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AP POLL

1. Duke (34) (6-0)	1,126
2. Ohio State (15) (5-0)	1,078
3. Kentucky (5) (7-1)	1,030
4. Notre Dame (3) (4-0)	949
5. Indiana (1) (4-1)	886
6. DePaul (4-0)	819
7. Louisiana State (4-2)	817
8. North Carolina (4-1)	727
9. Purdue (5-0)	688
10. Syracuse (5-0)	600
11. Louisville (5-0)	547
12. Virginia (5-0)	474
13. Iowa (6-0)	349
14. UCLA (3-2)	325
15. St. John's (5-1)	288
16. Missouri (8-0)	281
17. Georgetown, DC (4-1)	188
18. Brigham Young (6-1)	167
19. Oregon State (6-1)	162
20. Arkansas (5-0)	148



Future
Wildcats

Melvin
Turpin

Back Through The Wildcat Years

ONE YEAR AGO

*For only the second time in the 26-year history of the University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament, Kentucky lost its opening-round game of the tourney, dropping a 73-69 decision to red-hot Texas A&M.

It was the ninth consecutive win for the Aggies, who dropped their season opener. UK had a chance to tie the score with 16 seconds left, but failed and the Aggies scored. The score was tied nine different times and the lead changed hands 15 times. No team ever led by more than four.

Kyle Macy led UK with 15 points, Chuck Aleksinas had 13, Lavon Williams 13 and Truman Claytor 10. Vernon Smith had 22 points and Dave Britton 20 for the Aggies.

*UK held on to a 94-87 win over Syracuse in the consolation game of the UKIT. The Cats ended their shooting slump by hitting 55 percent from the field. UK led 51-36 at the half.

Chuck Aleksinas led UK with 20 points. Dwight Anderson had 17, LaVon Williams 13, Kyle Macy 12 and Jay Shidler 10. Dale Shackelford had 24 for Syracuse, which entered the UKIT undefeated. Seven-foot center Roosevelt Bouie scored only five points.

*Illinois blasted Texas A&M 71-57 to win the championship of the UKIT. Derek Holcomb led Illinois with 17. Illinois' Neil Bresnahan was voted MVP in the tourney. Joining him on the all-tournament team were teammates Eddie Johnson and Derek Holcomb. Vernon Smith and Chuck Aleksinas.

*High school All-Americans Derick Hord, Sam Bowie, Dirk Minniefield and Charles Hurt all played in the Stewart's Basketball Classic at Louisville last week. Freedom Hall was also filled with college recruiters, including the Kentucky staff.

*The UK football staff announced the signing of four more high school players to a conference letter-of-intent. UK now has 17. The four signees are Scott Schroeder of Satellite Beach, Fla., Gerald Smyth of Dayton, Ohio, Terry Henry of Knoxville, Tenn., and Dan Cogar of San Ana Junior College in California.

*Two UK football players-linebacker Jim Kovach and center Mark Keene-have been named to the Academic All-American first team chosen by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America.

FIVE YEARS AGO

*"I am pleased with this opportunity to serve my alma mater and the state," said ex-UK All American Cliff Hagan as he was named the school's new athletic director, replacing Harry Lancaster, who retired. Hagan had been assistant athletic director.

*The UK wrestling team swept through its last seven matches untouched before losing two in a row. They then defeated defending SEC champ Auburn 33-9.

*In the first week a prepster can sign the conference football letter-of-intent, UK coach Fran Curci announced the signing of seven players from inside the state of Kentucky.

The signees are Lester Boyd, Terry Keelin, Rob Chaney, Robert Hawkins, Jim Ramey, Leon Shadowen and Kelly Kirchbaum.

*Kentucky won the UKIT, defeating Oklahoma State 90-65 in the championship game. Keven Grevey led UK with 27 points and was the tourney's MVP. Freshman Rick Robey had 25 points and was named to the all-

tourney team, along with Ronnie Daniels of Oklahoma State. Steve Puidokes of Washington State and Keith Herron of Villanova.

Kentucky defeated previously unbeaten Washington State 97-75 in the opening round, with Grevey totaling 24 and freshman Mike Phillips 18.

10 YEARS AGO

*The UK football recruiting season got off to a satisfactory start, as Coach John Ray signed 14 prospects. Top signees include Elmor Stephens, a 6-4, 225-pound linebacker from Louisville; Jeff Woodcock, a 6-1, 185-pound quarterback from Tenn.; and James 'Bubba' McCollum, a 6-2, 230-pound tackle from Louisville.

*UK won the UKIT with a 73-59 win over Navy and a 98-76 win in the finale over a good Duke team. Dan Issel scored 40 points in the Navy game, but guard Bob McCowan was the surprise of the tourney, winning MVP honors by hitting over 60 percent of his shots and scoring 41 points in two games.

*Jerry's AAY team handed the UK Kittens a 108-90 loss, the first setback for the frosh. Seven-foot Tom Payne, a UK frosh who is ineligible this year, paced Jerry's with 27 points. Kitten center Jim Andrews had 34.

25 YEARS AGO

*In a preliminary game, the UK

Kittens won their first game in four outings by a record 135-30 score over Sue Bennett Junior College. The 135 points surpassed the previous Memorial Coliseum record of 110 against Ole Miss last year. High for the Kittens had been 111 in Alumni Gym. Kentucky outscored Sue Bennett 74-7 in the second half. Vernon Hatton led UK with 24 points.

*UK took over first place in the AP basketball poll with a comfortable margin over runner-up Utah, which upset previously top-ranked LaSalle last week.

*Three of the top four ranked teams in the country will be in the UKIT. Kentucky is first, Utah second, and LaSalle fourth. Southern Cal is ranked 13th.

*Adolph Rupp won his 500th game (against 82 losses) and UK advanced to the final of the UKIT with a 70-65 win over second-ranked Utah. UK reduced a seven-point Utah lead to 65-64 with three minutes to go, before breaking Utah's stall tactics. Phil Grawemeyer scored 27 points and Bob Burrow had 15 for UK.

*UK whipped fourth-ranked LaSalle 63-54 to win the UKIT crown for the second consecutive year. A crowd of 11,000 saw Billy Evans play one of his greatest games, as the Wildcat guard scored 20 points. Bob Burrow scored 18. LaSalle All-American Tom Gola scored 20.

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Dewey Bentley

Weekly UK Sports Quiz

The following is a list of players who have transferred to other schools. Name the school they transferred to.

1. David Miller
2. Bobby Slusher
3. Bob Tallent
4. Tim Stephens
5. Bob Fowler
6. Randy Noll
7. Dan Hall
8. John Lee Butcher
9. Greg Starrick
10. Bernie Butts

ANSWERS

1. Marshall
2. Cumberland
3. George Washington
4. Cumberland
5. Iowa State
6. Marshall
7. Marshall
8. Pikeville
9. So. Illinois
10. Miami [Fla.]



Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



WILDCATS

Cats Should Be Ready For UKIT This Weekend

Although the game between Kentucky and Georgia is history now, this column was written some twenty-four hours before the Wildcats and Bulldogs met at The Omni Monday night in Atlanta.

If, for some strange reason, some comments seem a bit out of line, then please consider the previous paragraph.

At this point in time, the Wildcats enter their annual Christmas tournament on a high note, after dropping a narrow 82-76 overtime loss to Duke in the season opener more than a month ago.

Since that time, much has been accomplished by the youthful Wildcats. Joe B. Hall's team captured the Great Alaska Shootout title, escaped with a win over highly-respected Kansas on the road and rallied from a 13-point first half deficit to upset top-ranked Indiana last week.

Icing on the cake, so to speak, is the fact that Kentucky has played perhaps the toughest December schedule and still commands a brilliant 8-1 work-sheet.

Some clubs playing weak sisters would be tested to match such a feat. For that reason, Kentucky will surely repeat even more dividends from the early stiff competition when SEC play begins on a full scale in January.

And while the Wildcats have been successful early, UK won't be waltzing through the UKIT this weekend, as some Kentucky teams have in the past.

Practically everyone is talking about a possible match-up of UK and Purdue in the final with All-American Joe Barry Carroll going against Sam Bowie.

Many experts feel Carroll is the best big man in the collegiate game today. In fact, I've yet to find a person who'll challenge the statement. Of course, it's another challenge for Bowie if the two should meet.

There's only one problem with all

such speculation. The two clubs must first slip by first round foes Friday night. Kentucky will meet California in the second game, after Purdue and SMU open the UKIT at 8 p.m.

Both favorites should advance to the finals, but bigger upsets have been recorded. Last year, Texas A&M shocked the Wildcats in the first round and three years ago Utah upset the Wildcats in the UKIT championship. Still, I like Purdue over SMU and Kentucky over California in the first round.

If the favorites collide Saturday night, look for a high-scoring affair with Carroll probably getting about 30. That still won't be enough. Kentucky will win by six.

Ole Santa Claus hasn't even put on his traveling shoes, but Joe B. Hall has already been presented with a giant pair of gifts in the announcements of Bret Bearup and Melvin Turpin.

Bearup announced last month and Turpin made his intentions public last Saturday. Somewhat surprising at Turpin's press conference was the fact that only four people were at the press conference when it started.

There were no flood lights glaring in his face as he spoke of his intentions to attend UK and the usual hord of reporters were a mere three; those representing The Cats' Pause and Radio Station WVLK, as the seven-footer began his statement.

LSU coach Dale Brown is a friend of mine, I like to think, but it's becoming increasingly difficult to defend a man who appears to always come up with the right excuses.

First, Brown has done a miraculous job in building the LSU program into a top ten caliber basketball team. He's an eternal optimist who sees good in the worst of anything.

However, if a recent interview in The Tiger Rag quoted him correctly, and I suspect this is the case, then I've lost a little respect for the man who has a genuine interest in building good character in today's youth.

In that interview, he was quizzed about the reputation LSU had last season around the SEC, that of being hot-dogs or maybe fans were jealous because the Tigers beat everyone.

His answer was:

"I think it was a combination of both. What is a hot-dog? Does Mike Phillips of Kentucky a couple of years ago elbowing our Kenny Higgs and knocking him to the floor and then throwing the ball at his chest, then getting a technical foul while 23,000 people laugh about it. Is that a hot-dog? It wasn't to them, but if Higgs would have done it to Mike Phillips, the 'nigger' would have done it and he would be a hot-dog. Is a hot-dog to say what you think, is a hot-dog to exemplify your personality?"

There was more to this statement, but the rest concerned other situations we did not witness personally and do not feel qualified to comment on.

But, this time, Brown has opened his mouth one time too many in our opinion.

I saw every LSU game which Kenny Higgs played here in Lexington, and yes, he certainly received some verbal abuse that no one should have received. For that matter, so did Dale Brown.

And if Coach Brown remembers, we voiced our displeasure over the language, even to the point of urging the athletics department to seek out the season ticket holders which occupy those seats behind the visiting team and have the seats assigned to more responsible Kentucky fans. Yes, Dale, that was written about.

The point we want to emphasize is the fact that I've never seen 23,000 fans laugh at Kenny Higgs after being

hit with a ball by Phillips. Sure, a few ugly fans probably laugh, just like they do in Baton Rouge or anywhere else. And if memory serves me correctly, I believe Dale Brown used those same words in Lexington this past year, AFTER the Tigers beat Kentucky for the first time in Lexington in history.

But nothing in the article was so sickening as Brown's comment that the term 'nigger' would have done it had the situation been in reverse. Whether intended or not, Brown's implication was that the entire 23,000 UK fans would have adopted that term.

Perhaps, Brown is trying to alibi for LSU's second loss to Kentucky in the SEC tourney. He's quick to point out that there were no problems surrounding the team involving DeWayne Scales at the time, and that Durand Macklin was injured and that he was forced to alter his team's style of play because of the adverse press LSU had been receiving.

And he's probably right. Now that everyone is healthy in Tigerland, and that Scales is in good standings and that everyone is in Sunday School this Sunday, well, everyone else had better just call off the schedule and take a long vacation cause the Tigers have it all wrapped up.

In the meantime, we think Brown owes the 23,000 UK fans (less those undesirables) an apology. If you've been misquoted Dale, we'd be happy to print the corrected version. And we're still your friend.

HITS AND MISSES . . . There were two striking contrasts to the Kentucky-Indiana game last Saturday. During the final 10 minutes of the game, the Hoosiers appeared to be running out of fuel, being much less aggressive than early in the game. The other omen

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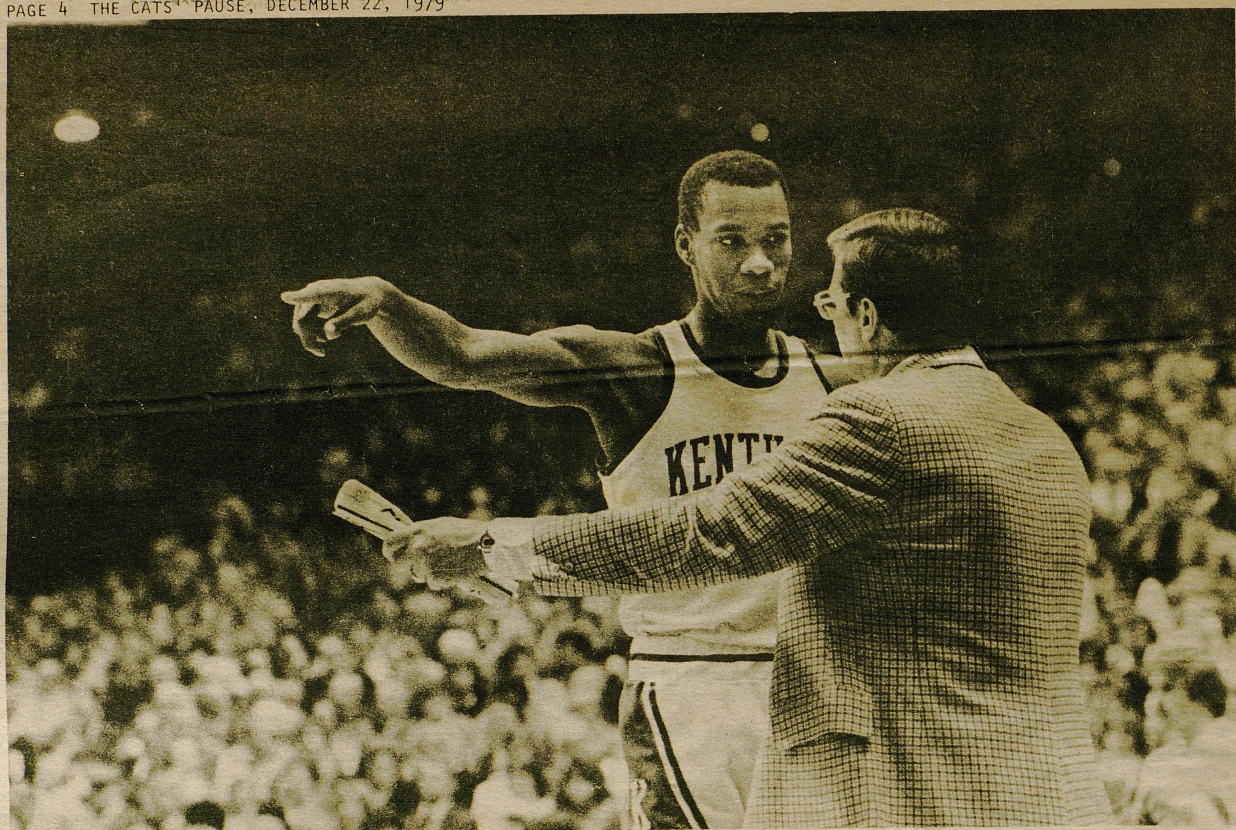
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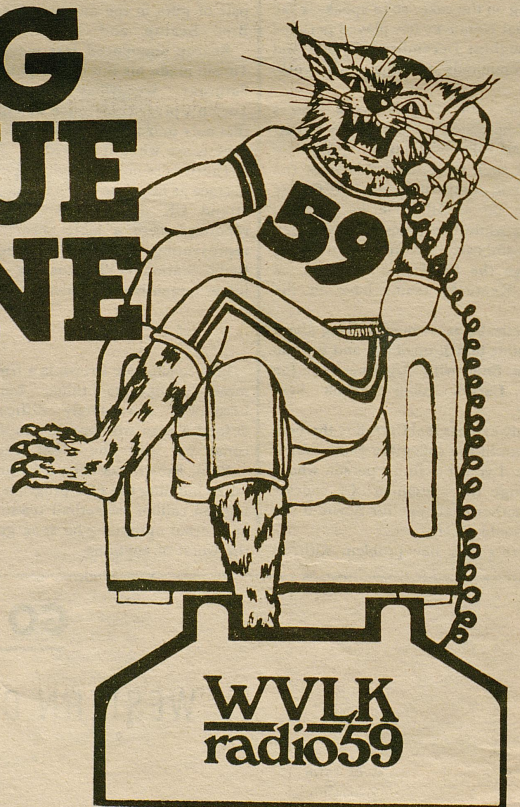
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Letters To The Editor



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Jaffe A Star

Dear Sir:

I just interrupted a very pleasing and relaxing past-time, reading The Cats' Pause, to write that I'm in total disagreement with the statement made by Richard Jaffe (page 23, third column, November 24th issue) that "There are no superstars on this team, no Art Stills, no Jerry Blantons or no Mike Siganoses."

No disrespect to the three athletes mentioned above, but if Richard Jaffe is not a superstar, then the Cats have never had one. We have watched this young man for the past four years, he was great when he started out and has improved each year. While watching the Florida game rerun, my wife and I isolated Richard Jaffe for several minutes of play in a row. His power and speed seemed awesome, the way he literally overpowers his adversary. I hope to continue to follow Mr. Jaffe's adventure into the Pro ranks.

This has been one of the best teams ever with their never-say-die spirit. Right on Big Blue.

Sincerely,
Donald B. Scully
Lancaster, Kentucky

Suggestions

Dear Sir:

I consider your paper one of the finest publications ever conceived, however I do have to agree with Coach Mirilovich that football gets a bit short-changed. The headline error on the Tennessee score is indicative of the lack of attention given. While Coach Mirilovich may not impress the press, including Fritz, it is clearly evident he is the best offensive line coach in the business.

I, and I am sure many others join me, thank Coach Curci, his assistant coaches and all of the players for the finest effort a football team ever made. As a loud-mouth fan I enjoyed the 1979 season, even with all its heartaches, more than any recent team. I'm looking forward to another successful recruiting season and many seasons as a football power in the future.

I am also looking forward to Coach Hall molding his team into one of the finest ever put together.

I offer the following for consideration. Kentucky's two top newspapers, the Courier Journal and Lexington Herald-Leader, should hire some sports writers who provide positive reports on Kentucky teams.

Furthermore, they should apologize to Chris Jones for highlighting his few mistakes and should publicize his many positive contributions. His touchdown run against Tennessee was a thing of beauty, as was the aborted effort against Miami.

Some interprising soul should develop bindings which could be sold to subscribers for binding and storing The Cats' Pause.

Rules are needed in Lexington and the SEC to keep players at least 15 feet from the sidelines so that paying customers can see the game better. The numerous hangers-on including the press should be required to stay at least 30 feet away from the playing field. The Big Ten has a rule to this effect and it is nice. Furthermore, amplified cheerleader speakers should be outlawed.

Have someone explain the call on the kickoff against Vanderbilt, when the UK player recovered the free ball and was knocked out of bounds. It appeared to me to be another example of the many decisions where if UK does something good, it has to be against the rules.

Kepp up the good effort.

Sincerely,
Samuel A. Ruark
Dayton, Ohio

Humiliated

Dear Sir:

Please accept the enclosed check for renewing our subscription to The Cats' Pause. Our financial situation (due to payment of our bets to Tennessee fans), makes it necessary to share the cost of this great publication.

We expect to resume the practice of having our very own copies in the future at the expense of Big Orange fans. There is no way to tell you how much your publication means to us; likewise, we cannot describe the humiliation we loyal Kentucky fans have suffered due to the losses to Tennessee in basketball and football.

Sincerely,
Charles O. Gray
William S. Pitt
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Praises Football

Dear Sir:

With the football season having come to an abrupt end, I feel it's time to give some praise to those who have

worked so hard in makin this another successful season. As a fan I cannot help thinking what might have been had the breaks come our way, however the efforts of Coach Curci, his staff, and the players should not go unnoticed.

People like Mike Shutt, who toiled for five years only to be shot down by injury in his finest hour, still managed to maintain the spirit and enthusiasm that our university is all about.

As we engulf on another season of basketball, how can we help but get ecstatic when the likes of "The Super Frosh" come to join our ranks. After listening to Iona coach Jim Volvano give his version of basketball, I decided he has never been to Kentucky or else just doesn't understand what the word basketball means to us. Our record speaks for itself. Oh yes, enclosed is a check for another year of TCP, a truly great publication for all proud Big Blue fans.

Sincerely,
Stephen Wheeler
Columbia, Kentucky

Best Of Luck

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a check renewing my subscription to The Cats' Pause. Being up here in the frozen north, little if any news about the Wildcats filters up. I really enjoy your publication and look forward to receiving it every week.

It was great that the Cats won the tournament in Alaska. I set my alarm for 2:00 a.m. Monday morning so I could listen to the game. Monday was a long day at work, but a happy one knowing the Cats had won.

I wish the Wildcats the best of luck this season. They have a rough schedule the month of December. Win or lose, I'm a Wildcat backer all the way. Thanks for your paper.

Sincerely,
Paul Y. Fresia
Minneapolis, Minn.

Best Is Ahead

Dear Sir:

Looks like UK sports are going to be at the top for years to come, thanks to the five coaches who represent the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as well as the outstanding athletes in all sports.

Never miss a game of UK football or basketball. Believe the Cats will be in

a bowl next year. Also believe that next March we will see Joe Hall and company in the Final Four.

Hang in there tough Dwight!!

Sincerely,
Ronald Kirk
Marion, Kentucky

Coach Of Year

Dear Sir:

I stated before the season began that if the Cats could win five games Curci should be voted Coach of the Year. I still feel that way. Considering all of the off-season problems, injuries etc., I believe that Coach Curci, the assistant coaches and the players have done an outstanding job.

Best wishes to Coach Hall and the basketball Wildcats for the coming season. Even in the loss to Duke, the performance of all the Cats speaks well for the future.

Being this far removed from My Old Kentucky Home (Frankfort), I look forward each week to the arrival of my TCP. Fortunately, most night games can be picked up down here on the Gulf Coast on WHAS and Cawood Ledford continues to do an outstanding job.

Congratulations and best wishes to all. Keep up the good work. Go Cats!

Sincerely,
Don Blakeman
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Beat Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed my renewal for another year of The Cats' Pause. I want to make sure I don't miss any of your coverage of the exciting freshman roundball class in the weeks ahead.

I know it has not been an easy year for Fran Curci and the footballers, but I'm sure looking forward to Curci bringing in his charges next fall to Norman, Oklahoma to face mighty Oklahoma. The Sooners always seem to have trouble in their opening game. Here's hoping that Terry Henry and the other Wildcats that are receiving such great experience this season really claw the Big Red next September.

Sincerely,
Ron Hays
Piedmont, Oklahoma

Charles Hurt's Character Matches His Muscular Physique

By GENE ABELL
Associate Editor

In a sense, Charles Hurt isn't really what he seems to be.

For sure, this 6-6, 215-pound strongman whose last name should be Atlas is the biggest threat to backboards this side of Daryl Dawkins. And there is no doubt that when it comes to basketball, the power game is where Charles deals the most 'Hurt' to opponents.

On the other hand, all this might tend to be misleading. One might picture Hurt as a rough, tough and grumbling youngster, who pushed his weight around to become a superb basketball talent.

Forget it!

Charles Hurt isn't a big talker. When he speaks, he does so softly. Always a neat and well-dressed young man, Hurt speaks and acts with the politeness that John and Alma Hurt taught him while a youngster in Shelbyville, Ky.

In short, he is the kind of young man that makes Kentuckians proud. He is a home-state product who conducts himself well off and on the basketball court.

Even growing up just 60 miles from Lexington, Hurt didn't realize the ambassador's role a UK player has until he donned a Wildcat uniform for the first time.

"I didn't really understand or find out until we went on the scrimmages," said the freshman forward. "Everywhere we went, people were there wanting autographs. Then I began to realize that Charles Hurt is important to the Kentucky people. It made me aware of how I conduct myself all the time."

For Hurt, the manner in which he conducts himself has never been a problem.

"I don't have a problem conducting my lifestyle. I think I conduct myself well everywhere I go. At least I try to."

Hurt knows that he was not born with manners and politeness, but developed them through a strong family base.

"I give God the credit along with my parents, my grandmother, and my two older sisters. By me being the youngest in the family, all the relatives and everyone kind of pampered me. Yet they disciplined me."

Don't get the idea Hurt likes to talk about his behavior. One has to almost interrogate Hurt to get him to talk about himself.

It isn't so hard to get him to talk about the people that mean so much to him.

"My parents have meant a whole lot to me. They've been to every home game this year. That's about the only time I've seen them for about a month. It really helps me a lot to see them at the games. We are close and I can't wait to get home for Christmas." Home was also where Hurt learned

his best characteristics as a player-to work hard. Not the rah-rah type, Hurt goes out everyday and works diligently but silently, never complaining.

"It's just in me to do that," said Hurt as his team prepared for Indiana. "I feel that nothing comes to you easy and you have to work for it. That's how I've been brought up."

Charles Hurt likes a challenge. Last year when UK was recruiting the Derrick Hords, Sam Bowies and Ralph Sampsons of the world, Hurt heard the talk that maybe he should shy away from a team with so much talent.

"It didn't scare me. It was more of a challenge. I said, 'Heck, if these

players are such great players then I want to be something great. I want to come here and work for a national championship.'"

Recruiters told Hurt that he might not get the playing time at UK he would at their schools. He listened, but it didn't change his mind.

"With so many players, you have to look at it like that. But you have to discipline yourself. If you are not going to get that much playing time, you have to contribute while you play. That's what I put in my mind."

Another challenge was presented Hurt when last year's high school all-star circuit began. He entered the

contests highly ranked, but not as high as many of the other great prepsters.

He passed his test well, delighting Kentucky fans. In the two Derby Classic games, Hurt scored 41 points and hauled down 30 rebounds and was named M.V.P. for the Kentucky team in one game. In the Kentucky-Indiana all-star series, Hurt collected 29 points and 25 rebounds.

When it was all said and done, Hurt ranked among the best.

"I didn't think I had anything to prove to anybody," said Hurt of the all-star games. "I don't think people really knew how good I was. I wasn't really confident of how good I was. I went out and played hard. More people got to see the real Charles Hurt."

Hurt had blue-chipper written on him when he started his career under Tom Creamer at Shelby County High School, annually one of the top powers in the state.

As a sophomore, he averaged 15 points and 12 rebounds. As a junior he scored 18 points a game and grabbed 10 rebounds while leading his team to the state title, by hitting a 15-foot jump shot at the last second to send the championship game into overtime.

Most of Hurt's teammates graduated that year and he carried most of the load his senior season. He was also moved to forward. Hurt responded with 23 points a game, 17 rebounds and hit 61 percent from the field.

All that time, Hurt was a basketball fan, but not necessarily a Big Blue fanatic.

"I didn't really grow up a Kentucky fan. I grew up as a fan period. If Kentucky was in the finals, I would root for them, but I was mainly just a basketball fan."

In his senior year, the recruiters started swarming. Some claimed Hurt was headed to Louisville, but he never seriously considered the Cardinals. Michigan's Johnny Orr would have done well to have rented an apartment in Shelbyville. He spent that much time there.

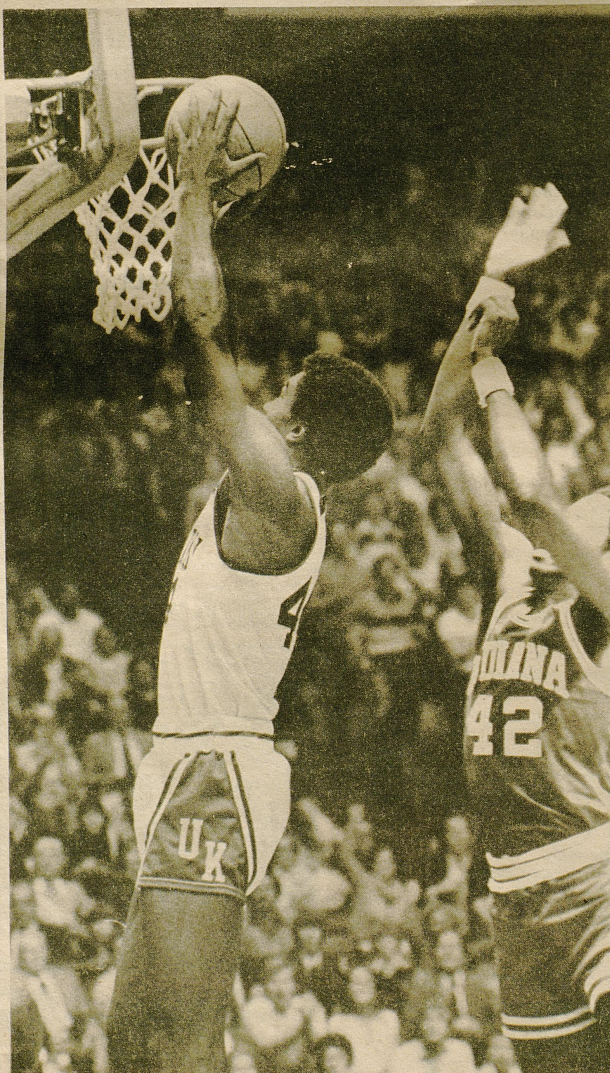
It was also Hurt's senior year when he began to think about his future, not only in Basketball.

"I started thinking about what I would like to do when I got out of school and where I would like to live. I decided I would like to stay in Kentucky and play basketball with the university."

If he had not attended UK, Hurt said "I don't know what I would have done. It's hard to say. It could have been Michigan."

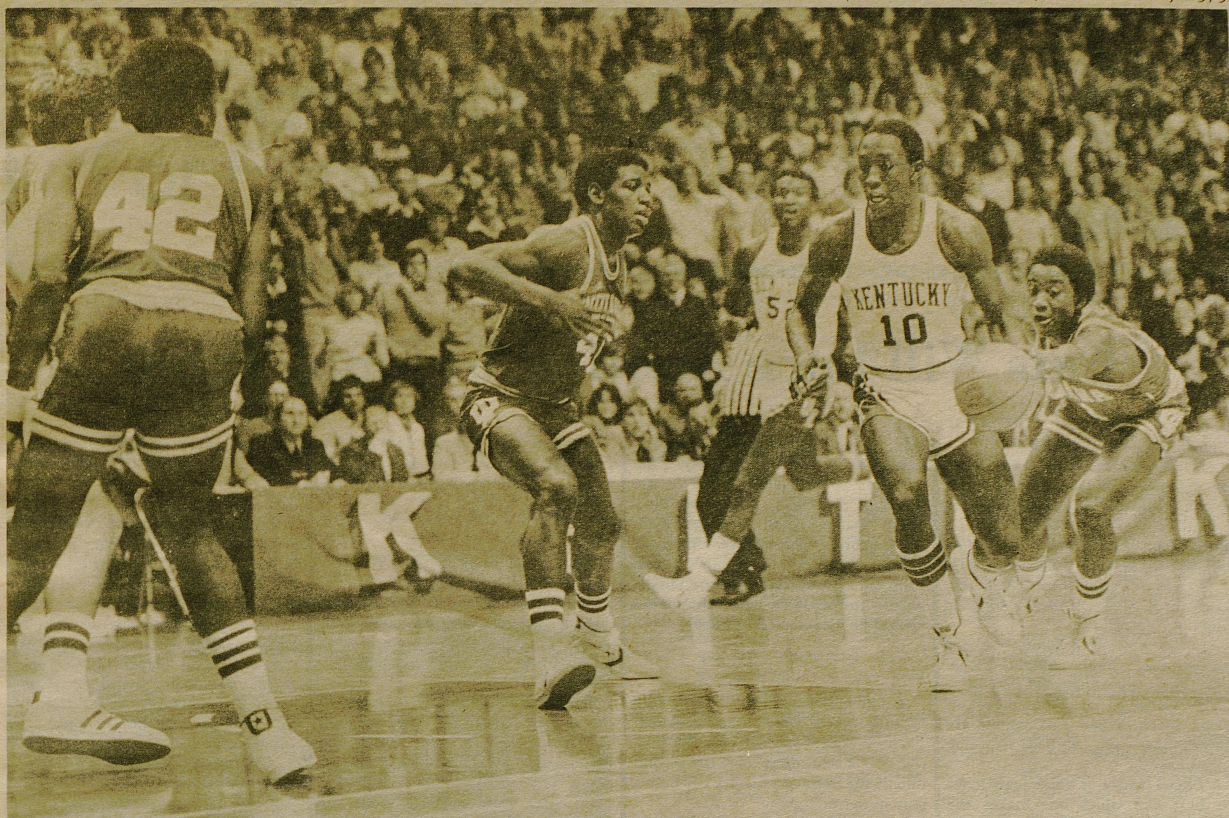
There was another reason he chose UK. Hurt had learned to win at Shelby County and enjoyed the feeling.

"That had a whole lot to do with it. Once you've been associated with a winning program, you've got that



Charles Hurt Against Indiana

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By GENE ABELL

Associate Editor

Cats Will Face Another Indiana Team

Kentucky 69, Indiana 58.

As is always the case when these two defensive-minded teams go at one another, it wasn't a thing of beauty. In a game of finesse and touch, it was a war, played with intensity like probably no two college teams play with.

"It was physical," said Kentucky coach Joe B. Hall. "It was a very good game."

"It was a physical game," echoed Hoosier coach Bobby Knight. "Kentucky plays good, physical defense."

There is no garbage when these two teams meet. When two points are scored, they are earned. Nothing comes easy.

It's not a matter of which team looks the best, but which one makes the other look the worst. The gameplan is to disrupt the other team's offense. Whoever causes the most disruption wins.

Both teams played eye-to-eye for 40 minutes. It is not a place for a timid player. The team that lasts the longest usually wins.

Kentucky's defense caused the most disruption and the Wildcats lasted the longest. Therefore they won.

Neither team could establish a consistent offensive attack, but Kentucky's defense proved to be the deciding factor in this one.

It was so good that combining two different stretches in the second half, Indiana went 12 minutes and eight seconds without a single point.

The NCAA record Rupp Arena crowd of 23,798 certainly played a factor. They were louder than ever and picked the Cats up when they did anything right.

It should also be pointed out that Indiana played the game without injured starter Steve Bouchie, and the second half without injured Randy Whittman. Plus catalyst Isiah Thomas played only 26 minutes because of foul trouble.

Anyway you look at it, Kentucky was the best team on this particular Saturday night. The Wildcats and their poised freshmen have now proven they are a national contender.

Both teams are to be reckoned with in the future. They could meet again, probably in the Mideast Regionals.

The Wildcats could not afford to celebrate long Saturday and it almost seemed as though everyone had forgotten Monday night's game with Georgia, which actually was more important than the Indiana game.

For now, Kentucky had taken a 1-0

lead in the Indiana-Kentucky three-game series. This Saturday the Wildcats could meet Purdue in the finals of the UKIT. One week later Notre Dame visits Freedom Hall.

On three consecutive Saturday nights, Kentucky could meet teams from the Hoosier state who are ranked among the nation's best. Supremacy should be established by 1980.

Another strong field will participate in this year's UKIT this weekend.

The Wildcats lost to Texas A&M in last year's first round, only the second time in the tourney's history UK didn't play in the title game.

It was an embarrassment the Wildcats will be out to amend, when they meet California in the opening round Friday.

Purdue and Southern Methodist will play in the other first round contest. The Boilermakers are in the top 10, while SMU owns a victory over Kansas.

Kentucky and Purdue are favored to meet in the final, which could present several interesting matchups.

The Boilermakers feature 7-1 center Joe Barry Carroll, who has established himself as the nation's best pivotman and is second in the nation in scoring. It could present quite a test for young Sam Bowie.

If the two teams meet, it will also be the first time UK All-American Kyle Macy has played against the school from which he transferred after his freshman season. The coaches and players have changed since Macy left, but it's still Purdue.

It will be quite a tourney. I'll go with favorites and say UK by six over Purdue in the championship game.

More good news for the Wildcats came on Saturday morning.

Seven-foot Melvin Turpin announced that he will attend UK next year, after completing spring semester at Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia.

Turpin's arrival will allow Joe Hall the luxury of having two seven-footers on his team and possibly two in the lineup. And Turpin is no ordinary giant.

Big Mel could probably start for most any college team in the nation right now and will probably improve more than a normal player, because Turpin didn't begin playing organized basketball until his sophomore year in high school.

Turpin is already strong for his age and a year on the UK weight program will make him quite a specimen. He has the tools to be a great one.

It is also obvious to those who talk to him that Turpin has matured greatly since his senior year. A somewhat confused youngster last year, Turpin has grown-up immensely at the military school.

With 6-9 Bret Bearup also committed to UK, Joe Hall can now concentrate on bringing in a guard or two to strengthen his backcourt next year.

Kentucky will probably sign one or possibly two guards. It is already a great recruiting year. It's nice to have

that guaranteed by Dec. 15.

Valerie Still and Debbie Yow's Lady Cats continue to roll, as they plastered Indiana 102-52 in Saturday's preliminary game. The Lady Cats were 5-0 on the year after the win.

The 6-1 Still is proving to be as good a basketball player as her brother Art was a football player at Kentucky.

The freshman scored a school-record 38 points against the Hoosiers and hauled down 19 rebounds. She missed only five of 20 shots.

TIDBITS: Turpin, who was cheering with his UK shaker during the Wildcat's game with Indiana, wasn't the only Wildcat recruit on hand. Brad Waller, a 6-4 guard from Illinois, watched the big victory. Some say Waller's game resembles that of another Wildcat from Illinois, Jay Shidler. His father obviously got caught up in the game. Standing outside the UK locker room after the game, Mr. Waller was overheard saying, "I'm not even from here and I'm excited." . . . Another outstanding prepster who watched the game was

Winston Bennett from Louisville Male High School. The 6-5 Bennett is already establishing himself as one of Louisville's top players and he is only a FRESHMAN . . . While media from all over the country covered the game, scouts were abundant too. They came from Purdue, Michigan State, Tennessee and California, just to mention a few . . . The UK cheerleaders, under the guidance of T. Lynn Williamson, have been chosen among the top five groups in the country and will appear on CBS-TV in a contest to decide the nation's finest cheerleading squad . . . The Rupp Arena crowd let out a big ovation when it was announced Eastern Kentucky University had won the Division I-AA football national championship . . . Not enough can be said for the job Fred Cowan and Derrick Hord did on Hoosier All-American Mike Woodson, who hit just four of 18 shots and did not score the second half. There were several interesting matchups, as Indiana opened with forward Woodson guarding UK guard Dwight Anderson and IU guard Randy Whittman on UK forward LaVon Williams. Super-quick

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Turpin Will Return Home To Care For Family And Play For Cats

By OSCAR L. COMBS
Publisher

There they were, standing at almost military attention with the young 18-year-old boy gently embracing his parents as he announced he would soon return home to attend the University of Kentucky and to take care of the two people closest to him.

The story has all the ingredients of a Hollywood television scrip. A handsome young man leaves the ghetto to mature and grow up, then he returns to care for his family which for so long had depended upon him.

Last weekend, Melvin Turpin returned home to the small frame house at 714 Chiles Street in north Lexington to make a decision that,

most likely, would be the toughest one in his life.

Melvin Turpin isn't just the ordinary run-of-the-mill youth of today. After all, he stands seven feet tall for one thing.

To his mother, Mrs. Louise Turpin, Melvin has been everything from a nurse to a cook for the family. And his absence has been difficult on the family in recent months.

Nevertheless, Melvin is best known around the country for being the new "Ralph Sampson" of 1980. He plays basketball. He plays the game very well. In fact, he plays so well that literally hundreds of colleges have

been trying to persuade Turpin to accept a grant-in-aid for the past two years.

He wasn't always so popular with the big-time scouts. But that was before that was before his basketball talents soared to new heights.

Turpin graduated from Lexington Bryan Station last spring, but opted for a year at Fork Union Military Academy near Charlottesville, Virginia. Now, midway through the school year, Turpin has decided to call off the race by announcing his intentions to sign with Kentucky next spring and become a member of the famous Wildcats.

According to Turpin, the decision wasn't as difficult as many had anticipated. At least in the end, it wasn't. The very polite and always smiling Turpin admits he once was eager to attend Morehead State and that his boyhood dreams surrounded Kareem Jabbar and UCLA, not Kentucky. And he once thought about playing for the University of Louisville. But that was months ago.

When the media appeared for a 9 a.m. press conference last Saturday at the Turpin home, Melvin leaned forward to begin his brief speech as his mother and father anxiously listened.

Just before his opening remarks, Melvin sneaked a brief glance toward his parents. Mrs. Turpin responded with a warm intimate smile, one only a mother can offer.

Assured everything was in order, the smiling Turpin began:

"I'd like to make an announcement. Last night, my mother, my father and I decided that I should go to the University of Kentucky. It's a good school to go to. I decided because my father and mother are very sick. I was born in Lexington and I will be close to both of them."

Nothing more needs to be said about the character of one Melvin Turpin.

By any standard, life has not been all roses for the Andrew Turpin family. But that's not to say the Turpins have been an unhappy family. Far be it.

Their small frame home is located in a section of Lexington which should not be confused with those of movie stars in Southern California.

Yet, the Turpin home is a happy one. The small house is spotless, very moderate and comfortable to a family which treasures its faith in God and the traditional family spirit so prevalent of the American way.

Resting on the fireplace mantel is a framed picture of Melvin's older brother, George, who is in the Air Force. A beautiful religious banner hangs proudly above the living room sofa. An attractive glass-enclosed cabinet displays the trophies earned by Melvin on the basketball court over the past couple of years.

Saturday was Melvin Turpin's big day at home.

Yet, in spite of all the rave reviews which pinpoint Turpin as a bona-fide All-American of the future and perhaps the potential to become a wealthy professional someday, he is still the humble youngster who has always worshipped his parents. His loyalty to them is beyond reproach.

Melvin's absence from the Turpin home this fall has been felt often by his family.

"I really have missed him the past few months," admitted his mother, "you just don't know how much he helped us when he was here. I'm partially paralyzed and he's practically taken care of me, helped me with the housework, always drove me to the grocery store and laundry and even cooked sometimes."

His parents' poor health certainly made Melvin's decision on UK much easier.

Perhaps that is also why his athletic talents did not surface until only recently. He wasn't good enough to make his high school basketball team just three years ago and was cut from the squad.

He returned the following year, determined to be a success and won a uniform. Then midway through that season, he began to develop rapid improvement. By January of his senior year, big-time schools were crashing the stop signs leading to Chiles Avenue.

Even Melvin is quick to point out he was inadequately prepared for the future, especially on the academic level.

"Of course I didn't play basketball that much until my junior year and then I thought all you had to do was to play basketball. Grades didn't mean anything to me."

That's when Turpin confided to some close friends and agreed to enter Fork Union Military Academy for one year.

Local friends figured the year of military school would pay huge dividends in the long run for the youngster. He would have the opportunity to learn how to study and communicate with others.

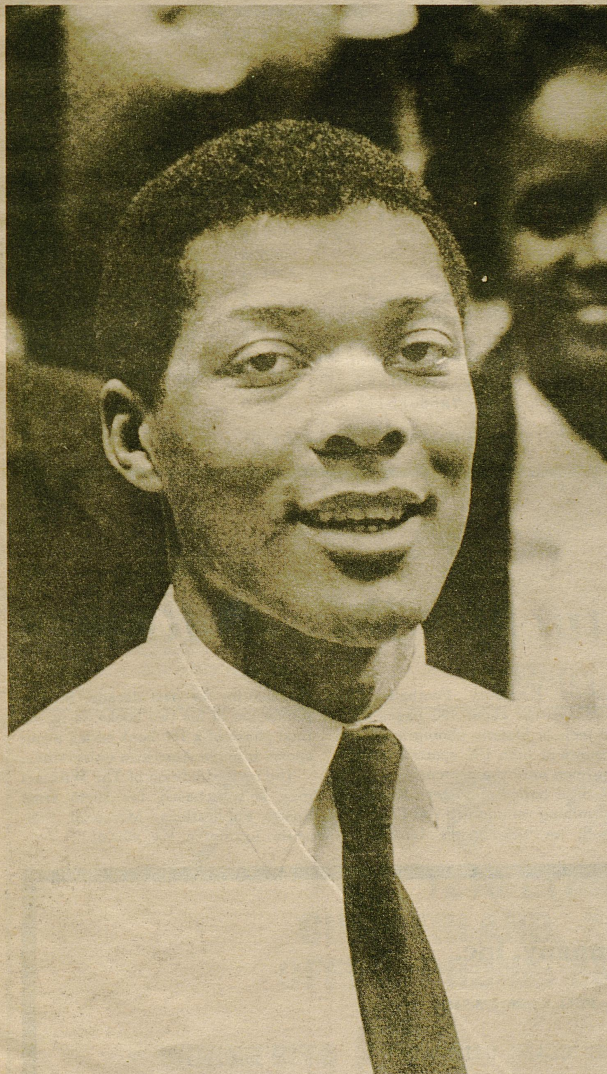
Turpin agreed with his advisers that a straight leap into the college level might have been fatal, especially since he realized how unprepared he was.

Today, the seven-foot youngster insists he understands the importance of an academic education as well as an athletic one.

"After all, I can't play basketball forever, even if I play in the pros," explained Turpin. "Someday, I would like to come back and be a recreation director or maybe coach. I would really enjoy working with young people."

After Melvin returned home last week and made his announcement, he

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Melvin Turpin

SEC Basketball Statistics

SCORING

Player	G	FGS	FTS	PTS	AVG.
1. Rickey Brown, Miss. St.	4	42	16	100	25.0
2. Dominique Wilkins, Ga.	3	32	6	70	23.3
3. John Stroud, Ole Miss	4	31	28	90	22.5
4. DeWayne Scales, LSU	3	30	7	67	22.3
5. Durand Macklin, LSU	3	26	11	63	21.0
6. Elston Turner, Ole Miss	4	32	12	76	19.0
6. Eric Marbury, Georgia	3	21	15	57	19.0
6. Reggie Johnson, Tennessee	2	16	6	38	19.0
9. Greg Grim, Miss. State	4	31	12	74	18.5
10. Reggie Hannah, Florida	3	22	9	53	17.7
11. Willie Sims, LSU	3	18	16	52	17.3
12. Robert Scott, Alabama	4	26	17	69	17.2
13. Gary Carter, Tennessee	2	13	8	34	17.0
14. Howard Wood, Tennessee	2	10	13	33	16.5
15. Terry Fair, Georgia	3	19	11	49	16.3
16. Eddie Phillips, Alabama	4	26	11	63	15.7
17. Mike Rhodes, Vanderbilt	5	31	14	76	15.2
18. Ken Johnson, Alabama	4	29	1	59	14.8
19. Bob Van Noy, Florida	3	20	4	44	14.7
20. Kent Looney, Miss. St.	4	21	15	57	14.3
21. Kyle Macy, Kentucky	6	37	11	85	14.2
22. Willie Jones, Vanderbilt	5	29	12	70	14.0
22. Rich Valavicius, Auburn	4	19	18	56	14.0
22. Mark Giombetti, Florida	3	18	6	42	14.0
25. Bubba Price, Auburn	4	21	13	55	13.8
26. Sam Bowie, Kentucky	6	29	21	79	13.2
27. Ted Young, Vanderbilt	5	25	15	65	13.0

FIELD GOAL ACCURACY

Player	G	FGM	FGA	PCT.
1. Lavon Mercer, Georgia	3	15	18	.833
1. Howard Wood, Tennessee	2	10	12	.833
3. Mark Giombetti, Florida	3	18	25	.720
4. Eric Marbury, Georgia	3	21	30	.700
5. Willie Sims, LSU	3	18	26	.692
6. Elston Turner, Ole Miss	4	32	47	.681
7. DeWayne Scales, LSU	3	30	45	.667
7. Durand Macklin, LSU	3	26	39	.667
7. Chuck Threeths, Tennessee	2	6	9	.667
10. Terry Fair, Georgia	3	19	29	.655

REBOUNDING

Player	G	REBS	AVG.
1. Rickey Brown, Miss. State	4	71	17.8
2. Eddie Phillips, Alabama	4	49	12.2
3. Terry Fair, Georgia	3	33	11.0
4. Reggie Hannah, Florida	3	31	10.3
5. Sam Bowie, Kentucky	6	60	10.0
5. Durand Macklin, LSU	3	30	10.0
7. Kalpatrick Wells, Miss. State	4	39	9.8
8. Elston Turner, Ole Miss	4	34	8.5
9. Ted Young, Vanderbilt	5	42	8.4
10. Phillip Lockett, Alabama	4	31	7.7

ASSISTS

Player	G	NO.	AVG.
1. Sean Tuohy, Ole Miss	4	35	8.8
2. Kent Looney, Miss. State	4	28	7.0
3. Ethan Martin, LSU	3	17	5.7
4. Bert Bertelkamp, Tennessee	2	11	5.5
5. Jimmy Daughtry, Georgia	3	16	5.3
6. Greg Grim, Miss. State	4	20	5.0
7. Dirk Minniefield, Kentucky	6	28	4.7
8. Tommy Springer, Vanderbilt	5	22	4.4
9. Mark Elliott, Vanderbilt	5	21	4.2
10. Gary Carter, Tennessee	2	8	4.0

FREE THROW ACCURACY

Player	G	FTM	FTA	PCT.
1. Sean Tuohy, Ole Miss	4	10	10	1.000
2. LaVon Williams, Kentucky	6	14	15	.933
3. Darrell Lockhart, Auburn	4	13	14	.929
3. Howard Wood, Tennessee	2	13	14	.929
5. Gary Carter, Tennessee	2	8	9	.889
6. Ted Young, Vanderbilt	5	15	17	.882
7. Mike Rhodes, Vanderbilt	5	14	16	.875
8. Rich Valavicius, Auburn	4	18	21	.857
9. John Stroud, Ole Miss	4	28	33	.848
10. Jimmy Gray, Vanderbilt	5	15	18	.833

(Statistics Complete Thru Games of December 10)

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Melvin Turpin

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appeared to be much more confident of himself, especially with the ease and grace he communicated with the media.

He was also happy to be home with his parents.

"Yes, I've missed them a lot," admitted Melvin. "I owe everything to them. When I came in yesterday, I said, 'momma, I've matured a whole lot and I'm now ready to go play for Coach (Joe) Hall. I'm anxious to get started and just can't wait to get back here when school is out.'"

Mrs. Turpin smiled as she watched her son talk with reporters and then interrupted, "I want you all to know that this was Melvin's decision and his decision alone. We had nothing to do with it. It was really Melvin."

You could sense Melvin's excitement of being around old friends. Twice, high school buddies popped in during the press conference to welcome the hometown hero back. News spread fast in the Bluegrass.

He chatted about days gone by and about his fondness to spend time in the kitchen, whipping up a home-made pizza or making meat loaf or preparing a special variety of chili which his parents especially enjoy.

"I guess I can cook about anything," joked Turpin. "Momma always wanted me to learn to cook early and I like to, especially the pizzas. Momma always said that's one thing (cooking) I ought to learn to do for myself."

Perhaps, someday, the ideal son will become a professional basketball star and perhaps he will earn the money to provide his family with the financial security he often dreams of.

Until then, he must take comfort in the decision which is almost as important to the Turpins as life itself, and that is to return home.

What was Mrs. Turpin's reaction when Melvin told her late Friday that he had decided to attend hometown UK next season?

"I dropped down on my knees and prayed, I was so happy.

Yes, momma, Melvin is returning home.



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Hurt's Stuff Ignites Wildcats To Victory

He crammed the shot that raised the rafters in Rupp Arena and put Kentucky on its way to a 69-58 victory over top-ranked Indiana.

"I thought the turning point was Charles Hurt's dunk," said Coach Joe Hall after his team won for the seventh straight time. "His steal and dunk ignited our crowd."

The play occurred with 4:16 remaining in the first half. The Wildcats had not been getting into their offense for most of the half. The crowd had little to applaud, as Indiana had built a 13-point cushion at one time.

The score was 32-23 when Charles Hurt replaced classmate Sam Bowie in the lineup. Hurt was teamed with Dirk Minniefield, Dwight Anderson, Jay Shidler and Derrick Hord to form what Joe Hall calls the 'Firehouse Five'.

Their instructions were to use their quickness to rattle the Hoosiers. Hurt rattled everyone within seconds. Kentucky was trapping the Indiana guards at midcourt, when the strongman forward saw his chance.

"Dirk and our other guard trapped the Indiana guard. An Indiana guard turned his back and when he did, I just

shot the gap. I saw the opportunity and luckily the ball came to me," recalled Hurt.

He intercepted the ball at midcourt. Hurt headed toward the goal with two points in mind and finished with a dunk that sent vibrations all the way back to his hometown of Shelbyville.

"I didn't know what I was going to do. I just wanted two points, so I went to the basket hard because the guy was coming behind me."

From the time of Hurt's interception until the final horn sounded, UK outscored the Hoosiers 46-26.

"I knew it ignited the crowd," Hurt said of the dunk. "Then that ignited everybody."

Following the dunk, Kentucky stole the Hoosier inbounds pass. The ball went around to Hurt, who used a little finesse to blend with power this time. He drove around a defender and put in a layup. Within 17 seconds, Hurt had scored four points and brought UK to within five.

"I was sort of pumped up and I just happened to get the ball again," Hurt said of the second two-pointer.

After all, Hurt said it was only part of the duty for the Firehouse

Five.

"We come in, kind of beat up on everybody and get everybody fired up. That's what we did tonight."

Hurt went on to add three more points, finishing the evening with seven points and three rebounds in 13 minutes. On the other end of the court, he played the solid defense that was just part of this game.

Hurt has watched Indiana and Kentucky do war in the past. He had also heard talk of the game for two months.

"Since we started practice, Coach Hall has been telling us that we won't believe how Indiana will come in here. They were like he said, fired up and ready to play."

"It was what I expected and more. It was intense and physical. It was more physical than I thought it would be."

Not that it scared the muscular Hurt, who could match brawn with anyone.

"I like to play physical. Every game is not physical. The rivalry causes it to be more physical."

Hurt was involved in several pushing matches underneath, including one that almost resulted in more than a friendly tag game.

"I was guarding a bigger guy. He was posting me up everytime and being small, I didn't like him posting me up. I got kind of fired up," said Hurt.

Hurt said it is now time for the Wildcat team to use the victory to their advantage, but not rest on it.

"It helped our confidence. I hope we can sustain this on into the season. I hope we don't have a letdown like a young team can do after a victory like that."

The Kentucky side of the stat sheet showed Fred Cowan as having hit only one of six shots and finishing with three points.

Pay no attention to that. It was the Indiana side of the stat sheet that showed Cowan's value.

On Indiana's ledger, it showed Mike Woodson having hit four of 18 shots. In the second half, the senior All-American took eight shots. He hit none. He finished with 16 points, all coming in the first half.

Woodson entered the Kentucky game hitting almost 56 percent of his shots and averaging almost 22 points a game. Against Kentucky, the long arms of Cowan hawked him.

"Fred Cowan did an excellent job on Woodson," assessed Joe Hall.

The junior forward probably played the best defense of his career against a player he called the toughest he's guarded.

"He's [Woodson is] tough," evaluated Cowan. "He's the toughest guy I ever guarded."

Hall usually assigns LaVon Williams to the opponent's best forward. On Saturday night, he handed the challenge to Cowan.

"He told me just before the game. I was just going to go out and do my best," said Cowan, who led all rebounders with 11.

His best was more than good enough. The Indiana offense is based on picks, which eventually free Woodson for shots. Cowan knew he couldn't keep the ball from Woodson.

"I didn't try to deny him the ball because they were going to get him the ball eventually. When he got the ball, I tried not to leave my feet and take any fakes."

Normally an excellent shooter, Woodson couldn't get anything to fall in the second half and Cowan seemed to have Woodson talking to himself.

"I'm sure he got frustrated. Any ball player gets frustrated when the ball goes in and pops out. It was doing it all night," said Cowan.

Cowan said he played Woodson no different after the first half, when UK trailed by three. He also felt sure his team could rally back.

"At the half they were up on us, but we look at the stats and we are shooting 35 percent and we are still within three points," said Cowan. "That gave us a lot of confidence that we could beat them."

Cowan had been involved in these battles before and he and his teammates warned the freshmen of what was ahead.

"They all knew what to expect. They knew there would be a lot of picking. They were prepared and they played a great game," Cowan said of the freshmen.

Cowan hopes the team can use the win as a confidence builder for conference play. He said beating the top-ranked team in the country will be something the team can refer to against future competition.

"We can think, 'hey, we beat the No. 1 team, we know we can beat these guys,'" said Cowan.

"Jay Shidler played a great game," said Joe Hall. "He played well on both ends of the court."

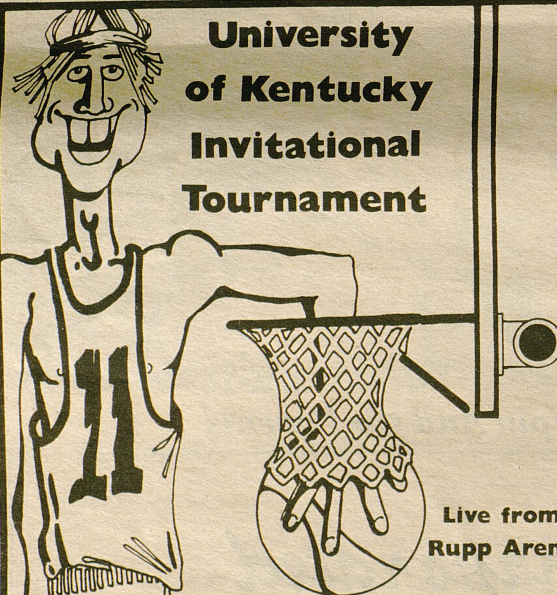
The senior guard came off the bench and continued his torrid shooting, hitting five of seven shots and scoring 11 points. When Shidler left the game, he received a standing ovation from the record crowd.

Hoosier coach Bobby Knight thought Shidler's outside bombs were a major factor in his team's first setback.

"I thought the two outstanding things for Kentucky were Shidler's outside shooting and the way Macy

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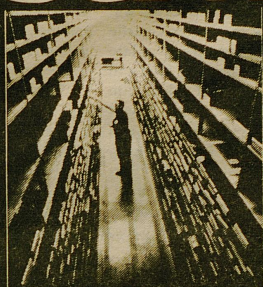
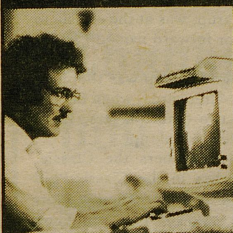


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Bret Bearup Has Love Affair With Kentucky Basketball Program

By GENE ABELL

As Kentucky fans like to say, "the kid bleeds blue blood."

The kid is Bret Bearup, a 6-9 high school All-American at Harborfields High School in Greenlawn, New York. Joe Hall and staff have never successfully recruited a Long Islander, usually the hotbed for Atlantic Coast Conference coaches.

But somewhere in between the red and white corpuscles, there must be a little blue in Bret Bearup's blood.

"I just love it," Bearup frequently says when talking about the Kentucky basketball program. "It hurts me when they lose."

Bearup hurt opposing recruiters on Nov. 17 (his birthday) when he announced he will attend Kentucky next fall. He was so sure about UK that he made up his mind before he had even witnessed a game in Rupp

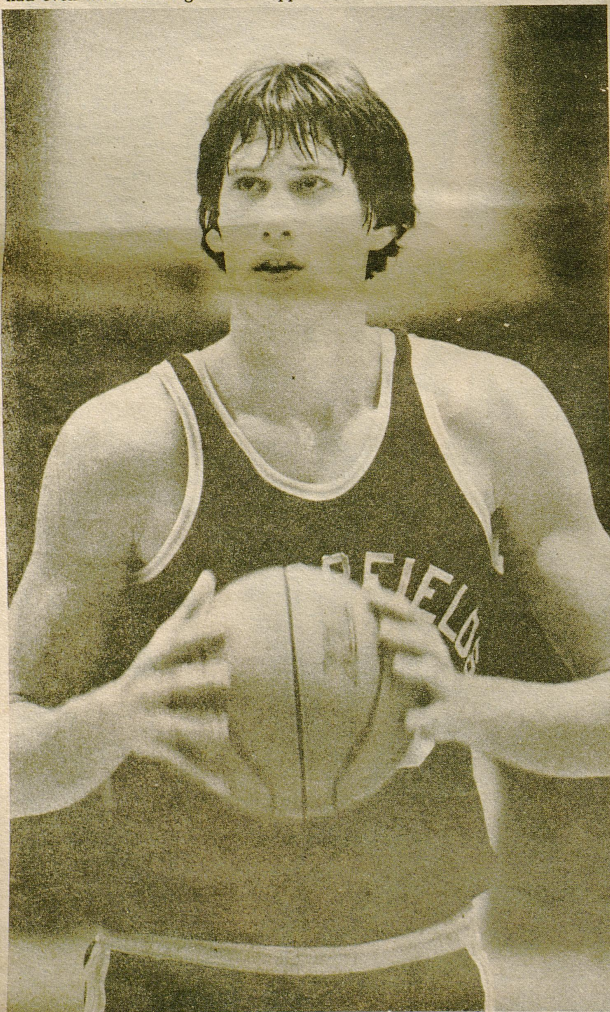
Arena.

On December 7, Greenlawn opened its season against Ward Mellville High School. Bearup's reputation had preceded him.

Ward Mellville played a zone defense, but it looked more like a cage with Bearup inside. Three and four players surrounded him. They were in front, behind and beside him.

For most of the first half, Harborfields led and Bearup himself was outscoring Ward Mellville. However the home team rallied back in the last minute to win 54-51.

Of those 51 Harborfields points, Bearup scored 35. He scored mostly on medium range jumpers and follow shots underneath. He took 19 shots from the field. He made 15. When he escaped the shadows, he found time to claim 23 rebounds.



Bret "Bear" Bearup

Bearup blocked two shots and intimidated others. He had two assists and illustrated his mobility one time when he took a midcourt pass, dribbled through a press and made a precision pass to a teammate underneath.

After the game, Brett's eyes watered with tears as his father Charlie consoled him. Bret had missed a late shot when his team was up by four and his coach Joe Masey had taken him from the game. Even though it was Bret Bearup who made this game a contest, he does not like to lose.

Masey said that sometimes Bret tries to carry too much of the load.

"You can see what he can do out there," said Masey. "He tries to do too much for us."

"We are geared to go his way but he tends to be a little impatient to wait for the natural flow of the game to come to him. In that way, he will be much more effective in college."

Facing triple teams is part of being an All-American that Bearup has to live with, but doesn't enjoy. He admits that at times he has trouble keeping his mind off next year.

"A lot," he answered when asked if he often thought about the 1980-81 season.

"Like tonight in the first quarter, I had four guys on me. Three of them pushing me around and one waving his hand in my face. I was thinking that with Sam Bowie and all those guys, there is no way that would happen."

Bearup added that "I'll be glad when I get to college and won't see all those zones."

However Bearup admits that life has been easier since he announced his decision to attend UK. No longer do the college birddogs hang around, watching his every move.

When he made his mind up he wanted to attend UK, he didn't want the recruiting hassles to continue. He also wanted to be honest.

"They [recruiters] would hang around school and I just couldn't look those guys in the eye. They would see you between classes and I would look at them and say 'Hi, coach!' I couldn't do it anymore. I knew where I was going."

No longer do recruiters flock to Harborfields High.

"They still send me a lot of stuff hoping I'll change my mind, but they don't contact me personally," said Bearup.

From the beginning, Bearup wanted to be sure of his college choice. When he knew he would be the darling of the recruiters, he began studying all the major college programs he might be interested in.

"If you know me, I'm a basketball nut. Before I was recruited, I knew a lot about every program. I was working my rear off so I could be like Jeff Ruland and all those guys."

His first contact with Kentucky

came at the All-American Cage Classic in Akron. UK assistant Joe Dean, who has since developed a close relationship with Bearup, was at the classic to watch a junior forward named Charlie Sitton.

Dean thought Bearup was the class of the game. Afterwards, when he was talking with two other players, Dean was introduced to Bearup.

Bret well remembers the Classic. "Both coaches in the Classic—Phil Argento and William Chupil were alumni of Kentucky. I got to know about Kentucky through them."

"I asked them about it. I knew who Phil Argento was. I heard some tapes of Coach Hall's radio show and of the Kentucky-Duke championship game."

But more than that, Bearup remembers his meeting with Dean.

"I fell in love with Joe Dean the first time I met him in Akron. That was it."

Dean also remembers the incident. "Although I did meet Bret, I wasn't allowed to spend much time with him because he was just a junior. We met briefly enough that I think he had a good impression of me, as I did of him. But it didn't get past that."

After that, Bret began doing his homework and liked what the books told him about Wildcat tradition.

"As soon as I started getting letters from Kentucky, I went into their history and read autobiographies of Adolph Rupp."

UK began to recruit Bearup once they learned he was seriously looking into their program. He attended the Joe Hall Summer Camp and the love affair between Bearup and UK was on.

Bearup said he also learned from Dean "that LaVon (Williams) was a senior and Coach Hall liked big, power forwards. He (Dean) thought I was the best all-around power forward in the country. So I was going, I fell in love with the place."

Bearup wanted to take a look at other colleges before he committed to Kentucky. He visited Duke, North Carolina and Ohio State.

On Nov. 3, he was scheduled to visit UCLA, but cancelled that to attend UK's homecoming game with Bowling Green. When he left Lexington, he was almost sure, but he still wanted to make a final trip to North Carolina State.

"I nearly had my mind made up before I made the North Carolina State visit. I wanted to be completely sure. I knew State has some strong points. I went there and if I liked it a whole lot, I might have taken a little while longer to decide."

While visiting State, Bearup knew that Kentucky was his favorite.

"Since it didn't come anywhere close to UK, I decided to heck with it."

Bearup made his announcement one week later, the day after he watched Kentucky lose to Duke in the Hall of

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Joe Hall Chats With The Bearups After A Recent Game

Father Knew Early Bear Liked UK

By GENE ABELL

Charlie Bearup knew something was up.

In his kitchen, there is a place on the icebox door where his children leave notes, saying where they have gone and when they will return.

On this particular October day Charlie's son Bret, who happens to be an All-American basketball player at Harborfields High School in Greenlawn, N.Y., had left a note on the icebox.

The message on the note was not important, at least for this story. The signature was.

The note was signed: "Bear Cat."

"That was about one month before he announced. That was when I got my real first hint of where he was going to school."

The announcement that Charlie Bearup was referring to was made on Nov. 18 and brought smiles to Kentucky fans across the world. On that date, Bret Bearup announced he would attend the University of Kentucky next year.

After the icebox incident, Charlie was relatively sure his son had made up his mind.

"As he began rearranging his room, all the posters and stuff he had from other colleges started to come off the wall, except for the UK things. Then I walked out of his room one day and saw a UK sticker on the back of his door."

Bearup made official visits to colleges up until the week before he verbally committed to Kentucky. None of the schools compared with Kentucky, at least in Bret's mind.

Bret attended the Kentucky-Duke game Nov. 17 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He later said he felt helpless as he watched the Wildcats lose in overtime.

That day also happened to be Bret's birthday. He wasn't the only one celebrating later that afternoon when he informed the Kentucky coaches he had decided to attend UK. The announcement was made the next night as Charlie Bearup called the Kentucky media and told them of his son's decision.

"He had told me earlier that he was going to announce his decision by Dec. 17," said Charlie Bearup. "Little did I know it would be Nov. 17 and his birthday."

The only advice Charlie gave Bret was that once he made up his mind, to not let the recruiting linger on.

"When he knew his first choice, there was no point delaying it. He told me confidentially he was going to commit and he thought it would be UK."

It was a choice Charlie Bearup wasn't about to dispute.

"The primary reason I was encouraging Kentucky is I've watched Joe Hall. No one develops the power

forward and low post position like Joe Hall does.

"As a parent, you look for the best program in the country and hopefully they look for you."

The relationship between Bret Bearup and UK started last April at the All-American Cage Classic in Akron, where Bret was a participant.

"He met Joe Dean there and for some reason, they hit it off. As it developed, Bret got to know the staff and the other kids. It was very comfortable for him," said Charlie Bearup.

Ironically, Dean was not at the Classic to watch Bearup. In fact he did not even know Bret was going to be there. Instead he was in Akron to watch a junior from Colorado named Charles Sitton, considered by many to be the premier big forward in the country.

"When I saw Bret, I made the comment to a friend that I thought Bret had more potential than Charlie Sitton," Dean recalled of the day.

After the game, Dean was chatting with Melvin Turpin and Junior Johnson, two seniors who had just finished brilliant careers at Lexington high schools.

The two introduced Dean to Bearup as he passed by.

"Although I did meet Bret, I wasn't allowed to spend much time with him because he was just a junior," said

Dean. "We met briefly enough that I think he had a good impression of me, as I did of him. But it didn't get past that."

After watching Bearup, Dean didn't even think Kentucky could successfully recruit a player of his caliber this year.

"I saw him play and I thought he was so good that with our freshmen we had just brought in on the frontline, I didn't think we could recruit him."

Bearup then decided to attend Joe Hall's Summer Basketball Camp. Dean felt that is when he struck it rich, gained a friend, and Kentucky won another basketball player.

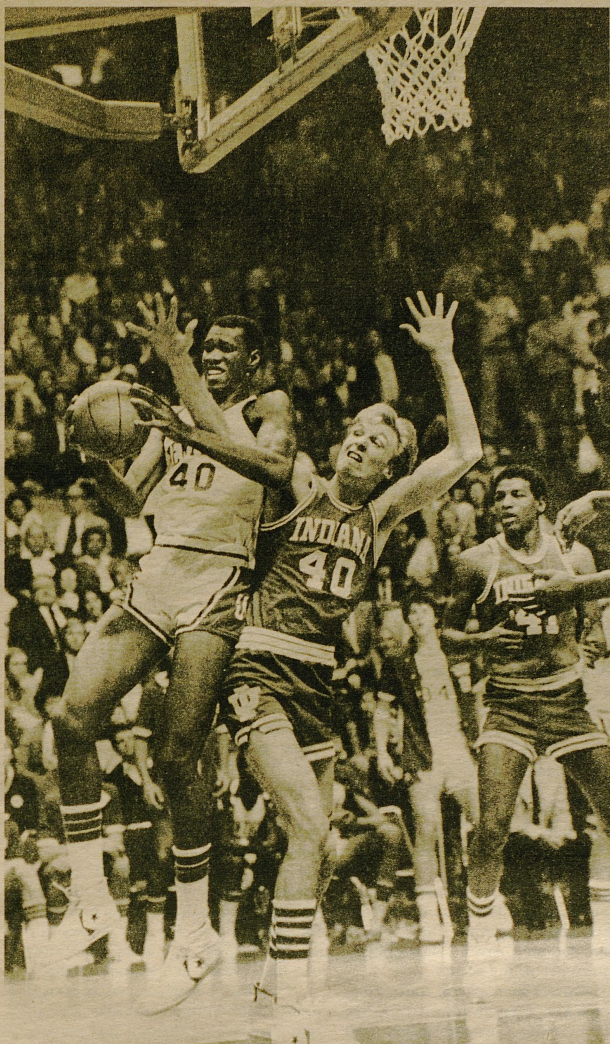
"The key was at the camp. We spent a lot of time together. We became close friends. That is when we realized we had a serious opportunity to recruit Bret and we started pushing it."

Bearup soon began making his visits to various colleges (he visited UK, North Carolina St., North Carolina, Ohio State and Duke). His decision was not a hard one.

Since the announcement and the recruiting pressures are over, Bearup has been much more relaxed, according to his father.

"I think so. It has given him the opportunity to concentrate on his objectives in the classroom and on the

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Cowan Battles Hoosiers

TOURNAMENT TRAIL U.K. INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT (26 Appearances — 18 Championships)

1978	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated by Texas A&M in first game. Defeated Syracuse for third place.
1977	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Portland State and St. John's for title.
1976	Won 1, Lost 1.	Lost championship to Utah.
1975	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Georgia Tech and Oregon State for title.
1974	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Washington State and Okla. State for Championship.
1973	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Dartmouth and Stanford for Championship.
1972	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Nebraska and Oregon for Championship.
1971	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Missouri and Princeton for Championship.
1970	Won 1, Lost 1.	Lost championship to Purdue.
1969	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Navy and Duke for Championship.
1968	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Michigan and Army for Championship.
1967	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Dayton and South Carolina for championship.
1966	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Air Force and Indiana for championship.
1964	Won 1, Lost 1.	Lost championship to Illinois.
1963	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Wisconsin and Wake Forest for title.
1962	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Iowa and West Virginia for championship.
1961	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Tennessee and Kansas State for championship.
1960	Won 1, Lost 0.	Lost championship to St. Louis.
1959	Won 1, Lost 1.	Lost championship to West Virginia.
1958	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Ohio State and West Virginia for championship.
1957	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated by West Virginia in first game. Defeated Minnesota for third place.
1956	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Southern Methodist and Illinois for championship.
1955	Won 1, Lost 1.	Lost championship to Dayton.
1954	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Utah and LaSalle for championship.
1953	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Duke and LaSalle for championship.

U.K.I.T. TEAM SINGLE GAME RECORDS

Most Points Scored (Kentucky 114 vs. Portland State 1st Round, 1977)	114
Most Points Both Teams (Kentucky 112 vs. Michigan 104—1st Round, 1968)	216
Fewest Points Scored (Southern California vs. LaSalle—1st Round, 1954)	38
Fewest Points Scored, Both Teams (LaSalle vs. Southern California—1st Round, 1954)	87
Most Field Goals Attempted (Kentucky vs. De Paul—1st Round, 1956)	100
Most Field Goals (Kentucky vs. De Paul—1st Round, 1970 and vs. Portland State—1st Round 1977)	46
Most Free Throws Attempted (St. Louis vs. West Virginia—1st Round, 1959)	47
Most Free Throws Attempted, Both Teams (Kentucky 43 and Illinois 37—1st Round, 1960)	80
Most Free Throws Made (St. Louis vs. West Virginia—1st Round, 1959)	38
Most Rebounds (Dayton vs. West Virginia—Third Place Game, 1964; Purdue vs. Kentucky—Championship Game, 1970)	74
Fewest Personal Fouls (Kentucky vs. SMU—1956)	7
Most Personal Fouls (Kentucky vs. Washington State—1st Round, 1974)	34
Most Personal Fouls, Both Teams (Kentucky 29 vs. Syracuse 33, Third Place Game, 1978)	62
Biggest Margin of Victory (Kentucky 91, Indiana 56—Championship Game, 1965)	35
Smallest Margin of Victory (West Virginia 87 vs. St. Louis 86—1st Round, 1959 (Tied by St. Louis 54 vs. California 53 (1 OT)—1st Round, 1960; Cincinnati 71 vs. Dayton 70, 3rd Place, 1967)	1
Overtime Victories—St. Louis twice in 1960 (St. Louis 54 vs. California 43 (1 OT), St. Louis 74 vs. Kentucky 72 (1 OT))	
Best Shooting Percentage (Game) (West Virginia vs. Bowling Green—2nd Round, 1976) (34 of 50)	68.0

U.K.I.T. INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME RECORDS

Most Points Scored (Bill Bradley, Princeton vs. Wisconsin—3rd Place Game, 1963)	47
Most Field Goal Attempts (Freeman Williams, Portland State vs. Kentucky—1st Round Game, 1977)	40
Most Field Goals (Bill Bradley, Princeton vs. Wisconsin—3rd Place Game, 1963)	18
Most Free Throws Attempted (Rick Roberson, Cincinnati vs. South Carolina—1st Round, 1967)	21
Most Free Throws Made (Rick Robertson, Cincinnati vs. South Carolina—1st Round, 1967—on 21 FTA)	16
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Former UCLA Fan, Melvin Turpin Decides To Return Home For Kentucky

By GENE ABELL

The University of Kentucky added another giant to its basketball program Saturday when Melvin Turpin announced that he will attend UK next year.

The seven-foot Turpin is presently a center for Fork Union Military Academy in Fork Union, Virginia. He played his high school ball at Lexington Bryan Station, where he earned first team All-State honors and was named to several All-American teams last year.

Turpin will be eligible to play four years at Kentucky, where he will join

7-1 Sam Bowie. Turpin's arrival will give Kentucky depth in the middle and allow Bowie to play some forward.

Turpin is the second player to announce he will attend UK next year. Bret Bearup, a 6-9 All-American from Long Island, announced last month that he will play for the Wildcats next year.

Wearing his military uniform and seated between his parents in their home on Chiles Avenue in Lexington, Turpin made the following announcement at 9 a.m. Saturday.

"I'd like to make an announcement.

Last night my mother, my father, and I decided that I should go to the University of Kentucky. It's a good school to go to. I decided because my father and mother are very sick. I was born in Lexington and I will be close to both of them."

"All the schools were talking to me while I was at Fork Union. They are all good schools, but I decided that I should go to Kentucky. Both of my parents agree with me that the best thing is for me to stay next to them."

Turpin said that one reason he is making the announcement now is "I wanted to get the other coaches off my back. I can go back to Fork Union and finish my basketball and hit my books hard. I'm looking forward to playing with Kentucky."

Turpin said coaches from across the country have been recruiting him at Fork Union. He mentioned UCLA, Mississippi State, North Carolina and Virginia Tech, and said Louisville was his third choice.

"If I hadn't gone to Kentucky, UCLA was my second choice," said Turpin. "They wanted me to visit them while I was home for the holidays, but I told them I had already decided."

In a Virginia newspaper article, Melvin's coach at Fork Union, Fletcher Arritt, called Turpin the "best player in the nation." Arritt acknowledged the presence of the scouts.

"There has been a lot of traffic from the colleges. A coach from UCLA has flown in twice, just to watch Mel practice, so that ought to tell you something."

Turpin even admitted that while he grew up a short distance from the UK campus, UCLA was his dream team.

"I always wanted to go to UCLA. Jabbar went there and he was my idol. I really liked him. He's tall and has a nice hook shot. I wanted to be like him."

However, Turpin began to develop his own style and as he grew older "he (Jabbar) wasn't my idol anymore. I wanted to pick a school I wanted to go to and I chose Kentucky."

The decision wasn't so easy last year. Turpin did not play basketball until his sophomore year and became a starter as a junior at Bryan Station. However, it was his senior year that Turpin began to show enormous potential, catching the eye of college recruiters everywhere.

Initially, Turpin was sold on attending an OVC school like Eastern Kentucky or Morehead. It was the latter that almost won the sweepstakes early last year.

"I wanted to sign with Morehead last year," recalls Turpin. "I wanted to go there real bad. My mother and father didn't want me to go. We discussed it and we talked with Cunningham (family friend Melvin Cunningham). We decided I would go

to prep school and then come back."

Before Turpin decided to go to prep school, there were still more trying moments. At one point a press release was sent out stating Turpin would attend Fork Union for one year and then come back to UK. The press conference was called off when Melvin was nowhere to be found.

"I was confused," Turpin recalls of the incident. "My parents set it up but I said to call it off, that I wasn't sure yet. I got in my car by myself and just drove around to think."

There was also the possibility that Turpin would enroll immediately at UK or another school.

"Kentucky was interesting in me when I was a senior. I was interested in them, but not that much. I did have them in the back of my mind. I decided to go to Fork Union because I wanted another year of basketball."

"I could have went this year, but I've only been playing basketball two years and if I would have gone this year, I would have been on the bench. I wanted another year to play and hit by books real hard. That's what I didn't do in high school. That's my biggest mistake."

It's no secret that Turpin did not have the best of grades in school, although he would have been eligible for college ball. He now knows the importance of an education after one-half year at military school.

"I wished I had learned sooner. I didn't think hitting the books was all that important. I thought just playing basketball was. I know now you have to have good grades."

Turpin even offered a little advice to youngsters headed in the same path he was.

"I would advise them to hit the books real hard. If you want to go to college and play basketball, you have to hit the books. That's one of the most important things. You can't do anything without that."

Is Melvin doing well at Fork Union?

"I sure am. I'm taking four classes. I got a 'B' in Biology and a C-plus in English. There is nothing else to do but study and play ball. To make it, you have to study."

Melvin has also found time to be the tallest drum major in the country, holding that position in the Fork Union band. But it is on the court where he shines.

In leading Fork Union to an 8-0 record (playing competition such as Junior Varsity teams at Duke and North Carolina), Turpin said he is averaging around 25 points a game, 15 rebounds and eight blocked shots.

If eight blocked shots a game sounds exaggerated, consider that an article after his opening game credited Turpin with 10 rejections. The same article said Turpin is the 'next Ralph Sampson', a label he takes offense to.

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Melvin Turpin

Wildcats Talk About Santa Claus And Christmas

By BRUCE KABALEN

By the time you read this, the finals of the UKIT will be set and along with the UKIT comes Christmas time. Yes, it's that time of year again when we deck the halls and fa, la, la, la, la.

Tuesday is Christmas and it is a special time for everyone in the world including the UK basketball team. The Wildcats may not be able to celebrate very long, but they sure cherish the thought of going home for those few precious days.

The Cats' Pause wanted to get the players' feelings on the Yuletide season and give Santa some help at picking out some presents for the 13 players.

The freshmen have been a tremendous help to the success of this year's team. They have worked hard since practice opened in October, but rookies Sam Bowie and Charles Hurt are ready to go home and see the family.

"Christmas is a time to get a break from basketball and a chance to go home and see my family," Bowie said. "I've been getting a little home sick since I'm so far away from home. I just want to see how everybody's doing

and come back and get ready for Notre Dame."

"I don't want anything special, I just want to get back and see my family," Bowie said.

Hurt is not that far from home, in Shelbyville, but he is still ready for the Christmas break.

"Christmas this year means going home and seeing my family and friends and just visiting," Hurt said. "All I want is to go home."

The freshmen aren't the only ones that are getting a little homesick.

"I haven't been home for about three months and I just want to go home and see everybody and get a lot of good food to eat," said junior Chris Gettelfinger. "It's a time to go home and rest up from the everyday pace of school and practice."

"I want to go back home with my family and enjoy the celebration of what Christmas really means, the birth of Christ," Chuck Verderber said. "It's a time to relax, to enjoy other people in your community and just being able to relax."

Santa, Chuck said he would just like to have some nice clothes under his

tree in Lincoln, Illinois.

Sophomore Bo Lanter said it's a time of celebration all around the world.

"It's a time for the world to settle on peace and have good thoughts, a time for everyone to know the real meaning of Christmas."

I don't know what he had in mind exactly, but Bo said he wanted something warm and cuddly for his Christmas present.

Senior LaVon Williams said that Christmas is a happy and nice time in his life, but more important than that,

Father Knows Best!

Senior guard Kyle Macy is being elusive with his Christmas wish this year. TCP missed Kyle when it was compiling Santa's list and wasn't able to get in touch with him since the Cats were on the road in Georgia the past two days.

The next best thing was to contact Macy's parents, but father Bob wasn't sure what Kyle wanted.

"He hasn't told us anything so I'm not exactly sure what he wants," said his dad. "But I'm hoping he would want a national championship again, though."

Probably won't be any complaints from UK fans on that one.

he had an unselfish Christmas wish.

"What I want for Christmas is to have all of the hostages in Iran to be free," said LaVon.

Freddie Cowan said he used to want toys on Christmas, but this year is different.

"What I remember is waking up on Christmas morning with your stockings full of candy," Cowan said. "Since I've grew a little I got away from toys, now I want a Betamax video recorder."

That's not the most extravagant Christmas wish on this team. A pair of big-eyed freshmen want a little more.

Bristol's Derrick Hord said since he was asked, he would take a Datsun 280Z. "It's a time for celebration of the birth of Christ. Everyone should rejoice and have a good time," Hord said.

"Christmas is a time of love, caring, happiness, and joy," freshman Tom Heitz said. Heitz' summer job at Claiborne must have spurned his wish.

"I'd like a thoroughbred and a nice car," Heitz said.

Hord wants a 280Z and Heitz wants a nice car, but senior Jay Shidler isn't

so particular.

"I'd like to have a new car. No specific kind. Just one with four wheels and a motor," laughed Shidler.

Jay said Christmas is sort of a lonely time for him.

"It's kind of a hard time for us. The campus is empty and everybody is gone home and we can't go home for that long a time," said Shidler. "We try to keep our spirits high and work hard in practice. It's a time to celebrate the birth of Christ and we try to keep our minds on what we're supposed to be doing."

Dwight Anderson called Christmas the best holiday out of the whole year.

"It's a special day because everybody has that feeling of giving. For me this year, I want the best for our team. My best Christmas present would be winning the national crown."

Dirk Minniefield has a message for Santa Claus from him and people all over the state.

"I just want Santa Claus to do one thing. I want my Christmas late, around March. If he waits and gives it to me in Market Square Arena, I'll be happy."



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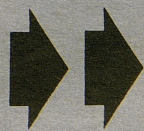
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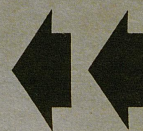
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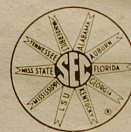
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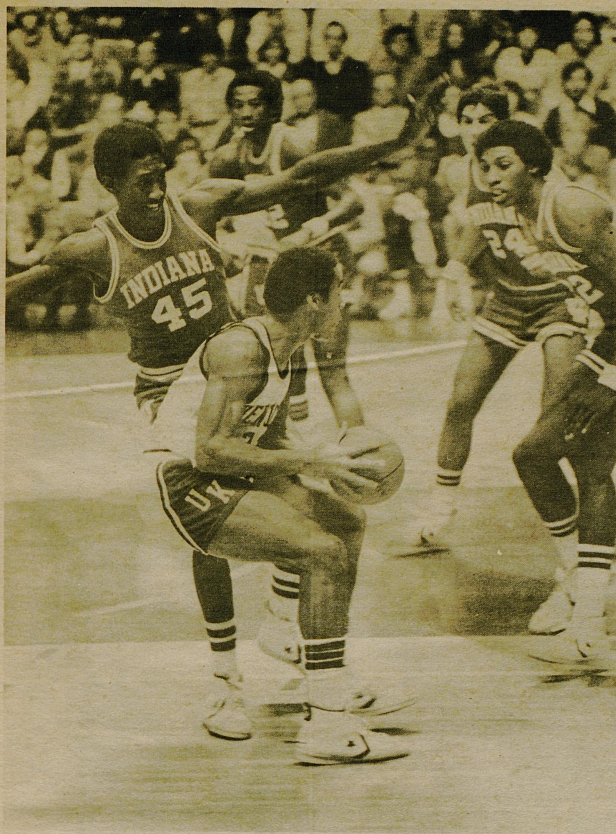


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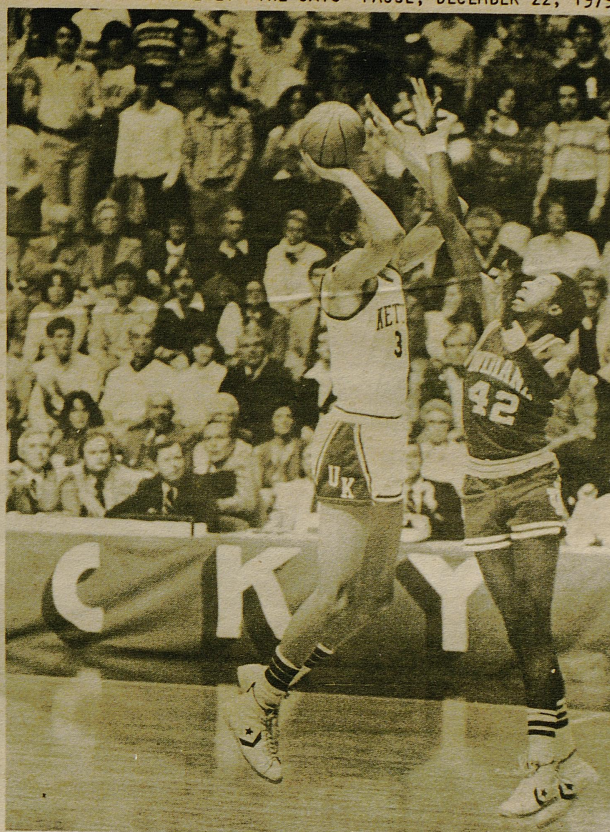


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TULANE AT L.S.U.	L.S.U. 9	L.S.U. 18	L.S.U. 15	L.S.U. 17	
OLE MISS AT MEMPHIS STATE	MEMPHIS 2	MEMPHIS 6	OLE MISS 10	OLE MISS 1	
TENNESSEE AT OHIO STATE	OHIO ST. 1	OHIO ST. 5	TENN 15	OHIO ST. 3	
GEORGIA STATE AT VANDERBILT	VANDY 12	VANDY 14	VANDY 5	VANDY 9	
CALIFORNIA VS KENTUCKY	KENTUCKY 14	KENTUCKY 18	KENTUCKY 20	KENTUCKY 15	
SMU VS PURDUE	PURDUE 14	PURDUE 11	PURDUE 15	PURDUE 21	
BRIGHAM YOUNG AT UTAH STATE	BYU 17	BYU 4	BYU 10	BYU 6	
ST. LOUIS AT CINCINNATI	CINCY 1	CINCY 7	CINCY 10	CINCY 3	
CINCINNATI AT VIRGINIA TECH	VA. TECH 4	VA. TECH 8	CINCY 10	VA. TECH 4	
CLEMSON AT NORTH CAROLINA	CAROLINA 1	CAROLINA 7	CLEMSON 5	CAROLINA 10	
MARQUETTE AT ILLINOIS	MARQUETTE 4	ILLINOIS 6	MARQUETTE 9	MARQUETTE 2	
NORTH CAROLINA AT INDIANA	INDIANA 1	INDIANA 2	INDIANA 20	INDIANA 5	
LOUISVILLE AT UTAH	U OF L 6	U OF L 5	U OF L 5	U OF L 8	
KANSAS STATE AT MINNESOTA	MINNESOTA 3	MINNESOTA 6	KANSAS ST 5	MINNESOTA 8	
MURRAY STATE AT TEXAS	TEXAS 11	TEXAS 12	TEXAS 5	TEXAS 13	
OREGON STATE AT OREGON	OREGON 4	STATE 3	OREGON 10	STATE 10	
VILLANOVA AT RUTGERS	VILLANOVA 9	VILLANOVA 8	VILLANOVA 9	VILLANOVA 3	
SAN FRANCISCO AT TEXAS	TEXAS 3	TEXAS 2	SAN FRAN 10	TEXAS 4	
SANTA CLARA AT UTAH	S. C. 4	UTAH 6	S. C. 5	UTAH 2	
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Turpin Returns Home

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"I don't know where they got that. I don't like to be judged by another player. I don't play like Sampson and I don't look like him. I am my own self. He plays his game and I play mine, but I would like to meet him on the court."

Turpin feels his game is much better than it was a year ago, when he competed with the best in the high school all-star games.

"I have progressed a lot, especially this year. I'm much stronger (210 to 220 pounds), I rebound harder and I'm putting the ball back in the basket much harder."

Turpin figures there is no one better suited to continue his development than Kentucky coach Joe Hall.

"Hall has had experience with big men. I think he can help me develop myself to be a better ball player."

"They (the UK coaches) told me I would fit right in, that I could come in and work hard. That's what I've been doing my whole life, so why not?"

Turpin smiles when asked about playing with Bowie.

"I'll enjoy it. I played against him in the Derby Classic. He's a good athlete. Joe Hall has improved him a lot."

He looks forward to the day he wears the Kentucky uniform for the hometown fans.

"I am going to love it. I lived here and all my friends live here," said Turpin.

Turpin will return to Fork Union after the holidays for the second semester. He will officially ink with Kentucky on the national signing date in April.

Now Melvin is just glad to get the recruiting over with.

"I can't hardly play with all the coaches around. The recruiters weren't looking at our other players. They always came to me. I wanted them to look at the rest of the players. I thought I could announce and they could look at other guys plus it would get them off my back."

It is obvious Turpin seems much more stable about his future and has matured greatly in the past year. Of course, that is why he attended prep school.

Turpin is already looking ahead.

"I hope to graduate from Kentucky. If I don't make the pros, I want to be a park director or coach basketball."

First Turpin has a four-year stop in the land of the Giants.

Joe B. Hall

UK Head Basketball Coach



Hall Credits Firehouse Five With Win

Question: What did you feel was the turning point of your 69-58 win over Indiana?

Coach Hall: I thought the turning point was Charles Hurt's dunk. His steal and drive down the floor ignited our crowd. Before that time, they hadn't had a whole lot to cheer about.

We had a group of young players in there. We had a lot of freshmen in the game. I call them the Firehouse Five. They had done this before. I don't even recall who was in there (Minniefield, Anderson, Shidler, Hurt and Hord). I'm awfully proud of them and the way they came back after being 13 down and to win by 11 is a mighty fine show on their part.

We had Fred and LaVon in foul trouble a lot. Our freshmen forwards did a great job. The difference in the game was defense. We had to back up our poor shooting with good defense. The string where Indiana went about seven minutes without scoring was a great defensive effort. The players drew a lot of applause from the crowd for their defense. That's very gratifying. That's a sign that you're on the right way, when you wake up the crowd with your defense. Being so young a ball club makes it especially pleasing.

Macy was off in his shooting but hit a couple down the stretch that really helped us. Charles Hurt just played great. Fred's defense was excellent on Woodson.

Question: The freshmen didn't seem intimidated by the crowd and pressure of the game?

Coach Hall: No, I think they played well. I think the seriousness of the game took care of the jitters.

Question: Where should you be ranked now?

Coach Hall: I don't know. I don't care. It was just a good win and ranking doesn't matter.

Question: Did you make a defensive adjustment at the half, or did you just execute better?

Coach Hall: It actually started before the half ended. We made our comeback before the half. We came in at halftime and had shot 35 percent. We felt a real positive chance of

winning the game.

Question: How much impact did you feel it played when Isiah Thomas got in foul trouble and then fouled out?

Coach Hall: I thought we had already made our major move before Isiah Thomas came out. Indiana has a real fine ball club with a lot of depth. I think they are going to be very tough the rest of the season. This doesn't change my opinion of what a fine ball club they have. They are a good bunch of kids and they work hard. It was a situation where we woke our crowd up, they got behind us, and we just played tough down the stretch.

Question: How did you feel Bowie played against Tolbert?

Coach Hall: I think Bowie did an excellent job. He stayed down and Tolbert was not able to drive on him, which he did on us last year. That was a big help in our defense.

Question: Mike Woodson hit only four of 18 shots.

Coach Hall: Fred Cowan guarded Woodson most of the night. Derrick Hord had him a lot. Both of them do an excellent job. There was an awful lot of picks and that's a tough offense to defend in the man-to-man. It was a very good ball game.

Question: What made your defense so good all of the sudden?

Coach Hall: I just think it was aggressiveness. We stayed fresh. We were able to substitute. We had to because of foul problems. I believe that Indiana might have tired a little.

Question: Shidler's outside shooting seemed to spark you.

Coach Hall: Jay played a great game. He played a real fine ball game on both ends of the court.

Question: Dwight Anderson played some at forward. Was Indiana doing something that caused you to do that?

Coach Hall: We were just in so much foul trouble and we were having difficulty in our defense, fighting through the picks. His quickness seemed to help us.

Question: You rested Macy several times. Why was that?

Coach Hall: I thought he looked a little tired. On the free throw he missed, we debated whether or not to

call a timeout and let him rest. He looked tired.

Question: Do you credit the defense with the 15-0 run in the second half?

Coach Hall: I think that was a lot of it. I'm sure that they made some mistakes during that time also. We had a one-point lead at 41-40 and had about three chances to extend the lead. I thought that was very crucial that we didn't. But as it turned out, we were able to go on and win.

Question: What went through your mind when you were 13 points down?

Coach Hall: We obviously had to pick up our tempo. We had to get back in the game defensively. We were a little impatient in our shots. We came down, made three of four passes, and took an outside shot. We could have got better shots. As soon as we got a little more disciplined in our offense, our defense picked up and we got back in the ball game. It was the enthusiasm of that group—the Firehouse Five—that got us going.

Question: Does the margin of victory surprise you?

Coach Hall: The margin surprises me greatly. It was a closer ball game than 11 points.

Question: Was it your lack of discipline early that got you behind?

Coach Hall: It may have been the excitement of the night plus we were rushing our shots a little bit rather than being patient.

Question: A win like this has to mean a lot to a young team.

Coach Hall: It's very good for us, but we have a lot of tough games coming up. We are going to enjoy this win and not only tonight. This will be one that we'll drag our grandchildren up on our knees and talk about years from now. This is truly one of those great wins that you look for. We are going to savor it and enjoy it.

We are not going to get complacent. We did a lot of things wrong that got us behind early. We need to improve in that respect. I think our players realize that they can be a good ball club if they continue to work and improve. We've got too tough of a game Monday to be celebrating too much tonight.

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Championship Game—Appx. 9:05 p.m.

Two returnees to the UKIT—California and SMU—will be going for their first title, while the third participant, Purdue, will go after its second, having won in 1970 in its only attempt.

California, which has a 2-4 record in three appearances—1960, '65 and '71—oddly enough has never played the Wildcats. SMU dropped a first-round game to the Wildcats in 1956 and are 1-3 in the overall series with UK. Purdue won the '70 tournament by defeating UK, 89-83, in the championship game, but trails 1-2 in the overall series.

1978 ALL-UKIT TEAM—Members of the All-Tournament team, as selected by working members of the media were: MVP Neil Bresnahan, Illinois; Vernon Smith, Texas A&M; Chuck Aleksinas, Kentucky and Eddie Johnson and Derek Holcomb, Illinois. Top scorer was Dale Shackelford of Syracuse with 40 points.

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1978 Dale Shackelford (Syracuse) 40	1966 Louie Dampier (Kentucky) 51
1977 Freeman Williams (Portland State) 76	1965 Louie Dampier (Kentucky) 46
1976 Jeff Judkins (Utah) 53	1964 Henry Finkel (Dayton) 64
1975 Don Smith (Ore. St.) 40	1963 Bill Bradley (Princeton) 77
Rick Taylor (Ariz. St.) 40	1962 Cotton Nash (Kentucky) 57
1974 Ronnie Daniel (Okla. St.) 56	1961 Larry Pursiful (Kentucky) 60
1973 Kevin Grevey (Kentucky) 50	1960 Bill Lickert (Kentucky) 43
1972 Jim Andrews (Kentucky) 48	1959 Jerry West (West Virginia) 70
1971 Brian Taylor (Princeton) 66	1958 Jerry West (West Virginia) 48
1970 Mike Casey (Kentucky) 53	1957 Ron Johnson (Minnesota) 56
1969 Dan Issel (Kentucky) 60	1956 Jim Krebs (S.M.U.) 47
1968 Dan Issel (Kentucky) 56	1955 Jim Paxson (Dayton) 51
1967 Mike Casey (Kentucky) 46	1954 Phil Grawmeyer (Ky.) 41
	1953 Cliff Hagan (Kentucky) 55

U.K.I.T. HISTORY

1953 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 73, LaSalle 60. Consolation: UCLA 72, Duke 67. First Round: LaSalle 62, UCLA 53; Kentucky 85, Duke 69. Attendance: 16,714.	1966 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 83, Kansas State 79. Third Place: Oregon State 64, Penn State 61. First Round: Kansas State 83, Penn State 59; Kentucky 96, Oregon State 66. Attendance: 21,318.
1954 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 63, LaSalle 54. Consolation: Southern California 54, Utah 52. First Round: LaSalle 49, Southern California 38; Kentucky 70, Utah 65. Attendance: 17,973.	1967 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 76, South Carolina 66. Third Place: Cincinnati 71, Dayton 70. First Round: South Carolina 64, Cincinnati 61; Kentucky 88, Dayton 85. Attendance: 22,371.
1955 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Dayton 89, Kentucky 74. Consolation: Minnesota 90, Utah 77. First Round: Dayton 77, Utah 73; Kentucky 72, Minnesota 65. Attendance: 19,185.	1968 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 80, Army 65. Third Place: Michigan 95, Bradley 93. First Round: Army 54, Bradley 52; Kentucky 112, Michigan 104. Attendance: 23,000.
1956 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 91, Illinois 70. Consolation: Southern Methodist 67, Dayton 59. First Round: Illinois 82, Dayton 65; Kentucky 72, Southern Methodist 67. Attendance: 15,753.	1969 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 98, Duke 76. Third Place: Dayton 83, Navy 69. First Round: Duke 72, Dayton 67; Kentucky 73, Navy 59. Attendance: 23,365.
1957 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: West Virginia 75, North Carolina 64. Consolation: Kentucky 78, Minnesota 58. First Round: North Carolina 73, Minnesota 67; West Virginia 77, Kentucky 70. Attendance: 20,956.	1970 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Purdue 89, Kentucky 83. Third Place: Kansas State 78, De Paul 68. First Round: Purdue 87, Kansas State 68; Kentucky 106, De Paul 85. Attendance: 23,462.
1958 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 97, West Virginia 91. Consolation: Oklahoma State 63, Ohio State 59. First Round: West Virginia 67, Oklahoma St. 49; Kentucky 95, Ohio St. 76. Attendance: 20,386.	1971 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 96, Princeton 82. Third Place: Missouri 82, California 70. First Round: Princeton 85, California 59; Kentucky 83, Missouri 79. Attendance: 22,337.
1959 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: West Virginia 79, Kentucky 70. Consolation: St. Louis 68, North Carolina 52. First Round: West Virginia 87, St. Louis 86; Kentucky 76, North Carolina 70. Attendance: 22,713.	1972 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 95, Oregon 68. Third Place: Colorado State 57, Nebraska 51. First Round: Oregon 73, Colorado State 69; Kentucky 85, Nebraska 60. Attendance: 23,100.
1960 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: St. Louis 74, Kentucky 72 (1 overtime). Third Place: California 72, Illinois 54. First Round: St. Louis 54, California 53 (1 overtime); Kentucky 83, Illinois 78. Attendance: 15,095.	1973 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 78, Stanford 77. Third Place: Ohio State 85, Dartmouth 80. First Round: Stanford 68, Ohio State 53; Kentucky 102, Dartmouth 77. Attendance: 23,116.
1961 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 80, Kansas State 67. Third Place: Tennessee 75, Xavier 70. First Round: Kansas State 75, Xavier 67; Kentucky 96, Tennessee 69. Attendance: 16,013.	1974 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 90, Oklahoma State 65. Third Place: Villanova 92, Washington State 83. First Round: Oklahoma State 88, Villanova 75; Kentucky 97, Washington State 75. Attendance: 22,489.
1962 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 79, West Virginia 75. Third Place: Oregon State 61, Iowa 55. First Round: West Virginia 70, Oregon State 65; Kentucky 94, Iowa 69. Attendance: 22,138.	1975 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 82, Oregon State 74. Third Place: Arizona State 85, Georgia Tech 70. First Round: Oregon State 87, Arizona State 83; Kentucky 66, Georgia Tech 64. Attendance: 23,000.
1963 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 98, Wake Forest 75. Third Place: Princeton 90, Wisconsin 87. First Round: Wake Forest 96, Princeton 67; Kentucky 108, Wisconsin 85. Attendance: 22,111.	1976 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Utah 70, Kentucky 68. Third Place: West Virginia 85, Bowling Green 78. First Round: Utah 74, West Virginia 70; Kentucky 77, Bowling Green 59. Attendance: 37,297.
1964 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Illinois 91, Kentucky 86. Third Place: Dayton 71, West Virginia 67. First Round: Illinois 104, Dayton 86; Kentucky 102, West Virginia 78. Attendance: 22,804.	1977 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 102, St. John's 72. Third Place: Portland State 82, Seattle 76. First Round: St. John's 77, Seattle 60; Kentucky 114, Portland State 88. Attendance: 46,944.
1965 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Kentucky 91, Indiana 56. Third Place: California 75, Air Force 70. First Round: Indiana 71, California 64; Kentucky 78, Air Force 58. Attendance: 21,069.	1978 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Illinois 71, Texas A&M 57. Third Place: Kentucky 94, Syracuse 87. First Round: Illinois 64, Syracuse 61; Texas A&M 73, Kentucky 69. Attendance: 46,544.

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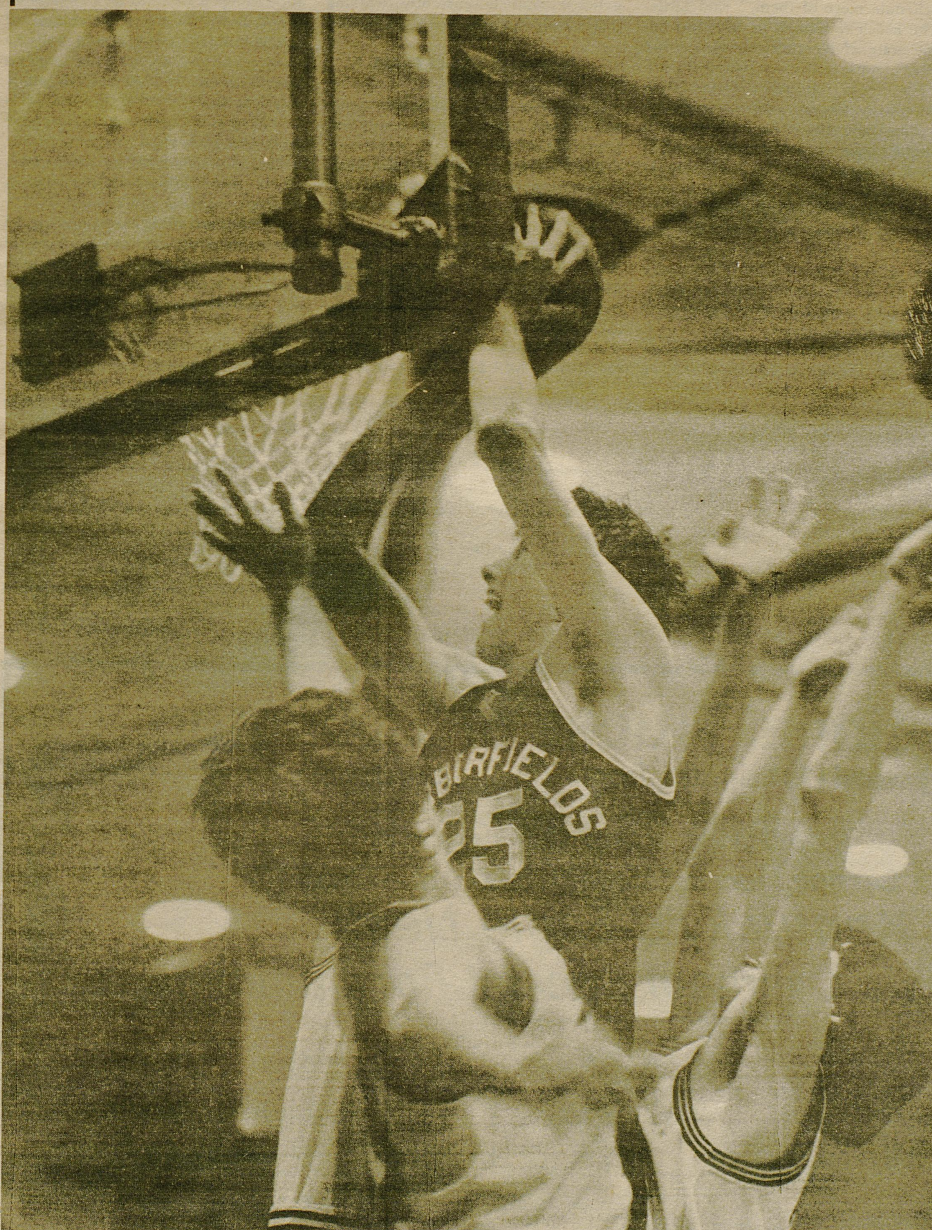
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PURDUE SCHEDULE

11-10 Bulgaria	H	1-19 Minnesota	A
11-30 Colorado State	A	1-24 Wisconsin	A
12- 3 Butler	H	1-26 Indiana	A
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"Bear"



Bear Bearup Scores Over Three Defenders

Bret Bearup

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court."

"He has been loose and has been looking good in practice and scrimmages. Of course that was until the day before yesterday when he started talking about Coach Hall coming up to watch him."

Charlie Bearup calls his son "an achiever. He's extremely goal-orientated for a kid his age. When he decides he is going to do something, he does it. He's an extremely hard worker."

As an example, he cited an incident after Bret's sophomore season, when he was named all-league. An interviewer asked Bret what his goals were. He said he had his sights set on making all-county as a junior and All-State as a senior.

Afterwards, his father told Bret those were mighty big goals to set. Bret informed him that he had lied just a bit. He said his real goal was to make All-American.

"He said he couldn't tell them the truth. He said if he told them the truth, they would think he was crazy."

It didn't take Bret long to make his point. His junior year he averaged 22 points a game, hauled down 17 rebounds a game and hit almost 60 percent from the floor.

Before his senior season started, Bret was named to several first team All-America lists.

Charlie Bearup knows talent when he sees it. He played college ball at Idaho State and was also a coach before taking his present position as a manager for the Dupont Corporation.

"Seeing Bret, I recognize that he has unlimited potential and I'm not saying that because I'm his father. He is maybe using 30 percent of that potential now."

That is why Charlie Bearup wants his son at UK, so he can achieve that potential at a school which he says is rapidly developing fans in Long Island.

"Bret's whole team and our family are keeping up with UK," said Charlie. "There must be 50 people here who told me they want to meet Joe Hall."

"Kentucky has a very good reputation on the Island."

It might not be long before Bret Bearup has quite a reputation in Kentucky.

Volleyball Cats Compete In National Finals

By JOE MATTINGLY

VOLLEYBALL

The UK women's volleyball team recently participated, along with 19 other schools from across the nation, in the NCAA Nationals.

Although UK didn't win a match in the nationals, they finished ahead of around 900 other schools in the country, which were eliminated in state or regional competition.

"Although I expected better, our team played very well," said volleyball coach **Delphine Nemeth**. "We had the youngest team in the nationals. Maybe I expected too much of them."

Nemeth's team consisted of only one senior, so they will be back strong next year. Kentucky started four sophomores and two freshmen in the nationals, which were eventually won by the University of Hawaii.

"I have to commend two of my freshmen, **Kim Clay** and **Sandra Glasscock**, who played exceptionally well in the nationals," said Nemeth.

Earlier in the year UK finished third in the state championships, but went on to win the first-ever Southeastern Conference Women's Volleyball Tournament. UK also won the Region Two Championships to advance to the nationals.

"In the state championships our team captain for the past three years, **Mary Freigh**, broke her foot. The team sort of fell apart and I was disappointed in our finish," said Nemeth. "We did come back and put it together well in winning the SEC and region though."

Following the great success of this season and considering the talent she'll have back next season, it seems reasonable to predict Coach Nemeth has not taken her last team to the

nationals.

GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics at UK seems to be on the upswing this year. Coach **Leah Little** has put together what she calls "a tremendous schedule" and is working her team in hopes of a spot in the National Tournament at the close of the season.

"We've picked up six schools who are nationally ranked. We now feel that we can compete against schools of this caliber so we're starting to schedule more of them," said Little. The coach continued by pointing out the state of Kentucky contained the best gymnastics teams in the region. "The team representing our state practically always wins our region."

The University of Kentucky holds a slight advantage in the state meet this year in that it will be held here in Lexington.

The UK gymnists split their first two meets of the season, losing to Bowling Green of Ohio by only 4½ points on Dec. 1 and defeating East Tennessee Dec. 7. In the East Tennessee meet, Kentucky took only four performers yet still won the meet.

Coach Little, in her sixth season as the UK coach, is handling a very young team this year. It consists of only one senior and one junior. The rest of the team is made up of four sophomores and four freshmen.

Two of the gymnists Little is depending on this season are **Liz Mautner**, a sophomore transfer from Appalachian State College and junior **Julie Hemanstall**, who has been the team's MVP for the past two seasons.

Mautner is a national caliber gymnast, who placed third in her region last year and Hemanstall is

described by Little as, "one of our top all-around performers and very consistent."

The UK gymnists will not perform again until their meet at Jacksonville State Jan. 5.

Coach Little is also keeping her eyes open for next season. Right now her hopes are directed toward **Tracey Blake**, a senior sensation at Miami Lakes Senior High School in Miami, Florida. Little hopes to sign the star gymnast who is currently working under **Bruce Davis** at the Gym Miami.

LADY KAT BASKETBALL

The Lady Kat basketball team upped its record to 3-0 with a win over Louisville recently.

The Lady Kats blitzed the Cardinals 30-5 during the last eleven minutes of the first half and went on to win easily 76-37.

Junior forward **Maria Donhoff** led the Lady Kats with 14 points. **Valerie Still** contributed 13 and **Tayna Fogle** had 12.

The Lady Kats begin the new year with three games on the road. Starting the journey will be a clash at South Carolina on Jan. 3.

WRESTLING

Fletcher Carr's Mat Cats rolled up another victory with an impressive win at Morgan State in Baltimore, Maryland.

"It was our best showing of the season," said Carr. The UK wrestlers tallied 90.75 points to out-distance second place Hofstra with 56.5 points and six other colleges and universities.

Individually for Kentucky, **Rick Rindfuss**, **Earl Rayford**, **Fred Ringo** and **Harold Smith** all took first place in their respective weight classes. **Reggie Burke** and **Ricky Dellagatta** took second place finishes, while **Derrick Campbell** placed third and **Bob McDaniel** and **Curtis Longstreet** finished fourth in the 167 and 134-pound classes.

Carr was especially impressed with sophomore **Derrick Campbell's** performance, commenting "The biggest improvement in **Derrick Campbell** this year is that he has learned to do the little things it takes to be a champion."

"At the beginning of the season we considered redshirting him, but all of a sudden he comes on and now is wrestling unbelievably well. He really could be undefeated right now. He's 11-4, but the matches he's lost have been extremely close."

The Mat Cats continue action Dec. 28 in the Midlands Invitational in Chicago.

In other wrestling news, a group of freshmen wrestlers competed in an all-freshman tournament in Cincinnati recently. Kentucky's wrestlers were led by **Brett Fraser** from Miami, Fla. Fraser captured first place in the 158-pound division.

"Our freshmen looked very impressive," said Carr. "Fraser had a first and we had a lot of second and third place finishes. It gave our freshmen a good opportunity to get some extra experience."

Besides Fraser, others who placed were **Matt Pressler**, **Jack O'Donaghue**, **Clarence Meade** and **John Leach**, who had second place finishes in their respective weight classes. **Efrem Hawkins** and **Larry Kostelee** had third place finishes.

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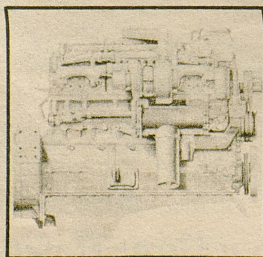
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Bearup's Idol Was Iona's Jeff Ruland A Few Years Ago

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Fame game.

No one was more elated than Dean. "We are very, very excited about having Bret in our program and are confident he will have a great career," said Dean.

Dean credits the over all Kentucky program for being able to recruit such a kid as Bearup into an already strong team.

"It says a lot for Coach Joe Hall and the Kentucky basketball tradition, that a player the quality of Bret would announce he is coming to Kentucky at such an early date."

Bearup has worked hard to become a basketball player in such demand. He used to pattern himself after a player who prepped a short drive from Greenlawn, and who UK recruited heavily, but unsuccessfully.

"My idol in my younger years in high school was Jeff Ruland," said Bearup. "Now I consider myself more of a perimeter player than he will ever be. Of course, my father was always my idol and he played college ball [Idaho State]."

Bearup was asked what makes him a great basketball player. His answer

illustrates his attitude.

"I don't know if I'm a great basketball player," the 225-pound Bearup replied.

Okay Bret, what are your strong points as a player?

"I love basketball, I'm going to be there at practice and I will be playing whenever you want me to and whenever you don't want me to."

In other words, he's the kind of kid you are liable to see dribbling a ball to class. The kind that Kentucky fans love.

"I told Coach Dean he had to make me a deal. If I come to Kentucky, I get to room with Tom Heitz and I get a key to Memorial Coliseum so I can practice."

Bearup said he wants to room with Heitz because "I like him. He's a down-home country guy like I don't know up here."

At least for this year, Bearup will have to settle with just being a UK fan. He follows the Wildcat games as close as possible.

"You know it. I talk to Coach Dean practically every night. I have a subscription to The Cats' Pause. I read

it all during one period today."

"It hurts when they lose. It's like losing tonight. I feel for Tommy, Dirk, Sam, Kyle and all the guys. I know what they are going through."

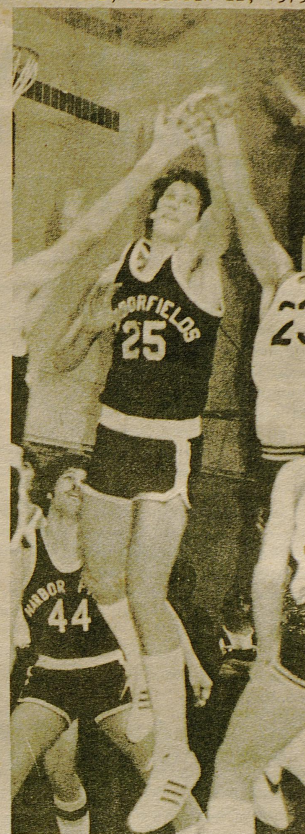
Bearup has even taken a lesson from the Kentucky veteran Kyle Macy. Before Bearup shoots a foul shot, he wipes his hands on his socks and then goes through a practice motion of his shot, ala Macy.

"I saw him (Macy) do that (wipe his hands off on his socks) against Michigan State (NCAA regionals in 1978). I usually don't do that. I did that tonight because the ball was so slippery."

Bearup didn't have to copy Macy's style to know if he fit into Kentucky's type of program.

"I think I could fit in with any system. The Kentucky system is successful, it's proven, and they have put players into the pros. Coach Hall is a great coach. He told me I would be perfect for the system. That's all I wanted to hear."

Yep, blue blood runs thick.



Bearup Goes Up



Bret Bearup Works For Position

One Of Nation's Premier Guards, Bynum Lists UK As Possibility

By OSCAR COMBS
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To say that 6-7 Clarke Bynum would be an ideal college guard would be the understatement of the year.

And perhaps that's why he's one of the most sought-after prep seniors in the country this year.

The highly successful Bynum has been playing varsity basketball at Wilson Hall High School in Sumpter, South Carolina, since the eighth grade.

His statistics are impressive, to say the least. He averaged 14 points and eight rebounds in the eighth grade; 18 points and 11 rebounds as a freshman; 21 points and 11 rebounds as a sophomore; and 24 points and 13 rebounds as a junior.

Coach Jerry Faulkner's club has been just as successful over the period, compiling a 75-13 record plus a 4-0 start this winter.

A preseason All-American candidate, Bynum has been contacted by literally dozens of the big-time schools but decided early he would be interested in leaving his home area only if a school had a legitimate shot at the NCAA title.

For that reason, most of Bynum's interest has been directed in the Atlantic Coast Conference area. In fact, Clarke has visited Duke, North Carolina, Clemson, Virginia and Kentucky. At one time or another, he has also shown interest in Furman and South Carolina.

Why has he been interested in Kentucky?

"It's true I've been brought up in ACC country and I wouldn't consider leaving here unless it was a national power," said Bynum, "in any player's mind, it is the ultimate goal to be successful and win the NCAA and Kentucky has done that."

But that doesn't mean Kentucky is anywhere near persuading Bynum to Blue Grass Country. In fact, he's not even leaning toward Kentucky.

"I've narrowed the list to Duke, North Carolina, Clemson, Virginia and Kentucky, but that's as far as it goes. I'll probably announce sometime in January where I plan to go," said the handsome South Carolina native.

Recruiting has been an enjoyment thus far, but Bynum says he would not allow himself to become a distraction for the rest of the team.

"I want my team to do well and I won't let the recruiting interfere with our success," he added. "Coach (Jerry) Faulkner makes sure everything goes right. He's been one of the biggest influences on my life, not just in basketball."

Bynum made his most recent visit two weeks ago as he toured the Kentucky campus.

What is Bynum looking for when he makes his final choice?

"Academics will play a big part, because I hope to go into business

someday," said Bynum. "Also, a place I know I would have a chance to play as a freshman if I earned it."

Some reporters in the ACC region figure Clemson is the odds-on favorite to win the Bynum sweepstakes for several reasons.

First, his family has been Clemson fans for many years and Bynum has a sister who attends Clemson. Secondly, Coach Faulkner is a close personal friend of Clemson coach Bill Foster and has worked in his summer camp the past few years.

Last, many of Bynum's friends are avid fans of Clemson, a program which has made a move upward recently and has already received a verbal commitment from superstar Raymond Jones, another South Carolinian.

Most folks in the ACC insist this is the best crop of South Carolina round-ball talent to ever be produced. No one is contradicting the assertion.

One person close to the Clemson athletic scene said this week "If we're

ever going to get a true blue-chipper, this is the time with Bynum. If we don't get him, then we'd better re-assess our program."

Bynum who admits many people mistook him for Kyle Macy at the B/C Camp two years ago because of their physical similarities, says he will add up all the positive and negative points of each school before reaching a decision.

"It's a very tough process," said the talented young man. "Every time I visited a place and left, I thought, 'boy, this is the only place for me.' After a few days back home, all of it would wear off and I would have a better perspective. That's why I plan to be giving it three or four weeks of consideration after my last visit."

Although some figure Clemson to be the leader, Clarke says distance from home will be only one of many factors to consider.

"I can't forget what Coach [Joe] Hall told me once," he remembered.

"He said you had to consider everything but that it would not be A, B, C. Sometimes it will come down to just a gut feeling as to what is the best for you as a person."

Bynum isn't blind in the recruiting process either. In fact, he may be one of the smartest preppers in the country off the court as well as scoring baskets.

For instance, Clarke has studied each of the schools very closely. He knows who will be returning next season and his odds of playing early.

"And I know who all the other schools are recruiting," he added. "Sometimes, I've been told that a particular school will over-recruit behind me, but I can't worry about that."

While he admits there is some homestate pressure to attend Clemson, Bynum is sure his friends will back him if he decides to attend school elsewhere.

"Once I make my decision, then that school is going to be my home, wherever it is. I think all my friends will be happy for me."

If there is a silver lining as far as Kentucky is concerned, then it might be his association with Bret Bearup and his family. The Bearups are very fond of Bynum and the admiration is mutual.

"Bret is a good friend of mine and as far as Kentucky is concerned, that would be in their favor," said Bynum. "But that would be only a part of the over all decision."

Bynum also says he enjoys a close relationship with UK assistant Joe Dean, much like Bearup. "I can really relate to him," he said. "I'm probably closer to him (Dean) than any coach."

Again, he emphasized that no one single factor would influence his decision alone.

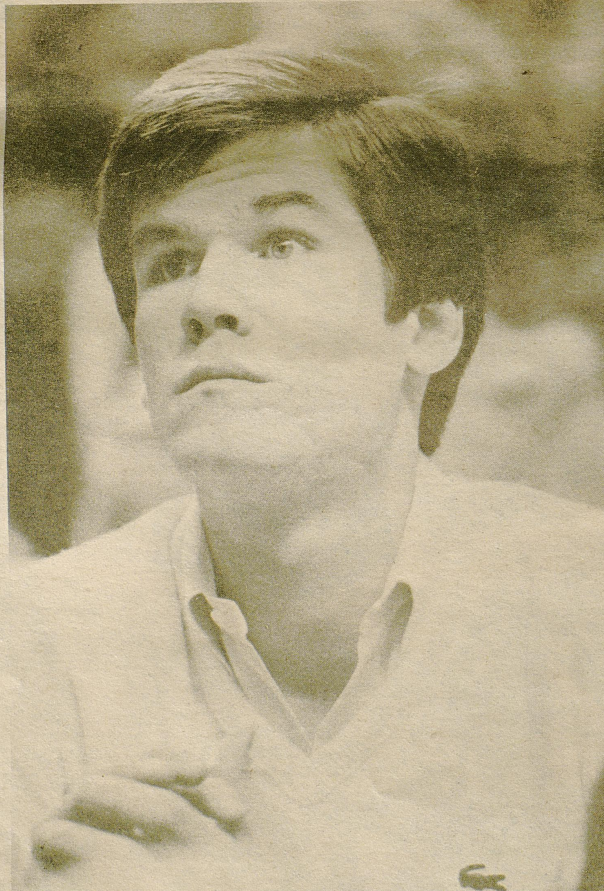
Unlike some athletes who have experienced nightmares after knee injuries, Bynum has fully recovered from a knee operation this past summer.

"It was a bone chip in my knee and it had been there about three years," he described. "They took it out this summer and now it's one-hundred percent."

So if you're still wondering just where this blue-chipper will be bouncing the ball next winter, you're not alone.

Bynum and his parents were in Lexington to watch the Kentucky-Baylor game a few days ago and one could not help but wonder what was going through the minds of the Bynums when a fellow by the name of Kyle Macy sprinted up and down the court, scoring points left and right to the delight of more than 23,000 fans.

And just to think that Kyle Macy's replacement might be doing the same thing a year from now.



Clarke Bynum

Bobby Knight Compliments Play Of Shidler And Macy As Big Factors In Hoosiers' Loss

Question: Did you think about taking Isiah Thomas out when he picked up his fourth foul?

Coach Knight: I didn't think we could afford to take him out the way the game was going. It was just impossible to take him out. Wittman couldn't play in the second half and he has to handle the ball.

Question: What's wrong with Wittman?

Coach Knight: He has a bad ankle.

Question: Were you pleased with the way your team played?

Coach Knight: No, I'm not particularly pleased with the way we played. When there are things that we don't do defensively and offensively, you can't single out players. This is a team game and we just didn't play well, particularly offensively. That had a lot to do with the way Kentucky played defense. I think they played very well and it's always a combination of things.

Question: You seemed to be in control of the game as long as Thomas was in the game. Why is he so valuable?

Coach Knight: He takes the ball into places where we can score with it. Our defensive pressure starts with him but yet we've got to be able to play without

just one person. One person doesn't make that much difference today. Isiah played very well tonight, but we still have to go without him or Woodson or whoever it is.

Question: Was Kentucky's bench a decisive factor?

Coach Knight: No, I think that is a factor that makes them a good team.

Question: Did you expect the game to be so rough?

Coach Knight: Yes. I think Kentucky is a physical team. Their depth is good and strong and I think they are going to play physical. I don't think it was anyone's advantage that the game was physical. Many games are physical and you have to play that way.

Question: The poor shooting in the second half. Was that Kentucky's defense?

Coach Knight: I think it was a combination of things. I think they played very well defensively and at the same time, our offense didn't generate for us. We weren't getting the type of scoring opportunities that we like to and we have to take different shots.

Question: What specifically did their defense prevent you from doing?

Coach Knight: We didn't screen and cut as effectively as we have to, to get

the type of shots we want. We are a medium-range jump shooting team. We didn't get this in the second half.

Question: Did Shidler's outside shooting surprise you?

Coach Knight: No. I think he is an excellent shooter. I think his outside shooting was a very important factor particularly in the first half. I think he got three long ones in the first half and the first one in the second half.

Two individual things for them tonight: I think Shidler's outside shooting in the first half was very good. I thought Kyle Macy did an extremely good job taking the game over from their standpoint when it was 44-43. I think he did a great deal to generate offense for them at that stretch of time.

Question: Who did you think was the key player for Kentucky?

Coach Knight: I think Macy is always the key player for Kentucky. He is a great guard and he has tremendous awareness of what's going on, on the floor. I think he exhibits that everytime he plays.

Forward Mike Woodson, who led the Hoosiers in scoring, said his team

wasn't as ready to play as Kentucky.

"Kentucky came to play and we didn't. We made a lot of mistakes," Woodson said. "We need to work on our whole game, period."

Woodson wasn't too concerned about losing the No. 1 ranking. "I said all along that we weren't the No. 1 team. It doesn't mean much," said Woodson.

Freshman Isiah Thomas agreed with Woodson.

"Being ranked No. 1 doesn't mean a thing, as you saw tonight. Anybody can beat anybody on any given night no matter what the ranking," Thomas said.

According to Thomas, IU's failure to execute in the second half was the turning point in the game.

"We just didn't have any offense in the second half," said Thomas. "We just stood around. No one was screening or moving including myself."

Thomas doesn't see anything fancy in the future of this Indiana team.

"We'll just go back to Bloomington and get ready for our next game. We have to sharpen our offense because we just died tonight in the second half," Thomas said.

Team Effort Enables Big Blue To Upset Indiana

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took over the game when the score was in the 40's," said Knight. "Shidler is a great outside shooter."

"I've been trying to take the shots when they come," said Shidler. "I've been fortunate to be open."

It's not hard to get open when one shoots from almost 25 feet out, which is Shidler's forte. A starter in Kentucky's first two games, Shidler said he now feels more comfortable coming off the bench.

"I do. I feel a lot more loose. I feel ready to play when I get my chance."

Shidler is playing the best basketball of his career and knows the reason.

"Confidence, that's it," said Shidler. "I've not changed anything. It's confidence and feeling a lot more comfortable."

Shidler missed his first shot against Indiana. In past years, that would have upset him. A more mature Shidler now comes back stronger.

"It used to be if I missed my first shot I would get a little down. Then I would miss two or three more. I don't let it bother me anymore. If I miss, I just try to come back and get another one," said Shidler.

Shidler also played great defense. Guarding the much quicker Isiah Thomas, Shidler was able to draw a charge on Thomas early in the second half, giving the Hoosier frosh four fouls.

"I tried to keep a cushion on him,

not get too close to let him go by me and maintain his penetration."

Shidler said Thomas was everything he had heard and more.

"I didn't think he was that good a shooter, but he stuck it in the hole a few times."

Shidler thought UK's depth and defense might have wore the Hoosiers down.

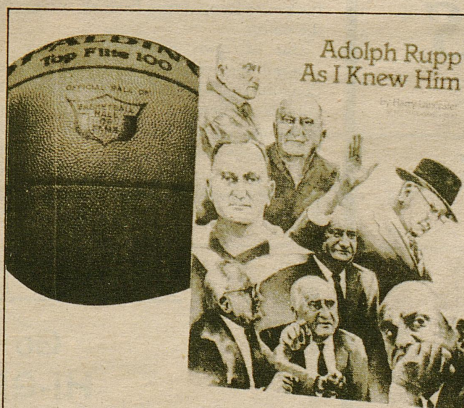
"I think we did wear them down. I thought the defense was really tough tonight."

He also credited the freshmen with

answering the challenge.

"They knew it would be a tough battle. They just fought it off and kept coming back. They started playing like veterans."

Veterans like Jay Shidler.



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Record Media At UK-IU Game

More than 250 reporters, photographers and broadcasters covered the Kentucky-Indiana game Saturday and that's a record for a Wildcat game in Lexington according to UK sports information director Russell Rice.

In addition to the local media which normally cover the two schools, writers flocked to Rupp Arena from all across the nation.

Out of town newspapers which covered the game included: Atlanta Constitution, Chicago Tribune, Knoxville News-Sentinel, The Cincinnati Enquirer, New York Times and Indianapolis Star.

Also covering the top game of the day were: Philadelphia News, Washington Post, Atlanta Journal, South Bend Tribune and Cincinnati Post.

The official attendance of the game was set at 23,798, a new record for the Kentucky Wildcats and Rupp Arena. The mark also toppled the NCAA single game record for a collegiate home court.

The previous mark was 23,608 set during the Wildcats' NCAA championship season against Nevada-Las Vegas on March 4. The Wildcats won that game, 92-70, in the regular season finale before proceeding to win the NCAA title.

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Wildcats Survive Scare And Hold Off Jayhawks, 57-56 In Lawrence

A final-second steal by senior guard Jay Shidler preserved a hard-fought 57-56 Kentucky victory over Kansas before 15,800 fans in Allen Field House in Lawrence, Kansas.

Kentucky led 57-56 when Dwight Anderson stepped to the foul line with four seconds left and a chance to seal the win. Anderson missed the free throw and the Jayhawks' John Crawford got the rebound. As Crawford threw to a teammate, Shidler flicked the pass and ran the ball down the in the corner.

He wrapped his arms around the ball and preserved Kentucky's sixth straight victory.

Only in short spurts did Kentucky show the form they used in routing South Carolina 126-81 two nights earlier. In fact, it looked like the Jayhawks were going to make a miracle comeback similar to the one UK had last year to down them in Rupp Arena.

Neither team shot well from the field. UK hit 41.8 percent compared to only 35.9 for the Jayhawks. UK also won the battle of the boards 48-32, led by 14 retrievers by freshman center Sam Bowie.

However, the Wildcats returned to their early season form while handling the ball. The Wildcats kept the Jayhawks in the game by committing 20 turnovers to only eight by the host team.

Wildcat coach Joe Hall was not a bit happy about his team's play.

"We were intimidated by Kansas' defense," said Hall. "We are just going to have to play with more courage. We played with no confidence."

Hall was especially upset with the play of his forwards.

"We played poorly inside tonight. Our forwards committed 16 of our 20 turnovers."

Bowie was the only person up front who did much for the Cats. The giant freshman led UK with 17 points, getting several in the closing minutes, with his 14 rebounds and three blocked shots.

"He intimidated inside," said Kansas coach Ted Owens, whose teams slipped to 3-3 on the season. "There is no question that we felt his pressure."

Kyle Macy, who calmed the UK offense when it needed it most, was the only other Wildcat in double figures with 10 points.

Darnell Valentine, who along with Macy is considered one of the nation's best guards, led the Jayhawks with 17 points and five assists. Freshman Ricky Ross scored 13 and center Chester Giles added 12.

Valentine opened the game with a brilliant three-point play and then fed Giles for an easy bucket and a 5-2 Kansas lead. UK's LaVon Williams tapped one in over the Kansas zone to make it 5-4 but Valentine hit from 20

feet.

Kansas then went on to a dry spell that lasted seven minutes. For awhile it looked as though UK would make it a runaway.

Fred Cowan hit a spin shot and Macy fed Bowie for a stuff to give UK to give UK its first lead at 8-7. Macy hit two straight jumpers from outside and then followed his own steal with a 15-footer, giving UK a 14-7 lead. It looked as though UK would make it a runaway.

Anderson hit a driving baseline shot to make it 16-7. UK then went on a cold streak of its own and by the time Crawford hit a baseline jumper at 11:07, UK's lead was cut to 16-9.

"After our early lead of 14-7, we just folded up our tents," said Hall.

Mark Snow then scored to bring Kansas within five, at 16-11, before Bowie hit a pair of foul shots. Valentine and Ross then went to work, scoring the next seven points to tie the game at 18 all, with 7:27 left in the half.

UK then surged again. Derrick hit an 18-foot jumper, Bowie a free throw, Williams a short hook and Bowie a lefthanded tap-in. At 4:33, UK led 25-18.

All the Cats could manage the rest

of the half was a Williams jumper. Kansas got scoring from four different players, as they cut the UK lead to 27-25 at intermission.

The Wildcats hit 12 of 27 shots the first half for 44.4 percent, but the Jayhawks could manage only nine of 35 for a dismal 25.7 percent. Bowie led UK with seven points, while Valentine had nine for Kansas.

Hall was displeased with the play of his guards in the opening minutes. Macy had hit only three of four shots, but the rest of the guards combined to hit only two of 12.

"I thought our guards were selfish at the beginning of the game," said Hall. "They took some shots that were poorly selected."

Kentucky opened the lead again in the second half, when Kansas could manage only one bucket the first three minutes. Cowan hit a two-pointer and a pair of free throws while Shidler, who started the second half in place of Anderson, hit from 25 feet out to give the Cats a 33-27 lead.

Tony Guy, who was averaging 15 points a game entering the contest, hit his only basket of the night, but UK reeled off six straight points to gain a 39-29 lead with 15:08 left. Bowie tapped one in, then took a Macy lob for

a dunk and Cowan hit a short hook.

With Bowie taking a breather, Kansas began to chip away. Ross hit back-to-back jumpers and Crawford a turnaround to bring the Jayhawks to within four, at 41-37.

Macy scored four straight points for UK and Chuck Verderber scored following a jump ball, but the lead continued to sway between four and six.

Valentine finally brought the Jayhawks back within two, at 47-45 with a jumper at 6:54. Chiles then took a spectacular pass from Valentine and stuffed it in to even the score at 47 all with 6:05 left to play.

UK guard Dirk Minniefield drove to the basket, feeding off a last-second pass to Bowie for a dunk. Verderber then drew a charge at the defensive end of the court and hit a pair of free throws. UK led 51-47 with 4:50 left.

Ross went to work with two jumpers to tie the score 51-51, with 3:41 left. Bowie took another lob from Macy for a dunk and Crawford brought Kansas to 53-52 by hitting one of two foul shots with 2:56 left.

Bowie hit a pair of crucial free throws to pat the lead, at 55-52. Kansas failed to score and Hord hit a one-handed jumper along the baseline, giving UK a 57-52 lead with 1:58 remaining.

Kentucky got the ball back and appeared in good shape as they began to slow down the offense. With 50 seconds left, Minniefield slipped on the floor and walked. With 38 seconds to go, Valentine cut it to 57-54.

Kentucky could not get the ball across midcourt in the allotted 10 seconds and Kansas got the ball back. Giles hit a shot from around the free throw lane, bringing the Jayhawks to within one, at 57-56 with 21 seconds left.

Following a timeout, UK got the ball upcourt and ran the clock down, until Anderson was fouled with four seconds on the clock.

Kansas had not intended the Cats to run down the clock that far.

"We were hoping to get them to the line earlier," said Owens. "We were hoping to foul them right after they got the ball across the line."

Both Hall and Owens agreed that Kansas' inability to score kept the Wildcats from recording loss number two.

"We didn't settle in and run our offense," said Owens. "It seemed like we just didn't maintain our confidence on the offensive end of the court."

"Both teams played hard," said Owens. "There is no doubt about that."

Hall didn't feel his team had played so hard, but credited Kansas.

"They are a good ball club. They played very emotional tonight. If they would have shot a little better, they would have beat us."

KENTUCKY - 57

PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN
Freddie Cowan	3-7	2-2	7	3	8	0	3	28
LaVon Williams	3-4	0-0	6	5	6	4	4	23
Sam Bowie	6-12	5-6	14	1	17	1	3	34
Kyle Macy	4-9	2-2	4	2	10	3	1	37
Dwight Anderson	2-8	0-1	1	2	4	2	0	25
Chuck Verderber	1-3	2-2	5	0	4	1	1	17
Derrick Hord	2-3	0-0	5	1	4	1	5	9
Charles Hurt	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Dirk Minniefield	0-4	0-0	2	1	0	1	2	8
Jay Shidler	2-5	0-0	1	2	4	0	0	11
Team Rebounds			3					
TOTALS	23-55	11-13	48	17	57	13	20	200

KANSAS - 56

PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN
Tony Guy	1-9	0-0	3	4	2	0	3	31
David Magley	0-3	1-2	7	1	1	0	0	22
Chester Giles	5-13	2-2	4	2	12	2	1	32
Darnell Valentine	7-15	3-3	2	4	17	5	0	38
Ricky Ross	6-16	1-2	5	1	13	0	2	39
John Crawford	3-6	1-2	4	3	7	0	2	28
Mark Snow	1-2	0-2	4	1	2	0	0	8
Keith Douglas	0-0	2-2	0	0	2	0	0	2
Team Rebounds			3					
TOTALS	23-64	10-15	32	16	56	7	8	200
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY			27		30	---		57
KANSAS UNIVERSITY			25		31	---		56
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Charles Hurt Knows Meaning Of Hard Luck

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winning in your blood."

When Hurt recalls the recruiting pressures, he says it really wasn't that bad.

"Now that I look back on it, it was

kind of fun in a way. It was just another experience in life that I will remember for a long time."

In UK's first seven games, Hurt has played 70 minutes. He has played

well, if not spectacular, hitting seven of 14 shots and 11 of 13 free throws. His averages are 3.6 points and 2.3 rebounds.

"I've got to play and I'm satisfied with that. It's how I figured it would be. Nobody's going to play 40 minutes. Everybody is contributing to the team. I like that about the program."

Hurt has been as consistent as any of the heralded frosh and says of his own performance, "I'm sort of pleased but not completely pleased. I'm adjusting to the college life. The hardest adjustment for me has been playing with the intensity required on the college level."

Hurt admits that on occasion he has surprised himself.

"I didn't think I would be able to play with some of the players I've played with."

In some ways, Hurt has had to alter his game on the college level.

"I did some things I didn't think I could do, but some things I did last year I can't do now," said Hurt. "When I was a senior, I could go in anytime I wanted and score two points. Now I can't. You have to pass the ball around and really work for two points."

Hurt feels his strengths are "rebounding, going to the basket and being aggressive."

Of course, his real strength is his strength itself.

"It pays off a lot. For instance, I can go under the basket with some of the older guys, whereas some of the other freshmen can't. I can hold my own a little better."

While Hurt may look like he spent his life on a Nautilus machine working out, his strength did not come by lifting weights.

"I've lifted more weights here than I have in my whole life. I guess it's just natural strength. I was stronger than most of the kids in junior high and senior high."

He plans on continued improvement in all phases of his game.

"I can't pinpoint where I need the most work. I'd like to be a more

complete ball player."

As for the Kentucky program itself, Hurt has no qualms.

"It's no different than what I thought it would be. It's a great program and the fan support is what I thought it was. The people, the program, the coaches—they are all here to help you. It's everything I thought it would be plus more."

It is a program full of potential and Hurt is well aware of that.

"Everybody knows we have a very talented team. I think we have all the potential in the world. It depends on whether or not we put the potential to use."

Hurt thinks he knows the answer.

"I can say for myself that I'm going to work hard and try to contribute to the team. It's up to everybody to make the team come as one force and get where we should be."

Each day in practice, Hurt notices the team getting closer to that potential.

"It will take time and an all-out effort by everybody. From day one until now, it is much better than it was."

The ultimate goal, of course, is the NCAA crown. Hurt hopes to add another title to his collection.

"I would like to win a national championship. Everybody wants to do that. I'm just going to work hard and hope we win it this year, or at least while I'm at Kentucky."

Charles Hurt knows what hard work and winning are all about.

UKIT PARTICIPANTS THROUGH THE YEARS

Team	Record	Titles	Years Played
Air Force	Won 0, Lost 2		1965
Arizona State	Won 1, Lost 1		1975
Army	Won 1, Lost 1		1968
Bowling Green	Won 0, Lost 2		1976
Bradley	Won 0, Lost 2		1968
California	Won 2, Lost 4		1960, '65, '71
Cincinnati	Won 1, Lost 1		1967
Colorado State	Won 1, Lost 1		1972
Dartmouth	Won 0, Lost 2		1973
Dayton	Won 4, Lost 6	'55	1955-6, '64, -7, -9
De Paul	Won 0, Lost 2		1970
Duke	Won 1, Lost 3		1953, '69
Georgia Tech	Won 0, Lost 2		1975
Illinois	Won 5, Lost 3	'64, '78	1956, '60, '64, '78
Indiana	Won 1, Lost 1		1965
Iowa	Won 0, Lost 2		1962
Kansas State	Won 3, Lost 3		1961, '66, '70
KENTUCKY	Won 44, Lost 8	(18)	(Every)
LaSalle	Won 2, Lost 2		1953, '54
Michigan	Won 1, Lost 1		1968
Minnesota	Won 1, Lost 3		1955, '57
Missouri	Won 1, Lost 1		1971
Navy	Won 0, Lost 2		1970
Nebraska	Won 0, Lost 2		1972
North Carolina	Won 1, Lost 3		1957, '59
Ohio State	Won 1, Lost 3		1958, '73
Oklahoma State	Won 2, Lost 2		1958, '74
Oregon	Won 1, Lost 1		1972
Oregon State	Won 3, Lost 3		1962, '66, '75
Penn State	Won 0, Lost 2		1966
Princeton	Won 2, Lost 2		1963, '71
Portland State	Won 1, Lost 1		1977
Purdue	Won 2, Lost 0	'70	1970
St. John's	Won 1, Lost 1		1977
St. Louis	Won 3, Lost 1	'60	1959, '60
Seattle	Won 0, Lost 2		1977
South Carolina	Won 1, Lost 1		1967
Southern California	Won 1, Lost 1		1954
Southern Methodist	Won 1, Lost 1		1956
Stanford	Won 1, Lost 1		1973
Syracuse	Won 0, Lost 2		1978
Tennessee	Won 1, Lost 1		1961
Texas A&M	Won 1, Lost 1		1978
UCLA	Won 1, Lost 1		1953
Utah	Won 2, Lost 4	'76	1954, '55, '76
Villanova	Won 1, Lost 1		1974
Wake Forest	Won 1, Lost 1		1963
Washington State	Won 0, Lost 2		1974
West Virginia	Won 7, Lost 5	'57, '59	1957-8-9, '62, '64, '76
Wisconsin	Won 0, Lost 2		1963
Xavier	Won 0, Lost 2		1961

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Three UK Football Players

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Four UK students, including three UK football players, were arrested by UK police late Friday night in connection with the alleged theft of football equipment.

The players were identified as Mickey Cochran of Owenton, a starting offensive tackle; Paul Bortnick of Euclid, Ohio, a reserve freshman offensive lineman; and Benny Naples of Hubbard, Ohio, a walk-on defensive back.

The three were charged with third-degree burglary. Also arrested was Susan Bennett, who lived off-campus. She was charged with knowingly receiving stolen property.

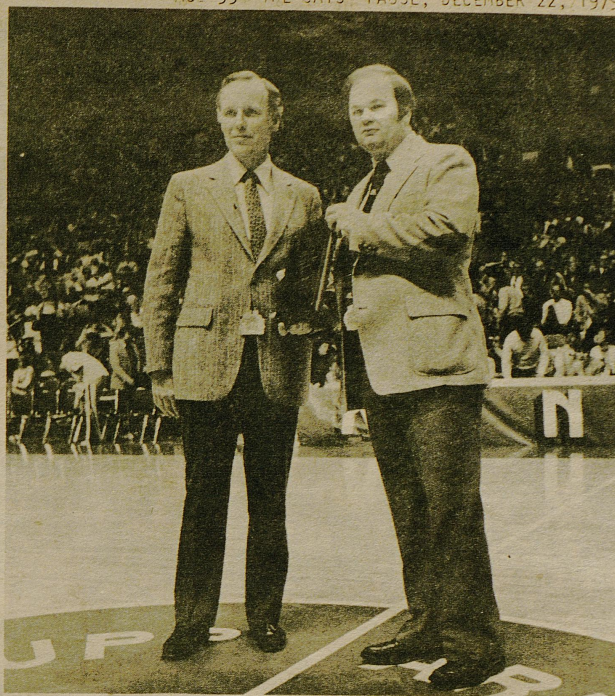
The players allegedly broke into the Shively Sportscenter on December 9. The incident was reported when it was discovered some items were missing

from the sportscenter.

The investigation led to Ms. Bennett's apartment, where the equipment was found. The equipment included jerseys, pants, and shoes valued at over \$100. Because the equipment was valued at over \$100, the alleged crime has to be handled as a felony.

Cochran, Bortnick and Ms. Bennett were released without bail from the Metro Detention Center to the custody of the office of the dean of students, according to police records. Naples was released on his own recognizance.

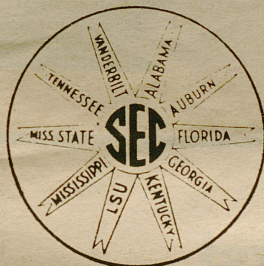
At press time, there was no official word on whether disciplinary action would be taken against the students. Arraignments were expected to take place earlier this week.



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place award in the national United States Basketball Writers' annual contest.

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Brad Waller

PRESS BOX CHATTER

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Indiana freshman Isiah Thomas was all he was said to be and did quite a job defending UK's Macy, especially in the first half. Likewise, Anderson did a good job neutralizing Thomas' quickness . . . Both coaches were playing a chess game, countering depth with depth and quickness with quickness. Hall used Anderson some at forward in UK's quick lineup when they made the late first-half rally. Both coaches frequently went to their bench as 23 players got in the game and 18 played at least 10 minutes . . . Indiana had only 17 field goals the entire game, compared to 26 for the Cats. The Hoosiers hit only seven two-pointers the entire second half. The Hoosiers had 20 points from the field and 21 from the charity stripe . . . Also on hand for the game was the father of former UK All-American and present Washington Bullet Kevin Grevey . . . Attending last Monday night's awesome performance against South Carolina was former Buffalo Bill quarterback Jackie Kemp, now a New

York Congressman. Kemp was the guest of Kentucky Congressman Larry Hopkins . . . Lady Kat Tayna Fogle has become quite a sixth man for Debbie Yow's team. It should come as no surprise. She is the cousin of former Wildcat James Lee, possibly the best player to ever come off the UK bench . . . Chances are good that Vanderbilt will redshirt senior forward Charlie Davis, who is still hobbled by an ankle injury. Davis played briefly against Mississippi State. Vandy's Jimmy Gray, a frosh from Louisville, walked out on the team after the Memphis State game, but returned to practice the next day . . . Kentucky football coach Fran Curci did not announce any more signees the last week, but the staff seems to be pleased with how recruiting is going. Curci is not announcing out-of-state signees . . . Remember how Bubba Wilson shocked Johnny Majors when he signed with Kentucky, while Majors was waiting with pen in hand? Well, Majors received quite another surprise this year. Tim Bryant, a 6-3, 220-

pound linebacker from Mt. Juliet (just outside of Nashville) had originally announced he would sign with Alabama. Bryant changed his mind and said he was going to Tennessee. Majors was ready to put the ink on the paper when Bryant had second thoughts again and called Vandy Coach George MacIntyre and told him he had decided to play for the Commodores. It didn't take MacIntyre long to get his signature . . . Tim Sharpe, a freshman quarterback at Tennessee, has quit the team, apparently miffed because he did not get a chance to play when senior Jimmy Streater was injured. That leaves Majors with Jeff Olsewski as the only Vol quarterback after this year. People in the Volunteer state say there may have been a lot of grumbling if Majors hadn't managed to beat UK . . . Congratulations to TCP publisher Oscar Combs, who was presented an award at halftime of Saturday night's game for entering the best story in a national magazine contest . . .

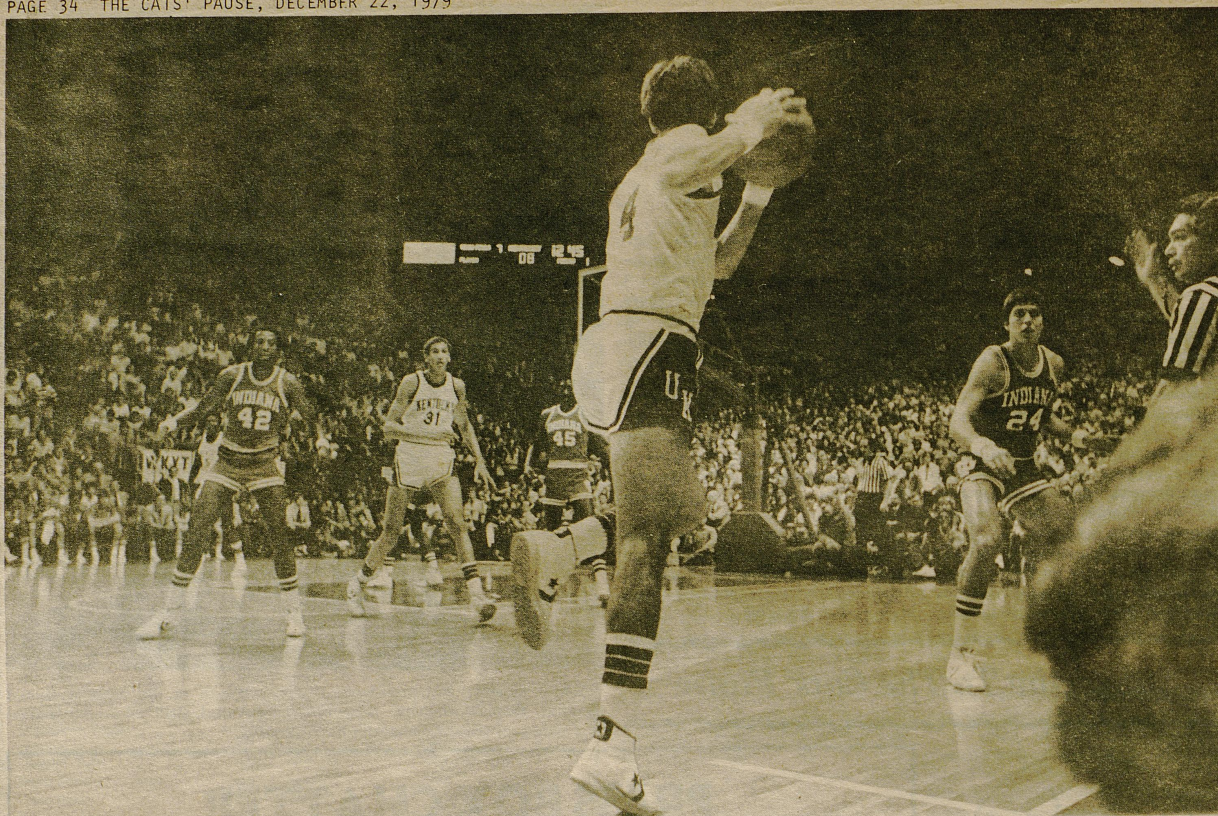
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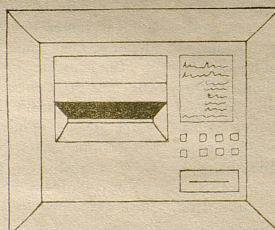
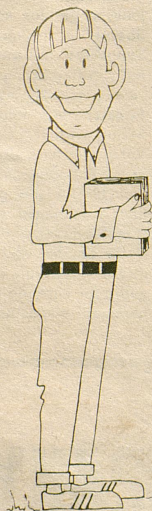
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MACY	8-8	246	47-86	54.7	13-14	92.9	15- 1.9	26	14-0	107	13.4	17
BOWIE	8-8	220	36-65	55.4	30-41	73.2	82-10.3	4	16-0	102	12.8	18
ANDERSON	8-6	213	34-78	43.6	16-21	76.2	10- 1.3	20	18-1	84	10.5	19
COWAN	8-8	178	27-56	48.2	18-29	62.1	52- 6.5	5	26-1	72	9.0	19
WILLIAMS	8-8	205	23-41	56.1	15-16	93.8	50- 6.3	8	28-3	61	7.6	8
HORD	8-0	120	19-34	55.9	16-20	80.0	26- 3.3	3	12-0	54	6.8	12
SHIDLER	8-2	97	22-35	62.9	5- 6	83.3	6- 0.7	10	11-0	49	6.1	5
MINNIEFIELD	8-0	109	14-30	46.7	8-10	80.0	10- 1.3	34	16-0	36	4.5	17
VERDERBER	8-0	120	12-24	50.0	10-12	83.0	28- 3.5	4	11-1	34	4.3	11
HURT	8-0	83	10-20	50.0	12-15	80.0	19- 2.4	0	16-1	32	4.0	7
HEITZ	5-0	26	1- 6	16.7	4- 6	66.7	2- 0.2	0	4-0	6	1.2	4
GETTELFINGER	3-0	4	1- 2	50.0	0- 0	----	1- 0.3	0	0-0	2	0.7	0
LANTER	2-0	3	1- 2	50.0	0- 0	----	3- 1.5	0	0-0	2	1.0	0
TEAM							34	KY-OPP	DEADBALL	19-16		
KY TOTALS	8		247-479	51.6	147-190	77.4	338-42.3	114	172-7	641	80.1	138
OPP TOTALS	8		189-483	39.1	121-177	68.4	252-31.5	90	177-10	499	62.4	120

BLOCKED SHOTS-STEALS: Kentucky 30-49, Opp 23-76: Bowie 21-3, Macy 0-12, Cowan 6-5, Williams 2-9, Anderson 0-3, Minniefield 0-5, Hurt 1-5, Heitz 0-0, Verderber 0-1, Hord 0-4, Shidler 0-2, Gettelfinger 0-0, Lanter 0-0.

SEASON RECORD: WON 7, Lost 1 - HOME 3-0 - AWAY 1-0 - NEUTRAL 3-1

OPPONENTS	SITE-CROWD	UK	OPP	INDIVIDUAL HIGHS - POINTS, REBOUNDS
DUKE	(N1-8,939)	76*	82	Bowie 22, Bowie 17
BRADLEY	(N2-3,000)	79	58	Bowie 16, Verderber 8
ALASKA	(N2-3,000)	97	68	Cowan 19, Cowan 11
IONA	(N2-3,750)	57	50	Macy 15, Bowie 8
BAYLOR	(H-23,493)	80	46	Macy 17, Bowie 12
SOUTH CAROLINA	(H-23,428)	126	81	Macy 24, Williams 11
KANSAS	(A-15,800)	57	56	Bowie 17, Bowie 14
INDIANA	(H-23,798)	69	58	Macy 12, Cowan 11

N1--Hall of Fame Tipoff Classic, Springfield, Mass.: N2--Great Alaskan Shootout, Anchorage, AK

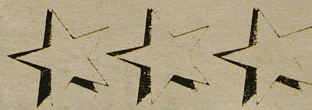
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DECEMBER SCHEDULE: Dec. 17 at Georgia; Dec. 21-22 UKIT (Purdue vs. SMU and UK vs. California)
Dec. 29 Notre Dame at Louisville



VIEWPOINT

Letters To The Editor



Mail All Letters To: VIEWPOINT, The Cats' Pause, Box 7297, Lexington, Ky. 40502

Proud Fan

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for my subscription renewal-I just don't want to be without an issue! I can't say enough about Curci's Cats. It's absolutely amazing what they've done with the devastating injury list all year. Blood, sweat, tears-and guts! I've been a Cat fan, "heavy", since '46 when I came out of the Navy, and I'm proud of every cotton pickin' one of you! If Fran gets the breaks he deserves in the recruiting wars this time around, boys, you'd better "bowl it in quick!"

And was I ever proud of Hall's "new look!" I can see a tremendous team just a little way off. Sure, we're going to drop a few this season-but not many. I can see such a tremendous change in Sam Bowie. This young man is going to be absolutely awesome with a little more time in the program. And these other youngsters-a little time should tell a great story.

By the way, if the Hank Leihow, a former Ashlander, lived on 29th St. next to the Feltpip, I'm saying "Howdy!"

Sincerely,
Ray Roberts
Ashland, Kentucky

Listens In Garage

Dear Sir:

I have before me your Dec. 1 issue. It is a joy to keep up with the Big Blue of UK through your publication.

Five month ago I moved from Corbin, Kentucky to Appleton, Wisconsin and believe me one of the hardest things to leave behind was UK for many reasons: (1) I began following UK basketball with the Fabulous Five, then began following UK football with the Babe Parilli, Bob Gain era, (2) I continue to be a dyed-in-the-wool UK fan, then, (3) I have a son who is a sophomore at UK.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 1, I tried to pick up WHAS and the UK-Alaska game. I moved the radio all over the house, but to no avail. Then I discovered that only in my garage could I pick up the game. The trouble is that it was six degrees outside and my garage is unheated. Nevertheless, I spent two cold, but happy hours in my garage listening to UK defeat Alaska.

Please print the entire basketball schedule, with game times, in your publication so I can continue to listen to the games. I will be at Rupp Arena for the UKIT pulling for the Big Blue.

Sincerely,
Ray Cummins
Appleton, Wisconsin

Quit Complaining

Dear Sir:

I'm an avid Big Blue fan and I bleed every time the Wildcats lose a game, but I wish someone would tell Joe Hall to slow down and quit putting his foot in his mouth.

He continues to gripe about the SEC basketball tournament and how it takes his players out of the classroom. He did it again recently, complaining about having to play so many games in December to make room for the tourney.

I would just like to point out to

Coach Hall that he could have prevented his team from missing at least four days of classes had the Wildcats not played all those extra games in the Hall of Fame Classic and the Great Alaskan Shootout. As I understand it, no one forced him to play those extra games which do not count against the regular schedule.

Personally, I'm tickled to death that UK played those games, but I think it's time Coach Hall quits bickering over the SEC tournament. Now, let's get on with winning the NCAA crown.

Sincerely yours,
Steve Ballinger
Louisville, Kentucky

Help

Dear Sir:

As a Big Blue Fan for over 30 years, I enjoy The Cats' Pause tremendously. News on Kentucky sports is very

limited here in the Pittsburgh area. Between living on top of a hill and constructing an antenna in my attic, practically all evening broadcasts over WHAS or WCKY are received. Portions of some afternoon broadcasts from WHAS are received. However, I am continuously frustrated because a complete list of playing times are never published with schedules and Cawood's broadcasts seldom mention the playing time of the next game as they used to do religiously.

Could you please publish a schedule with the playing times? I usually must search through previous issues of The Cats' Pause to search out games played on Central Time, afternoon games in either Central or Eastern Times, and special broadcast times when they are published. As a result, I have missed games or tuned in late due to lack of information. Please Help.

Sincerely,
Howard K. Franklin
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

1979-80 KENTUCKY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
DEC. 21	UKIT-PURDUE v. SMU	HOME	7:05
	KENTUCKY v. CALIFORNIA		&
DEC. 22	UKIT-Consolation Game		9:05
	Championship Game (UK TV)		
Dec. 29	Noire Dame (NAT. TV)	Louisville	7:30
JAN. 2	AUBURN (SEC TV)	HOME	9:00
Jan. 5	Tennessee (SEC TV)	Away	1:00
Jan. 9	Mississippi	Away	8:30
JAN. 12	ALABAMA	HOME	7:30
Jan. 17	Florida (SEC TV)	Away	9:00
JAN. 19	VANDERBILT	HOME	7:30
Jan. 23	Mississippi State	Away	8:30
JAN. 26	GEORGIA	HOME	7:30
JAN. 28	LOUISIANA STATE (SEC TV)	HOME	9:00
Jan. 30	Auburn	Away	8:30
FEB. 2	TENNESSEE	HOME	7:30
FEB. 6	MISSISSIPPI	HOME	7:30
Feb. 9	Alabama (SEC TV)	Away	2:30
FEB. 13	FLORIDA	HOME	7:30
Feb. 15	Vanderbilt	Away	8:30
Feb. 17	Nevada, Las Vegas (NAT. TV)	Away	2:00
FEB. 20	MISSISSIPPI STATE	HOME	7:30
Feb. 24	Louisiana State (NAT. TV)	Away	1:00
Feb. 27	Southeastern Conference		
Mar. 1	Tournament (SEC TV)	Birmingham	---

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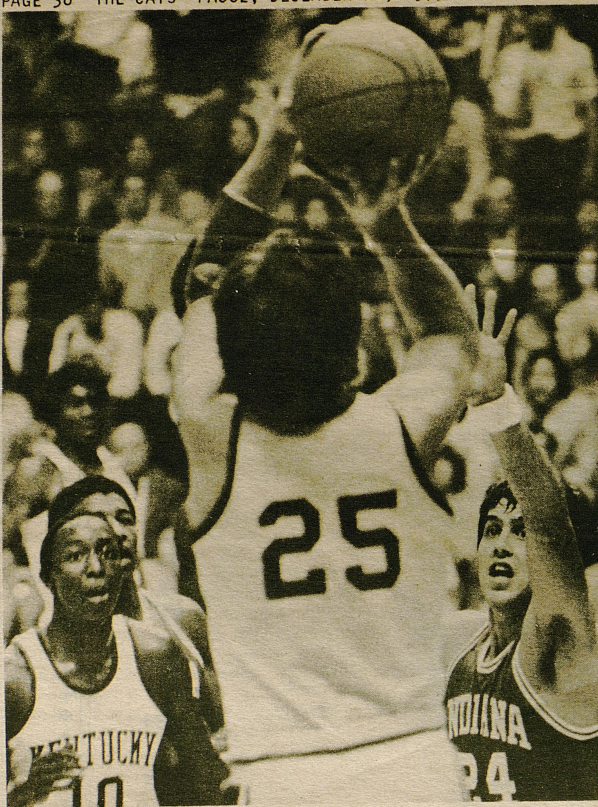
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Oscar L. Combs

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may have been at the outset, when it appeared Joe B. Hall was determined to take the game to Indiana, especially on defense. Most writers on press row agreed it was one of the most physically aggressive games they have seen. . . I don't know who the reporter was, presumably a broadcaster because of the audio equipment he was carrying, but the man obviously was trying to make a name for himself during Bobby Knight's post-game interview. He first complained how he saw a great deal of dissention among IU players on the floor (to everyone's astonishment) and then asked Knight to elaborate. Silence prevailed and Knight stood emotionless. The reporter asked Knight if he was going to comment and the Hoosier boss politely responded, "no, I'm not." Knight won't win any popularity contests with the media, but neither will a reporter like that one. . . Sports Information Director Russell Rice will be in New Orleans later this month to help handle the Sugar Bowl Basketball Tournament. The SEC provides personnel for both the basketball tourney and the football classic each year. . . Former Wildcat star Ed Beck was in town for the Kentucky-South Carolina game last week. . . If you see a good-looking 6-9 prepster wandering around Rupp Arena this weekend, it will probably be prep All-American Bret Bearup, who wants to get another look at the Kentucky program he'll be joining next year. . . Some well known former Wildcats were spotted at a private reception for South Carolina prep star Clarke Bynum in Lexington last week. There to say hello were such names as Tom Parker, Jim Andrews, Ray Edelman and Larry Conley plus Lexington Mayor Jim Amato and UK Athletics Director Cliff Hagan. . . Michigan State coach Jud Heathcote attended the UK-IU game Saturday, scouting the Hoosiers he'll be facing soon. His comments on Kentucky? "They got the best one-through-ten men I've ever seen on a team. They'll lose some games because of inexperience, but they have the makings of a super one for a long

time." . . . Kentucky may just be playing in The Rainbow Classic within the next couple of years in Hawaii. . . And don't be surprised if Ohio State appears on the Kentucky basketball schedule before too long. . . When the UKIT opens Friday night, Kentucky won't be the most successful team as far as winning percentage goes. This will be Purdue's second UKIT and the Boilermakers are undefeated in UKIT play, having won the title in 1970, beating UK 89-83 in the final game. SMU owns a 1-1 record in one previous appearance and California has a 2-4 record to show for three UKITs. California came close to one title back in 1960, but lost in the first round to St. Louis by a score of 54-53 in overtime. St. Louis then beat Kentucky 74-72 in overtime for the championship.

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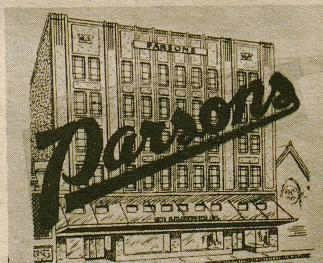
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Defense Stops Top-Ranked Hoosiers 69-58

By GENE ABELL

An NCAA record crowd of 23,798 chanted "We're No. 1, we're No. 1." On this particular Saturday night, the Kentucky Wildcats were just that.

In a game in which one could feel the intensity in the air, the Kentucky Wildcats defeated the unbeaten and top-ranked Indiana Hoosiers 69-58 in Rupp Arena.

"This will be one that we'll drag our grandchildren up on our knees and talk about years from now," said Kentucky coach Joe Hall, whose team has now won seven straight after an opening season loss to Duke.

It was a defensive, physical war: like only these two teams can play. Consider that:

Indiana made but 17 field goals the entire game, hitting only 34.7 percent of their shots. The Hoosiers made only seven shots from the field in the second half and were outscored 15-0 in one spurt. In two different cold streaks in the second half, Indiana went 4:47 and 7:21 without a single point.

Only one Indiana player hit more than 50 percent of his shots, and 13 different Hoosiers played. Star forward Mike Woodson could hit only four of 18 shots.

Indiana's defense was also outstanding. Kentucky hit 35 percent the first half and had only eight points nine minutes into the game. Kentucky hit 42.6 percent for the game and their highest scorer netted only 12 points.

Listen to the coaches talk about the defense.

"Defense was the big difference in the game," said Hall. "We had to back up poor shooting with good defense."

"Kentucky plays good, physical defense," Bobby Knight told the press after the game. "Our offense didn't generate the type of scoring opportunities we need, but that has a lot to do with the Kentucky plays defense."

Early in the game, it looked as though the Hoosier defense were going to take the Kentucky offense completely out of the game.

UK scored first when Sam Bowie tapped one in. Kentucky's fourth shot on their first trip down the court. Kyle Macy made it 4-0 before Isaiah Thomas scored for Indiana three minutes into the game.

The Hoosiers scored the next four points, before Dwight Anderson tied the score at 6-6. LaVon Williams dunked one, but Ray Tolbert tied it for Indiana.

Behind eight free throws and the quick defense of Thomas, the Hoosiers then outscored UK 12-2 to take a 20-10 lead with 10:22 in the half. Kentucky could not get into their offense and Indiana foiled both a man-to-man and zone defense put up by the Cats.

"It may have been the excitement of the night, plus we were rushing and not being patient," Hall said of the early drought. "Once we got more disciplined in our offense, our defense got better."

Derrick Hord hit a layup for UK, but Indiana continued to hit its foul shots and stretched the lead to 28-15 with 6:10 left in the half. Woodson, who scored all 16 of his points in the first

half, pushed Indiana's lead to 32-20 with 5:13 in the half.

Hall then decided to go to a quicker lineup, moving Dwight Anderson to forward with Derrick Hord and bringing in Charles Hurt at center. Jay Shidler and Dirk Minniefield were the guards, as UK began to play full-court defense in an attempt to get back into the game.

'The Firehouse Five', as Hall has labeled the group, ignited a fire under the crowd and team.

Anderson hit a driving dunk and completed the three-point play to make it 32-23. At 4:16, Hurt made a steal and brought everyone to their feet with a crushing dunk, making it 32-25.

"I thought the turning point was Charles Hurt's dunk," Hall later said. "His steal and drive down the floor ignited the crowd. Before that, they didn't have a lot to cheer about."

As the enormous crowd roared Kentucky began to pick up its pace and the Hoosiers, with Thomas on the bench with three fouls, began to lose their composure.

After Hurt's dunk, UK stole the rebound pass and worked the back to Hurt, who drove the baseline for a

bucket, bringing the Cats to within five. Minniefield hit the front end of a bonus to make it 32-28, but Butch Carter hit two foul shots for Indiana.

Hord hit a pair of foul shots, but UK failed to cut the lead to two, when it was 34-30. Randy Whittman hit one foul shot and Jay Shidler hit from 20 feet to slice the Indiana lead to 35-31 with 1:55 in the half.

Four points by Woodson countered two Anderson foul shots and a Shidler jumper to keep Indiana ahead 39-36 at intermission.

Hall credited the 'Firehouse Five' with getting his team in contention.

"They've done this before," Hall said. "I'm awful proud of them the way they came back after being 13 down. They are a group of young players."

Woodson led all first-half scorers with 16 (eight at the foul line), while Tolbert had 10. Indiana hit 45.6 percent from the field the first half on 10 of 22. Almost half of the Hoosiers points came at the foul stripe, where they hit 19 of 21.

Anderson and Shidler had seven points each for UK, while Sam Bowie had six. UK hit only 12 of 34 shots. Bowie collected six first-half rebounds.

"We shot only 35 percent the first

half and still only trailed by three points," said Hall. "We felt confident of our chances because of that."

Shidler hit a long bomb to open the second half and UK was within one. At 18:03, Williams hit an eight-footer and UK led 40-39. It was almost three minutes later before either defense would yield a basket. Macy finally hit from 10 feet out and UK led 42-39 with 15:46 left to play.

Thomas, who was playing with four fouls, hit a pair of free throws at 15:13 for Indiana's first second-half points. Cowan hit one free throw but Tolbert tied the score 43-43 with a jumper.

Thomas hit a jumper and Cowan matched that. Tolbert hit a layup, but Shidler traded with a 22-foot jumper. Williams put UK ahead again 49-47 with a tip-in, but Tolbert got inside to tie the score.

The veteran Williams then crashed the boards again with a follow shot, but Thomas hit a 10-footer to make it 51-51 with 9:29 left. Landon Turner put Indiana ahead 53-51 with 9:05 left.

Over the next seven minutes and 21 seconds, the Kentucky defense did not allow Indiana a single point, while the Wildcats notched 15 themselves.

It started when Kyle Macy warmed up his cool shooting arm with a driving jumper. Macy followed with another jumper. Hurt hit a layup following a precision Minniefield pass and Williams followed with a three-point play at 5:49, making it 60-53.

Minniefield hit a 15-foot jumper and Hord stretched the lead to 11 with two foul shots. The Wildcats were in their slowdown offense before Macy broke open for a layup, making it 66-51 with 1:44 left, before Indiana finally scored.

"Indiana went over seven minutes without scoring and that was a great effort," said Hall. "The players drew a lot of applause from the crowd and that is very gratifying. That's a sign you are on the right way when you wake up your crowd with defense."

Knight credited Shidler and Macy with being the difference.

"I thought the two outstanding individual things for Kentucky were Shidler's outside shooting and the way Macy took over the game when the score was in the 40's," said Knight. "Shidler is a great outside shooter. Macy is always a great guard in any game he plays."

Ten Kentucky players played more than 10 minutes and of those, nine scored. Macy was high with 12 points, while Shidler and Williams had 11 apiece. Cowan led UK to a commanding 42-29 edge on the boards with 11 rebounds. Bowie and Williams each had eight.

Hall felt his team may have wore the Hoosiers down and Knight also thought UK depth was important.

"Depth is a factor that makes Kentucky a good team," said Knight.

Cowan and Hord limited UK to no points the second half, as missed all eight of his shots. He hit 10 for game scoring points with 16. Thomas, who fouled out with 6:23 left, scored 14 points.

INDIANA - 58

PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN
Glen Grunwald	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	0	2	11
Mike Woodson	4-10	8-9	7	2	16	1	3	33
Ray Tolbert	7-11	2-3	7	4	16	0	2	35
Isiah Thomas	4-8	6-10	2	5	14	5	3	26
Randy Wittman	0-2	1-2	1	1	1	0	0	22
James Thomas	1-2	1-2	4	0	3	0	1	8
Chuck Franz	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ted Kitchel	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Tony Brown	0-0	2-2	1	2	2	0	0	3
Landon Turner	1-4	0-0	2	1	2	0	1	11
Steve Risley	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	1	6
Butch Carter	0-1	4-4	2	2	4	1	1	25
Phil Isenbarger	0-2	0-0	1	2	0	2	0	16
Team Rebounds			2					

TOTALS 17-49 24-32 29 25 58 9 14 200

KENTUCKY - 69

PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN
Freddie Cowan	1-6	1-2	11	4	3	0	3	23
LaVon Williams	5-9	1-1	8	4	11	0	0	26
Sam Bowie	1-3	4-4	8	3	6	1	4	22
Kyle Macy	6-16	0-1	0	3	12	4	3	32
Dwight Anderson	2-6	3-3	1	4	7	0	0	22
Dirk Minniefield	2-4	2-4	3	3	6	5	1	19
Jay Shidler	5-7	1-2	1	1	11	1	0	16
Derrick Hord	1-4	4-4	2	2	6	0	0	16
Chuck Verderber	0-0	0-0	7	0	0	0	2	11
Charles Hurt	3-6	1-2	3	1	7	0	1	13
Team Rebounds			4					

TOTALS 26-61 17-23 42 25 69 11 14 200

INDIANA UNIVERSITY	39	19	---	58
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY	36	33	---	69

OFFICIALS: P. Galvan, W. Tanner & A. White

TECHNICALS: Cowan (Grabbling Rim)

ATTENDANCE: 23,798 (Rupp Arena Record)

Cats Explode To Destroy Bulldogs 95-69 As Macy Scores 28

Make it eight in a row for the Kentucky Wildcats and 1-0 in the Southeastern Conference.

Voted the number three team in the country a few hours earlier by the nation's two top polls, the Wildcats probably won't hear any arguments with that lofty rating as far as the Georgia Bulldogs are concerned.

After all, the previously undefeated Bulldogs fell 95-69 before an almost capacity crowd numbering just under 16,000 at The Omni in Atlanta.

It was Kentucky's first conference game and eighth win in nine outings this season. Georgia dropped to 1-1 in SEC play and 5-1 on the season.

For fifteen minutes of the first half, the Wildcats appeared to suffer from the letdown they had been weary of after their 11-point upset over Indiana Saturday. After that, the Cats caught fire and strolled to an easier than expected win as they wore the canines down.

"It was a very good game," said Kentucky coach Joe B. Hall after the game. "Our depth was very important. It's going to be a lifesaver for us this season."

While Hall's depth proved a factor, it was his starting guards that filled up the baskets in *The Omni*. Kyle Macy and Dwight Anderson combined for 48 points as they led UK to a torrid 62.3 shooting percentage from the field on 43 of 68 shots.

Macy showed his SEC tournament form of a year ago by scoring 28 points, hitting 12 of 18 shots.

"It just worked out that way," said Macy. "I got a few open shots and they started to fall. I did call a few of my own numbers."

Joe Hall knew a good thing when he sees it and he wanted the senior guard taking the shots.

"Macy had a very good night shooting," said Hall. "We were running special plays we set up for him. He had the hot hand and we encouraged him to shoot."

Anderson combined his lightning-quick speed with an improved outside shot to score 20 points, which didn't go unnoticed by his running mate.

"He did a great job," Macy said of Anderson. "We wanted to him to push the ball up the floor and apply the offensive pressure and he did. He went inside when it was there and hit from the outside when he had the shot."

While the Cats' offense was devastating, it was their defense that brought the biggest smile to Hall's face. Georgia entered the game hitting over 60 percent from the field as a team, but managed only 37.1 percent

against the Cats.

"Our defense had something to do with that," smiled Hall. "That's the big statistic I'm really proud of."

He could also be proud of the rebounding charts where Kentucky again outdid the opponents, this time by a 40-33 count as Sam Bowie led the way with 7.

Bowie opened the game's scoring with a stuff shot and Anderson scored on a goaltending call. Dominique Wilkins scored the Bulldogs' first basket on a stuff but Anderson made it 6-2 with a jumper from the corner at 18:04 in fast and furious action.

Derrick Floyd made it 6-4 before Macy hit from the left of the lane as the Cats hit their first four shots.

The UK lead was 10-7 before both offenses went in a cold spell until Chuck Verderber broke the ice with a free throw. During the frigid spell, UK hit only one of its next ten shots.

The UK lead stayed between two and four before a Macy shot from the right of the lane gave UK its biggest lead at 17-11. The Bulldogs scored the next four points before Bowie took a Dirk Minniefield pass and slammed it home, making the score 19-15.

LaVon Mercer, who led Georgia with 12 rebounds, hit for Georgia and Wilkins tied the score at 19-19 with a jumper. Charles Hurt put UK back in front again with slam dunk off the break, but Wilkins came back to knot the game at 21-21.

Georgia took this first lead when Terry Fair, another much-heralded freshman, hit a pair of free throws. Fred Cowan tied it with a 15-footer off the baseline, but Eric Marbury matched that to give the Dogs a 25-23 lead with 6:04 left in the half.

Then, Georgia went ice cold and did not score another field goal in the half while the Wildcats ignited behind the

outside shooting of their guards and the inside work of the intimidating Bowie.

Jay Shidler tied it at 25-25 with a 22-footer from the top of the key. Anderson hit a pair of free throws to give UK the lead for good and Shidler connected on another 25-footer. Bowie took a Macy lob for another stuff and a pair of Macy free throws at 3:30 enabled the Cats to surge to a 33-25 score.

The onslaught continued as UK's man-to-man defense shut down the Bulldog offensive machine. Macy hit two more outside shots and Bowie took an Anderson pass for another dunk, making it 39-25.

Lamar Heard broke Kentucky's string of sixteen straight points with two free throws. Anderson then hit from 18 feet and Macy swished the nets from 20 feet out.

Within a six-minute period, the Georgia 25-23 lead had melted into a 45-28 bulge for Kentucky as the Wildcats were true on their final eight shots of the first half.

The Kentucky guards combined for 28 first half points, with Macy netting 14 and Anderson 10. Bowie added eight to the cause while Wilkins led Georgia with ten points.

"We really started running. Dwight Anderson was pushing the ball up court real good," Hall said of the streak which enabled Kentucky to shoot 64.5 percent from the field for the opening twenty minutes.

Kentucky opened the second half where the Cats left off a few minutes earlier, hitting their first three shots. Two were long Macy jumpers as Kentucky continued the blow-out before a stunned Georgia crowd, the largest to ever watch a Georgia basketball game in that state.

Despite the easy win, Macy still expects Georgia to be heard from before the season is over.

"They are very talented. It is just a matter of time before they play up to their greatness," said Macy.

Hall was just glad to open the conference race with a win against a team expected to contend for conference honors.

"We played spirited and didn't let up after the Indiana win. This win was very satisfying. We felt Georgia was one of the teams that would be tough to beat on the road."

Macy is just hoping that this Kentucky squad is, as Minniefield has suggested, a team with destiny.

"I hope so. I'd like to go out in style like the '78 seniors did," added Macy.

KENTUCKY - 95

PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN
LaVon Williams	3-4	0-1	6	4	6	2	2	16
Fred Cowan	3-7	1-2	5	1	7	0	1	21
Sam Bowie	5-7	0-0	7	5	10	0	1	19
Kyle Macy	12-18	4-4	1	3	28	2	0	30
Dwight Anderson	9-15	2-2	3	2	20	4	2	25
Dirk Minniefield	2-3	0-0	1	2	4	4	1	14
Jay Shidler	2-3	0-0	1	1	4	1	2	11
Derrick Hord	3-6	0-0	3	3	6	1	1	22
Tom Heitz	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	4
Chuck Verderber	2-3	2-3	2	2	6	0	1	18
Charles Hurt	2-3	0-0	5	3	4	0	5	20
Team Rebounds			4					
TOTALS	43-69	9-12	40	26	95	14	16	200

GEORGIA - 69

PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN
Terry Fair	1-9	7-8	7	1	9	1	4	33
Dominique Wilkins	9-22	3-4	7	3	21	1	4	35
LaVon Mercer	5-9	7-8	12	3	17	1	3	30
Jimmy Daughtry	1-6	0-1	2	5	2	0	4	32
Derrick Floyd	3-6	1-3	0	0	7	1	2	19
Lamar Heard	1-1	2-2	0	0	4	1	2	12
Eric Marbury	3-9	3-5	1	0	9	2	1	30
Mike Morris	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Jeff Thomas	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Team Rebounds			2					
TOTALS	23-62	23-31	33	12	69	7	20	200
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY			45	50	---			95
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA			28	41	---			69

OFFICIALS: Olah, Dunn & Lauderdale
TECHNICAL FOULS: UK Bench, Bowie (Grabbing Rim)
ATTENDANCE: 15,700

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