

EARL COX ON KY SPORTS

"Harlan and its people have been the recipients of my life. My hope is that the lives I influenced on the athletic field will continue and will challenge those who follow them. My thanks go to God who gave me the love for young athletes and the capacity to nurture them." — Joe Gilly

In all the years I've been in this business, I have never knowingly broken a release date, but this is different and I think that everyone will understand.

Joe G. Gilly, one of the giants of Kentucky high school coaching, has been elected to the Davaness Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. He was inducted in his honor in a recent letter from Billy V. Wise, commissioner-direct of the KHSAA. To say that the news brightened his life is the understatement of the year, because it came as he was battling for every breath at Humana Hospital in Lexington. As these words are being written, Gilly's condition is day-to-day, and the hope is that he will get to read this.

Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones will reach for Gilly's tremendous influence on his life. So will Dicky Parsons. You know them. Jones was an All-American and Olympic Gold Medal winner in basketball at UK, and also made All-Southeastern Conference in football, basketball and baseball. Parsons captained the UK basketball and baseball teams. Gilly loved to tell about the time Adolph Rupp went to Har-

lan to meet Parsons during a Green Dragon practice session. "Adolph and I were sitting there watching practice," said Gilly, "and each time Dicky would run by Adolph would say, 'Joe, he's too little. Joe, he's too little. Joe, he's too little—do you have anymore like him?'"

Among other great Gilly players were Rudy Vestin, Hugh Jones (Wah's brother, who played at Tennessee), Carl Eagle and Ernie Tresser. Another, Clark Bailey, scored a touchdown on punts of at least 50 yards in each

of 10 games one season. Another standout Harlan football player was Boone Blank, who led the state in scoring one year.

The football complex at Harlan is named for Gilly.

He never lost his love for sports. Even when he moved to Harlan to teach and coach, he made sure that he got back each year for the Sweet Sixteen. This past March saw him in his usual seats at center court, third or fourth row. To a smiling Joe Gilly, it was Heaven.

When Charles McClurg was called into service in 1942, Gilly replaced him as head coach of everything at Harlan. His football teams won 109 and lost 42, his basketball record was 206-64, but it was in basketball where he will be remembered most. His teams amassed a record of 320 victories and just 151 losses. Three of his football teams were unbeaten. Three of his basketball teams and an equal number of his baseball teams went to the State Tournament.

The Wah Jones-led Harlan teams of the 40s provided Gilly with the highlight of his career when the Green Dragons beat the Dayton Green Devils 40-28 in the 1942 state championship. Harlan was runner-up to Lafayette in 1943. In fact, it took the eventual state champion to knock out Harlan in 1943, 1945 (Birmingham) and 1945 (Madison).

Jones made All-State Tournament in 1942, 44 and 45. World

War II altered the State Tournament format in 1943 and just five All-Tournament players were honored, all from the north-eastern area who performed at UK's Alumni Gym. Harlan had two other All-Tournament players, Bob Allen in 1943 and Billy Rose in '45.

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OBITUARIES

CURRY
Helen Geneva Curry, 82, of 482 West General Street in Lexington, was preceded in death by a son, O.K. Curry Jr. Services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13 at the grave in the Carlisle Cemetery by Rev. Mike Schmidt, pastor of the Church and a retired member of the Nicholas County Elementary School Board. She was a retired federal employee and a member of the United Methodist Church. She was born in Nicholas County to the late Webster and Laura Barber.

OSANNE
She is survived by a son, Helen Brown of California, a daughter by a wife of Glenn Curry Sr. and Monday June 10 to Marjorie Mason Dering Home in Lexington. She was a member of the Shrine of Our Lady of Goodwill, Catholic Church and a retired member of the Nicholas County Elementary School Board. She was a retired federal employee and a member of the United Methodist Church. She was born in Nicholas County to the late Webster and Laura Barber.

ON THE RECORD

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trial cont. 6/24/91 at 11:30 a.m.

Pretrial, James Bradley Glass, dob 4/9/72; 1: Carrying concealed deadly weapon 2A1 Motion. Transferred to Robertson County.

Pretrial, Timothy W. Mitchell, dob 7/21/63; DUI Fine \$25 for non-appearance on 6/13/91. Bench trial 6/13/91 at 2:00 p.m.

In the Matter of Stella Mae Booth, deceased. To approve final settlement and order of discharge. Final settlement taken under advisement.

In the Matter of, Verdie Adamson, deceased. Probate of will, appointment of Executor. Will admitted to probate. Order entered.

Commonwealth of KY EX REL, Helen Isaacs vs. Timothy S. Buswell. Show cause, \$100.00. Current setting 6/13/91 with support.

William W. Wootley vs. William Wootley. Motion. \$100.00. Bench trial 6/24/91 at 10:00 a.m. Issue: Misrepresenta-

tion to court or propriety of sanctions as result of misrepresentations.

The First National Bank, Carlsle vs. Phillip A. Burke. Motion. Transferred to Robertson County.

Commonwealth of KY EX REL, Brenda Fryman vs. William Fabarak. Review \$C by mail 6/24/91 at 9:30 a.m.

Commonwealth of KY EX REL, Jean Marie Balliet vs. William K. Frederick. Review, \$C by Sheriff 6/26/91 at 10:00 a.m.

Nicholas Circuit Court Hon. Wayne McGinnis, June 6, 1991

Blaine Keith Price vs. Jennifer Porter Price. Forest Retreat Farms, Inc. vs. Boyd Lynch, Lynch Mar-Storcken from default. Current setting 6/13/91 with support.

Matthew W. Hughes vs. Donitta Hughes. Christal Ann Buswell Reid vs. Robert Todd Reid.

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