Information about Nominee

Name:	Edgar M. Nabb
Is the nominee deceased? (circle)	YES NO
<i>(if nominee is not deceased, please fill out address information below)</i>	
Address:	
City, State, Zip	
Phone (list day and night)	

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

Name:	Richard Gibbs
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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) - *ALL - See Attachments*

<input checked="" type="radio"/> PLAYER	<input checked="" type="radio"/> COACH	<input checked="" type="radio"/> OFFICIAL	<input checked="" type="radio"/> CONTRIBUTOR
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Birth Date of Nominee	11/2/1909
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Sex (circle one)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
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Is the nominee a minority (African American and others) as defined in 2(c)	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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)	Beechwood H.S. - <i>See Attachments</i>
Year of Retirement	1974
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	3?

*Coached all sports*

(over for remainder of application)

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

High School Attended	MT Sterling
Graduation Year	1926
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	3 Now 4 Old

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

Primary Officiating Accomplishments at the High School Level	See Attached Court Report all yrs. 1952-1969 KY Rep on Nat'l Footb. Rules Comm. Officiated KY State Basketball Tour 10 Straight Yrs Official Secrer & Timer @ State Basketball Tour.
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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.

See the attached items -

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

He & Earl Cox were primary contributors in starting the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Mr. Cox can be reached at The Voice newspaper.

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  
 Richard Gibbs Name (print)  
 8/27/03 (Date)

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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**TRANSMITTAL**

**AUG 29 2003**

**Date:** 8/27/03

**To:** Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame  
Attn: Nominations  
2280 Executive Drive  
Lexington, KY 40505

**Re:** Edgar McNabb  
Nomination to Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame

**From:** Richard Gibbs

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**INFORMATION**

Please find enclosed a completed Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination Form on behalf of Edgar McNabb.

I have also included several attachments to supplement the Nomination Form.

I have talked briefly with Earl Cox, current Sports Columnist for the The Voice Tribune (3818 Shelbyville Rd., Louisville, KY 40207-3186, Telephone 502-897-8900) and I am sure he would be willing to provide you with any information regarding Edgar McNabb's accomplishments. Also, anyone associated with the Kentucky High School Basketball Tournament should be able to recall his accomplishments as an official and all around sports contributor to Kentucky High School athletics.

Please give Edgar McNabb the consideration and honor he deserves for his contributions to Kentucky High School athletics and elect him to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Regards,

  
Richard Gibbs

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## '... But I'm Old Fashioned?'— McNabb

Time has dug furrows on Edgar McNabb's face. Two lines stand out. They slant downward from either side of the nose and end at the edges of the mouth. They make the cheeks protrude.

Time has reshaped Edgar McNabb's voice. The high-pitched innocence of youth is gone. In its place is a deep, gruff sound that could become a bellow. Only it doesn't.

Sitting in his office at Beechwood School, his time-worn face breaking into a grin, Edgar McNabb explained his voice.

"It could be from all those years coaching, all the yelling and cheering I did for my players," he said. "Lord knows I've done that most of my life."

Edgar McNabb will be 65 in November. He's spent 43 of those years serving high school students in Kentucky. Social studies teacher, athletic director, assistant principal, superintendent. Football, basketball and baseball coach. He's officiated more football and basketball games than he can remember.

"I came to Beechwood in 1944 and never dreamed I'd stay as long as I have," said McNabb, who previously had taught and coached at Raceland, Bellevue, and Ludlow. "Beechwood offered the kind of education I wanted my sons, Lou and Eddie, to have, but the original plans were to move on after they got out of Beechwood."

McNabb hasn't budged in 30 years. He was named superintendent of the Beechwood Independent School District in 1969. He's retiring in June.

"If I had a chance to live my life again, I'd do the same thing," McNabb said. "It's been a rich life, a full life. No, I haven't much money. But I've worked with a lot of kids over the years and for that I'm grateful."

"We never had what you'd call great teams at Beechwood. In 1949 we reached the regional final in basketball, but that's been about the best we've ever done. I don't regret anything, though. We never sacrificed the welfare of our players in order to win. We never let the tail wag the dog."

McNabb is concerned about the direction sports appears to be heading. Specifically, proliferating pro sports and their emphasis on fat contracts and winning at any cost.

"I'm worried," he said. "Sports has its place alongside the academics in high school and it's an important place. In fact in today's day and age when kids are smarter and things are more liberal, sports may be the last hope we have of giving students guidance and advice."

"Kids haven't changed that much. They still want leadership. If sports can provide that then sports is worthwhile. But when winning is the only thing, then sports isn't doing the job it can do."

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS have changed in one way, McNabb says. They're more aware of the world around them and in turn they demand more from their teachers.

"It used to be that you could walk into a classroom and bluff your way through a lesson," McNabb said. "Not today. A teacher who did that now would be picked apart by the students. They're so much better



Beechwood's Edgar McNabb  
'... I'm grateful and honored'

informed than they were when I started out 43 years ago."

If students have become more sophisticated, so have coaches, McNabb says. "Coaches today are more demanding and they probably get their players to play better than some of us did years ago. But I'm old-fashioned. I just don't want the sports overemphasized at the expense of a kid's character or his moral growth."

From 1952 to 1969, McNabb was Kentucky's representative on the National Football Rules Committee. He also conducted clinics around the state for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

"I guess I'm proudest about what I did during those years," he said. "We changed a lot of football rules and most of them promoted the safety of the high school players."

McNabb has also been president of the Kentucky High School Coaches Association and president of the Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference.

McNABB'S SON, LOU, is named after Lou Gehrig. McNabb had a tryout as a pitcher with the New York Yankees in 1929 and Gehrig was his idol. He pitched batting practice to him.

"I almost made it to the majors," he said as his bushy eyebrows raised up and his eyes grew big. "I played baseball growing up in Mt. Sterling and went all around Kentucky playing semi-pro ball. But don't mention that, please. People will think I'm bragging."

MAY 21 WILL be Edgar McNabb Day in Beechwood. There'll be a dinner and guest speakers. Probably many of the students he once knew will come back to honor their former teacher and coach and friend. "I'm grateful and honored," he said. "It was a hard decision to retire. But my wife and I still have our health. We'll visit our sons and spend some time with our six grandchildren."

"I've seen too many people work themselves until they've collapsed. I didn't want that to happen to me."

Time may never be able to do that to Edgar McNabb. At 6 feet 3 and 205 pounds, with his voice booming strongly, he still looks the part of a coach. And that's how many will remember him at the dinner.

Re: Edgar McNabb - Application for Hall of Fame

Mt. Sterling High School - 1926 or 27

Morehead State - Grad 1930 or 31 Lettered in all sports

First coaching job at Raceland, Ky 1931 - 1937

Bellevue, Ky. 1937 - 1942

Ludlow, Ky. 1943

Beechwood H.S. 1944 until retirement

Officiated the state basketball tourney for 10 straight years. Don't have the exact dates - 40's and 50's.

After that was scorer and timer at the state BB tourney

Was the representative for the state of KY. for the National Rules Federation. Would come back and hold clinics all over the state. This was during the JoeBill Mansfield era as commissioner.

Played semi-pro baseball. Had a tryout with the Yankees in 1929

See newspaper clipping

Well known throughout the state in athletics and officiating.

*Really promoted athletics in the State of Ky.*

Richard: Sorry to be so long in getting back to you. One of the reasons is that Lou went down to get Mother for a couple of days and have her in Columbus for awhile. We met half way last week and had lunch. Mom remembers buying a brick for some kind of hall of fame walk in Lexington. She doesn't remember much else about it. She has a scrapbook at home in N. Ky. that I need to look at and get lots of info. Also, Lou's daughter in Pittsburgh has a newspaper clipping about Dad's retirement. I will make contact with her, and have her send it to me. Here is a little info. Born 11-02-09. I assume it was Jeffersonville. College at Morehead. Lettered in all sports. Graduated in 1931. First coaching job at Raceland, approx dates, 1931 to 1937. Bellevue 1937 to 1942. Ludlow 1943. Beechwood 1943 to retirement. Started Beechwood's first football team in 1945. Officiated state basketball tourney for 10 straight years. After that, ran the clock for many years. Was the delegate for the state of Ky. to the national federation meetings. Would come back and hold clinics all over the state. This was during JoeBill Mansfield's time as commissioner for the state. Died in May of 1977. I think he retired from Beechwood in 1975. That is about all I can pull off the top of my head. I will try and get more info as I mentioned. Keep me posted. Let me know if you have more questions. Hope all is well with you and Jane. We will miss you at the reunion. Regards, Ed