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Profile: W.L. 'Bill' Kean

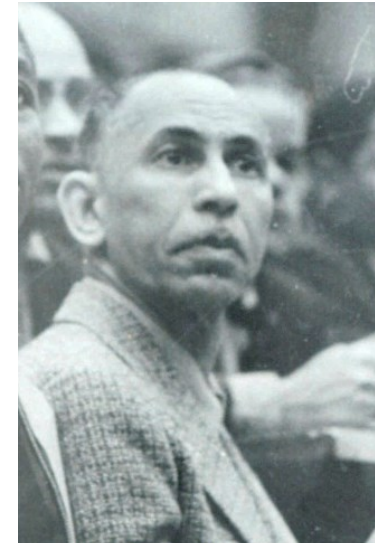


W.L. Kean was at the head of two basketball dynasties in Kentucky. The first was the Louisville Central High School Yellow Jackets, which he coached from 1923 until 1956. Kean's teams won 856 games and lost only 83. They also won five Kentucky High School Athletic League championship titles and four National Negro High School titles.

Kean also headed a basketball family. Son-in-law Allan Wade Houston Sr., the first African American to receive a basketball scholarship to the University of Louisville, coached at Male High School in Louisville and was an assistant coach at UofL. Later, he returned to his native Tennessee to coach the University of Tennessee Volunteers.

Houston's son, Allan Wade Houston Jr., played high school basketball at Ballard, in Louisville, and was on the 1988 state championship team. In 1989, Allan Houston was Mr. Kentucky Basketball, on the McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Team and first team all-state. He had a professional career with the Detroit Pistons and New York Knicks.

All three men are in the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame.



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