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NCHSAA HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

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I. NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME Gurley Robert ME
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YES/NO
NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL North Mecklenburg YEAR GRADUATED 1984
NAME OF COLLEGE Belmont Abbey College YEAR GRADUATED 1989
ADDITIONAL DEGREES (MASTERS, DOCTORATE, ETC.) N/A
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TITLE/POSITION Athletic Director at West Rowan High School
SCHOOL SYSTEM Rowan Salisbury Schools
SIGNATURE Todd M. Bell DATE October 31, 2023



IV. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

IN CHART BELOW, PLEASE LIST CHRONOLOGICALLY THE NOMINEE'S POSITION (COACH, PRINCIPAL, ETC.) AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DATA

POSITION	DATES	SCHOOL OR SYSTEM	HONORS	COACHING RECORDS
Head JV Basketball Coach	1990-1992	Lexington Senior High School	1991-92 JV Champions in CCC	25-15
Head Softball Coach	1990-1992	Lexington Senior High School	N/A	1-35
Head Men's Basketball Coach	1992-1997	Lexington Senior High School	Conference Coach of the Year 2 times, Davidson County Coach of the year 1995	102-39, 1995 2A State Champion, 1995 Regional Champion, 2X Sectional Champions
Head JV Baseball Coach	1992-1994	Lexington Senior High School		2-34
Head Men's Track Coach	1994-1995	Lexington Senior High School		
Head Golf Coach	1995-1997	Lexington Senior High School		
Head Men's Basketball Coach	1997-2022	West Rowan High School	AP Coach of Year for 2002 and 2003, Conference Coach of the Year 7 times, Rowan County Coach of the Year 10 times	450-224; won two 3A State Championships (2002/2003); won three regionals (1999;2002;2003); won 10 Sectional Championships; won 11 Conference Champions
Head Mens Golf Coach	2022-2024	West Rowan High School		

CIVIC/CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (INCLUDE CHURCH, CIVIC OR CHARITABLE INVOLVEMENT)

1. 1996: NCHSAA Coaches/Captains Retreat
2. 1996: Say Boo to Drugs Anti-Drugs Campaign at Lexington High School
3. 2013-2014: Homer Thompson "Those Who Make a Difference" Award from NCHSAA
4. 2015: Organized a fund raiser to raise money for Football Coach Scott Young's Heart Transplant
5. 2019: Inducted into the Rowan County Sports Hall of Fame
6. 1998-2022: Falcon Summer Basketball Camp for Youth
7. 2017 - 2023: Basketball Counselor at the Grimes Parker Youth Camp in Cooleemee, NC
8. 2005: Head Coach of the South in the National Youth Sports Festival in Colorado Springs, CO (Gold Medal)

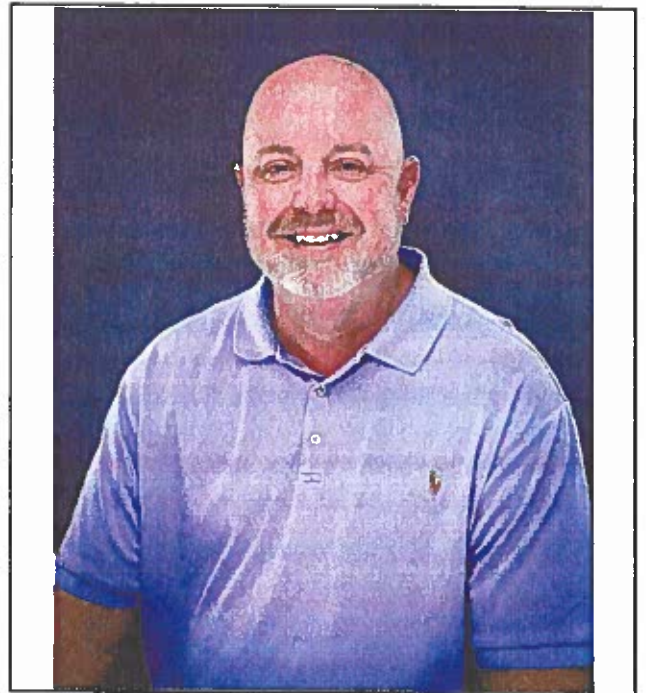
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V. PHOTOGRAPH

ATTACH A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE NOMINEE
(preferably head and shoulder shot, wallet size)



VI. SUPPORT OF CANDIDACY

Using whatever supportive data you may wish, please describe the activities and accomplishments of this candidate which make him/her a viable candidate for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Please remember that only thorough and complete documentation will be considered. Two letters of recommendation (minimum) will be necessary, and newspaper articles, etc., in support may also be submitted.

The committee shall seek to honor those who have directly influenced the history and evolution of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. Attachments are considered appropriate.

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Rev. R. Mack Jarvis, III
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October 28, 2023

To the NCHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

It is with great honor and pleasure that I recommend Mike Gurley for induction into the coveted NCHSAA Hall of Fame. Coach Gurley has achieved the hallmarks worthy of perpetual recognition in current and future generations, those of success, championships, community impact, and transforming young guys into men.

Mike's triumphs on the basketball court are undeniable. His 552 wins, including 450 at West Rowan, and his three 3A state championships, one at Lexington and two at West Rowan, are Hall of Fame numbers. I watched a lot of basketball games in the West Rowan gym and followed the Falcons across the state for about a dozen years. It was easy to enjoy the colorful coach on the bench and the competitive teams on the court. I am convinced that the team that went 61-0 and won back-to-back titles in 2002 and 2003, was the best public high school team I have ever seen.

Like any great coach, Mike's impact went far beyond banners and championships. I became friends with him when my two sons played at West from 2002-2006. During that time, Mike began attending my church, and I also became his pastor. Over the next few years, I got to see into the heart of this man and observed his genuine desire to better the lives of those ballplayers he coached and students he taught. Mike has won a lot of basketball games, but his greatest victories are countless athletes and students he taught to work hard, persevere, and bring their best to every "game." There are a lot of adults who are better and more confident individuals, spouses, parents, workers, and business and community leaders because of Gurley's positive influence in their lives during high school.

Upon his announcement, a local sports reporter commented that most all would recommend Mike for "the Mount Rushmore of Rowan County coaches of all sports." I concur and am confident he should be in the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. I am pleased to support his candidacy.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Mack Jarvis, III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Rev. R. Mack Jarvis, III



To Whom It May Concern:

It gives me great pleasure to nominate Robert M. Gurley to the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. Coach Gurley is a man of integrity and honor. He lives by those values in his coaching, teaching, and personal life. Coach Gurley understands the importance of coaching fundamentals, sportsmanship, and rules of the game. However, he also believes in his personal obligation to be a good role model, on and off the court by living by the Golden Rule. He models treating all people with respect, valuing others' opinions, and learning to get along. It is the expectations for his players to not only learn how to play the game, but also learn skills necessary to be an outstanding citizen.

I have taught with Coach Gurley for over 24 years at West Rowan High School, while serving as his athletic director for the past 20 years. Coach Gurley has spent over thirty years in the classroom in North Carolina. His daily teaching is as effective as his coaching. Great teachers are also great coaches as they know how to keep everyone involved, adjust a lesson as needed and how to use results to improve. Students will always remember the energy that he brought to each lesson and the stories he created to relate history to today's students.

Despite his responsibilities in the classroom and on the basketball court, Coach Gurley is a dedicated family man. He values time with his wife and children by making them a priority despite the other responsibilities to the school, his students, and his players. It is safe to say that his family extends to his players, the coaching staff, and the school in general when he proposed to his wife on the basketball court at West Rowan High School.

Coach Gurley chooses to live a life of positivity with words, actions, and deeds. His greeting is always with a welcoming smile and "It's a great day to be alive!" You will also find this saying in his social media posts. It is rare to find a combination of both excellence in program and human qualities yet, Coach Gurley exudes both, and is well deserving to be a member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Bell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

Todd Bell
West Rowan High School
Athletic Director

To whom it may concern,

My name is Leroy Holden, and I am a former teacher, coach, and athletic director at North Mecklenburg High School. It is my pleasure and distinct honor to recommend Coach Mike Gurley, former head basketball coach at West Rowan High School, for the North Carolina High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

As a player for me on the basketball team, Mike was coachable, hardworking, enthusiastic, and he always came ready to play. He was committed to good sportsmanship, he was committed to being a team player, and he was committed to giving his best at all times.

As a coach, Mike's basketball record speaks for itself; his teams have won three state championships- one at Lexington Senior High School and two at West Rowan High School. Coach Gurley is a motivator in the classroom and on the court. He truly cares about his students and athletes. His enthusiasm and respect for his players comes back to him in mutual admiration. His strong character and work ethic has earned him many awards in the classroom and on the court.

It is without hesitation that I wholeheartedly recommend Coach Mike Gurley for consideration in the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,
W. Leroy Holden
Former Head Coach
North Mecklenburg High School

October 30, 2023

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Winners of AP prep basketball coaches of year in NC

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2014_Casey Rogers, Morganton Freedom

2013_Ty Baumgardner, Charlotte Olympic

2012_Kirk Angel, New Hanover County

2011_Ron Bray, Gastonia Huss

2010_Brandon Jolly, Lake Norman

2009_Aubrey Hollifield, Shelby

2008_Wells Gulledge, Kinston

2007_George Robinson, Burlington Cummings

2006_David Price, Greensboro Dudley

2005_Jimmy Cleaveland, Canton Pisgah

2004_Tim Kelly, Trinity

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2001_Don Corry, Lexington

2000_Howard West, Winston-Salem Reynolds

1999_Mike Pennington, Winston-Salem Parkland

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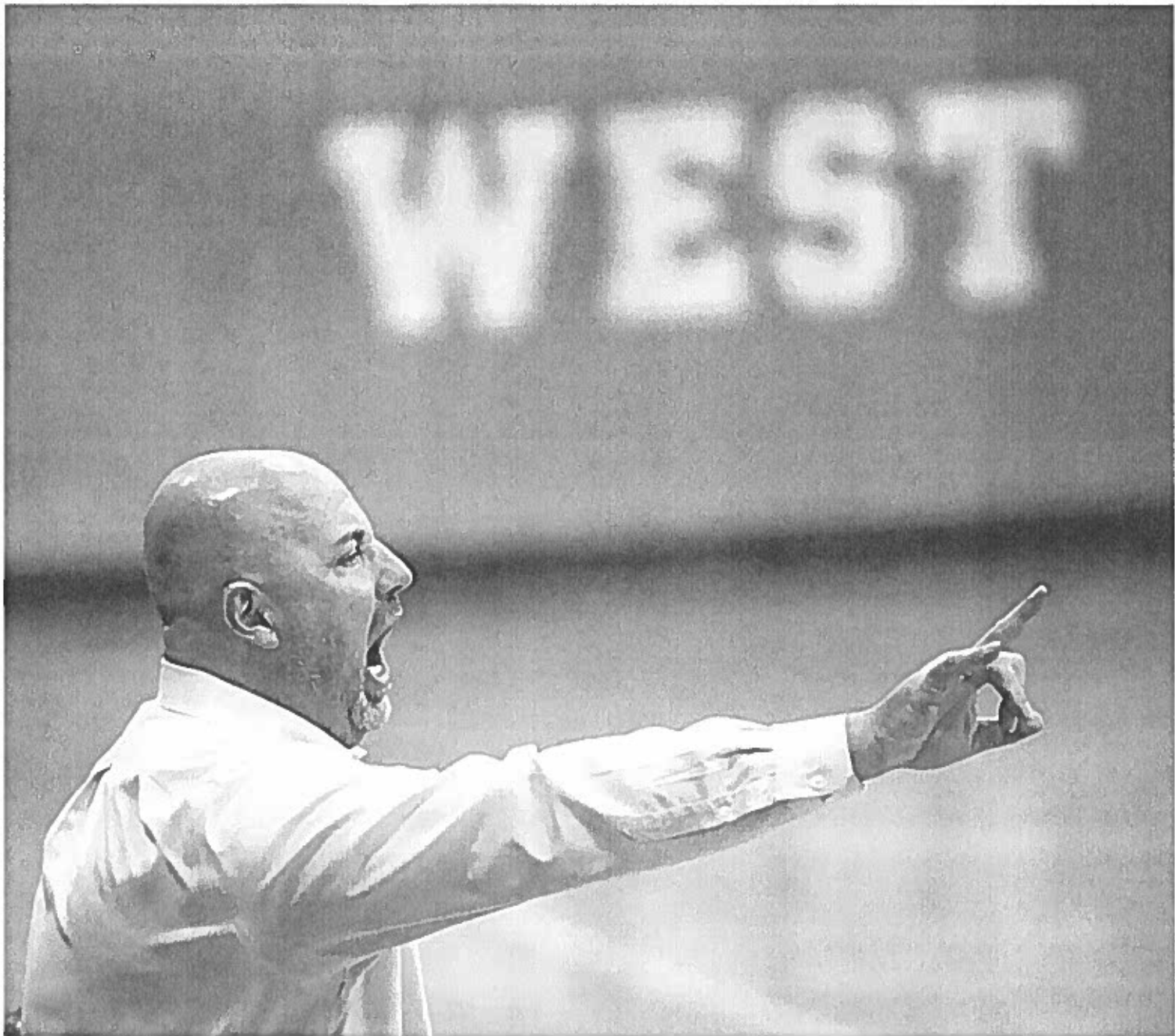
Prep Basketball: After 400 wins at West, Gurley keeps marching on

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West Coach Mike Gurley calls the play. photo by Wayne Hinshaw, for the Salisbury Post

By Mike London

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MOUNT ULLA — It's another basketball Friday night in the pale blue West Rowan High gym. South Iredell is in the house, and 5-foot-7 West senior Josiah Dixon crashes into the ancient bleachers in fearless pursuit of a loose ball.

Dixon's head makes an audible thud, an ugly sound that makes fans wince, but he barely pauses. He's whirling back down the court. Coach Mike Gurley smiles at the effort, at the intensity. In the bleachers, Ryan Mattox, a guy they called "Bam Bam" when he kept knocking down jumpers for West's 1997 state champs, yells, "That's West Rowan basketball, right there! Yeah, West Rowan basketball!"

Gurley has been teaching, preaching and coaching West Rowan basketball for 21 seasons now. He was hired former principal Henry Kluttz prior to the 1997-98 season. His love of the game hasn't diminished during that period, but his knowledge of the game has swelled considerably.

"I had only one way to play when I first came to West from Lexington (fast and furious) and we usually were quick enough to rush opponents out of what they were comfortable doing," Gurley said. "But every team you coach is different, and there were some seasons when I tried to jam some round pegs into square holes. I tried to drag kids up to a higher level, and if they couldn't get it done, I moved on to the next one. But as you get older — and hopefully smarter — you start asking yourself what kind of pegs you have and you try to put those pegs in holes where they'll fit."

He put a lot of pressure on himself in his early days at West, waking up every morning worried sick about winning the next game. He enjoys it more now. A lot less stress. His teams aren't nearly as talented as they were 15 years ago, but that's made him appreciate his players more, savor each victory more.

"It's not like I made West Rowan basketball successful," Gurley said. "Jack Lytton was the coach who got it started. Charlie Hellard took it to the next level. Then Bobby Shipwash (he coached West's 1997 champs) took it all the way. I followed three great coaches here. I've always looked at this job as temporary. I'm the keeper of the flame, just carrying the torch until that next guy takes it. Hopefully, I've done my job well enough that the next guy will think of himself as following Lytton, Hellard, Shipwash — and Gurley."

Gurley has done his job well enough that he logged his 400th win at the helm of the Falcons with Friday's stunning North Piedmont Conference triumph against South Iredell. To put that 400 number in perspective, Bob Hundley, who coached 18 seasons at North Rowan, is second in county history with 278 boys basketball wins. Gurley reached another milestone (500 career wins) a week earlier. He won 102 times as a youthful varsity coach in Lexington.

The current Falcons are not a vintage Gurley team in a lot of ways. They lack the foot-speed and the depth needed to apply defensive pressure. It's difficult for them to come back if they get in a hole. But Gurley has found the right spots and the right ways to employ players such as Dixon, Cole Myers, Payne Stolsworth and Jay Joseph. He's accentuated their strengths, while disguising their weaknesses. He's given them opportunities to shine. They've frequently come through.

"We're limited in a lot of ways and we're playing a lot of untested guys, guys who don't have much varsity experience," Gurley said. "But I think the people we play get surprised by how determined Dixon is and they get surprised by how long Myers is. Myers (who is 6-foot-6) has become a pretty good rebounder."

West senior guard Martavio Rankin averages 11.5 points per game. He's not only scoring more than he ever has, he's leading better than he ever has, and he's making better decisions than he ever has.

"Martavio has been playing a very cerebral game," Gurley said.

And of course, West still has 6-8 Caleb Mauldin, the county player of the year as a junior and the county's scoring leader again as a senior with 24.2 points per game. He tossed in 35 in Friday's upset.

"Caleb is a better player now than he was last season, and that's saying something," Gurley said. "It seems like he's always got five defenders around him, but he's not freaking out. He's learned that what you do when they're throwing everybody at you is just go sit down on the block and become the best offensive rebounder in



the building. The last two years Caleb could depend on Austin Love to chase down some tough rebounds, but now Caleb has to get some of those tough ones himself.”

West limped into the seventh-place game of the Dale’s Sporting Goods/Sam Moir Christmas Classic with a 4-1 record after being blitzed in the first round by Carson and losing a close one to 1A North Stanly in the consolation bracket.

“The seventh-place game we get down five against South Rowan in the second half,” Gurley said. “But then we took some good shots. Yeah, we missed them, but Caleb got the offensive boards and put them back in. All of sudden, we’re up 10, and we win that game.”

That matinee comeback against South at Catawba’s Goodman Gym didn’t look like much at the time, but now it looks like a turning point in West’s season. The Falcons have won their last five. Now they’re 9-7. More importantly, in a conference where they were supposed to finish fourth, at best, they’re 3-0 and tied for first. The two NPC teams they haven’t played yet in a league game are very experienced Carson and very fast Statesville.

The focus for West since the Christmas tournament struggle has been reducing turnovers.

“The two games we lost at Catawba we had something like 40 turnovers,” Gurley said. “And that was 40 turnovers against two teams that didn’t press us. In other words, it was all on us, just unforced errors. What we’ve tried to emphasize is to value the ball and get a shot on every possession. Obviously, the best thing that can happen is making a shot, but the second best thing that can happen is missing a shot because we’ve got a decent chance to rebound it.”

High-powered South Iredell is a pressing team, so when the Vikings came to Mount Ulla on Friday with a 12-1 record and averaging 76 points per game, it looked like a nightmare matchup for plodding West. But it wasn’t. West fell behind 19-11 but never panicked. The Falcons beat the press and won, 88-77. West hasn’t topped 70 points only one time this season before Friday.

“All our guys made smart passes against the press, but mostly it was Rankin and Dixon taking care of the basketball,” Gurley said. “Rankin’s vision was great. His decisions were good almost every time, and if we beat their press, we attacked and we finished. We’d had some decent wins this season (vs. A.L. Brown and North Rowan at home), but our guys surprised me a little on Friday. They gave themselves a chance by not turning over, and if you stay in it, you can win it.”

Upsets like Friday’s are what makes basketball intriguing. Basketball is still a blast for Gurley after all these years. This team probably would’ve made him jump in front of a bus in 1998 when he coached liked his head on fire, but now he’s content to make these guys the best they can possibly be.

“I’ve had a chance to work under three great principals in Henry Kluttz, John Williams and Jamie Durant, and I’ve had a chance to coach so many great people,” Gurley said. “This year’s team, we’re just having fun and doing the best we can. I’m enjoying it because I know exactly what I’m going to get from these guys — that’s everything they’ve got.”

The fire is still burning. The keeper of the flame marches on.

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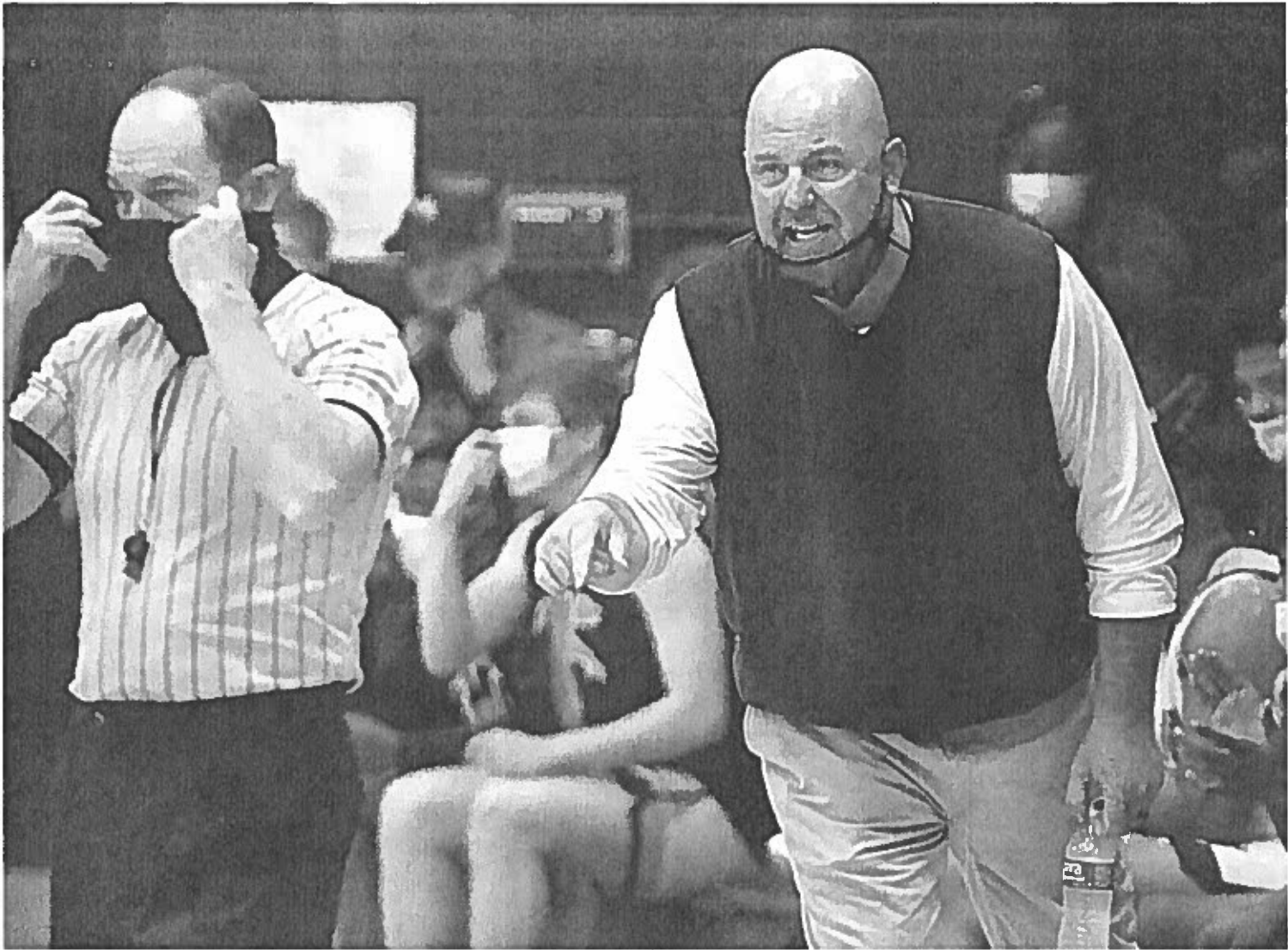
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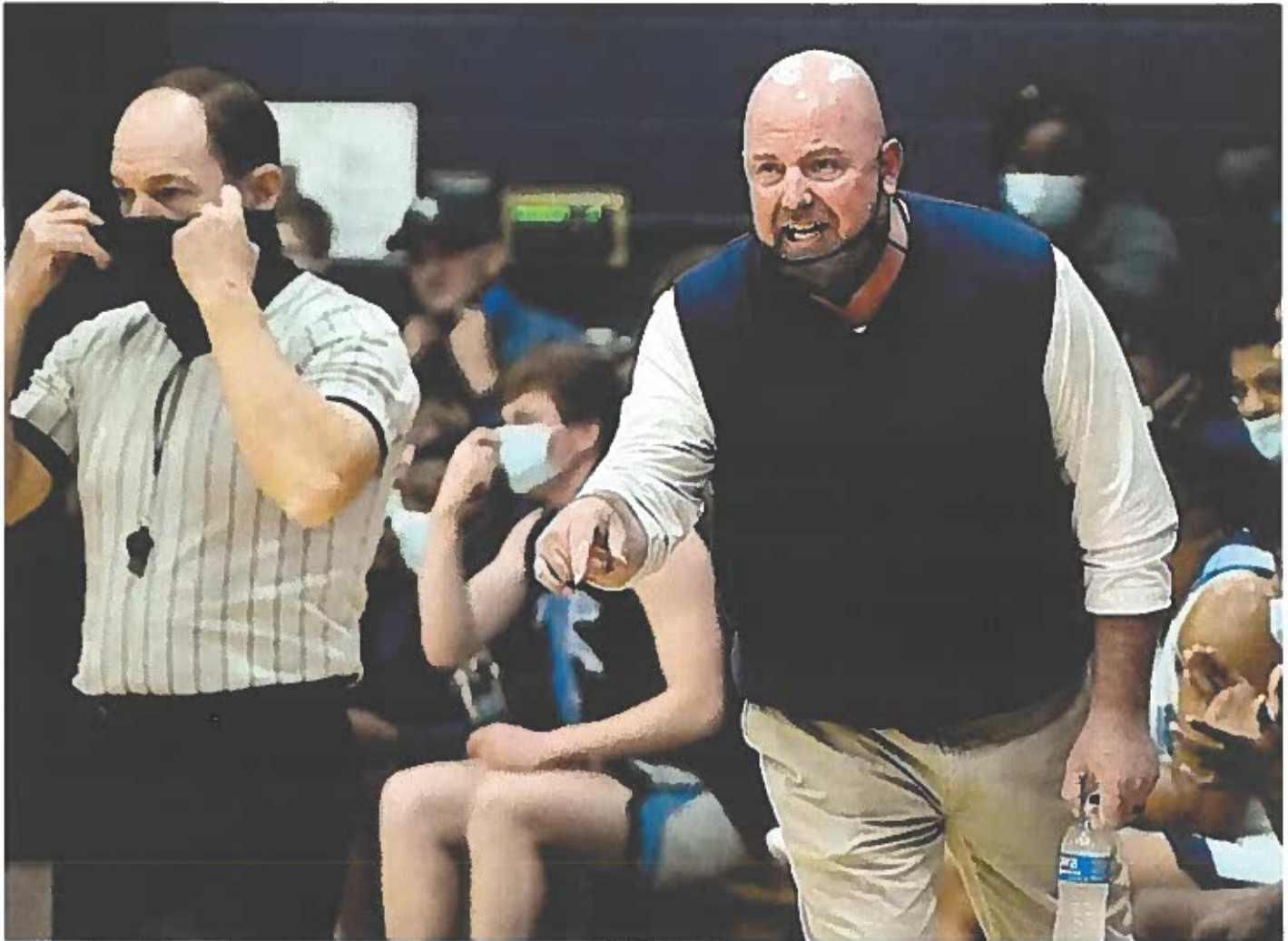
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Eight “coaches who make a difference” by virtue of their exemplary sportsmanship will be honored at the NCHSAA Annual Meeting.

The coaches have been selected for the Homer Thompson Memorial Eight Who Make a Difference Award. Homer Thompson, the long-time Winston-Salem Parkland coach and member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame, died on May 1.

“Homer Thompson’s name is affixed to this award because he certainly did make a difference in the world of NCHSAA,” said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield.

The winners were chosen by a special committee based on nominations from the member school boards and the NCHSAA student services program.

Coaches receiving this honor for 2013-14 include the following:

Region 1: Chris Ross, athletic director and former head baseball coach, Ayden-Grifton High School

Region 2: Chris Mueller, head cross country and head track and field coach, White Oak High School

Region 3: Jennifer Pepin, head cross country and women’s track and field coach, Cedar Ridge High School

Region 4: Milton Butts, head football coach, Hoke County High School

Region 5: Brian Nance, head men's basketball and assistant cross country coach, Asheboro High

Region 6: Mike Gurley, head men's basketball coach, West Rowan High School

Region 7: Todd Clontz, head women's golf coach and administrative assistant, Alexander Central

Region 8: Joey Robinson, athletic director and head football coach, Mountain Heritage High School

Each school had the opportunity to nominate one of its coaches for this award. "These coaches are an encouragement to our young people," says Whitfield.

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HIGH-SCHOOL

Coach with local ties earns award

staff reports

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A high school basketball coach with ties to Gaston County will receive an award from the N.C. High School Athletic Association.

West Rowan head boys basketball coach Mike Gurley has been selected for the Homer Thompson Memorial Eight Who Make a Difference award. Gurley is a 1989 Belmont Abbey graduate and played on the 1988 NAIA District 26 championship basketball team.

The award is named in honor of the late Homer Thompson, the long-time Winston-Salem Parkland coach and member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. Gurley was the selection from Region 6. Each honoree will receive the award in Chapel Hill on May 1.

