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Profile: Mike Redd

Mike Redd was the first African American to be named Kentucky Mr. Basketball. The year was 1963 and his team, Louisville Seneca High School from Louisville, had won the Sweet Sixteen.®

This wasn't Redd's first trip to the tournament. He played on the Seneca team that, in 1961, made it as far as the quarterfinals of the Sweet Sixteen.®

In his senior year, Redd averaged 26.5 points per game. He was first-team All-State and a member of the Parade All-American team.

Redd is in the Dawahares KHSAA Hall of Fame and the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame.



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