



February 3, 2024

Re: Coach Davis (Red Skin) Weathersby Nomination for Induction into the 2024 MSHOF

To Whom this May Concern

I am writing this letter as a player of coach Weathersby to endorse the nomination and induction into The Mississippi Hall of Fame. Coach Weathersby has coached and mentored many boys that are now very successful young men not only in sports but all walks of life.

Coach Davis (Red Skin) Weathersby has just celebrated his 91th birthday on June 6, 2023 in Greenville Mississippi where over 200 of his former athletic came back to thank him for being a part of their lives.

I have attached a bio of all his accomplishment over the years to substantiate why I strongly endorse him for this honor.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Parnell Dickinson'.

Parnell (Paydirt) Dickinson

Black College Football Hall of Fame 2017

Committee in Support of Coach Davis Weathersby to The Mississippi Hall of Fame

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Hall of Fame Committee
The Mississippi Hall of Fame & Museum
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Re: Coach Davis Weathersby Nomination and Induction into The 2024 Hall of Fame

Dear Hall of Fame Committee:

We are writing to endorse the nomination and induction of Davis Weathersby to The Mississippi Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the SWAC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004, Alcorn State University Hall of Fame class of 1958 and Mississippi Valley State Hall of Fame. In addition to football he was active in basketball and baseball during the time before and after the integration of schools took place.

Coach Davis Weathersby is a former Football Player of Alcorn State University from 1951-1955. He was named Co-Captain of the team in 1954. Davis Weathersby also lettered in track at Alcorn State University. He graduated from Alcorn in 1955. Upon completion of graduation from Alcorn State University, he was hired as a girls' basketball coach at Coleman High School in Greenville, Mississippi. Coach Weathersby first taste of being a successful head coach started with the Girls Basketball Team. He had an outstanding first year of coaching that certainly encouraged the administration to add track, baseball and football to his duties.

Coach Weathersby girls' basketball team became Big Eight Champions seven times and won four girls State Championships under his tenure as coach. Coleman High School boys' basketball team was Big Eight State Champions six teams with two being undefeated seasons. He was also Delta Bowl Champions in 1960. While coaching high school baseball he won one Big Eight Baseball Championship. In 1955 to 1970, he became the Head Football Coach, Girls Track Coach and the Athletic Director. His record in football was phenomenal with 112-26-6 compiled record. He had three Magnolia State Class AA girls track championship. In 1964 Coach furthered his education at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana obtaining a master's degree.

He was the Football Coach and Athletic Director at Mississippi Valley State University from 1970-1977 with an overall record of 33-45-1 in eight seasons. In 1971 Coach ended a five season losing streak for Mississippi Valley State University. In 1972 Coach was named Co-Coach of the year and appointed to the American Football Coaches Association Concessions and Display Committee.

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Being named in 1975 as South Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year by the National Black Sports Foundation was the highlight of Coach Weathersby Career. During his coaching career at Mississippi Valley State University, he had five players named to All-American teams. Ted Washington a linebacker was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs and Parnell Dickinson the First Black Quarterback drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to play in the National Football League. He had several players that he coached during high school that also went on to play a Professional sport. In baseball George Scott was drafted and for The National Football League people such as Jimmie Giles, Willie Richardson, Gloster Richardson, Thomas Richardson, Cleotha Montgomery, Wilbert Montgomery and many others. He had players that became political figures in their communities such as Robert Smith, the mayor of Columbus, MS and players that made a mark in college football such as Hubert Owens a Head Official in the SEC.

During his high school coaching career Coach Davis Weathersby has pushed many young people to go further than just high school but to move onto the collegiate level. The work ethic that he instilled in these kids propelled them to become All Conference and All-American's.

When Coach Weathersby left the coaching sector, he began to do a great work in his community of Greenville, Mississippi. He became a board member of several associations such as the 100 Black Men of the Mississippi Delta a mentoring group for young males, The President of Alcorn State University National Alumni Association, The Founder of Alcorn State Letterman "A" Club and Chairman of the Deacons at Pilgrim Home Missionary Baptist Church.

Coach Weathersby has never stopped working or stop mentoring our youth in Greenville, Mississippi. Presently, he is very active with the summer youth baseball teams and works as a volunteer with the Greenville Parks and Recreation consistently. He commits to fundraising to support our traveling youth teams every summer. Coach Weathersby is an icon in this community and a household name that everyone admires and respect.

We have enclosed an executed petition of names and commitments to purchase 2 tickets each person in support of Coach Davis Weathersby nomination and induction into the Mississippi Hall of Fame Class of 2024. If you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please contact us directly.

With personal regards, I am,



Sincerely yours,

Jimmie Giles, **Former Tampa Bay Buccaneers Player**

Judge Cedric Bush, **Alcorn State Hall of Fame**

Parnell Dickinson, **Former Tampa Bay Buccaneers Player & 1st NFL Black Quarterback**