
KAYLA IRVIN INDUCTED INTO WEAKLEY COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

By Ron Barry

Anyone who's watched how Kayla Hudson Irvin interacts with her Crockett County High School girls basketball team can quickly see how special her players – and their families – think she is.

Another group that thinks she's special proved it in style Sunday night at a banquet at UT-Martin as the Weakley County Sports Hall of Fame inducted Irvin into its membership as a part of its 2023 class, which also included Irvin's former high school coach Randy Frazier.

Irvin, who was also inducted into the Union University Sports Hall of Fame in 2022, seems a bit embarrassed by this kind of attention now that she's a mother of three and no longer hoisting successful three-pointers in front of cheering crowds.

“Honestly, I think these people think more of me than I deserve,” she said Friday afternoon, prior to the weekend ceremony.

But in Weakley County, they have every right to be as proud of her as Crockett County – and Madison County, for that matter. Irvin starred at Gleason High School, starting every single game from the beginning of her freshman year until graduation. In between, she generated a state championship and won the Tennessee Miss Basketball Award in 2007.



From there, she went on to Union University. There, Jackson fans watched her start every game from her freshman season on, earning All-American honors in each of her four seasons and being the floor general for a pair of NAIA national championships. She still holds Union records for free throw and three-point shooting accuracy.

“Kayla Hudson (Irvin) embodies everything that is good and right in athletics,” the Weakley County Sports Hall of Fame announcement says, “and she instills those same values today as the head coach for the Crockett County Lady Cavaliers.” One additional word that would be extremely appropriate for a Sunday night banquet: “Amen.”