

Benton County High School Athletics Hall of Fame
Nominee Form

The public is invited to submit nominations for the Benton County High School
Athletics Hall of Fame

Criteria for selection:

1. The nominee must have been a part of the athletic department in the Benton
County high school system.
2. The nominee must have been out of high school for 10 years.
3. In the case of a professional athlete/coach he or she must have been inactive for
one year following the announcement of retirement.
4. Nominations will be considered for a period of 10 years.

Inductee Form

Name JACK M. FRANKS
Address 804 CHILDERS LOOP, BRANDON, FL 33511
School Attended HOLLADAY HIGH SCHOOL
Sport/s Played BASKET BALL
Nominated by MARGARET STOKES Phone 731-584-8923
Date of nomination FEB. 23, 2014

In narrative form please tell why this person should be inducted into the Benton
County high school athletics Hall of Fame. Feel free to add additional sheets if
necessary.

Please see the three attached pages.

Please turn this nomination form into a board member or:
Mail to: David Markham
1343 Cedar Drive
Camden, TN 38320

Must be returned by February 27, 2014

Jack Murphy Franks graduated third in the Halladay High School Class of 1951. He grew up on a farm where he learned about hard work at manual labor and taking responsibility for himself and others. This plus a good family environment made him a man with ethics that is apparent to everyone.

He was active in school activities; F. F. A.; school newspaper, acting and captain of the basket ball team.

Winning was important, and he played to win, but always with the spirit of team-work and good sportsmanship. He did not

play for personal praise, but for the team as a whole. This was recognized not only by Holladay school fans, but by opposing teams as well. He is remembered for this over sixty years later.

Here are a few quotes taken from the school newspaper about him.

The January 26, 1951 issue has a lengthy article written by a class-mate.

"Jack Franks, five foot eleven, blonde, weighing one hundred, fifty pounds is as tough as a pine knot."

The same article continues,

"This senior is one of the best basket ball players Holladay

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has ever produced, as all fans know."

Quotes from other issues;

"Jack Franks led the scoring
with 20 points."

"Jack Franks fouled out for
the first time in his career."

In another paper regarding a game
with Springville;

"Franks led in points as usual."

The opposing guards usually concentrated
on Jack, but he fully understood the
game and always gave 100%. His
agile body could jump higher and
run faster than most. I overheard
two men talking during a game, one
said to the other, "that boy is like
greased lightning."