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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

For the past 14 years I have been the Varsity Boy's Basketball Coach at Crab Orchard High School in Marion Illinois. This High School typically has an enrollment of around 130 students each year. Despite our small enrollment our basketball program has received outstanding coverage and been given the recognition it deserves due to the dedication and effort put forth by Jack Bullock, editor of "A Baseline View".

In addition to the outstanding coverage received by Crab Orchard High School from Jack, numerous schools from Central Illinois to the "Deep South" have also benefitted from his website. When Jack covers a game I have been extremely impressed with the thorough job he does. When you read one of his articles about a game that you did not see, you get a great feel for how the game went due to his precise reporting. If it had not been for Jack many of our basketball players from the late "90's" to the present would not have received the coverage they deserved.

I personally frequent Jack's website often as do many of our fans. It has served as a valuable resource for me when scouting and preparing to play against an upcoming opponent. Student-Athletes as well as their parents, and grandparents etc. truly enjoy reading information about their child's efforts and performances on the basketball court on this website.

As the Head Coach of this High School, Jack has earned my respect for the outstanding job he does covering a great deal of territory. When Jack interviews me in the pre-season or after a ball game he is always very cordial and professional. He has always treated me and my players with great respect and he is a very fair reporter. Jack always finds something positive to report about both programs and their coaches when covering a game.

Coaching High School Basketball is something I do with a lot of passion. The job Jack has done on "A Baseline View" has been done with a great deal of passion as well. I can only hope he continues this wonderful endeavor, because it has become a big part of High School Basketball in Southern Illinois.

Please contact me at any time to provide further information about Jack or his website. I also can provide names and contact numbers of several other coaches, parents, and fans etc. who could be contacted as references as well.

Sincerely,



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