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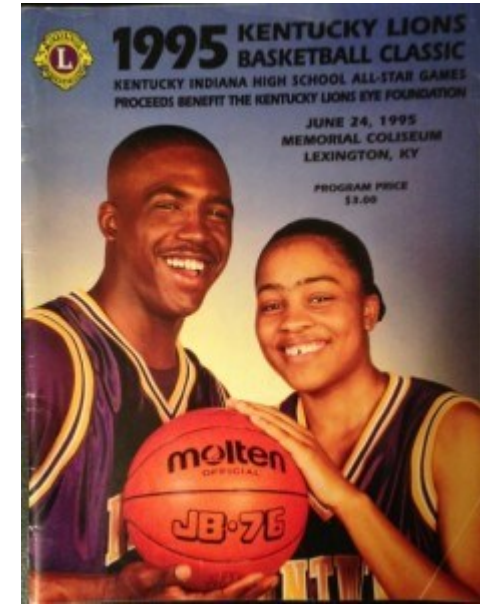
## Mr. and Miss Basketball

The Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation (KLEF) honors outstanding high school senior basketball players with the designation Mr. and Miss Basketball. Nominations come from coaches and media, who also vote for the recipients.

“King” Kelly Coleman of the Wayland Wasps (Floyd County) was the first Mr. Basketball in 1956, although Kentucky named its first high school player of the year in 1954 (not called Mr. Basketball). Vernon Hatton of Lexington’s Lafayette High School, earned that honor.

Donna Murphy, from Newport, was the first Miss Basketball in 1976.

Recipients of these titles wear the number one on their jerseys in the summer Kentucky-Indiana All Star game. The game predates the award and started in 1940. It is a fundraiser for the KLEF.



Charles Thomas (Harlan) and Ukari Figgs (Scott County) 1995 Mr. and Miss Basketball. *(Photo courtesy of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.)*