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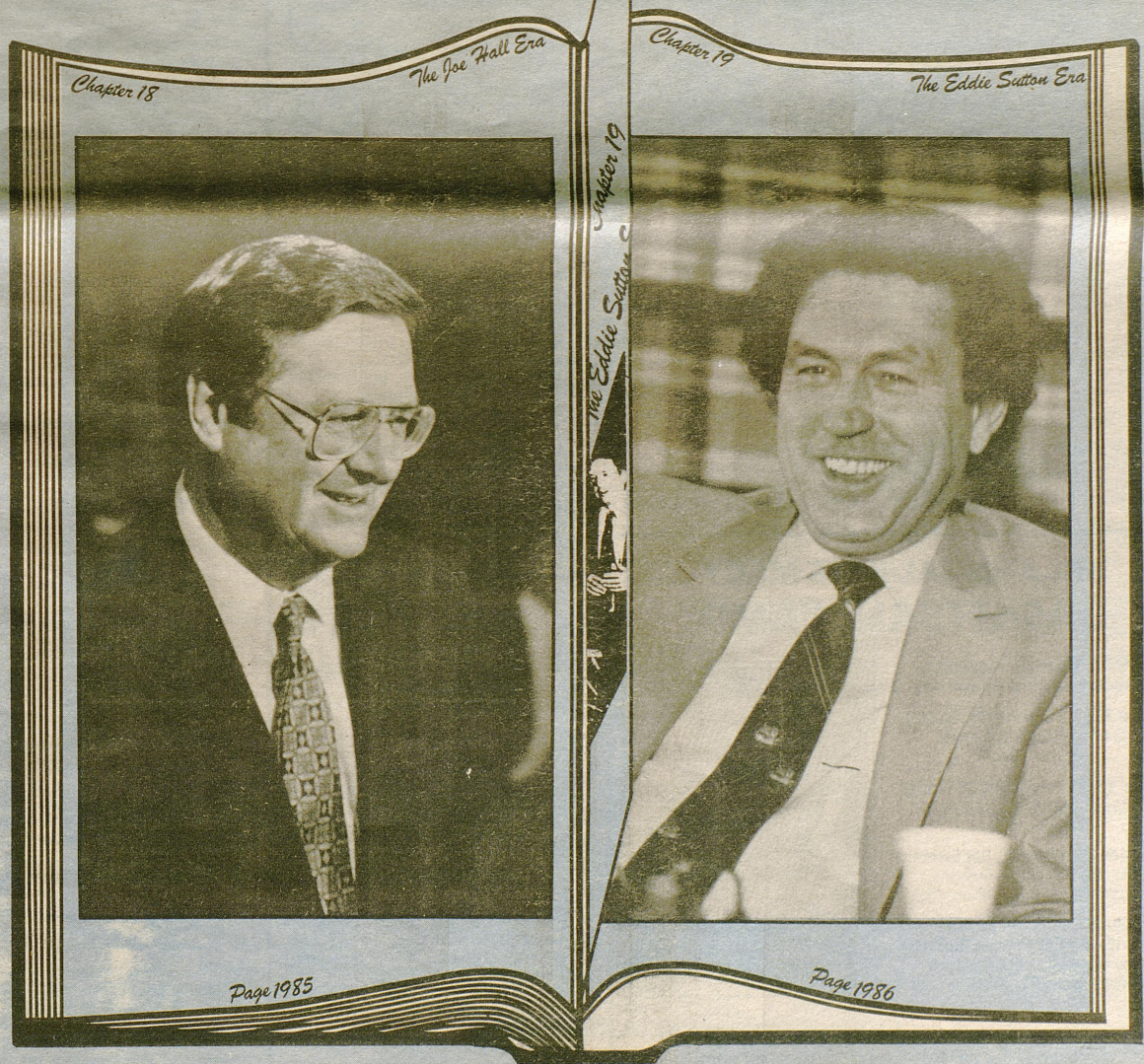
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LEXINGTON,

A New Chapter In UK Basketball





Claiborne With Sayre (L) And Wester

UK Football Video Tape Now Available

A special video cassette tape of 100 Years of Kentucky Football will go on sale within the next two weeks and is available to the general public at \$49 each.

Produced by Sports Video Highlight, Inc. under rights granted by the UK Athletics Association, the tape will be the first in a series to be produced by the firm. A tape on Kentucky basketball will be released later this year.

Bill Wester and John Sayre of Sports Video Highlights, Inc. says the tape is narrated by popular sportscaster Tom Hammond.

The tape will be marketed in both VHS and Betamax editions. Part of the proceeds from the sale of the tapes will go to the UKAA.

SVH plans to produce a series of Hi-Lites Video tapes depicting the historical development of the student-athlete, both in basketball and football, including bowl games in football and tournament games in basketball.

"We envision that video tapes will serve a number of purposes -- pure pleasure for Big Blue fans, a recruiting function -- so that people outside Kentucky will better understand our student-athlete program, and an excellent opportunity for UK alumni, in

parts of the country where UK sports are not often covered by network television, to enjoy following UK by purchasing periodic updates of UK Hi-Lites at a reasonable cost," said SVH officials.

Derby Classic April 13

Most of the country's top high school basketball talent will be on display at the 1985 McDonald's Derby Festival Basketball Classic scheduled for 8:00 p.m. Saturday, April 20 at Freedom Hall. The game is sponsored by Kentuckiana McDonald's restaurants.

Proceeds from the game, coached by Louisville Seneca's Glenn Collie and Camden, New Jersey coach Clarence Turner, will go to Kentuckiana Children's home Inc., a Ronald McDonald House, and Kosair Charities. Last year's Classic brought over \$22,000 to

the Ronald McDonald House.

The following players are committed to play in the Classic. They are listed with their height, hometown, high school and college.

Chuck Brown, 6'7", Leland (North Brunswick) N.C. NC State.

Jeff Daniel, 6'9", Indianapolis, (Perry Meridan) In. Virginia.

Pervis Ellison, 6'9", Savannah, Ga. Undecided.

Jeff Grose, 6'2", Warsaw, In. Northwestern.

Dylan Howard, 6'6", Fort Wayne, (Harding) In. Al-Birmingham.

Tony Kimbro, 6'8", Louisville (Seneca) Ky. Undecided.

Jerome Lane, 6'6", Akron (St. Vincent - St. Mary) Oh. Pittsburgh.

Gary Leonard, 7'0", Belleville (East) Il. Missouri.

Avery Marshall, 6'7", Myrtle Beach, SC. Louisville.

Melvin, McCants, 6'9", Chicago, (Mt. Carmel) Il. Purdue.

Richard Morgan, 6'4 1/2", Salem, Va. Virginia.

John Paul Oosterbaan, 6'10", Kalamazoo (Christian) Mi. Michigan.

Kenny Payne, 6'8", Laurel (North-east Jones) Ms. Undecided.

Kenny Posten, 6'6", Cherryville, NC. NC State.

Michael Scott, 6'11", Greenup (Greenup County) Ky. Wake Forest.

Charles Shackleford, 6'9", Kinston NC. NC State.

Roland Shelton, 6'5", Decatur, (Columbia) Ga. Auburn.

Roderick Watson, 6'2", Memphis (Westside) Tn. Wake Forest.

Keith Williams, 6'4", Louisville (Seneca) Ky. Louisville.

Kenny Wilson, 5'9", Jersey City (St. Anthony) NJ Villanova.

Eight of these players are Street and Smith Top 30 All-Americans.

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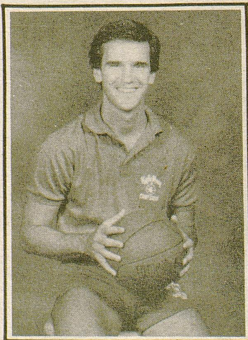
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Sutton Brings New Excitement To Big Blue

Now, let's see. Just where do we start?

You've got the electricity, which surrounds Eddie Sutton's arrival on the University of Kentucky campus. You've got the excitement about the return of the SEC postseason basketball tourney to Rupp Arena next March. You've got the thrill of a sparkling, on-campus multi-million dollar sports medicine clinic project in the making and you've got All-American Kenny Walker confirming he will return to UK for his senior year.

That's the good news. The bad?

Well, for starters it will be the absence of Kentucky football and basketball over the airwaves of 50,000-watt clear channel WHAS Radio in Louisville.

Then there seems to be a controversy brewing concerning just how many tickets should be allotted to UK basketball and football coaches in the future.

In the good or bad news category which is yet to be seen is the on-going recruiting efforts of high school basketball stars Kenny Payne of Mississippi, Tommy Lewis of California, Tony Kimbro of Louisville and Lance Blanks of Houston, Texas.

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Early reaction to Sutton's selection as successor to Joe B. Hall has been practically unanimous in support of the man who made Arkansas a big-time basketball name.

Media and fans throughout the state have awarded UK administrators an A plus for naming Sutton to guide Kenny Walker and Company next season. There are more than a few who believe Sutton can be the ingredient to take the Wildcats to a Final Four as early as next season.

Perhaps that's being a little too unrealistic, but Sutton's predecessor (ole Joe B.) learned to accept that kind of expectations long ago.

Still, there are those who feel that with an extra year of maturity and with four starters returning, UK will win at least two more games in the NCAA tourney in 1986 than the Cats did this March.

Without question, Sutton will bring a new wave of enthusiasm and excitement to the program. Joe B. did his thing with the Big Blue, but there were always those UK followers who felt Hall wasn't "loose" enough, wasn't "in" enough with today's young people to get the most out of UK's talent. Whether that philosophy is true is not yet known.

Sutton will certainly generate a new-type atmosphere around the Wildcat camp. What may not be

different is the style of basketball which will be displayed by Sutton's future teams. As Eddie says, it's wins which are important.

You will see a Kentucky team which will apply more defensive pressure out front from the guards and if the guards are successful in swiping a few erratic passes, you'll see some fast-breaking early offense.

Otherwise, you probably won't notice a great deal of difference in Sutton teams and past Hall teams. Both played a solid, half-court offense, usually looking for the high percentage shots and often pushing the ball to the middle for the big men.

Sutton does have a tendency to involve his guards more in the offense than Hall in the past. Likewise, Hall tended to rely more on forwards for offense than Sutton's teams.

Neither coach will be mistaken for a Jerry Tarkanian or runnin'-gunnin' high-scoring machine. There are some who may be shocked to learn that neither Kentucky nor Arkansas averaged 70 points per game over the past five seasons.

During that period, Kentucky scored 10,700 points in 154 games for a per game average of 69.4 points. At the same time, Arkansas scored 10,862 points in 158 games for a 68.7 points per game average. Kentucky's record over the period was 114-40 while Arkansas under Sutton was 120-38.

Arkansas made it to the "Sweet 16" of the NCAA twice during the past five years while UK made the "Sweet 16" three times, including the final eight in 1983 and the Final Four last season. The bottom line is talent.

Some interesting facts, to say the least.

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During his first two press conferences since his arrival in the Bluegrass, Sutton has emphasized his first crop of recruits could range anywhere from so-so to very good.

Sutton noted that one of his finest groups, perhaps his best, at Arkansas was his first year headed by Marvin Delph and Ron Brewer.

Kentucky's success this spring could be public knowledge by the time you read this, then again, it could be a few weeks. Florida's Irving Thomas is already in the fold.

Sutton and assistant Leonard Hamilton were out beating the bushes last week and indications are that the two had an extremely good visit with Mississippi superstar Kenny Payne. He's one of the top forwards still remaining uncommitted in the country.

And don't count out Tony Kimbro yet. Reports out of Louisville have the state's Mr. Basketball practically locked, sealed and delivered to the Cardinals, but he still has a couple visits left. If Kimbro should decide to wait a couple weeks, anything could happen.

Word has it Kimbro has taken a more serious look at the Wildcats since Sutton's arrival.

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A few weeks ago I said, in so many words, that it would be a long, long

time before the post season SEC Basketball Tournament would return to Rupp Arena in Lexington.

Wrong again!

The SEC site selection committee last week announced the 1986 tourney will be played at Rupp because the 25,000-seat University of Tennessee arena won't be ready. The committee also voted to play its 1987 tourney in Knoxville.

But the real news coming out of Birmingham is the general feeling the tourney just may have played its last act in that city. Our sources say the SEC schools now believe the best place to host the tourney is at campus sites where there are sufficient facilities and seating capacity.

One source told us the change in philosophy had nothing to do with the less than capacity crowd which watched state rivals Auburn and Alabama battle it out in the championship game last month.

Nevertheless, it's apparent SEC athletics directors are taking a second look at the tournament revenue. When the big bucks were rolling in from television the last few years, those same people weren't concerned about the tourney receipts. With the television bucks now fading fast, SEC officials are being forced to seek new avenues of money.

In Lexington and Knoxville the next two years, it's a safe bet that each tourney will provide more money than Birmingham.

With that said, now it's time for the Lexington community and UK's fans to put up or shut up. In other words, fill up Rupp Arena for the 1986 tourney! With All-American Kenny Walker returning for his final shot and Eddie Sutton in his first campaign at the helm, Wildcat fans should close the ticket office down early.

As we've said before, there is an obligation of the host city and university to make every effort possible to promote and sell out the event. Lexington is no different than Birmingham and if Lexington can do no better than Birmingham, then the tourney should be taken someplace else.

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Perhaps the biggest sports news around the University of Kentucky didn't even make the sports pages in many newspapers.

What has so many UK coaches excited right now is the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees' approval to implement plans to build and operate a sports-medicine program at UK which would involve education,

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Cliff Presents Joe Fishing Gear

A "Texas" View On Eddie Sutton

Longhorn-Razorback Rivalry Was A Dandy

Abe Lemons and Ray Harper may not be familiar names to avid Wildcat supporters, but to new University of Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton their names probably ring a Texan bell.

Lemons coached the Texas Longhorns in the '70's and early 80's, while Harper, a product out of Bremen High School in Kentucky, was a starting guard for Lemons in '81 and '82. And in "cowboys and indians" tradition, the rivalry between Texas and Arkansas was somethin' fierce.

"It was definitely one of the bigger rivalries," said Harper, who transferred to Kentucky Wesleyan after his sophomore season and helped guide KWC to two straight Division II Final Four appearances. "It's probably like Kentucky against Tennessee. It's a big game."

A freshman guard on the '81 Longhorns, Harper, and his teammates ended Arkansas' 21-straight winning streak at Barnhill Arena with a 62-60 win. Before that, the last team to be a Sutton squad in the renovated 9,000 seat Razorback den was Baylor in 1979. In his 11 years as head mentor of the Hogs, Sutton's teams recorded a 121-8 slate at Barnhill Arena.

Pep rallies, your basic rumors floating between each rival school, capacity crowds and close ballgames existed in the matchup between Sutton's and Lemons' teams.

"The rivalry was between people not between schools," said Lemons, who noted that he used to agitate a little fire into the game himself.



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

"The pressure was really on him more than me because they had the best teams. Though Arkansas won more. Texas is not a basketball school."

Lemons, who is now the coach at Oklahoma City (recently dropped from Division I to an NAIA institution), mentioned that even the Longhorn fans would sell out their 16,200 seat arena when the two teams were scheduled to meet during that era.

Ever since Lemons left the Austin campus after the '82 season the tradition has died down, at least in regard to Texas.

These days getting a ticket for the Texas-Arkansas game is almost an impossible task in Fayetteville, but in Austin the fanfare is weak. Only 4,710 showed up last season to watch the encounter -- a far cry from shootouts in the past between the Longhorns and Hogs.

But like 99.9 percent of most things in life, changes are expected.

As mentioned before, Lemons is at Oklahoma City, and Sutton is now the coach of the Wildcats. However, Lemons was somewhat shocked that Sutton packed his bags and moved to the Bluegrass state.

"It surprised me," said the colorful Lemons. "I don't know what happened to him. I thought he had found a home."

Lemons, who guided his team to an NIT championship in 1979, noted that as far as pressure is concerned, Kentucky is the toughest job in the United States for any coach.



Sutton Will Be Missed In Ozark Country

During the Adolph Rupp years, Lemons was present at a Kentucky banquet following a season where the Wildcats had lost seven games. Before the dinner, Rupp approached Lemon and said, "Abe you need to say something nice about me. They want to fire me."

That's pressure.

As for UK, both Lemons and Harper agreed that Kenny Walker and crew got a man who can probably handle the situation.

Said Lemons, "He knows his business. I think the University of Kentucky got a good coach. 'If he's not too late in recruiting he may be alright next season.'"

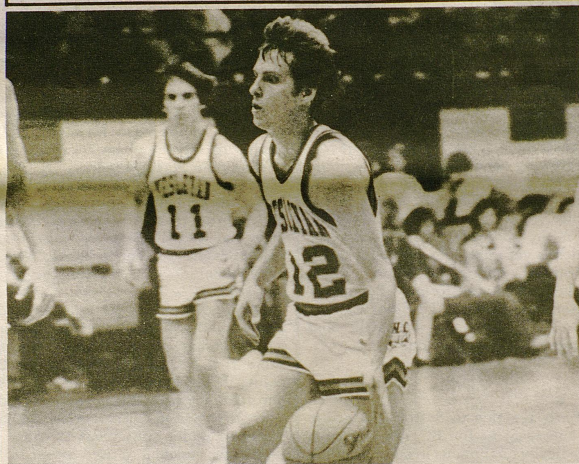
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toughen up."

-Abe Lemons



Man To Man Tough According To Harper

According to Harper, Sutton's man-to-man defense is "the best I've ever played against. Their (Razorbacks') guards are very disciplined."

Dissolving tough defenses was Harper's speciality in 1981. The six-footer led the Southwestern Conference in assists, dishing out more than five per game.

Harper also pointed out that Kentucky's new coach should greatly benefit one particular Wildcat.

"James Blackmon will shine under Coach Sutton," said Harper. He has the quickness like Darrell Walker (former Arkansas All-American).

"He's definitely a good coach. His record speaks for itself. Coach Sutton and Coach (Joe) Hall have some of the same ideas of coaching basketball.

"UK is probably the class program of college basketball. I think any coach would love to have that job."

The Kentucky coaching position is more than a job; it's an adventure.

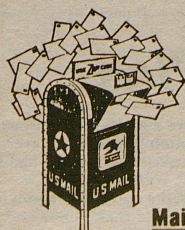
Besides drawing the X's and O's for the 'Cats, he must also: win a national championship every season, please all the Big Blue fans by listening to their expertise coaching advice, and handle the Commonwealth's easy-going media.

Okay, okay... a championship every other year.

Lemons warned that Sutton had better be prepared for the unpredictable call-in shows and a certain columnist by the name of Billy Reed. Lemons noted that even people in Texas had heard of the problems between Hall and Reed.

"He may not be tough enough for that," inquired Lemons about Kentucky fans and media. "He didn't catch a lot of flack at Arkansas. At Kentucky you get a lot of flack. He needs to go see some John Wayne films and toughen up."

"I hope he makes it. I hate to see any coach have a hard time. But he'll be well-compensated for it."



VIEWPOINT

Letters To The Editor

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Hall's Criticism Undeserved

Dear Sir:

I have been a Big Blue fan for many years. I live and die with the Wildcats on radio and T.V. and then read about them in The Cats' Pause. I have been receiving the TCP since 1977. I have every issue since I started your sports paper. I re-read the older TCP, re-living the great games the Wildcats have played both basketball and football.

Well, now is the time for all those people (I'll not call them coaches) who knew more than Coach Hall did about basketball, to ask for his job since he has stepped down. Knowing that most of them would surely have had 30-0 seasons year after year, from what they seemed to know about coaching while badmouthing Coach Hall. I saw the Wildcats in a Blue and White scrimmage game in the fall of 1984 in Bell County High School. I don't believe that I saw Sam Shepherd from Pineville there to tell Joe B. Hall and his assistants how to run the ball team. He is just one of the many who really think they know how to coach basketball.

I believe that Coach Hall's record tells us what kind of coach he was. He will be known as one of the better coaches of his time. His teams played as tough a schedule as any team in the country, year in and year out. Most all of the young men he coached turned out to be fine young men we can all be proud of. Most, if not all, were young christian men, which we are not so blessed with at the present time in many places.

I hope to catch the Blue and White football game on April 27. I also really enjoy watching Coach Claiborne's football team play. Good luck to the Wildcats football team this Fall. I believe the Cats will play in a major bowl this year. I am looking forward to reading more about Coach Claiborne's team and new recruits. Keep us updated on the new basketball recruits and the signing of a new basketball coach. Also looking forward to each copy of the TCP.

Sincerely,

Ernest Walden
Kingsport, Tennessee

Class "A" All The Way

Dear Sir:

I have been an avid Big Blue fan since 1947 and proud of our coaches (football, basketball and baseball) over the years. For the last 3 years our trio of Jerry, Joe, and Keith are tops. As for Joe's resignation, I for one was sad to hear about it and wish him and his family nothing but the best.

His 13 years were nothing but tops in the areas of coaching in a winning way along with being an example of gentlemanly conduct of himself and the U.K. program.

I'd like to take this time to thank Mr. James Porter of Franklin, Ohio for expressing my sentiments exactly. He told it like it is... class A all the way.

Now, thanks to all The Cats' Pause staff for providing me with such a classy publication to enjoy. (And I've done just that).

Please find enclosed my renewal for 1985.

Sincerely,

Hagan Ritchie
Covington, Ky.

Quite A Record

Dear Sir:

I hope all the Joe B. Hall haters are happy now, because they probably won't be all smiles this time next year. But maybe they are just complainers and not basketball lovers.

How bad did Joe B. do in his 13 years as head coach? How awful is being in the Final Four 3 times and winning the championship once, and second place once? How terrible is being one of the final 16 with a team that lost 4 starters the year before, and taking the #3 team to the final minutes? How bad is winning an NIT title also?

Compare this to the last 14 years under Rupp. After the fiddling five of 1958 Rupp only had 1 team that could fiddle in a barn yard.

Also, Mr. Hall has amassed his fine record in a conference that has just in the past 10 years, begun to play anything other than football.

I will miss Joe B. Hall because he is not only a good coach, but I feel he is a class act all the way.

But whoever the next man in the fire pit is I will love him, unless he is a 'yes' man, because I bleed blue and always will.

Sincerely,

Jack L. Barker
Portage, Indiana

Great Hope For Higgs

Dear Sir:

After watching the NCAA tourney, I have come to the conclusion that the UK basketball team next year will be awesome. With Kenny, Richard, Winston, Roger, Eddie, Cedric, James and the new recruits in Irving Thomas and possibly Danny Ferry, the Cats will dominate. Joe Hall has left the new coach with championship material.

It's time for football now and the Cat fans are ready. It's hard to believe what happened to Mark the flash

Higgs. He's a great person and one of the best backs in the country. We're really going to miss him. Isn't it weird that the same kind of thing happened to another great UK runner in Sonny Collins and also a leg injury hampered our chances for a possibly NCAA championship when 'slammin' Sam Bowie went down.

Well, let's get going Cats. The fans are always behind the team. Good luck Joe and go Big Blue.

Since Mark 'The Flash' Higgs went down for the year the Cats will need someone to help Mark Logan out. The man for the job is of course Ivy Joe Hunter. He's fabulous. Coach Claiborne should now put him in back at tailback and give him the ball. He and Logan will give the Cats an awesome one-two punch and when Higgs gets back they will be unstoppable.

Sincerely,

Greg Turner
Louisville, Ky.

Standing Up For UK

Dear Sir:

As an old alumnus of UK and an old subscriber to The Cats' Pause, I thought I would try to straighten out something I had read in several recent publications about U of K athletics.

The latest in recently reading The Winning Tradition by Bert Nelli. On page 41 there is a quote from an old basketball player at UK which states "many games in alumni gym where there never was anybody ever sat down from the time they came in the building until they left." "sic"

This sounds interesting but what were they talking about? Were the crowds wildly enthusiastic or did they have no seats? I enrolled at UK in 1919 and graduated in 1934 so I was there and fully understand what was meant. I also never missed a home game.

Alumni Gym seated 3800 people. The east side was the student section and the West side was all other customers. There was no tuition at U of K then, but when you enrolled you paid a \$0.00 activity fee. This gave you a book of tickets good for all athletic and social events such as plays and concerts.

I'm not sure of this figure but I believe enrollment at U.K. in 1929 was about 2500 students and probably about 2200 in 1934. When you attended a game a ticket was torn out of your book. There was room on the student side for 1900 bodies. I can assure you that even if a student did not attend a game, perhaps because he went home that weekend, his ticket did. He either sold or loaned it to someone else.

The students would arrive and fill stands first, then the aisles would fill, and finally the aisle between the first row of seats and the court. If you were

seated in the front rows you could not see, so you stood up. This then compelled all behind you to stand up. The end result was that all stood up. I assure you that you get more involved in the game standing than you would seated comfortably.

I attended the last year of John Mauer's regime and the 1st years of Adolph Rupp modern viewers of basketball may read such scores as 29 to 26 and wonder now they could have been interesting. Remember Ashland High School won the national high school tournament in Chicago in 1929 by a score of 16 to 14 over Canton, Illinois. Incidentally Carr Creek took 3rd place in the same tournament in 1929. They had an enrollment of eight boys in high school.

The scoring was so much lower then because after each basket you went back to a center jump. The action between was probably as fast as it is today.

You might wonder why the fire marshall allowed such crowding in a building. We did hear rumors that he was unhappy but he never acted to prevent the crowding.

Sincerely,

Murtel M. Meyer
Chico, California

TCP Thanks You

Dear Sir:

The Cats' Pause just gets better and better. You and your folks have done an outstanding job this year in keeping the many Cats' fans informed about the many activities concerning the many UK athletic teams. To say the least, it has been an interesting year.

I want to thank you for publishing a first class new account of the Cats. I look forward to receiving it each week.

I know there are many of us who are going to miss Joe B. He has done an outstanding job of keeping UK basketball "THE CLASS PROGRAM" that all UK fans want. He may not have pleased everyone all the time but he always maintained a program that we could always be proud of.

Again, thank you for an excellent publication.

Sincerely,

John C. Pedley
Princeton, Ky.

Need A True Blue Boy

Dear Sir:

It has been a disappointment to me that Cliff Hagan hasn't called for my expert advice on a replacement for Joe B. Hall. Nevertheless here it is.

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At Tuesday Press Conference

Sutton Reveals Philosophies, Style Of Play

Following is the press conference with UK president Dr. Otis A. Singletary, Athletics Director Cliff Hagan, new UK coach Eddie Sutton and former Oklahoma State coach Henry Iba after the University of Kentucky hired Eddie Sutton last week:

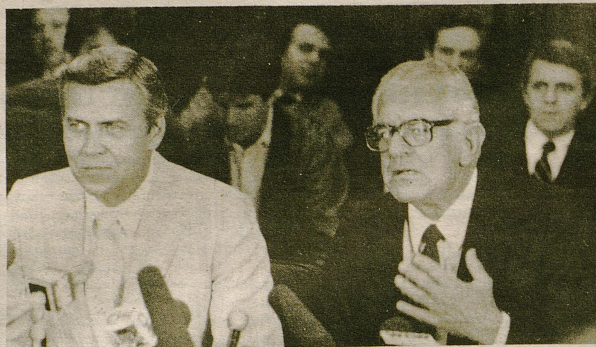
Eddie Sutton: First of all I just wanted all of you to know how excited I am. When you talk about basketball, that's Kentucky. It's the only job I would leave the University of Arkansas for. We built a great program at Razorback country, but I'm flattered and honored. Mr. (Adolph) Rupp is one of the greats of all time and Joe Hall did a marvelous job and I just hope I can carry on that same tradition. When Dr. (Otis) Singletary and Cliff Hagan and the rest of the committee called me, believe me I would have crawled all the way to Lexington. I just happened to be here because of the NABC board meetings and the rules committee meeting. I'm really excited. I want to introduce my family (to the more than 150 people on hand): This lovely girl is my bride (wife Patsy). And on June 1st we will have been married 27 years. We have three lovely sons. Steven, who is a sophomore at the University of Arkansas, and I hope he'll transfer to the University of Kentucky. Sean Patrick was sophomore of the year in our state and is a great basketball player as is Steven, but he loves the outdoors (Steven) he's a hunter and a fisherman, so he never wanted to play college basketball; he wants to be a lawyer. That's better than being a basketball coach I'll tell ya (Sutton smiles). Our youngest son, Scott Andrew, who is in the eighth grade, he, too is a good basketball player. I brought another person along here (to the meeting) because he was such a great friend of Mr. Rupp -- Henry Iba, he's a legend. He's been like a second father to me. When he heard that I accepted the job, he was very thrilled and pleased. I wanted him to come along with me today to accept this situation.

How many tickets will be directed to Coach Sutton's allotment? And are there going to be new guidelines or provisions to any kind of possible abuse of the coaches' ticket allotment?

Dr. Singletary: I'm not particularly favorable to the way you asked that question. Let me say that we did not call this press conference to discuss the ticket distribution here. There is a time and place for that and we'll find a time and place for that. In the meantime, this occasion was to announce a new head coach, which we have done. Those of you who have had the willingness to come I thank you. I now formally adjourn the athletics board meeting and say that Coach Sutton is here for those of you who want to ask Coach Sutton the kinds of questions that he needs to be asked.

What about the recruiting process you now must face?

Coach Sutton: My first opportunity to do anything for the University of Kentucky and that was to meet with Leonard-Hamilton earlier today. He has agreed to be my assistant coach. I would hope that we could get on the road these next few days and continue to recruit well.



Hagan And Singletary

What about the recruit[s] that have already committed to the university now that there has been a switch, will there be any special effort made to those players?

Coach Sutton: I don't think so. It's like I said at the beginning, the University of Kentucky is basketball. It's the best job in the country. I would hope that all those young people, that have committed, will stay with us and we're going to try and go out and get a couple of more.

Are you going to try to bring anybody from Arkansas?

Coach Sutton: I don't want to comment on that.

Coach, you described this job as the best job in the country, but many would also describe it as one of the most pressurized jobs in the country. What are your feelings about that?

Coach Sutton: Well, I think there's pressure everywhere. We built a monster at the University of Arkansas. We've been in the NCAA (Tournament) nine years in a row. We went 22-13 this year, which was the worst record we'd ever had, and those people think you ought to win the national championship every year. Now one thing you all have got to understand, Joe Hall did an outstanding job. He had to follow Mr. Rupp. Mr. Rupp is one of the great coaches to ever coach the roundball sport. But if he had to coach today, because of the emphasis in our conference have put on basketball, it would be more difficult. I think the black athlete has certainly had a great impact on the game of basketball. So, it would be more difficult for Mr. Rupp to win as many SEC (championships) as he did.

What do you think about coming to a school where basketball is more popular than football?

Coach Sutton: There are a lot of people now in Arkansas now think that the roundball sport surpasses football. You (the state of Kentucky) have a great football coach here. He's done a marvelous job. I've always felt like, and we've done this at Arkansas, that the two sports can be compatible and they can actually compliment each other. I would hope Coach (Jerry) Claiborne and I would be able to do that.

Joe Hall Praises Selection Of Eddie Sutton

Statement from Coach Joe B. Hall on Sutton being named the new Kentucky coach:

"I couldn't be happier. In stepping down, I didn't want to let the program down, but with Eddie, I see nothing but great days ahead. I really feel good right now.

"I've known Eddie ever since I've been in coaching and I respect him as an excellent teacher of the game and as an excellent developer of young men.

"With the naming of Eddie Sutton, this is a great day for Kentucky basketball."

Are you confident that you were the number one choice?

Coach Sutton: I think so. They couldn't get Bobby (Knight), Dean (Smith), Denny (Crum), or John (Thompson). So I guess I was next on the list.



Introducing Eddie To The Media

Do you have a multi-year contract?

Coach Sutton: Yes, I have a five-year contract, just what I had at Arkansas.

What about the upcoming season for the Kentucky Wildcats?

Coach Sutton: I hope we can get some players (recruits). I tell you what, you may have the Player of the Year here (Kenny Walker). He's a great player. I had some great players at Arkansas -- (Sidney) Moncrief and those great players I had. Walker could be 'Mr. Basketball' next year.

You said you were content at Arkansas, what changed your mind to come to Kentucky? Also, did you talk to Pat Dye (Auburn's athletic director) about the Auburn job?

Coach Sutton: About a week ago I went down (Arkansas) and the legislator honored me. I went in the Senate, and The House of Representatives, and the Governor -- Bill Clinton the Governor of Arkansas -- is a great friend of ours. Like I said this is the only job I would ever take. James Martin is the president of Auburn University and used to be the president of the University of Arkansas and is a good friend. He and I talked, but I never was interested in Auburn. Again, I want to reemphasize this is the only job I would ever go for.

After Coach Hall's resignation you mentioned that you were not interested in the Kentucky job. Is that true?

Coach Sutton: I didn't apply. I told Cliff yesterday that I didn't think he was ever going to call. But he did. I'm just so excited to be here.

Was that your first discussion (Monday) about the job?

Coach Sutton: Yes.

Did you have your mind made up that if Kentucky wanted you to be coach you would accept?

Coach Sutton: I did. I told our sons and Patsy that if they offered me the job I was coming to Kentucky.

What about coaching at Kentucky?

Coach Sutton: I'm very confident that I can coach the game of basketball. I had a great teacher and have had great assistants along the way. I don't think it's more difficult to coach here at Kentucky than it is at Arkansas or a lot of other places. One thing Mr. Rupp and I have in common, we both are from Kansas.

It's been mentioned that Kenny Walker doesn't know if he wants to stay at Kentucky and play for a new coach during his upcoming senior year. Could you comment on that?

Coach Sutton: I'd better get over and talk to him right now (Sutton smiles).

Note Walker has mentioned that he will remain at Kentucky to finish his college basketball career during his senior season and earn his degree.

Is this the best coaching job in the nation?

Coach Sutton: I already said it was the No. 1 coaching job in America, and that includes the NBA.

What are your feelings about the SEC as a basketball conference?

Coach Sutton: It's one of the four best leagues in the country from top to bottom.

In a released statement, former UK coach Joe B. Hall said he was very happy with the university's decision to hire you as the new coach. Does that make you feel better?

Coach Sutton: Joe Hall is a heck of a basketball coach. I've admired him for years and years. The other night at the banquet on Sunday evening he walked by, and I was up there when he got his award, and he leaned over and he said, 'I was hoping that you would be our next coach.' So, that's very rewarding. I think Joe and I will be very close friends as we have always been.

It's been said that you and former coach Hall have a different style in teaching techniques. How do you think the fans here at Kentucky will adapt to your style of play?

Coach Sutton: If you win they don't care how you play the game. That's the bottom line -- we're going to try to win. But I don't think our philosophies are that much different. We believe in discipline, getting players to play the game with great enthusiasm and intensity and we believe in strong defense. In any team sport, if you're going to win for over a long period of time you'd better play good solid defense. Joe may have played more zone than we would have played because we're primarily a man-to-man defensive ballclub. But we'll play zone at some times.

Will the 45-second clock change your defensive philosophy?

Coach Sutton: Not at all. If you can't get a shot in 45 seconds then you're in trouble. The only time the 45-second clock would come into play would be late in the ballgame if you wanted to go into some kind of control game. But there's no doubt in my mind that the 45-second clock will come into college basketball next year. That won't alter our philosophy. The only time our clock has gone off in two years -- we've played with the 45-second clock for the last four years on an experimental basis -- was against Houston. That's hard to believe because they want a transition game; they run it up and down the floor. I don't think our philosophies are that much different from what you've seen here in the last few years at the University of Kentucky.

Mrs. Sutton's First Impressions

Mrs. Patsy Sutton's reaction to coming to Kentucky: I'm excited. My children are excited. The one thing I would like to say is that Sean Patrick Sutton, who is 16 years old, is a fine, fine basketball player and about six months ago he told us that he was going to Kentucky and we thought he was kidding. He said, 'I'm serious, if they call, I'm going.' And so, when Cliff Hagan called Eddie, Eddie said, 'Sean, you're right.' So, we're excited.

Mrs. Sutton's first impression of Lexington: It's a beautiful city and

Blue-White scrimmages throughout the state -- will that still be a part of Kentucky basketball?

Coach Sutton: We do that at Arkansas (intrasquad scrimmages). I think those are good. The Blue-White games, I think you need to do that. There are a lot of people that can't get into Rupp Arena and that's the only opportunity they get to see the ballclub in person. So I think that's a good idea.

When was the first time that you ever came in contact with University of Kentucky basketball?

Coach Sutton: I grew up in western Kansas. Mr. (Phog) Allen at Kansas, Mr. Rupp at Kentucky and Mr. Iba at Oklahoma A&M at that time, I can remember listening, I said, I think all my life I have grown to the point that this is where I belong. This is where I want to be. That was many years ago, I'm 49 years old.

Do you feel like you're jumping out of the frying pan and into the fire as Arkansas also has some pretty avid fans?

Coach Sutton: They'll like me (UK fans) until we lose our first ballgame (Sutton smiles).

Mr. Hagan, when was coach Sutton offered the job and when did he accept?

Hagan: We interviewed Coach Sutton yesterday (Monday) for the first time and offered him the job last night?

Mr. Hagan, how many people were offered the job?

Hagan: I don't care to answer that. Why did you pick Eddie?

Hagan: Why Eddie? I think his record speaks for itself. We screened quite a few coaches. Some eliminated themselves. Eddie's name was on our list from the start in the same way with football (Jerry Claiborne). We didn't get an interview with Jerry until the end. We wanted to get some things out of the way; some people out of the way. We wanted to get some things known and learned and the same thing happened in this case. We saved the best until last.

about the right size. I really like the size.

Her views on the Final Four in Lexington: The atmosphere was wonderfully festive and very hospitable. All Final Fours are exciting and different, but this one had a very special flavor. It was fun.

Mrs. Sutton's feelings on leaving Arkansas: Our 14-year-old said 'Kentucky is the only place you could go that I wouldn't be really mad.' That sorta sums it up. The 20-year-old said it would be wonderful and our 16-year-old thinks it is exciting and we think it's exciting.

Coach Sutton, would you have been disappointed if they had filled the position with someone else?

Coach Sutton: I don't think so. I had a great job at the University of Arkansas. We built a great program there. But I wouldn't have been disappointed if Cliff had hired some of the other people that he interviewed because they were all quality coaches.

How closely were you keeping up with the hiring process for Kentucky's 19th coach?

Coach Sutton: All I knew is what you guys and gals (media) write about. That's the only thing I knew about the job.

UK Officials' Comments On Sutton

The following are quotes from various people associated with the University of Kentucky about the appointment of UK's new basketball coach Eddie Sutton:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER GEORGE GRIFFIN

What about Eddie Sutton?

Griffin: I think he's a class act and is experienced. I think he's the right man for the job at this time.

Did everything go as planned?

Griffin: Oh, I'm not sure it was planned, but I think it came out very well. I think the committee did an admirable job and I'm pleased with it.

AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBER DR. CHARLES W. ELLINGER

What about choosing Sutton as Kentucky's next head coach?

Ellinger: We were all unanimous in his (Sutton's) support. I'm very pleased. I think he represented himself well today (at the announcement). It's typical of what we expected to see from him. He's had a winning tradition. This is his first year ('85

season) to have double-digits in the loss column (22-13) in his years at Arkansas.

Was it a pretty tough week for the ad-hoc committee?

Ellinger: Yes, we worked very hard. It was very enjoyable and it was an honor to be on this committee. The members respected the responsibility that was necessary. We all felt responsibility that was necessary, but at the same time I think everyone felt it was a great honor to be a part of this screening. The final word was done by this group today.

What will you remember most about this 10-day process?

Ellinger: Well, I'll look back on it as a great thrill it was for me to have been chosen by the President (Dr. Otis Singletary) to serve on the committee. One of the jokes that came about at the time was that as you know I coach the Dental School's basketball Molars. Someone commented, 'would you rather be considered for the coaching job or serve on the screening committee?' And I chose the screening committee (Ellinger laughs).



Dr. Ellinger

Did you check the papers every morning?

Coach Sutton: I did that (Sutton laughs).

Mr. Hagan, how many people were considered for the UK job?

Hagan: I couldn't give you a number. We considered, I'm sure, a couple of dozen names and you read about those. The Rileys, the Issels, people that took themselves out of consideration. We considered a couple of dozen people and probably interviewed half that many. I don't know exactly how many. We feel we covered the field in an adequate length.

Was the process more or less involved than you first thought?

Hagan: I understand we had a Final Four here this weekend. It was very involved and very concentrated. We were able to get some work done that normally would have taken maybe three or four weeks. We were able to concentrate that into two or three days. It was very helpful for us for the Final Four to be going on and for all these coaches to be here at hand. It was not easy dealing with the media at that time. But it all worked to our advantage and it turned out very well.

Were you unhappy or dissatisfied with anyone or anything at Arkansas?

Coach Sutton: Not at all. The people of that state were wonderful to me and the administration was. I'll leave there and I hope they'll understand that I'm coming to Kentucky because that's a better job.

Could you discuss your relationship with Coach Iba?



George Griffin

Coach Sutton: He coached the Olympic team three times and was also an assistant with Bobby (Knight) this last year and he's meant so much to me. He's one of the giants to ever coach the game. I enjoyed playing with him when he helped me, along with my parents, to give me a set of values in how you ought to coach the game. Every player who played for Mr. Iba, we still call him Mr. Iba, out of respect. Jack Hartman does, Don Haskins does and anyone who has ever played there (does). I hope some day the players, if I live that long, they'll call me Mr. Sutton. He gave us a set of values that we tried to pass on to our players. I think that's what Joe's done. I think Mr. Rupp did it. Every player will be treated just like he was one of our sons. And I think that's important.

Mr. Iba, what's your reaction to Coach Sutton's hiring at the University of Kentucky?

Iba: The first thing I've got to say that this is Eddie's day and I've got no business here. But I feel like I've been connected with Kentucky a long, long time. I probably have been as close as anybody with Adolph. We went all over the country together. I think I know Adolph as well as any man. Joe Hall, I knew him down at Regis. . . and I knew when Adolph brought him here and he got a good boy. Today I tell you this, you're bringing in another great coach. All you have to do is back'em. He knows the game, he knows people and he knows how to treat people.

The following is a question and answer series with Eddie Sutton the day after he was appointed head basketball coach at the University of Kentucky:

What is your academic standard?

Coach Sutton: Ninety-two percent of our players at the University of Arkansas graduated. I think you'll find me to be an educator and a teacher. That's the only thing I've ever promised to be -- that I'll do everything possible to get that person a degree. I know they have a good program here as far as tutors. If it means getting a tutor for every class that a young man takes, then that's fine. But that's our responsibility. I want them to leave the University of Kentucky with a degree. Not all of them will play in the NBA. At Arkansas I had five players that are doctors now and I had a lot of people that are now attorneys and successful business people. So, it's very important to me that I teach basketball and at the same time they leave here with a degree and a strong set of values that will allow them to be successful in years to come.

What do you think about paying college athletes?

Coach Sutton: Well, I think there are a lot of us on the NABC (National Association of Basketball Coaches) board that feel, and I think they're a lot of other people, that don't think you ought to pay 'em. But I think you'd cut out 90 percent of what I call 'nickel-and-dime' cheating by allowing them to have \$15 to \$100 a month. That's been advocated by a lot of coaches. I don't think you ought to pay college athletes. But when I went to school at Oklahoma State in 1954 they gave us a check for \$15 a month... I would like to see the NCAA be more realistic about that. The other thing a lot of us have advocated is maybe give them (the players) a couple of airline tickets. Pay them to fly them in the fall, or go home at Christmas time, come back after Christmas and go home in the spring. But I'm not in favor of paying college athletes.

Coach, what feeling did you get about Lexington during the weekend of the Final Four?

Coach Sutton: I've got a great bride (Patsy) and June 1st we will have been married for 27 years. After I had accepted the job, we went over to the arena to watch the championship game, and I said, 'Can you imagine 23,000 people rooting for the Wildcats. I was in awe.'

What do you attribute your 11-year home record of 121-8?

Coach Sutton: I would hope in 11 years from now we'll be 121-8. I don't know if that's possible or not. I think our system is sound. It's not going to be that much different from what you've seen at the University of Kentucky. The crowds are always very important. We had a great band director. I'm going to hire him before I hire another assistant (Sutton laughs). He got the crowd into the ballgame. It's like when Jim (Kelly) and I were giving a coaching clinic in Madrid a few years ago and I had never seen a bullfight. And you know a bull has no chance. He said (Kelly) that bull has about as much chance as I do coming into Barnhill Arena (Fayetteville). Well, I hope that (coaches) will feel that when they come to Rupp Arena.

A Day With New University Of Kentucky Coach Eddie Sutton

Our spirit groups have done a marvelous job and I'm sure they do here.

Kentucky has always had a tough pre-season conference schedule. Do you favor a tough pre-conference schedule?

Coach Sutton: I think so. I think we ought to play good basketball teams. We don't want to play anybody that's doing anything that's illegal. But there are a lot of quality programs across the country. Kentucky plays Kansas every year, and that's a good game. Indiana is a good game. Louisville is a good game. I have great respect for Denny (Crum). We've played four times and we've thrown in some 50-footers to

beat 'em. We (Arkansas) were 3-1 against Louisville and they beat us in Knoxville two years ago to knock us out of the NCAA. But that was a great college game. I have great respect for Denny. He runs a good program. That game (UK-UL) should be played. Like I said yesterday (press conference), Kentucky basketball is the best. Louisville has got a great basketball program. You can name the Top Ten basketball programs in the country and Louisville and Kentucky are both in that group. I think this (UK) is the best. Louisville... they have a great program. I think that will be a hell of a situation because Denny has respect for me and I have respect for him.



Eddie Sutton Pleased With Position

What about the UK-UL series? Is it damaging to the University of Kentucky?

Coach Sutton: I think Louisville's repore, probably lies within the area of Louisville. When you get 50 miles outside of Louisville maybe the majority of the fans will be for the Wildcats. But they have a great basketball program. So, I have no problems. I would think that if we played Louisville the next 20 years that with that series it would be a pretty even series -- playing in Louisville one year and Lexington the next. But that's okay. I hope people understand that it's a little more difficult to win today than it was a few years ago. There's a great parity in college basketball. Everyone has good players. You just hope that during the season you play that you get some friendly calls by the officials and some lucky bounces.

About the recruiting in Louisville, do you plan to make an all-out effort to get the Louisville prep players?

Coach Sutton: We certainly do. Louisville produces great players. They (UL) have a little bit of an advantage, as a young man can stay right there and perhaps he can live at home with his mother and father. But we're going to go into Louisville hard.

How soon do you hope to have your staff?

Coach Sutton: I was so pleased that Leonard (Hamilton) decided to stay on. He and I are going recruiting today.

But I'm not sure how quickly we'll move as far as naming other people.

How important is controlling your instate prep talent?

Coach Sutton: Very important, very important. You've got to control your home state talent. I would hope that every young person in this state wants to play for the University of Kentucky. I would have to believe that they do, and that's our first priority -- to control the talent in the state.

You had a few transfers at Arkansas, what's your philosophy of transfer players?

Coach Sutton: I've had a lot. You know when you catch 'em the second time around you kind of got their backs to the wall (Sutton smiles). They don't have any place to go. I'm not opposed to taking transfers. We have a young man from Tennessee and he's 7-foot-1 and he went to the University of Minnesota. They end up with three seven-footers, so he decided to transfer. He'll be a good player for the Razorbacks. So I'm not opposed to that.

What's the situation with the prep players you recruited at Arkansas?

Coach Sutton: I won't recruit any of them here. I spent Arkansas money so they ought to go to Arkansas.

What are your thoughts about the rule change and going to the 45-second clock?

Coach Sutton: Well, I'm on the rules committee and I voted for it and I think it's a good rule. If you can't get a shot off in 45 seconds well then you don't have very much of an offense. I think it's good for college basketball.

Are there any other rule changes that you want to see made?

Coach Sutton: We made a mistake when we voted that two-shot (rule) in the last few minutes of a basketball game without experimentation. I think you have to experiment before you can decide if it's good or not. There are a

lot of us who think we need to widen the length. The post play right now is vicious. You saw that the other night in the national championship game (Villanova-Georgetown). That was a rule, and possibly a three-point shot. Everybody's packin' it in the paint. Maybe if you had a three-point shot then maybe that would spread the defense a little more, I don't know.

With the 45-second clock do you think there's going to be a tendency to play zone (defense) more than man-to-man?

Coach Sutton: I think you've seen a trend in college basketball the last few years where more people are playing zones. But we're going to be playing man defense most of the time. . . You play the game differently at home than you do when you go on the road. At home you want to be more liberal and get that crowd into the game. On the road we may play some zone.

When did you decide that you wanted to be a basketball coach?

Coach Sutton: I had wonderful parents. I grew up on a farm in western Kansas. And I think that a lot of the people in Kentucky can identify with me. We had no electricity, we had kerosine lanterns. We had no indoor plumbing. We had a hoop out there and a pickup, that's all we had. I guess by the time I was a seventh grader I knew I wanted to coach basketball. Basketball has given me the opportunity to travel all over the world and the opportunity to deal with so many young, wonderful people. So, when you ask the question, 'When did I decide?' -- I was about a seventh grader I guess. When I was a seventh grader I was as tall as I am right now.

What about your basketball playing days?

Coach Sutton: I was a pretty good player. Not as good as Mr. (Cliff) Hagan or Mr. (Frank) Ramsey or all the great players that have played here. Mr. (Henry) Iba can attest to this: I could shoot the ball but I had terrible foot speed.

Are your three sons excited about coming to Lexington?

Coach Sutton: Our sons are excited, just like I am. This is the only job I would have taken. They were down here yesterday and flew back last night and I talked to them last evening and again this morning. I said, 'Are you guys going to wear those Kentucky T-shirts I got for you to class today. And they said, 'Yes.' Steve (the oldest) was a good high school player, but he's a great outdoorsman; he loves to hunt and fish. He never really put enough time in the offseason, and that's when you make yourself a basketball player. Most coaches work

How handicapped are you at this point in the recruiting process?

Coach Sutton: I don't know, I can't answer that because sometimes when you go into a new position, it's an advantage and sometimes it's a disadvantage. I can't answer that.

How can it be an advantage for a first-year coach in relation to recruiting?

Coach Sutton: Like when I went to Arkansas, one of the best recruiting groups we had was the first year I moved in there. People were anxious to come. I hope that same thing happens this spring.

What about the Kentucky team next season?

"I think you've seen a trend in college basketball the last few years where more people are playing zones. But we're going to be playing man defense most of the time"

- Eddie Sutton

their players harder in the year. The offseason is when you become a player, especially when you're young. Sean is a sophomore (high school). I hope some day he plays for the University of Kentucky. I'll tell you this cute story (about Sean). This happened about a year ago, he asked me, 'Are you going to recruit me dad.' And I said I don't know Sean. He said, 'I'll tell you one thing I'll go to the University of Texas and I'll come back and beat your fanny.' Then about two months ago he told his mother, 'If Kentucky calls I'm going.' I told him if Kentucky calls me I'm going, too. He's really a good player. Scott Andrews is an eighth grader and he's got a chance to be a good player.

question, there's no substitute for quickness. You can run away from mistakes if you have quickness. You can hurt people at the defensive end and you can hurt them at the offensive end.

What are your feelings to an early season tournament featuring Kentucky, Notre Dame, Louisville and Indiana?

Coach Sutton: I think it would be fine, but I'm not aware of it.

Have you met with former UK coach Joe B. Hall since you were named his successor?

Coach Sutton: No, I haven't. But I'm looking forward to it because I have such great respect for Coach Hall. I do believe that he will help me in any way that he can. I'm sure he'll have some ideas, and I will listen.

What is the most difficult thing that you've had to experience in your coaching career?

Coach Sutton: I guess when I was going up against (recruiting) powers like Kentucky, Notre Dame, Indiana, North Carolina and UCLA and you get down when you're 1 out of 2 with a player and then lose him to another school. I guess that would probably be the most difficult thing that I've been faced with. I hope that doesn't happen here. I hope we beat everybody.

What about the pressure of winning?

Coach Sutton: I think most coaches that have been successful put pressure on themselves. You know if you expect to win and want to win. . . it's like

SUTTON'S YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

Year	Team	Conference Record	Overall
1970	Creighton		15-10
1971	Creighton		14-11
1972	Creighton		15-11
1973	Creighton		15-12
1974	Creighton	23-5, ranked 14th AP, UPI	
1975	Arkansas	11-3, T2nd	17-9
1976	Arkansas	9-7, 4th	19-9
1977	Arkansas	16-0, 1st	26-2, ranked 18th AP, 7th UPI
1978	Arkansas	14-2, T1st	32-4, ranked 6th AP, 7th UPI, finished 3rd NCAA
1979	Arkansas	11-3, T1st	25-5, ranked 5th AP, 6th UPI, lost in final of NCAA Midwest Regional
1980	Arkansas	13-3, 2nd	21-8
1981	Arkansas	13-3, 1st	24-8, lost in semifinals of NCAA Midwest Regional
1982	Arkansas	12-4, 1st	23-6
1983	Arkansas	14-2, 2nd	26-4, ranked 9th AP, 9th UPI, lost in semifinals of NCAA Midwest Regional
1984	Arkansas	14-2, 2nd	25-7, ranked 9th AP, 9th UPI
1985	Arkansas	10-6, T2nd	22-13
Totals		137-35 (.797)	342-125 (.732)

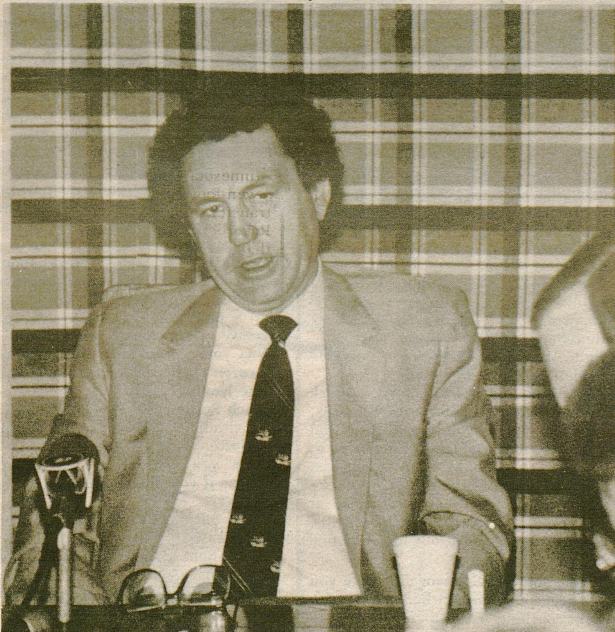
Is it a characteristic of you -- as a recruiter -- that you value quickness so much that you'll take a player without great statistics because you see he has athletic quickness?

Coach Sutton: There's no substitute for quickness in any team sport. So, we're going to go after athletes; maybe they won't shoot the ball quite as well. I look at (Sidney) Moncrief, (Darrell) Walker, (Alvin) Robertson and (U.S.) Reed and all those great players we had at Arkansas and maybe they don't shoot it well, but they play hard and take directions -- they listen. They have great foot speed. Defensively they just tear the other ballclub apart. That's why I like Georgetown. Now Rollie (Massimino) did a great job and I was happy that he won, but we would like to play like Georgetown. Georgetown's the kind of ballclub I'd like to coach. That's the kind of way our ballclubs at Arkansas have been. But I believe Kentucky, and looking at their personnel, we can be the same thing here. But to answer your

Arkansas and Kentucky. There's not that much difference only this is a higher level. I probably feel like a state park, everybody wants a piece of me. When you don't win then you're going to feel like, 'Darn, I let the whole state down. That's the way I felt at Arkansas and that's the way I'll feel here. But we're not going to win every ballgame, and I want you all to understand that.

What do you see as the challenge in this job?

Coach Sutton: I guess to try and win some national championships. I had goals every year. At Arkansas your first goal was to win your conference, the second goal is to win over 20 basketball games and the third goal is to get in the NCAA Tournament. I believe that Kentucky can get in the NCAA Tournament almost every year. . . if we do our homework. And one goal would be to win the national championship. That's why I came here, I might have won a national championship at Arkansas. If you get



Like Rupp, Sutton Grew Up In Kansas

there enough times you're going to win one. It's more difficult than it used to be because everybody's good. Here, I believe our personnel will be better than I've ever had at Arkansas. I think our system will allow us to be competitive every season for the national title. I guess that would be my goal.

What about your chances of winning the title at Arkansas?

Coach Sutton: We had a chance in '78 to win the national title when Kentucky won it. I'll tell you what, Duke, Notre Dame, Kentucky and Arkansas were all about the same. If you would have played that thing four straight weekends you might of had four different national champions. Since that time we weren't good enough to win the national title. In '79 we could have, when Moncrief was a senior and Larry Bird of Indiana State. We played (Arkansas-Indiana State) in the Midwest championship in Cincinnati. That was a great game. Had we got to Salt Lake City (site of '79 Final Four) we might of had a better shot of winning the national title because we could have played Michigan State (national champs that season) better,



Take It Easy On Me, Fellas!

"The coaching box extends all the way to the ceiling. You may see me go up in

Rupp Arena some night and sit down, if

I get frustrated."

- Eddie Sutton

because of our quickness, than Indiana State did. But that was a great game (Arkansas-Indiana State).

What about Kentucky's 'bad luck' in Stokely Athletic Center?

Coach Sutton: I'll tell you what this league has some great coaches, and Don DeVoe is one of the best. Well I hope we can turn that around.

How do you feel about the team

being, in a way, separated from the campus by residing at Wildcat Lodge?

Coach Sutton: I'll tell you what I like is that you can control everything around them -- you can have bed check. And I think that's important. But in the offseason we tell our players, and I'll tell these players the same thing, if you want to be in a fraternity, get in a fraternity. If you want to be active politically on the

campus... do whatever you want to do. Join the clubs; be a regular student. The disadvantage of not putting your student/athletes in a regular dorm is the fact that you can't control the environment around them. But the disadvantage is that you're not always going to be in what I call a 'jock' environment. So I want them in the offseason, in the fall and spring when the basketball is over, I want them to associate with the rest of the student body. I think that's important.

When your team lost to St. Johns in the West Regionals this season, what about the disagreements you had with the officials?

Coach Sutton: Well, I'll probably have some here too. Those zebras will get you. I'll tell you (Sutton laughs). What I did, I went back (to) Ladell Anderson (during the game), who coaches Brigham Young University and is on our board also, and he was grading the officials. Billy Packer jumped on me, but he didn't understand the rules. I told him, Packer don't be criticizing coaches unless you know the rules. The rule, when we put the coaching box in, was to keep the coach away from the scorer and away from the timer. The coaching box extends all the way to the ceiling. You may see me go up in Rupp Arena some night and sit down, if I get frustrated. We were getting some bad calls, so I went around there, and Ladell does it better than I do, but I made sure I didn't get out of the coaching box. I stepped over a chair and went back there and I said, 'Ladell, this isn't right. We had some phantom calls. He kind of apologized and said, 'I know,' he said, 'it's horrible.' I just went back there to be with him for a few minutes. I tell you what, if you stay in this round ball sport long enough you're liable to be in the crazy house. It's the toughest game to coach. Frank Broyles (Athletic Director and former football coach at Arkansas) told me one time, it's like having a ball inside your ten yard line all night.

Like your predecessor did, have you set a time element to when you'll retire from coaching basketball?

Coach Sutton: I turned 49 the other day. I look at 60 years (age). There won't be any Ray Meyers, Marv

Harshmans, Ralph Millers, Mr. (Adolph) Rupp or Mr. Ibas. I don't think coaches anymore (will coach that long)... it's such a stressful situation. That's what I told Dr. (Otis) Singletary and Cliff that I will look at this as a 10 or 11 year job. I hope that we can win some national championships before I step down.

In relation to recruiting, what about the feeling that some opponents, in the past, would sometimes say bad things about Kentucky in trying to win over a recruit?

Coach Sutton: I would hope they won't do that. If you're on top, everybody's going to take shots at you, I guess. I'm not going to get paranoid about it. I'm just going to go out there and sell the University of Kentucky. But if people do that, then they do it.

Did you talk to any of your coaching colleagues before accepting the job?

Coach Sutton: I only talked to two people -- Mr. Iba and I talked with Jack Hartman, President of Basketball Coaches Association. They both thought that I was the right person for the job and that I ought to take the job. But I didn't talk to anyone else. I talked to my wife (Patsy). She's going to be a great asset to the state of Kentucky. She's a wonderful person. She's a lot smarter than I am; she graduated from college in three years. She doesn't know anything about the X's and O's, but she knows about people. She knows basketball because Oklahoma State (where she graduated from) was very good when she was there. We were college sweethearts.

Was your pride hurt any because you weren't called as soon as you were for the Kentucky job?

Coach Sutton: No. I told Cliff that I didn't think he was ever going to call me. (Sutton smiles).

Were you content to staying at Arkansas if you didn't get to coach at Kentucky?

Coach Sutton: I would have retired at Arkansas.

What about a meeting in the future with Arkansas?

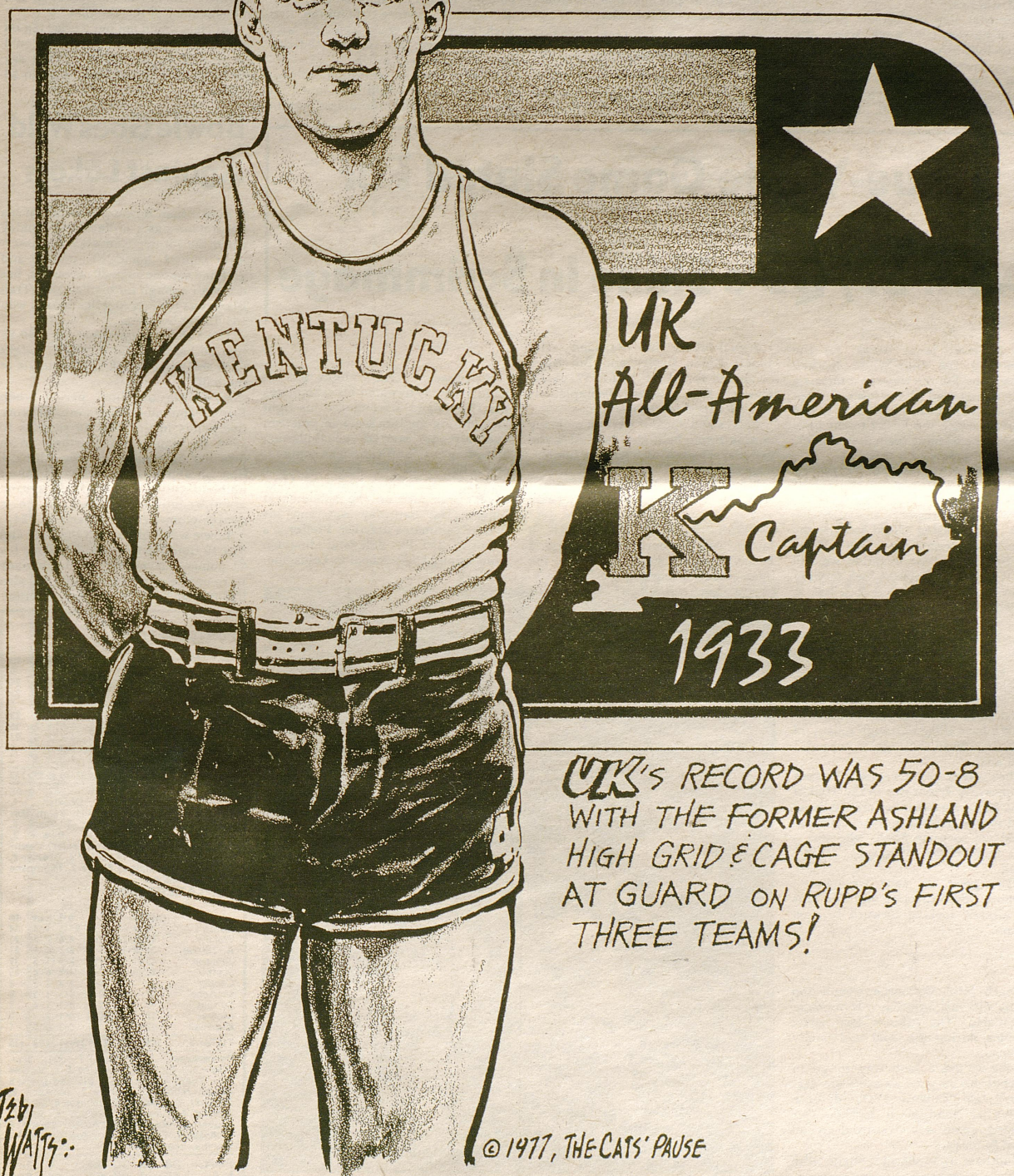
Coach Sutton: I don't know if I want to play Arkansas (Sutton laughs). I don't know if I want to go back there. If they want to play in Kansas City we

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Eddie All Smiles

Ellis
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Will Be World's Finest

Sports-Medicine Complex Headed For UK

If all goes well, the University of Kentucky will become a pioneer in the sports medicine field and could be the home of the world's greatest health care facility for amateur and professional athletes.

The first step toward the program was achieved last week when the university's board of trustees voted to seek proposals from the private sector to develop and operate the sports-medicine program, which would involve education, research, patient care

and injury prevention.

The program would be housed in a complex on campus and would include a 60- to 100-bed hospital, an orthopedic clinic and a research center on about 10 acres of campus land that UK would lease to a successful bidder.

No state funds would be used in connection with the project.

"To my knowledge, no single university is as fully engaged in such a program" as envisioned at UK, said

Dr. Peter Bosomworth, chancellor of UK's Albert B. Chandler Medical Center.

Bosomworth said he hopes the proposals will be received within 30 to 60 days. Earlier, he told the UK board of trustees' finance committee that such a program could coincide with existing work in sports medicine already under way at UK.

The program's education component, he said, would be aimed at physicians, physical therapists, coach-

es, trainers and others involved in athletics and personal fitness.

UK attorney John Darsie said UK would retain approval on the buildings' design and would have "extensive involvement" in the operation and management of the complex.

Officials would not put a price tag on the project, other than to say it would be several million dollars. Some say the price could go as high as \$6 to \$8 million.

Blue-White Game Slated For April 27; QB's Shine In Scrimmage

A lot more is at 'steak' for the winner of the Blue-White football scrimmage. For the winners it means a steak dinner, and for the losers it's hot dogs and beans. And according to one assistant coach the losers might have to serve the winning team their dinner. But there's more to it than that.

This year's contest will be played April 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Commonwealth Stadium.

"We take it serious," said offensive back coach Greg Nord about the Blue-White scrimmage. This will be the first game-type situation we will see them in. We always look forward to the spring game.

"There's still competition for positions."

Both teams are picked by the seniors, with the coaches overseeing the selections to make sure each position has enough depth.

The game itself will be treated as an actual game during regular season.

"We base things through mostly of what they do in the regular season," Nord said.

After last season 9-3 slate, climaxed by upsetting Wisconsin in the Hall of Fame Bowl, a good crowd should be on hand for the scrimmage. A big crowd would not surprise Nord, who was a tight end on the Wildcats' '77 10-1 squad.

"The great UK fans we have, nothing would surprise me. The fans are already looking forward to next season."

Coach Jerry Claiborne wasn't too happy with last Saturday's scrimmage at Shively. The offense lost seven fumbles during the cold and windy afternoon.

"We've got a long way to go in order to be as good as we were last year," said Claiborne. "Our defense wasn't as good as it looked. Our running game was destroyed by all those fumbles."

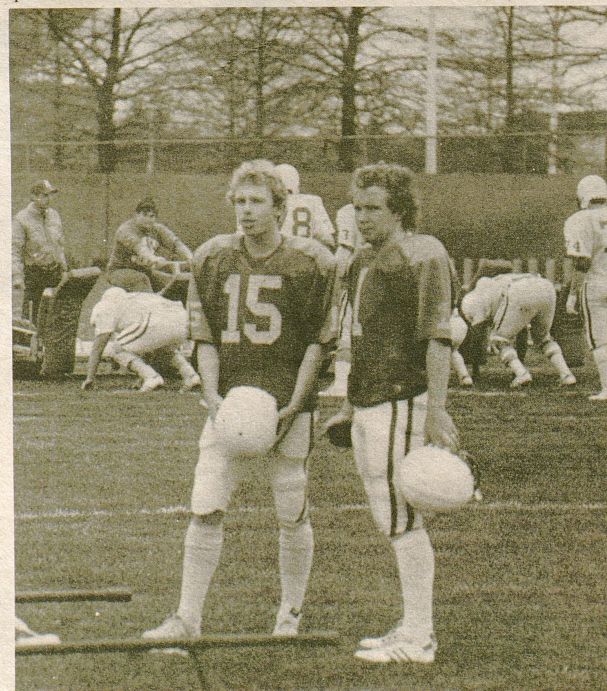
Highlighting in the scrimmage were the quarterbacks (four were used), defensive players Tony Mayes and Edgar Shearer and place-kicker Jim "Easy" Rider.

Signal-callers Bill Ransdell, Tim Jones, Kevin Dooley and Bill Allen combined for 12 of 19 for 77 yards. However five of those incompletions were dropped by receivers.

Mayes and Shearer were in on many tackles throughout the day. Also the two players each recovered a fumble, respectively.

Rider, the bare-footed kicker, connected on 3 of 4 attempts, including a 49 yarder.

"With the wind being such a factor," said Claiborne, "the best thing I saw today was the way the quarterbacks threw the football."



Kicking Specialists Worley And Rider

Bowie Goes Wild Against Lakers

Rookie Sam Bowie played one of his finest games as a professional Sunday when the former Kentucky All-American poured home 21 points and grabbed a game-high 20 rebounds, but it wasn't enough for his Portland Trail Blazers as the Los Angeles Lakers won 135-133 in overtime.

The Lakers jumped out to a 40-25 first period lead, but Portland fought back and narrowed the deficit to six at the half.

It was in the final period when Bowie came alive offensively to score five points in the final 46 seconds to send the game into overtime. With 0:25 left in regulation, Bowie hit the first of a pair of free throws, then grabbed the rebound of his second attempt and put it back in on a double-pump to tie the game at 124.

Bowie was 8 of 16 from the field and 5 of 10 from the free throw line for his 21 points. Eleven of his 20 rebounds were on the offensive boards. He also had two steals in 39 minutes of action.

PORTLAND (133)

	min	m-a	m-a	ft	ft	rb	o-t	apl	tp
Carr	26	4-9	1-2	1-6	0	3	9		
Vandeweghe	38	11-19	2-3	0-2	1	5	24		
Bowie	39	8-16	5-10	11-20	1	4	21		
Coller	28	1-12	3-4	0-2	1	2	5		
Drexler	43	10-25	2-2	4-5	13	6	23		
Paxson	28	6-12	1-2	0-0	2	2	15		
MThompson	35	7-14	7-10	4-6	2	3	21		
Valentine	19	1-5	6-8	0-1	4	1	8		
Norris	9	2-2	3-3	1-3	1	3	7		

TOTALS 26550-114 30-44 21-45 25 29 133

Percentages: FG—439; FT—682; 3-pt. FG—500 (Paxson 2-3, Drexler 1-1, Vandeweghe 0-1, Coller 0-1). Team Rebounds: 16. Blocked shots: 3 (Carr 2, Valentine). Turnovers: 10 (Bowie 3, Thompson 2, Carr, Coller, Drexler, Valentine, Norris). Steals: 19 (Coller 4, Drexler 4, Paxson 3, Valentine 3, Bowie 2, Thompson 2, Vandeweghe).

L.A. LAKERS (135)

	min	m-a	m-a	ft	ft	rb	o-t	apl	tp
Rambis	36	6-11	2-4	9-15	1	4	14		
Worthy	40	10-24	1-2	4-6	2	1	21		
A.-Jabbar	32	8-14	5-6	2-8	4	6	21		
Johnson	46	11-16	17-19	2-9	11	5	39		
Scott	42	10-14	4-4	1-9	6	4	25		
Cooper	16	1-4	0-0	1-4	1	2	2		
McAdoo	22	4-8	0-0	0-5	4	3	8		
Spriggs	9	0-2	2-2	0-1	1	4	2		
McGee	12	1-3	0-0	0-1	2	1	2		
Kupchak	10	0-2	1-2	0-3	0	3	1		

TOTALS 265 51-98 32-39 19-61 32 33 135

Percentages: FG—520; FT—821; 3-pt. FG—333 (Scott 1-1, Worthy 0-1, McGee 0-1). Team Rebounds: 10. Blocked shots: 8 (Abdul-Jabbar 3, Worthy 2, McAdoo 2, Spriggs). Turnovers: 30 (Johnson 8, Scott 5, Worthy 4, Cooper 4, Spriggs 4, Abdul-Jabbar 3, Rambis, McAdoo). Steals: 9 (Johnson 2, Cooper 2, McAdoo 2, Rambis, Worthy, Scott).

Port. 25 36 30 33 9-133
L.A. 40 27 33 24 11-135

Technical fouls: None. Attendance: 13,186. Time of Game: 2:44. Officials: Jess Kersey, Bruce Alexander.

Final SEC Individual Statistics

SCORING - Top 20

Player, Team	Gms	FG	FT	Pts	Avg.
Kenny Walker, Kentucky	31	246	218	710	22.9
Chuck Person, Auburn	34	334	19	747	22.0
Michael Brooks, Tennessee	37	242	146	630	17.0
Andrew Moten, Florida	30	185	129	499	16.6
Eric Laird, Ole Miss	21	139	69	347	16.5
Phil Cox, Vanderbilt	27	167	111	445	16.5
Buck Johnson, Alabama	33	209	111	529	16.0
Tony White, Tennessee	36	221	131	573	15.9
Cedric Henderson, Georgia	28	167	99	433	15.5
Nikita Wilson, LSU	29	183	70	436	15.0
Curtis Ritchwood, Ole Miss	27	166	55	387	14.3
Brett Burrow, Vanderbilt	28	137	126	400	14.3
Eugene McDowell, Florida	30	177	73	427	14.2
Ken Harvey, Miss. State	27	157	62	376	13.9
John Williams, LSU	29	163	62	388	13.4
Vernon Maxwell, Florida	30	163	72	398	13.3
Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama	33	162	98	422	12.8
Joe Ayers, Ole Miss	27	124	90	338	12.5
Rob Jones, Tennessee	37	181	95	457	12.4
Joe Ward, Georgia	30	158	45	361	12.0

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE - Top 15
(Minimum 3 made per game)

Player, Team	Gms	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama	162	256	63.3	
Tony Robinson, Miss. State	104	167	62.3	
Ervin Dillon, Miss. State	95	140	60.7	
Rob Jones, Tennessee	181	301	60.6	
Nikita Wilson, LSU	183	313	58.5	
Eugene McDowell, Florida	177	305	58.0	
Buck Johnson, Alabama	209	373	56.0	
Horace McMillan, Georgia	118	211	55.9	
Kenny Walker, Kentucky	246	440	55.9	
Frank Ford, Auburn	161	291	55.3	
Anthony Richardson, Tennessee	138	252	54.5	
Ken Harvey, Miss. State	157	288	54.5	
Chuck Person, Auburn	334	614	54.4	
Cedric Henderson, Georgia	167	307	54.4	
Joe Ward, Georgia	158	294	53.7	

REBOUNDS - Top 15

Player, Team	Gms	Rbs	Avg.
Kenny Walker, Kentucky	31	315	10.2
Eugene McDowell, Florida	30	295	9.8
Buck Johnson, Alabama	33	310	9.4
Chuck Person, Auburn	34	303	8.9
Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama	33	283	8.6
Rob Jones, Tennessee	37	317	8.6
Brett Burrow, Vanderbilt	28	224	8.0
Curtis Ritchwood, Ole Miss	27	201	7.4
Cedric Henderson, Georgia	28	199	7.1
Jeff Moore, Auburn	34	240	7.1
Nikita Wilson, LSU	29	201	6.9
John Williams, LSU	29	190	6.6
Ice Reynolds, LSU	29	176	6.1
Anthony Richardson, Tennessee	36	218	6.1
Glen Clem, Vanderbilt	28	162	5.8

STEALS - Top 11

Player, Team	Gms	Steals	Avg.
Terry Coner, Alabama	33	71	2.2
Gerald Crosby, Georgia	31	64	2.1
Eric Laird, Ole Miss	21	41	2.0
Joe Ayers, Ole Miss	27	51	1.9
Cedric Henderson, Georgia	28	51	1.8
Gerald White, Auburn	34	60	1.8
Ice Reynolds, LSU	29	48	1.7
Chauncey Robinson, Miss. State	28	44	1.6
Phil Cox, Vanderbilt	27	41	1.5
Jeff Norwood, Miss. State	28	42	1.5
Fred Jenkins, Tennessee	35	52	1.5

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Top 15 (Minimum 2-made per game)				
Player, Team	Gms	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Michael Brooks, Tennessee	146	164	89.0	
Phil Cox, Vanderbilt	111	127	87.4	
Don Redden, LSU	62	71	87.3	
Brett Burrow, Vanderbilt	126	148	85.1	
Tony White, Tennessee	131	162	80.9	
Anthony Richardson, Tennessee	123	155	79.4	
Nikita Wilson, LSU	70	90	77.8	
Terry Coner, Alabama	116	150	77.3	
Kenny Walker, Kentucky	218	284	76.8	
John Williams, LSU	62	81	76.5	
Andrew Moten, Florida	129	169	76.3	
Fred Jenkins, Tennessee	99	130	76.2	
Chuck Person, Auburn	79	107	73.8	
Ed Davender, Kentucky	78	106	73.4	
Buck Johnson, Alabama	111	156	71.2	

ASSISTS - Top 15

Player, Team	Gms	No.	Avg.
Terry Coner, Alabama	33	184	5.6
Gerald White, Auburn	34	185	5.4
Roger Harden, Kentucky	30	142	4.7
Gerald Crosby, Georgia	31	144	4.6
Jeff Norwood, Miss. State	28	125	4.5
Ken Harvey, Miss. State	27	105	3.9
Darrell Dulaney, Vanderbilt	28	102	3.6
Ice Reynolds, LSU	29	105	3.6
Michael Brooks, Tennessee	37	132	3.6
Andrew Moten, Florida	30	106	3.5
Donald Harry, Georgia	31	108	3.5
Andre Laird, Ole Miss	27	89	3.3
Eugene McDowell, Florida	30	94	3.1
John Williams, LSU	29	86	3.0
Phil Cox, Vanderbilt	27	80	3.0

Final SEC Basketball Team Statistics

STANDINGS

Team	SEC	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
LSU	13-5	.722	19-10	.655
Georgia	12-6	.667	22-9	.710
Alabama	11-7	.611	23-10	.697
Kentucky	11-7	.611	18-13	.581
Florida	9-9	.500	18-12	.600
Miss. State	9-9	.500	13-15	.464
Tennessee	8-10	.444	22-15	.595
Auburn	8-10	.444	22-12	.647
Ole Miss	5-13	.278	11-17	.393
Vanderbilt	4-14	.222	11-17	.393

REBOUNDS

Team	Gms	Rbs	Avg.
Auburn	34	1301	38.3
Florida	30	1141	38.0
LSU	29	1020	35.2
Alabama	33	1146	34.7
Georgia	31	1066	34.4
Kentucky	31	1035	33.4
Vanderbilt	28	848	30.3
Ole Miss	28	842	30.1
Tennessee	37	1104	29.8
Miss. State	28	787	28.1

OPPONENTS' REBOUNDS

Team	Gms	Rbs	Avg.
Miss. State	28	843	30.1
Alabama	33	1021	30.9
Auburn	34	1061	31.2
LSU	29	918	31.3
Kentucky	31	984	31.7
Vanderbilt	28	919	32.8
Tennessee	37	1245	33.6
Georgia	31	1047	33.8
Florida	30	1038	34.6
Ole Miss	28	989	35.3

SCORING OFFENSE

Team	Gms	Pts	Avg.
Georgia	31	2378	76.7
Tennessee	37	2759	74.6
Florida	30	2211	73.7
LSU	29	2129	73.4
Vanderbilt	28	1973	70.5
Auburn	34	2390	70.3
Alabama	33	2233	67.7
Kentucky	31	2037	65.7
Miss. State	28	1808	64.6
Ole Miss	28	1706	60.9

SCORING DEFENSE

Team	Gms	Pts	Avg.
Alabama	33	1982	60.1
Kentucky	31	1918	61.9
Miss. State	28	1792	64.0
Auburn	34	2218	65.2
Ole Miss	28	1849	66.0
Georgia	31	2071	66.8
Florida	30	2047	68.2
LSU	29	2013	69.4
Tennessee	37	2667	72.1
Vanderbilt	28	2027	72.4

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Team	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Georgia	977	1890	51.6
Tennessee	1056	2064	51.2
Miss. State	755	1476	51.2
Alabama	871	1722	50.6
LSU	875	1745	50.1
Auburn	1016	2040	49.8
Vanderbilt	744	1523	48.9
Florida	896	1856	48.3
Kentucky	773	1693	45.7
Ole Miss	701	1587	44.2

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Team	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Tennessee	647	831	76.0
Vanderbilt	485	646	75.1
Kentucky	491	680	72.2
LSU	379	531	71.4
Alabama	481	688	69.9
Miss. State	298	444	67.2
Florida	419	628	66.7
Georgia	424	638	66.5
Auburn	358	556	64.4
Ole Miss	304	516	58.9

OPPONENTS' FIELD GOALS

Team	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Alabama	778	1816	42.8
Florida	841	1796	46.8
Auburn	938	2003	46.8
LSU	773	1636	47.2
Kentucky	785	1661	47.3
Georgia	841	1746	48.2
Tennessee	1084	2144	50.6
Miss. State	724	1431	50.6
Ole Miss	731	1438	50.8
Vanderbilt	615	1566	52.0

OPPONENTS' FREE THROWS

Team	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Auburn	342	530	64.5
Alabama	426	632	67.4
Florida	365	539	67.7
Georgia	389	572	68.0
Vanderbilt	396	578	68.5
Miss. State	344	498	69.1
Kentucky	406	579	70.1
Tennessee	499	711	70.2
Ole Miss	385	538	71.6
LSU	467	634	73.7

Southeastern Conference Basketball Superlatives

Most Points

39	Chuck Person, Auburn vs. Florida
37	Phil Cox, Vanderbilt vs. Middle Tennessee
36	Chuck Person, Auburn vs. Alabama
36	Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Kansas
34	Cedric Henderson, Georgia vs. Tennessee
34	Michael Brooks, Tennessee vs. Kentucky
33	Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Ole Miss
33	Chuck Person, Auburn vs. Tennessee
33	Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Delaware
32	Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Louisville
32	Raymond Brown, Miss. State vs. Florida
32	Chuck Person, Auburn vs. West Virginia
31	Chuck Person, Auburn vs. Tennessee
31	Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Vanderbilt
31	Eric Laird, Ole Miss vs. Auburn
30	Andrew Moten, Florida vs. Auburn
30	Eugene McDowell, Florida vs. Alabama
30	Michael Brooks, Tennessee vs. Florida
30	Tony White, Tennessee vs. Florida

Most Rebounds

19	Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Kansas
18	Brett Burrow, Vanderbilt vs. Florida
18	Buck Johnson, Alabama vs. Vanderbilt
18	Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Tennessee
17	Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Georgia
17	Cedric Henderson, Georgia vs. Tennessee
17	Eugene McDowell, Florida vs. Tennessee
16	Eugene McDowell, Florida vs. Arizona State
16	Cedric Henderson, Georgia vs. Alabama
16	Buck Johnson, Alabama vs. Auburn
15	John Williams, LSU vs. N.C.-Wilmington
15	Curtis Ritchwood, Ole Miss vs. Memphis State
15	Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Louisville

Assists

13	Terry Coner, Alabama vs. Georgia
12	Gerald White, Auburn vs. Florida
12	Gerald White, Auburn vs. Georgia
12	Roger Harden, Kentucky vs. Tennessee
11	Ice Reynolds, LSU vs. New Orleans
11	Ice Reynolds, LSU vs. N.C. Wilmington
10	Don Redden, LSU vs. Florida
10	Darrell Dulaney, Vanderbilt vs. Indiana State
10	Gerald Crosby, Georgia vs. Vanderbilt
10	Gerald White, Auburn vs. Ole Miss
10	Roger Harden, Kentucky vs. Georgia
10	Gerald Crosby, Georgia vs. Ole Miss

Most Field Goals

18	Chuck Person, Auburn vs. Florida
16	Raymond Brown, Miss. State vs. Florida
15	Eric Laird, Ole Miss vs. Auburn
15	Chuck Person, Auburn vs. Alabama
15	Chuck Person, Auburn vs. Tennessee
14	Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Louisville
14	Michael Brooks, Tennessee vs. Kentucky
13	John Williams, LSU vs. N.C. Wilmington
13	Eric Laird, Ole Miss vs. Kentucky

Most Free Throws

17	Phil Cox, Vanderbilt vs. Middle Tennessee
14	Anthony Richardson, Tennessee vs. LSU
13	Andrew Moten, Florida vs. Alabama
13	Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Ole Miss
13	Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Vanderbilt
12	Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Kansas
12	Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. N.C. State
12	Anthony Richardson, Tennessee vs. Georgia
12	Joe Ayers, Ole Miss vs. Samford
12	Eric Laird, Ole Miss vs. TCU

Most Blocks

5	Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama vs. Austin Peay
5	Nikita Wilson, LSU vs. Utah State
5	Eugene McDowell, Florida vs. Southwestern Louisiana
4	Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama vs. Auburn
4	Buck Johnson, Alabama vs. Maryland
4	Cedric Henderson, Georgia vs. Vanderbilt
4	Derrick McKee, Alabama vs. Vanderbilt
4	Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama vs. Vanderbilt
4	Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama vs. Florida
4	Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Cincinnati

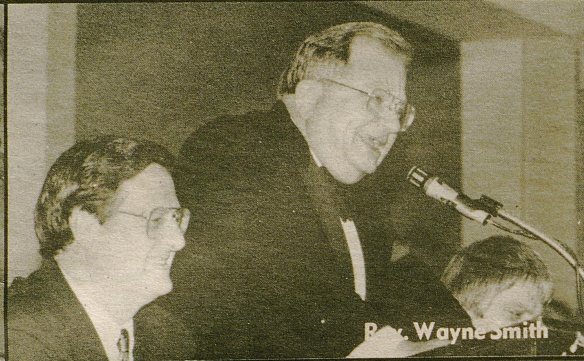
Steals

7	Winston Bennett, Kentucky vs. Miss. State
6	Fred Jenkins, Tennessee vs. Vermont
6	Kirk Naler, Tennessee vs. Southern Miss
6	Ice Reynolds, LSU vs. N.C.-Wilmington
6	Joe Ayers, Ole Miss vs. Samford
6	Eric Laird, Ole Miss vs. Memphis State
5	Richard Corhen, Georgia vs. Miss. State
5	Terry Coner, Alabama vs. East Tennessee
5	Darryl Gresham, Florida vs. South Florida
5	Terry Coner, Alabama vs. Vanderbilt

600 Big Blue Fans Send Joe B. O



Joe's Farewell



Rev. Wayne Smith



Appreciation



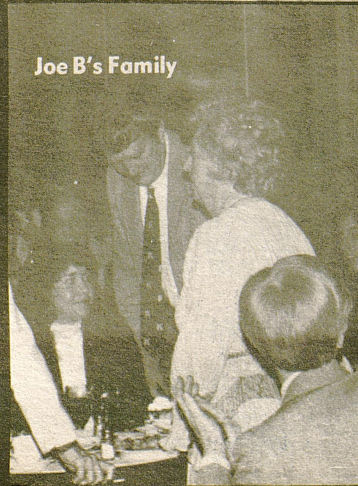
Kenny Walker



Dudley And Don Webb



Flowers For Katharine



Joe B's Family



Eddie Takes Over

To say Joe B. Hall got all choked up would be the understatement last Thursday when more than 600 Wildcat faithful showed up to pay tribute to the man who led the Kentucky basketball program to eleven post season tournaments, a NCAA title, a NIT crown and eight Southeastern Conference titles.

So when Hall called it quits after Kentucky's final game against St. John's in the NCAA West Regional, his slate stood at 297 wins and only 100 losses.

So when the annual Committee of 101 awards banquet arrived, even Hall himself knew it would be a difficult moment for him.

Just moments after the two-hour festivities had concluded, Hall was asked his thoughts.

"If they play 'My Old Kentucky Home' just one more time, I'm not going to be able to see how to drive home," said Hall, frequently blinking his eyes.

It was just that kind of an evening. His voice broke several times as he thanked his staff, players and other University officials. He even pleaded with the audience not to be so quiet.

No one ever said it would be easy, coach!

"Eh, boy, this is tough," responded Hall.

"It's a lot tougher leaving than it would be staying, I'll tell you that," added Hall.

And what was going through his mind as a slide presentation illustrated the Joe B. Hall era at the University of Kentucky?

"The only players' names which appeared were the captains, but it sure brought back a lot of memories and every one of them good."

"It's been twenty years of service, but fifth years of fandom. I don't know how long it took me to get through college, at least four or five, but my associations with Kentucky have been a long, long time. Maybe one of these days, they'll recognize me as the fan of the year, so that will be the next goal that I'll set."

And if Eddie Sutton has anything to do with it, he'll probably welcome Joe B. as one of his top fans.

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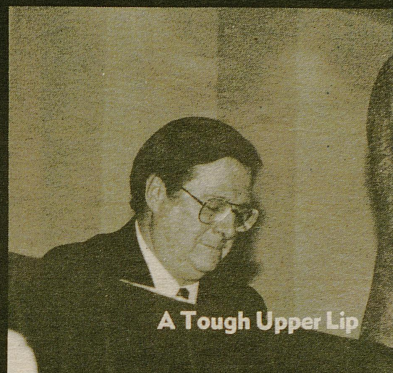
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Off With A Rousing Farewell



Appreciation



A Tough Upper Lip



Joe B. Hall



A Sweet Moment To Cherish

(TCP Photos By Gary Cromwell)

Introduced to the audience as the best coach in the country by Joe B. Sutton returned the compliment, saying, "this was an awesome affair and I was just so pleased that I could share in honoring Joe Hall because he's been such a great coach to the roundball sport for the last many years."

But the praises did not stop there.

First, there was a statewide proclamation as Joe B. Hall Day in the Commonwealth by Governor Martha Layne Collins, a mention in the Congressional Record, a telegram of congratulations from President Ronald Reagan, a jam cake, a fishing rod and a week's vacation in Hawaii.

Athletics director Cliff Hagan told Hall, "we'll appreciate you when you're gone more than when you were here and that's too bad."

Sutton echoed those remarks, saying, "Joe had a tough act to follow (Adolph Rupp) . . . I do, too. If I can last 13 seasons here, I hope I can have as good a record."

After the banquet, Hagan announced that the UK Athletics Association is planning a retirement dinner for Hall later on.

In addition to the three slide presentations which highlighted Hall's 13-year era as well as the recent season, it was honors time for the team.

No one was surprised as Kenny Walker walked away with a pile of awards, including the Most Valuable Player hardware. He also won awards for best rebounder, 110 percent award and shared the leadership award with Winston Bennett.

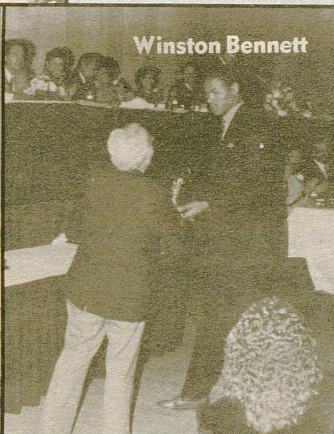
Other award winners were: Bret Bearup (outstanding senior, fewest turnovers and scholastic achievement); Ed Davender (freshman leadership); Richard Madison (best free-throw shooter); Roger Harden (most assists and Christian athlete award); and Bennett (best defensive player).

Troy McKinley and Bearup, honored as outgoing seniors, received a mention from Sutton. "You've just joined the most elite group in the country," the new UK coach said. "You're Kentucky alumni. That's what basketball is all about."

Lexington developers Don and Dudley Webb were recognized as the fans of the year.



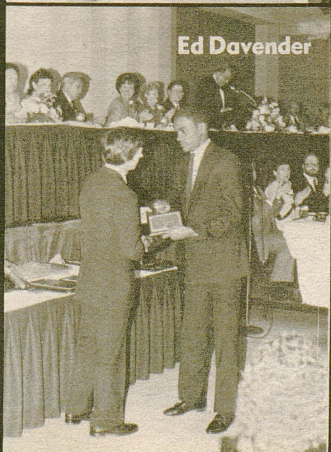
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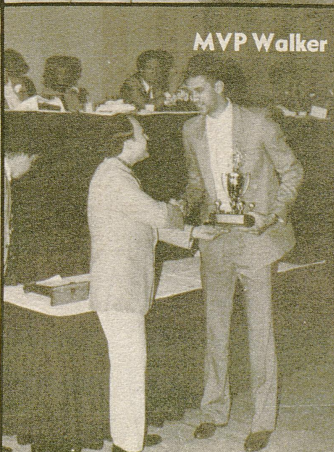
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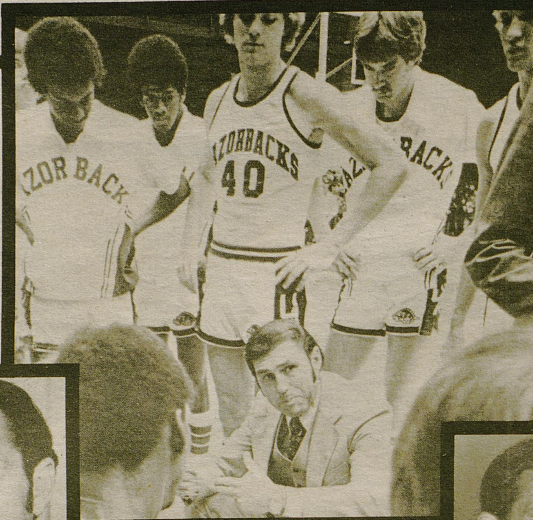


MVP Walker



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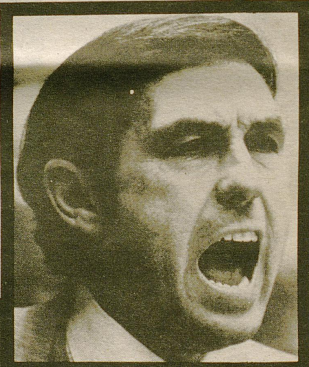
The Many Faces Of Eddie Sutton



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An Early Arkansas Photo With SID Dave Cawood and AD Frank Broyles



Won't Recruit Razorback Prospects

Sutton Goes Blue Chip Hunting On Easter

Newly hired Kentucky basketball coach Eddie Sutton was on the hunting trail Easter Sunday, but he wasn't hunting eggs. It was most like tall, lean and talented 18-year-old basketball players.

Sutton's talent search picked up steam over the weekend after he met with his former team, the Arkansas Razorbacks back in Fayetteville.

There, Sutton squashed rumors that he would not only recruit players whom he previously recruited at Arkansas, but would also welcome 6-11 freshman Andrew Lang as a

transfer.

In his first session with Arkansas reporters last Saturday since resigning to accept the Kentucky job, Sutton said he would not recruit any Arkansas players to move to Lexington.

"I encouraged them all to stay here at the University of Arkansas. That's what they should do," said Sutton.

"My family comes first in my life," Sutton said. "The players are part of my family. I love those young men. They'll always be part of me." Sutton said Arkansas might lose some of its

players, "but they're not going to come to Kentucky. I can't say one might not go to Lamar or Purdue or DePaul or St. John's. I can't answer that. It will be the responsibility of the new coach to come in here and solidify the situation."

The former Arkansas coach again insisted that Kentucky was the only job he would have left the Razorbacks for, adding, "I wanted to make the transition easier. I spent 11 of my best years here and I don't want this program to go downhill. If I can help

Arkansas in years to come, I'll be there to assist."

Earlier, Sutton spent about 15 minutes with his former team. "I think they all understood. The meeting went quite well," said Sutton.

At first, some of the players said they were not only shocked, but bitter as well that Sutton would leave. They said after thinking about the opportunity for their coach, they then felt better about the situation and could understand it was an offer Sutton could not refuse.

As of Monday, Arkansas was still looking for a replacement. Several names, such as Pat Foster, Gene Keady and Nolan Richardson have been bounced about in speculation.

At his press conference in Arkansas, Sutton told reporters they had been fair to him during his 11-year stay.

"At times I might not have completely agreed with you, but overall I think you have been wonderful to Eddie Sutton," he said. "Sometimes you guys take things out of context, but I appreciate the job you do and I hope the media at Kentucky will be as kind. I hope you all treat the next coach as well as you treated me."

"I probably could have coached here until I wanted to quit coaching," he said. "The Kentucky job is the No. 1 job in basketball around the world."

Sutton said he would make about twice as much money at Kentucky as he had at Arkansas, but said he had never made \$200,000 a year in Arkansas. "That's inflated."

Hagan, Sutton Not Too Excited About November's NIT

Will the Kentucky Wildcats be part of the 16-team National Invitational Tournament field this November?

No one knows for sure, but UK athletics director Cliff Hagan says he has only discussed the possibility briefly with new UK coach Eddie Sutton and that neither person is "too excited" with the event.

"We've not definitely ruled out the possibility," Hagan told TCP earlier this week, "because we've not heard many people say that many great things about it. Financially, it isn't that big a deal."

Hagan did hint, however, that there could be some new playing sites in the future for the Wildcats.

"Let's just say we're looking at other possibilities in basketball scheduling," noted Hagan.

Could Hawaii be in the works? "What we're looking at is unlike



Cliff Hagan

anything we played in the past," said Hagan.

This past season, Sutton's Arkansas Razorbacks played in the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu.

Sutton May Earn \$275,000

When Eddie Sutton was hired last week as head basketball coach of the University of Kentucky, all he knew was that he was becoming coach of the best program in the country and that he would have a five-year contract.

UK President Otis Singletary said details of the contract would not be made public, as is university policy.

There were reports that the package could be worth somewhere between \$250,000 and \$275,000 per year which would probably include coaching salary, his radio shows, television shows and a shoe contract with a major shoe manufacturer. Additional revenues could be generated from his summer basketball camp as well as speaking engagements and other endorsements.

Wildcat Grid Facility Benefited By \$250,000 Claiborne Farm Gift

The University of Kentucky's new football training facility project has received a \$250,000 boost from the famous Claiborne Farm of Paris.

Claiborne Farm president Seth Hancock made the gift to the Executive Committee of the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees recently.

Hancock's gift, in addition to other private gifts, will be used to construct a football training facility adjacent to the Shively Sports Center. The facility is estimated to cost \$5.5 million.

"The addition of several sports in recent years has limited the space available for use by the football

team," UK president Otis A. Singletary said recently. "This has resulted in inadequate training facilities for the successful football program at the University," he added.

New training facilities has been one of the urgent needs for the football program as other major schools in the Southeastern Conference have upgraded their facilities.

Such facilities are also major weapons in the recruiting wars when blue-chip high school players visit campuses. One of the first things they want to know about a college is their training facilities.

Hoop Notes

SHORT SPORTS SHOTS . . . Star Florida guard **Andrew Moten**, the Gators' leading scorer last season and a second team All-SEC selection, says he will transfer from Florida to a yet-undecided school at the end of the year. Moten says differences of opinion with Gator coach **Norm Sloan** is the reason for his decision. Moten will be the second guard to leave the Gators this season. Earlier, **Darryl Gresham** left late in the season and will transfer to Georgia State. . . Former UK assistant **Jim Hatfield** is still looking after withdrawing his name at East Tennessee State University following **Barry Dowd**'s ouster at the end of the season. Hatfield's name had earlier been rumored with the Hawaii job, but Hatfield said he never had any interest in that position. . . Hatfield's departure from UK reportedly has had a negative impact on the recruitment of Southern California's All-American **Tommy Lewis**. According to his high school coach, **Gary McKnight**, UK was the front-runner before **Joe B. Hall**'s retirement because **Lewis** liked Hatfield. McKnight told Lexington writer **Jerry Tipton** "it's anybody's game now. Tom really liked Hatfield. . . The reverse was reported in the recruiting of **Lance Blanks**, who reportedly was very excited when learning that Sutton would be at Kentucky. His coach, **Terry Priest** said, "He's (Blanks) always liked Arkansas, not necessarily the school, but the basketball program. He really feels he needs to be a better defensive player. Sutton could certainly help him there." . . As expected, Kentucky All-American **Kenny Walker** became the first Southeastern Conference player since **Bernard King** in 1977 to win both the scoring race and the rebounding championship. Final statistics released earlier this week show Walker edging out Auburn's **Chuck Person** in the scoring race and outdueling Florida's **Eugene McDowell** for the rebounding crown. Walker scored 22.9 ppg and 10.2 rpg. . . The SEC will sponsor its first ever **Football Media Days** July 31-August 2 in Birmingham later this summer. Each of the ten schools will send their head coach and two players to participate in the event with media from all over the south. . . Indiana's **Marty Simmons**, a sophomore forward who played brilliantly as a freshman a year ago, says he will transfer from Hoosier Country at the end of the year. . .

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BOYS' ALL-STATE TEAM



Tony Kimbro

Player, school	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Avg.
Tony Kimbro, Seneca	6-7½	210	Sr.	27.4
Barry Goheen, Marshall Co.	6-4	172	Sr.	24.3
Rex Chapman, Apollo	6-4	160	Jr.	27.5
Mike Scott, Greenup County	6-11	210	Sr.	18.3
Keith Williams, Seneca	6-4½	180	Sr.	16.9
Frank Persley, Scott County	6-4	200	Jr.	19.2
Scott Draud, Highlands	6-2	170	Jr.	30.4
Derrick Wilson, Tates Creek	6-2	185	Sr.	21.1
Felton Spencer, Eastern	7-1	250	Jr.	22.3
Orbrey Gritton, Anderson Co.	6-6	195	Sr.	23.5

SEC Baseball Statistics Through Games Of March 24

STANDINGS

Western Division

School	SEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Miss. State	6-3	.667	18-4	.818
LSU	6-3	.667	14-5	.737
Auburn	5-4	.556	13-7	.650
Alabama	6-6	.500	14-9	.609
Ole Miss	1-8	.111	8-11	.421

Eastern Division

School	SEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Florida	8-1	.889	25-5	.833
Tennessee	6-3	.667	12-10	.545
Georgia	4-5	.444	11-12	.478
Kentucky	4-8	.333	10-14	.417
Vanderbilt	2-7	.222	12-10	.545

TEAM HITTING

School	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.
Auburn	688	166	227	32	8	28	150	.330
Alabama	797	185	262	46	11	26	162	.329
LSU	604	145	194	36	6	25	126	.321
Vanderbilt	763	164	244	40	8	34	147	.320
Miss. State	755	191	240	72	3	28	168	.318
Georgia	751	146	231	52	1	27	132	.308
Florida	1035	254	318	74	7	25	227	.307
Kentucky	793	139	239	37	5	25	124	.301
Ole Miss	651	121	194	34	4	14	104	.298
Tennessee	684	142	190	32	4	24	121	.278

TEAM PITCHING

School	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA
Miss. State	183.0	163	81-56	81	171	2.75
Florida	262.2	214	120-88	123	221	3.01
LSU	154.1	140	93-69	96	148	4.02
Alabama	185.0	208	130-98	95	134	4.77
Tennessee	173.2	209	124-97	60	117	5.03
Vanderbilt	178.0	171	131-102	113	158	5.16
Ole Miss	163.2	183	140-102	87	117	5.61
Auburn	161.1	196	127-105	86	90	5.86
Georgia	181.0	231	153-122	78	121	6.07
Kentucky	187.2	214	158-129	103	136	6.19

OPPONENTS' HITTING

School	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.
Florida	993	120	214	34	4	17	105	.215
LSU	593	94	140	24	2	13	79	.236
Miss. State	686	81	163	37	1	7	69	.238
Vanderbilt	679	131	171	29	2	18	112	.252
Ole Miss	656	140	183	32	11	16	116	.279
Alabama	734	130	208	37	6	20	107	.283
Kentucky	755	158	214	41	6	28	139	.283
Tennessee	714	124	209	45	4	20	102	.293
Auburn	664	127	196	38	3	16	109	.297
Georgia	745	153	231	45	6	25	137	.310

OPPONENTS' PITCHING

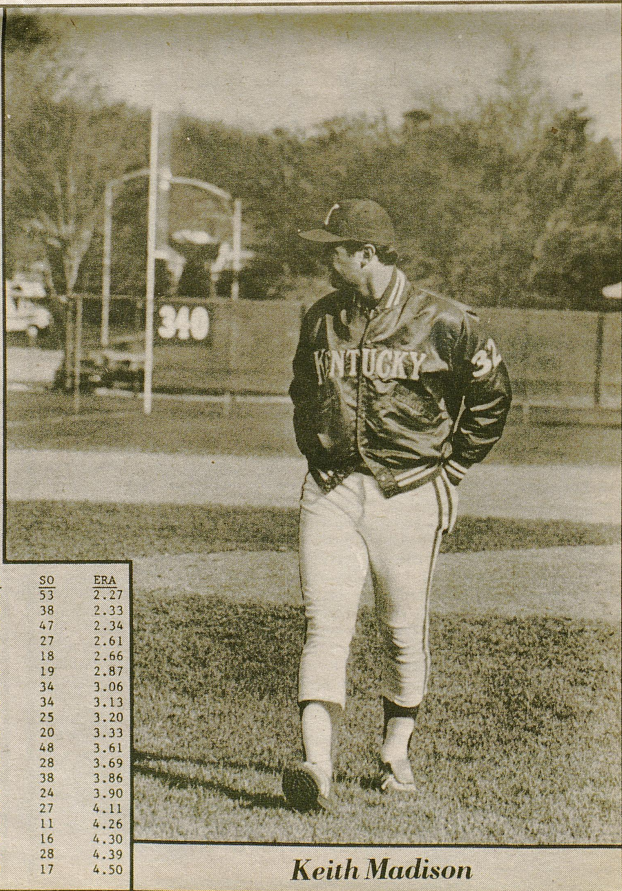
School	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA
Miss. State	174.0	240	191-144	116	114	7.45
Alabama	183.0	262	185-151	120	97	7.43
LSU	148.0	194	145-122	110	125	7.42
Florida	250.1	318	254-201	195	166	7.22
Vanderbilt	180.2	244	164-143	87	125	7.12
Auburn	160.2	227	166-124	76	100	6.95
Georgia	180.2	231	146-130	121	117	6.48
Tennessee	171.2	190	142-117	79	92	6.13
Kentucky	193.0	239	139-110	90	112	5.13
Ole Miss	162.0	194	121-90	92	110	5.00

Hitting-Top 25

Player, School, Position	Gms	AB	Runs	Hits	RBI	Avg.
Will Clark, Miss. State, 1b	22	78	31	39	33	.500
Paul Foster, Auburn, of	20	75	25	37	40	.493
George Flower, Vanderbilt, 3b	15	63	17	30	22	.476
Bo Jackson, Auburn, of	19	67	26	31	24	.463
Kyle Gordon, Ole Miss, 1b	18	64	15	28	23	.438
Marty Brown, Georgia, of-1b	23	81	28	35	20	.432
Jeff Yurtin, LSU, dh	17	44	12	19	9	.432
Doug Duke, Alabama, c	23	65	22	28	26	.431
Junior Rogers, Ole Miss, c	16	49	9	20	13	.408
Benton Patton, Vanderbilt, rf	22	87	16	35	21	.402
Marty Lanoux, LSU, 3b	19	70	17	28	16	.400
Chris Lombardozzi, Florida, ss	30	103	29	41	27	.398
Scott Lusader, Florida, rf	30	110	38	43	25	.390
Mark Sayers, Auburn, 3b	20	77	17	30	22	.390
Manny Mantrana, LSU, 1f	19	62	20	24	20	.387
Scott Ruskin, Florida, cf/p	29	97	30	37	29	.381
Paul Somogyi, Georgia, 3b	22	87	19	33	14	.379
Allan Stallings, Alabama, cf	23	91	23	34	11	.374
Darryl Oliver, Ole Miss, 2b	19	63	18	23	9	.365
Gator Thiesen, Miss. State, 2b	21	80	23	29	14	.363
Ted McLendon, Alabama, 3b	23	86	25	31	31	.360
Clint Arnold, Kentucky, rf	23	81	21	29	11	.358
Tim Touma, Florida	30	104	27	37	20	.355
Tim Sims, Alabama, ss	22	83	13	29	13	.349
Mike Stanley, Florida, 1f	27	92	21	32	20	.347
Randy Clark, Kentucky, 1b	24	95	19	33	18	.347
Trey Gagnous, Auburn, cf	20	81	16	28	8	.346
Greg Newsom, Tennessee, 2b	22	78	20	27	30	.346
Mike Twardoski, Alabama, rf	23	93	23	32	12	.344
Dan Van Cleve, Miss. State, cf	22	88	23	30	14	.341

Pitching- Minimum of 1 inning pitched per team game

Player, School, R-L	Gms	W-L	IP	Hits	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA
Jeff Brantley, Miss. State, r	9	6-1	43.2	30	13-11	16	53	2.27
Scott Ruskin, Florida, l	7	5-1	54.0	40	17-14	30	38	2.33
Eric Hetzel, LSU, r	7	5-1	42.1	27	12-11	23	47	2.34
Gene Morgan, Miss. State, r	8	4-0	38.0	34	22-11	14	27	2.61
Kyle Balch, Vanderbilt, r	5	1-2	23.2	16	13-7	7	18	2.66
Gordie Hershisier, Alabama, r	7	3-1	31.1	34	17-10	6	19	2.87
David Lee, Florida, d	8	6-0	47.0	39	18-16	23	34	3.06
Steve King, Miss. State, r	8	4-1	31.2	34	16-11	16	34	3.13
David Miller, Ole Miss, r	5	2-2	25.1	17	14-9	8	25	3.20
Greg Hibbard, Alabama, l	15	1-1	24.1	28	10-9	6	20	3.33
Jeff Fischer, Florida, r	8	5-2	57.1	47	28-23	24	48	3.61
Jeff Oyster, Alabama, r	7	4-3	31.2	36	20-13	12	28	3.69
Mark Ambrose, Vanderbilt, r	8	3-3	37.1	34	23-16	17	38	3.86
Robbie Smith, LSU, r	11	1-0	27.2	26	20-12	19	24	3.90
Jay Ray, Kentucky, r	7	1-4	35.0	37	17-16	8	27	4.11
Jeff Glover, Tennessee, r	4	1-1	25.1	33	15-12	8	11	4.26
Brian Becker, Ole Miss, l	10	0-0	23.0	25	15-11	13	16	4.30
Doug Givler, Georgia, r	7	2-3	39.0	46	33-19	21	28	4.39
Stan Loewer, LSU, r	11	2-2	20.0	30	16-10	10	17	4.50



Keith Madison

UK Strength Coach Continues To Pump Iron

Takes Pride In What He Does

How would YOU like to meet University of Kentucky strength coach Pat Etcheberry while walking through a dark alley some night?

Before you answer that, let me suggest that you don't go walking down any dark alleys. Besides, you wouldn't find Etcheberry there, anyway, because he doesn't have the time to hang around dark alleys.

Instead, he spends most of his days, and nights, under the bright lights of the mirrored weightlifting room at Shively Sports Center.

Etcheberry's hours vary from season to season, but he can be found in the weightlifting area usually from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"I take pride in what I do," said Etcheberry last week while preparing for the return of Wildcats' football players from spring break. "I'm a firm believer in fitness. Fitness has helped me a lot. But I'm involved without being a fanatic about it."



Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

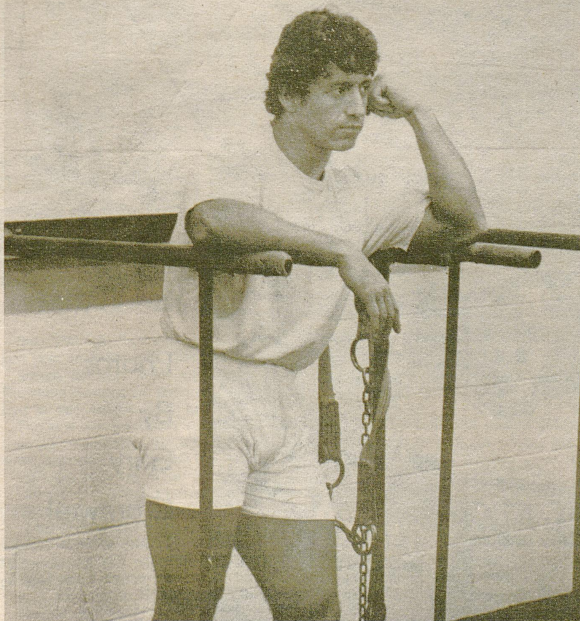
Etch has been a prominent fixture in the Lexington area since his arrival on campus in 1963, when he migrated north from Santiago, Chile, a small country in South America, to attend UK on a track scholarship. He's very popular in town. Just mention his name to almost anyone, and they know who you're talking about.

"This is a university town," said Etcheberry. "We get a lot of support from the townspeople. It's a great place to coach."

Especially since he was relieved of his duties as men's and women's track coach about a year ago and can now work with student-athletes full time in the weight room.

"Every (NCAA) Div. I and I-A school now has a full-time strength coach," says Etcheberry, who had been the head track coach since June of 1978. "Even some major high schools across the country now have one. It's kind of a new profession, but it's extremely important."

You bet. Head football coach Jerry Claiborne has expressed how important weight lifting is to the success or failure of his team. Former head basketball coach Joe Hall's players were jealously criticized for how "physical" they were on the court.



'Etch' Works With All Of UK's Teams



Cats' Strength Coach Believes In Fitness

Many others have benefitted from his expertise. Etcheberry has helped organize the new Executive Fitness and Sports Medicine Center in the Lexington Clinic East, located on Richmond Road. The center, which opened last year, is directed by former Wildcats' football player John Maddox.

"I knew there was a need for an operation like this," Etcheberry explained. "Major corporations are finding that it's very beneficial for their top executives to be in good shape. They spend all those years training their executives and then one of them drops dead from a heart attack or stroke. At the clinic, most of our clients are 40-50 years old. Executives are under a lot of stress."

At the clinic, doctors give each client a complete physical examination. One of the things they check is an individual's cholesterol level. The lower one's cholesterol level, the less chance that person will suffer a heart attack.

"You're talking about people who haven't exercised for 20 or 30 years," Etcheberry explained. "The business person needs to unwind and relax. The clinic helps him or her do that. And insurance companies give better rates to people who exercise. Besides, this clinic offers something unique for the business person."

Etcheberry himself is now 42, but, at 5-10 and 185 pounds, he looks much younger. His cholesterol level is nine percent.

"I try to workout about an hour each day," he said. "It's not how long you train but how hard. I get my best workout in when I don't have time for it."

Etcheberry works out because he wants to be able to set a good example for the younger athletes he trains.

"If I ask them to do something, I will do it myself," he stated. "For example, if I want the football players to run the steps at Commonwealth Stadium, I will run them. If the players ask how fast they are supposed to go, I tell them how fast I ran them in. I'm trying to develop these players to their full potential. These kids know they can believe in me."

If Etcheberry's past isn't enough to give these athletes confidence, he also knows what he's doing.

Born in March of 1943, Etcheberry was always involved in sports. He was a soccer player from the time he could walk but didn't discover weightlifting until late in his prep days.

But when he did...

"The AAU invited 20 athletes from South America to come to the U.S. to compete," he said. "I was going to go to a school in Denver, but Bob Johnson, the track coach here, offered me a scholarship."

Etcheberry went on to become the South American javelin champion, the SEC javelin champion and he participated in the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan.

"I knew I had a good arm," he explained. "But lifting weights strengthened my arm considerably."

Etcheberry also participated in the Pan American Games in 1967 and '71, but having to work a full-time teaching job, as well as coaching part-time as an assistant coach at UK to Press Whelan limited his training. He also had back, knee and elbow problems which forced him out of the '68 Olympics at Mexico City.

Now Etcheberry competes against himself in the weight room, trying to keep up the level of performance that he expects.

"I'm still competitive," he says. "I don't like to lose in anything. When America competes against Russia in the Olympics, I like to see America win. I like to watch sports. I like to play sports."

So, don't worry, narrow street walkers. You won't find Pat down some dark alley. He's got too much to do. And you can find him helping hundreds of youngsters become better athletes each summer, too. He has a camp for the younger athletes in July.

"I really enjoy my work," he said.

Gators Deal Cats Two Loses

The Kentucky Bat Cats dropped 2 of 3 to the Florida Gators in a weekend series at Shively Field.

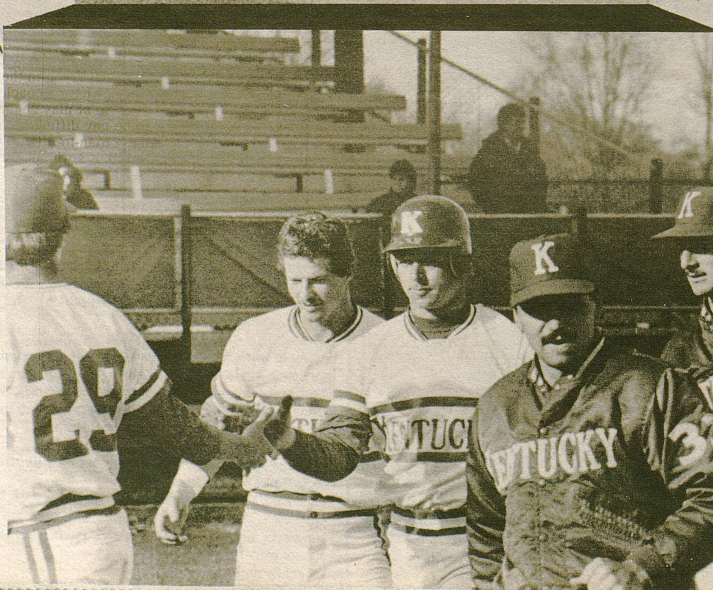
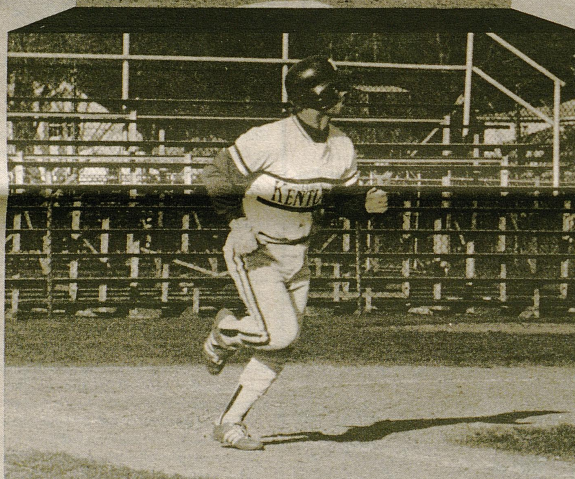
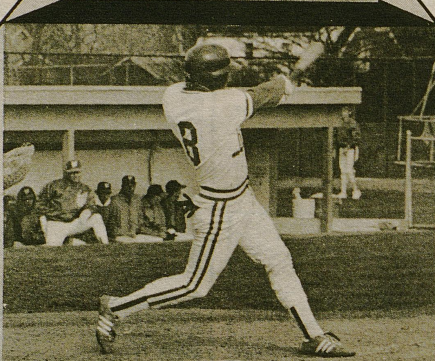
Florida (11-3 in SEC, 29-9 overall) is currently ranked eighth in the nation according to the Collegiate Baseball Magazine Poll.

Saturday UK split a double-header with the visitor as it lost the opener 10-0 but came back to win the nightcap 8-6. On Sunday Florida, the SEC's Eastern division leaders, jumped out to a 5-0 lead after six-innings and held on for a 5-2 victory.

Kentucky's record drops to 5-10 in SEC play and 14-18 overall.

On Sunday, Scott Ruskin ignited the Gators' offensive attack in the fifth by lashing a two-run homer to put UF on top 3-0. The three runs was all the visitors needed as UK only mustered up two runs for the game.

Freshman Dan Eskew took the loss as his record now fell to 2-1.



Aided by four Gator homeruns and a nifty pitching performance by UF's Ruskin, Florida eased to a win in Saturday's first game. Ruskin allowed the Kentucky batters only four hits, while improving his record to 7-1 on the season. UK's Jay Ray (3-5) took the loss.

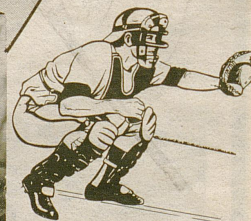
In the second game, the Bat Cats trailed 6-0 entering the bottom of the fourth inning. But Kentucky scored two, four and two runs in the next three frames to take an 8-6 lead, and held on for the win.

Slugger Randy Clark and Jim Wilenbrink drilled home runs in the fifth to propel UK's offensive attack. Clark's round-tripper was a three-run shot, while Wilenbrink connected on a solo homerun.

Reliever Jack Savage earned his first win this season in two decisions.

Following games at Cincinnati (April 9) and Cumberland (April 11), Kentucky travels to Knoxville for a three-game series with arch-rival Tennessee (April 13-14).

First baseman Randy Clark belts a 3-run homer in the fifth inning in Saturday's second game against SEC East leader Florida.



Photos

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Eddie Sutton-The New Kid In Town

First Duty Was To Keep Hamilton On His Staff

New guy in town

Eddie Sutton's appointment last week as successor to coach Joe B. Hall at the University of Kentucky was a (semi-)surprise. A UK official was not kidding when he "whispered" a few hours before Dr. Otis Singletary's announcement that, while he could not reveal the new coach's name, "he's a proven head coach and among the top five in America."

Sutton is that, and Kentucky basketball heads into a new era, that—it seems to me—looks most promising.

On court...



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

- Sutton's teams have won consistently, nine straight trips to the NCAA tournament and with only an occasional superstar (Sidney Moncrief, Joe Kleine).
- Sutton's teams have always been extremely good on defense. During Final Four week Sutton likened his defensive philosophy to that used by John Thompson at Georgetown.

- Sutton's basic philosophy covers most everything. It's a *team* game.

Off court...

- Unless Sutton's maneuverings through his first breathing-room-only press conference with Kentucky media last week were less than genuine, I was most impressed with the way he put his family first during introductory remarks — wife Patsy, and sons Stephen 20, Sean 16 and Scott 14.

"This is my girl," Sutton said proudly. "And come June first, Patsy and I will have been married 27 years."

Applause.

Then Sutton introduced his three sons, noting that 20-year-old Stephen is a pre-law student at the University of Arkansas, "but I'm hoping he'll transfer to Kentucky."

Laughs.



Hall Listens To Successor Eddie Sutton

Sean Patrick "is a very good basketball player. He was sophomore of the year last year in Arkansas," the coach said. "And Scott is a fine player too."

Sutton did very well, saying the right things — recalling how, as a boy in Buckland Kansas, he listened to Kentucky games on radio. And he made a point that he and Adolph Rupp hail from Kansas.

The new coach seemed unabashedly excited and proud of his new station in life (and the money isn't bad either). Sometimes I wonder if Kentuckians realize just how "high up" others who toil at coaching put the UK job.

"It's the best job in the country," Sutton said. "Including the NBA."

The UK coach was so proud last week, he brought along his college mentor at Oklahoma State, the legendary Henry Iba.

"I brought another friend of mine along today," he said. "because he was such a great friend of coach Rupp's. Henry Iba is a legend and he's been like a second father to me and when he heard I'd accepted the Kentucky job he was very pleased and I wanted him to come along today."

Very nice move, Eddie.

Iba, the distinguished old warrior had to be prodded to the news conference microphone, but when he got there he gave the media "fair warning."

"This is Eddie's Day. (pause) I've been connected with Kentucky for a long, long time. I was close to Adolph (Rupp), knew him as well as anyone did. And I

remember when Joe (Hall) went to Regis College and when Adolph brought him in here.

"Today, you've got another great coach," Iba added. "All you have to do is back him. He knows the game, he knows people, he knows how to treat people."

In retrospect perhaps Joe Hall recognized better than anyone in Kentucky, it was time for a change and the move to Eddie Sutton looks like a good one. Certainly UK fans who telephoned Sutton on his first radio call-in show on WVLT Tuesday evening demonstrated enthusiasm for UK's choice.

With Lute Olson's earlier rejection of the UK job in mind, Sutton was asked if he believed he was the number one man for the Kentucky job?

"I think so," he replied, looking down. "They couldn't get Bobby (Knight)...or Dean (Smith)...or Denny (Crum)...or John (Thompson)...so I guess I was next on the list."

As Sutton reeled off the names, Hagan sat nearby whispering after each that none of the forementioned had been approached.

Style change at UK?

When it was suggested to Sutton that his style and manner is different from Joe B. Hall's conservatism, he was on top of it. "If you win they don't care how you play the game and that's the bottom line. They will love me until we lose that first game. But I don't think our philosophies are that much different. We both believe in discipline, getting players to play the game with great enthusiasm and intensity. And we both believe in strong defense."

"But I don't think you'll see anything very different in my philosophy than you've seen the last few years here at Kentucky."

Sutton added, "Any team in sports that's successful over a long period, you'd better be strong on defense. Joe's teams may have played more zones than we do because we're primarily a man-to-man ball club. But we'll play some zones too."



Hall's Return



Sutton Accepts Offer

Leonard Hamilton

One of the first things Sutton did when he accepted the UK job, he said, was ask Leonard Hamilton to stay on as assistant coach. The news brought rousing applause from board members and reporters at the press conference.

It was indeed a sound decision.

Hamilton's reaction to being asked to stay on?

"I decided to evaluate my situation when there was something to evaluate," he said. "I found out this morning who the coach was and he asked me to stay."

Hamilton says he sees no style of play change in UK's future under Sutton. "I don't think there's going to be any difference in the kind of athletes we've been recruiting. Style? He likes man-to-man defense and aggressive offensive basketball and I like to think that's what we've been doing here too."

Hamilton's reaction to being overlooked after 11 years as a UK assistant?

"I didn't apply for the job and I had my reasons," he said. "I'm pleased with the progress I'm making toward the personal goals I've set for myself. Goals that I'd rather not discuss."

Joe B Hall legacy

For the second time in 55 years the torch that lights the way for the University of Kentucky's basketball program has been passed along. And it can be safely said here that Joe B. Hall leaves it on (at least) the same lofty level where he found it, near the top of college basketball.

In Hall's 13 years as UK coach he was saddled with Adolph Rupp's ghost and was bedeviled by critics from border to border, but he remained steadfast in his approach and sustained the high traditions that UK fans have taken for granted. The man from Kentucky's heartland recognized if some of his detractors did not, that a level of excellence established during the Rupp years could be carried on, maybe even improved upon.

Nobody wanted to admit it, but Rupp's system was antiquated. Times change, but successors to kings are not forgiven.

In many very important ways Hall's era eclipsed the grand record set forth by Der Baron in his 42 seasons at UK. In numbers Hall's 13 teams won 297 games — three out of every four times they played. The Wildcats won eight Southeastern Conference titles, an NCAA championship, an NCAA runner-up trophy and went to the Final Four three times. And UK won an NIT crown too.

But transcending all the impressive victories and percentages Hall saw to it

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Hall Puts "Amen" To Kentucky's Selection

Sky Walker Will Remain At UK

When Joe Hall resigned as head basketball coach at Kentucky he told UK officials only one thing.

"I told them they needed to get a successful coach who could come in here confident," says Hall. "I thought they needed a successful, proven coach who could come in with the support of the media and the fans."

And UK officials did just that with the hiring of Eddie Sutton.

Sutton is considered by most to be one of the top five coaches in the country and he feels he is ready to cope with the pressure of UK's winning tradition.

"You have pressure every place you go," says Sutton, who took his last nine Arkansas teams to the NCAA Tournament. "We built a monster at Arkansas. We went 22-13 this year, our worst record in nine years, and people were unhappy."



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

"But I'm going to coach the game the same whether I'm at Arkansas, Kentucky or Rhode Island. Besides, the fans will like me until I lose my first game."

Sutton, though, is thrilled to be at Kentucky. "I'm flattered and honored to be here," says Sutton. "This is the best job in the country and I had my mind made up if I was offered the job I would come."

"The hiring of Eddie Sutton will do nothing but enhance the Kentucky basketball program," said Hall. "He's a great coach and I couldn't be more pleased for him. He's one of the people I thought should be considered for the job."

Sutton shares the same respect for Hall, who guided UK to 298 victories during his 13-year career.

"Joe Hall is a heck of a coach," said Sutton. "I've admired him for years and years. He did an outstanding job trying to follow Adolph Rupp, who was one of the great coaches of all time."

"But if Rupp had to coach today it would be more difficult for him to win as many SEC (Southeastern Conference) titles. That's why Joe's record is so impressive."

Sutton's credentials are just as impressive, though. Twice he has been national Coach of the Year and four times he was the Southwest Conference Coach of the Year. His teams were almost impossible to beat at home as he compiled a 121-8 home-court mark.

Sutton does not have any Kentucky ties but university officials obviously felt it would be best to bring in a new man with fresh ideas.

"You can get so caught up with things that you don't have time to coach," said Hall. "Maybe the fact that Eddie has not grown up with the Kentucky tradition will be a plus for him."

Sutton, though, shouldn't have any trouble making a place for himself in the Bluegrass. He knows how to deal with the media and influential boosters. But he's also sincere and that's what will impress fans across the state.

He took one immediate positive step by retaining Leonard Hamilton, Hall's top assistant coach the last five years.

Many UK fans felt Hamilton had been slighted when he was not even considered for the vacancy created by Hall. Sutton, though, moved quickly to heal those wounds and Hamilton says he is glad to be working for another quality coach.

"I think keeping coach Hamilton around is a smart move," says UK All-American Kenny Walker. "He's been a big asset to the program and just having him still here will make the whole situation better."

Having Walker around next year won't hurt either. As soon as Sutton was named coach Walker made it official that he would return to UK for his senior year.

"I still have not reached my potential as a player and person," says Walker, the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year last season. "I made up my mind even before the season ended that I would be back but I didn't say much about it."

Sutton watched Walker play twice this year in the NCAA tourney. He knows what having Walker will mean to next year's team.

"We might have the player of the year right here," says Sutton. "I've coached some great ones, such as Sidney Moncrief, and I think Kenny Walker could be 'Mr. Basketball' next year."

Players like that type enthusiasm in a coach. And Sutton is both enthusiastic and intense.

He also believes in a style of play that will please both the players and fans. Junior guard Roger Harden says, "He doesn't just speak of the fast break, he runs it. It didn't really matter to me who got the job but he will certainly work in my mind."

"And I think everybody will stay to play for him. I know I'm definitely looking forward to playing under him."

ONE OF the most touching moments at the Final Four for me came when former Gov. A.B. "Happy" Chandler shared his memories of Adolph Rupp.

Chandler talked about the former UK coach as part of the awards presentation for the Adolph F. Rupp Trophy, which goes to The Associated Press college basketball Player of the Year.

"No day passes that I don't miss Adolph," says Chandler. "He didn't like many folks and not many liked him. But he didn't give a damn. He was bent on perfection in basketball."

"When Rupp came to Kentucky basketball wasn't important. Nobody gave a damn about basketball in the south. He beat the teams everywhere but the bottoms of their feet. And if they had laid down he would have beat them there, too."

"Finally they all got mad and fought back. Rupp humiliated them until they had to put some emphasis on basketball."

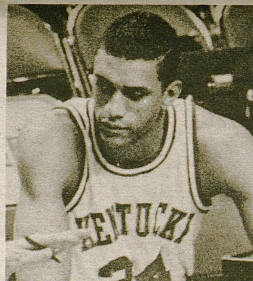
Chandler recalled that after Rupp's first year at UK the administration offered the coach a one-year contract worth \$2,800.

"I told him, 'Adolph, if they offer you a one-year contract after you win, what will they offer when you lose,'" said Chandler. "I told him to tell them he didn't want the job. But they gave him a three-year contract and after that he didn't have any contract problems."

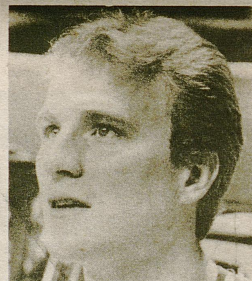
Chandler even offered advice to Joe B. Hall when he replaced Rupp 13 years ago.

"I told Joe that if Jesus succeeded this fellow he would have a tough time," said Chandler. "I told Joe to do things his own way. And Joe did a good job."

Sounds like good advice to pass on to Eddie Sutton.



Kenny Walker



Roger Harden

MICHIGAN'S Bill Frieder, who was named AP Coach of the Year during the Final Four, paid the Kentucky basketball program a huge compliment while in Lexington.

"Anybody who can get the Kentucky job better take it," said Frieder. "It is the General Motors of college basketball."

MEMPHIS STATE Coach Dana Kirk certainly enjoyed Lexington's hospitality even though the Tigers lost to Villanova in the semifinals.

"I've never had such good treatment," said Kirk. "Things can't be done any better than what they were here. Lexington has great basketball tradition and the organization here was as precise as any I've ever seen."

"I've been to the Final Four 19 straight times and it can't be done any better than what Lexington did."

He's exactly right. Lexington did a splendid job hosting the Final Four. In fact, the whole operation was so impressive that it may now be possible to entice the NCAA to bring its biggest show to Lexington once again in the future.

WALKER literally got "caught" by the Final Four excitement in Lexington.

Walker and UK teammates Roger Harden and Winston Bennett went to the Hyatt to watch the post-game celebration after Villanova stunned Georgetown. They should have known better.

"We walked in and people started chanting, 'Go Big Blue' right in the lobby of the Hyatt," says Harden. "They were pouring beer, cokes and I don't know what else on us. They were just going crazy."

"Bennett and I got away but Walker didn't. They put Walker on their shoulders and passed him around the lobby. That was one time I was glad to be a six-foot white guy that could blend into the crowd."

Bob Watkins

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that the school's basketball covenant was kept sacred, unblemished in a time when bending rules and cheating are rampant. And Hall accomplished it with integrity, dignity and adherence to principals. The school, and the state's pride in it, was in good hands.

Near the end even his critics began to soften. Hall earned respect that can be accurately measured only after he has been gone from the scene for a few years.

We have come to realize that the University of Kentucky, and the state's pride in it, was in good hands.

In the end, Hall made a final honorable gesture. In memory of his mentor,



Hall Did The Impossible, Succeeded Adolph

Adolph Rupp (and Regis College in Denver), Hall wore a camel brown sports jacket to his final game as coach.

Now, in more than half a century—55 years—Kentucky has had two basketball coaches. Incredibly, the Wildcats have been to the NCAA Tournament 30 times and own five championships.

Who can carry on? That is to be decided of course, but Hall, in his own indestructible way, has greased the skids, eased the way.

I don't recall the coach who said it, but somehow the cleverism uttered 13 winters ago is rendered inoperable today. "I wouldn't want to follow a legend (Rupp)," the man said. "But I wouldn't mind succeeding the fellow who followed one."

Hall did what no other coach could have done at Kentucky, succeeded Adolph Rupp. And did it very well.

Letters

From Autry Duncan of Elizabethtown... "A few words about UK I believe Coach Hall did a better job coaching this year than he ever has before. I have nothing against Coach Hall and I feel like he has done a very good job following Mr. Rupp, but somehow I feel like it was good that Mr. Hall stepped down. I feel like it will be good for everyone if we get a fresh start away from the old line of people and move forward with new people. Again I have nothing but praise for Mr. Hall (even though I did not agree with all his moves with some of the players he had) but he was the coach and knew what he was doing.

"I would have liked to have seen him play (Robert) Lock and (Cedric) Jenkins more, but I guess he thought it best to go all the time with Bret (Bearup).

"UK will have to have more points from (Winston) Bennett if they are to win. One comment on last year's team that should have won it all. This is not meant to be critical of the kids but in the last half of the Georgetown game the kids were scared. You could see it in their eyes and the passes and shots they took. But they were a good bunch of kids and I did enjoy seeing them play.

"Again not trying to be critical, they all did well. And the best to all of them, including Mr. Hall. I would love to see this kids stuff between the Rups (family) and Hall cease. I really don't see anything good coming from carrying a chip on your shoulder the rest of your life.

Again I enjoyed these kids this year and Mr. Hall's coaching. It was good not to be the favorite every game for a change. Less pressure. I also believe the fans now will accept the fact that we cannot win every ball game."

Tulane tip of iceberg?

The point shaving episode at Tulane University might be, in the opinion of some college coaches "an isolated incident."

Maybe.

But one revelation last week from New Orleans demonstrates—I am convinced—that we are seeing the tip of an iceberg that goes far deeper and touches many more college programs in the country than Tulane and will be far more damaging in the long run.

Afterall, Tulane is not close to the General Motors class of college basketball and yet somebody paid John Williams \$10,000 to sign a college scholarship.

Green Wave coach Ned Fowler admitted having paid Williams \$100 a week and the player told reporters that when he signed four years ago he was given a shoebox with \$10,000 inside.

It is not a doomsayer's view to suggest here that big money and the relentless pursuit after it, may be in the initial stages of consuming college basketball as we know it.

Certainly money and greed have killed the program at Tulane. And just as quickly as Tulane was a Metro Conference title contender, presto, the school's

"We've always been worried about

'big-time' intercollegiate athletics"

At Tulane".

- TU Professor Henry Mason

president Eamon Kelly recommended that the men's basketball program be terminated.

I believe Eamon Kelly who should be receiving a telephone call from President Ronald Reagan, commending him for attempting to kill a cancer that is gnawing at Our Game.

We live in a time when the pressures on coaches to win cause them to throw chairs, badger and abuse referees, and cheat.

Something Henry L. Mason, political science professor at Tulane University, said last week is (sadly) demonstrative of where we've gotten to.

"We've always been worried about 'big-time' intercollegiate athletics" at Tulane," Mason told The Associated Press, "because of the expense of the program and because the athletes seemed more and more like 'pre-professional' sports players. We always felt they were alien to the university, and in a sense, the scandal has proved this point."

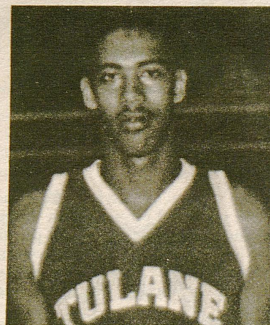
Alien to the University.

Yes, the point is made. And yet, somehow Mason's view is no more than a remarkable grasp for the obvious.

As big as college basketball has become, there are things going on that avoid print and media exposure only because coaches and those involved with college programs are clever enough to deal in cash and verbal commitments, thus avoiding leaving a trail of hard evidence.

And so, who are the foremost casualties in all this? They have not all come to the surface yet, but...

■ Not Ned Fowler. Even though the career of this former Metro Conference coach of the year is in a shambles and he is finished as a coach at any level, he will survive.



Williams



Fowler Will Survive

■ John Williams, maybe. The 23-years-old's promising career in the NBA is gone because not even the money grubbers from the play-for-pay league would touch a talent.

No, the real casualties here is college basketball and the fans who adore it so. You and me.

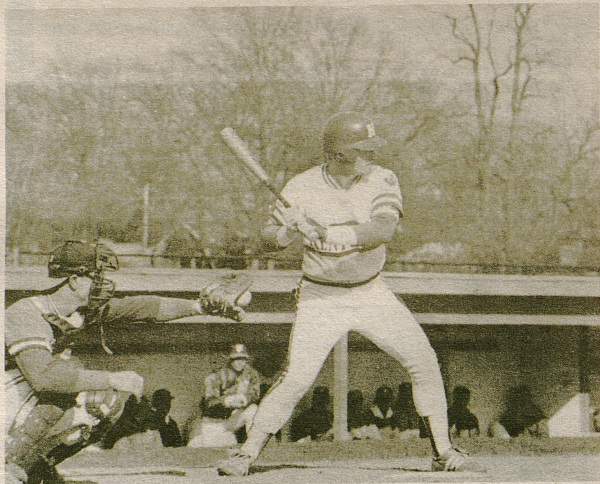
For what we are seeing unfold in New Orleans is—I believe—sadly, just the tip of the iceberg.

And so it goes.



Bat Cats

In Action ...



At The Plate ...



... On The Base Paths

Eddie Sutton

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might play 'em. But I'm not sure I want to go back to Fayetteville and play.

What about your decision to coach at Arkansas?

Coach Sutton: (Prior to coaching at Arkansas) Bobby (Knight) and Dean (Smith) and several of my other friends said don't go to Arkansas. What you have to understand is that my great-grandfather fought in the Civil War at Arkansas. He was stationed in Fayetteville... he was an officer in the Union forces. So I always felt like that was one reason that I went to Arkansas. But we got it (the basketball program) going there now. What you've got to understand, 11 years ago that (Arkansas) was strictly a football school. You could have shot a shotgun that first year (in the arena) and

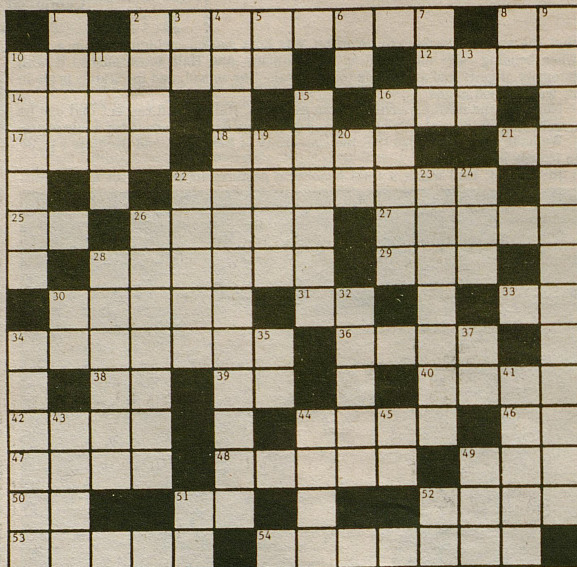
couldn't have hit anybody. But now we've got 5,000 people on the waiting list and every game is sold out just like it is here. We made a good program.

What about Leonard Hamilton's reaction to staying on as assistant coach?

Coach Sutton: I think he's excited. Like when I came to Arkansas I kept Pat Foster. It's so important that you have someone that knows the lay of the land and knows what's going on recruiting-wise. I called Leonard Hamilton down and visited him for about an hour and I think he's excited. If he's not he's a great actor. He's a good person and he's certainly been an asset to the University of Kentucky these past nine years as Joe's assistant.

The Cats' Pause Crossword

By Dan Krueckeberg



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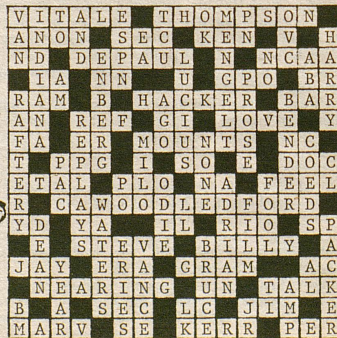
ACROSS

- 2 Senior ball-carrier Don
- 8 Initials of former Cat lettermen Darby, Drinnen or Davis
- 10 Senior defensive back
- 12 Mexico state
- 14 Jai
- 16 The seniors played a big part in the Hall of Fame Bowl
- 17 Namesakes of UK senior; #48
- 18 Senior lineman Jeff came through in the Hall of Fame Bowl
- 21 Initials of Cat great who's retiring from pro hoops this year
- 22 Joker finished his UK career with 6 big receptions in the Hall of Fame Bowl
- 25 Initials of senior Shurtleff
- 26 Main force of an attack
- 27 16 Down will be missed at _____ end
- 28 First name of senior who gained 110 yards vs. the Vols
- 29 Track m
- 30 Breakfast item
- 31 Initials of 2 Across
- 33 Senior Calhoun came _____ UK via Louisville
- 34 Senior Stacey's position was 52 Down
- 36 Senior hooper McKinley
- 38 Abbr. for MVC school in Des Moines
- 39 Initials of '50s UK hooper Beck
- 40 Harvest
- 42 TB Adams was _____ the Cats' rushing stats list
- 44 _____ second; one trillionth of a second
- 46 See 31 Across
- 47 Rushes
- 48 Senior defensive lineman Hare
- 49 Tsetung
- 50 Abbr. for "United Nations"
- 51 Initials of #79; a senior who hails from Springfield
- 52 "Yankees"
- 53 Namesakes of senior who broke UK punting records
- 54 Namesakes of 16 Down

DOWN

- 1 Festive; describes most recent Hall of Fame Bowl
- 2 Snow runners
- 3 Like
- 4 The Cats will miss senior strong line play
- 5 Indefinite article
- 6 "He put it _____ for two"
- 7 Oriental sash
- 8 Senior _____ Wallace
- 9 Senior defensive captain
- 10 Senior who led UK with 145 tackles during regular season
- 11 Namesakes of 10 Down
- 13 See 5 Down
- 15 Drooped
- 16 Senior; #87 of the gridiron
- 19 Chinese dynasty
- 20 Abbr. for "total loss"
- 22 Writing language
- 23 WR Jeff of Lexington; a senior
- 24 Abbr. for "sergeant"
- 26 This year was _____ fifth and last at UK
- 28 First name of 10 Across
- 30 Abbr. for Metro school in New Orleans
- 32 Senior footballer Matt
- 34 Senior Bret; #24
- 35 Abbr. for position of 10 Down
- 37 You
- 41 Cat senior who gained over 1000 yds. last season
- 43 Fish
- 44 First name of senior who led SEC in interceptions
- 45 Abbr. for "check"
- 49 Disfigure
- 51 See 51 Across
- 52 Abbr. for "defensive end"

Last Week's Answers



New Faces In Wildcat Backfield

Final Thoughts On Final Four

With the recent knee injury to the multi-dimensional Mark Higgs, the UK ground attack suffered a damaging blow. But on the positive side, Higgs' surgery was termed successful by Dr. James Andrews, who is one of the top orthopedic surgeons in the country. The electrifying runner from Owensboro, averaged more than six yards per carry last season could possibly be back sometime in late August, if the rehabilitation process of his right knee is completely successful. Furthermore, the injury bug has plagued Marc Logan, who has only practiced a few days during spring drills because of a pulled groin. Both injuries now gives more of the work load to a couple of running backs waiting in the wings. Some of those backs include: Ivy Joe Hunter, Anthony Gardner, and Greg Baker who will gain valuable practice time replacing the top two returning ground gainers from last season.



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

As a redshirt freshman, Hunter is considered a slashing-type back with breakaway speed. The Gainesville, Fla. product was rated one of the top running backs in the state of Florida coming out of high school. Hunter himself was hampered by a pulled groin just before spring practice got underway.

UK will miss the cutting ability of Mark Higgs, but Hunter has the potential to become a outstanding runner in the UK backfield. Currently, the UK staff has Hunter working at both the tailback and fullback positions.

Greg Baker is another redshirt freshman that could make his presence felt among the running back corps. Baker doesn't quite have the breakaway speed compared to Logan or Higgs, but is a solid all-around athlete. He was Ohio's 2-A state Player of the Year in his senior year at Springboro High School and led his team to three consecutive league championships. Of all the UK backs, Baker is probably the most durable and like Hunter, he is receiving playing time at both running back slots.

Along with defensive end Perry Barnes, Anthony Gardner is the other Alabama native on the Wildcat squad. At 5-foot-10, 180 pounds, Gardner has excellent quickness and speed. Gardner is a very elusive, and possesses the ability in breaking the big one.

One of coach Jerry Claiborne's trademarks is the ability to utilize fresh backs during game situations. With the absence of the dependable George Adams due to graduation, the threesome of Hunter, Baker, and Gardner along with Logan will battle it out to reveal what backs will receive the most

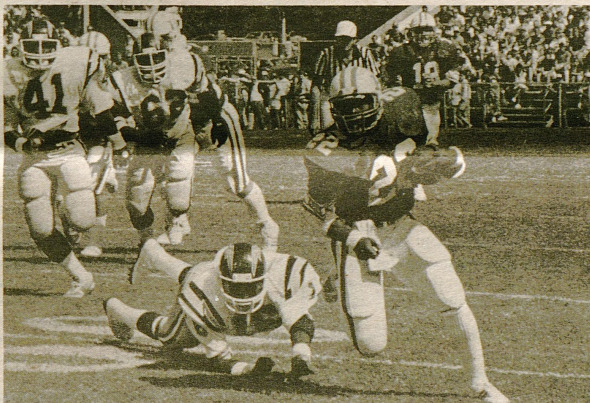
playing time. Keep in mind not one of the backfield spots is guaranteed for each of these candidates. Also, Hunter and Baker will have to compete with two veterans in Chris Derry and Tom Wheary at the starting fullback slot. Spring practice will play a key role in telling which one of these backs will come to the forefront for the 1985 season.

FINAL FOUR THOUGHTS: What else can you say that hasn't already been said about the NCAA championship game between Georgetown and Villanova. The game will probably go down as one of the all-time great games in NCAA history. Georgetown played a decent game and shot 55 percent from the field and still lost. The Hoyas will go down as one of the all time great teams in college basketball history, which advanced to the NCAA championship game three out of the last four years.

For Villanova and Rollie Massimino the victory over the Hoyas was especially sweet by dedicating the game to their long time trainer Jake Nevin and former coach Alex Severance, who died on the morning of the title game. The 78 percent shooting from the floor was simply (incredible) and is evidence a team which is properly prepared in the mental aspect of the game can overcome many obstacles such as Georgetown's abundance of talent.

After the team's pregame mass, Coach Rollie Massimino told each player to go to their room and think about two things for 15 minutes. One was the idea of playing to win and not to lose and the second one was to convince themselves that they were good enough to win. Massimino also told the team to think about being good enough to beat anybody in the United States especially in a one shot deal for the national title.

All too often the mental aspect of sports is sometimes forgotten. But Villanova proved that being mentally composed for a one game can result in a unforgettable performance. Georgetown can attest to that.



Higgs Could Be Back Early As August

UK, Lexington Want Final Four In 1991

They may be exhausted, but Lexington and University of Kentucky officials are already talking about bidding on the 1991 NCAA Final Four.

Last week's Final Four was such a success in Lexington, local movers say they can think of no reason why Lexington won't be considered favorably again when the NCAA site selection committee gets together.

Sites for all Final Fours through 1990 have already been awarded. Next year, the Final Four will be in Dallas.

"When we have the opportunity, we will bid for the next one (Final Four)," said UK athletics director Cliff Hagan. "All the feedback that we've received has been fabulous."

Hagan said he knows of no complaints arising out of last week's big event and noted that the final game between Villanova and Georgetown will go down as one of the greatest championship games of all time.

Lexington Center officials also had praise for the event, including operations director Bill Humphrey who said, "I've been associated with countless

concerts and tournaments, but this is the first one I got involved in on a personal basis. My general understanding is that the reaction was

overwhelmingly positive. Dave Ca-wood (NCAA assistant executive director) told me it was the best managed tournament he's been involved in during his 11 years with the organization."

Still, the big concern is that the NCAA is moving toward large, domed stadiums where 40,000 to 50,000 people can be accommodated, but some NCAA officials insist the college campus will never be completely eliminated.

"I don't mind the domed stadiums," said Hagan. "I like the large facilities and I enjoy the spectacle as a spectator, but I hope the Rupp Arena experience changed the minds of some who are in favor of using the domed stadiums exclusively."

The site selection committee meets again in August. Other cities which will host future Final Fours besides Dallas are New Orleans, Kansas City, Seattle and Denver.



Oscar L. Combs

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research, patient care and injury prevention of athletes.

Such a program would be patterned after the famed Hughston Clinic in Columbus, Georgia. That clinic treats a large percentage of the nation's collegiate and professional athletes who suffer athletics-related injuries.

At the present time, the board has only agreed to seek proposals from the private sector to develop and operate the program. Private funding would go toward construction of a 60-to 100-bed hospital. No state money will be involved.

Kentucky coaches believe it will be a tremendous recruiting aide for all UK sports and enable the University to offer athletes the finest in treatment facilities as well as providing treatment to other athletes around the country.

If the project is successful, don't be surprised if Dr. James Andrews is one of the key figures in the new program. He is regarded as one of the nation's best in dealing with athletics-related injuries.

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Three years ago, in the midst of the controversy surrounding the sudden absence of LSU football on WWL Radio in New Orleans, a 50,000-watt clear channel station, we warned readers that UK's long marriage with WHAS Radio in Louisville might someday be in jeopardy.

It's not only in jeopardy, the marriage has gone the way of most other marriages today, in opposite directions. No longer will Wildcat fans turn to 840 on the radio dial for the Big Blue. When you turn there this fall all you will get is the Red Rage of Louisville.

Why? It just isn't a simple answer. Too many people are telling too many different versions for a simple finger of blame.

The Kentucky network, which owns radio rights to UK football and basketball broadcasts, says it tried to negotiate a new contract with WHAS,

but claims WHAS management wasn't willing to negotiate. WHAS, on the other hand, claims it thought the negotiating process was still active when it learned that Kentucky Network had signed a new Louisville affiliate, WAVG, to a contract several days ago.

WHAS says it still wants to carry UK games, although the station has a recent history of dumping long-standing sports programs (such as Kentucky-Indiana All-Star game, major league baseball all-star game and the Kentucky State High School Basketball Tourney).

Plus, there has been the reported nudging of Louisville officials to give top billing to the Cardinals. A couple years ago, Louisville switched to WHAS for its broadcasts and when there was a conflict with UK games, the UL games have been put on WHAS' sister FM station.

There are rumors that this arrangement hasn't met well with new UL football coach Howard Schnellenberger. Howie, according to one source, wants WHAS to feature all games. WHAS says UL has made no such demands.

Another report making the rounds is that WHAS may try to buy the UK rights back from WAVG in time for the UK football and basketball seasons this fall, but that isn't likely to happen because WAVG's coupe has been a tremendous morale booster to that station's employees.

WAVG general manager Ed Henson told The Louisville Courier-Journal last week, "I was brought up in Fern Creek and I have Fern Creek blood and I enjoy a good fight. I'd lie down on Spaghetti Junction to get UK." For those of you unfamiliar with Spaghetti Junction, that just happens to be the busiest highway intersection this side of Los Angeles.

Regardless of fault, there are going to be many thousands of UK fans who may not be able to follow the Cats this year. Kentucky Network officials say the games will be broadcast over

50,000-watt WCKY (Cincinnati), but that isn't a clear-channel station like WHAS. One official said 50,000-watt clear channel WLW Radio (Cincinnati) may be added in 1986 and that would offset the loss of WHAS.

Still, Eddie Sutton's old friends and relatives back in western Kansas won't get to do what Eddie did when he was growing up as a little boy, and that is to follow the Cats on WHAS.

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HITS AND MISSES. . . One of the hottest topics around these days is how many season tickets will be controlled by new basketball coach Eddie Sutton. UK president Otis Singletary told reporters last week UK has looked into the allotment of tickets to both Joe B. Hall and Jerry Claiborne to see if their allotments are in line with those of coaches at other schools. Another UK administrator said Sutton's numbers may be reduced as much as 80 percent from those controlled by Hall. The Louisville Courier-Journal reported that UK officials had looked into a complaint which said large numbers of tickets to Hall resulted in allegations of abuses in making allocations. The newspaper said it had obtained lists of ticket-holders for both Hall and Claiborne under the state's open records law. It further reported that Joe Hall controlled 322 seats in Rupp Arena and Claiborne 861 tickets at Commonwealth Stadium. Singletary said he instructed athletics director Cliff Hagan to check into allegations from an anonymous letter earlier which claimed that some basketball tickets were being brokered for more than the face value. Singletary said Hagan's inquiry turned up no evidence of irregular payments being made to anyone for the tickets. . . The NCAA rules committee has voted to adopt the 45-second clock for the entire game of all college games next season and will also be used in post season play. That was expected, but a new twist on an intentional foul was a real surprise. Starting next season, a player who is

fouled intentionally while in the act of shooting will get two free throws, plus his team will get the ball out-of-bounds. If the field goal attempt is good, the player will get one free throw instead of two. . . No, 6-11 Arkansas freshman star Andrew Lang will not be coming to Kentucky. Coach Eddie Sutton said he was only joking last week when, in response to a reporter's question, Eddie said he would welcome Lang with open arms if he wanted to transfer to UK. Sutton also said he would not take any high school seniors who had been recruited by him at Arkansas. Sutton said he used Arkansas funds in recruiting the youngsters and that they should stay a Razorback. . . The new video tapes of past UK football highlights will be available to the public within the next couple weeks according to Bill Wester and John Sayer of Sports Video Highlight, Inc. The football tape will cover 100 years of UK football history and will sell for \$49.95 each and will be narrated by popular sportscaster Tom Hammond. You can obtain information by writing: Box 2168, Lexington, Kentucky 40597. . . Names last week as Kentucky's Mr. Basketball for the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star games were Louisville Seneca's great Tony Kimbro. He was a landslide winner over Marshall County's Barry Goheen. . . It should be some kind of a battle for the honors next year with such stars as Scott County's Frank Persley, Eastern's Felton Spencer, and Highlands' Scott Draud all chasing Owensboro Apollo's Rex Chapman. . . UK's first scrimmage of football spring practice was one contending with fierce wind gusts but coach Jerry Claiborne was still pleased with the passing of quarterbacks Bill Ransdell, Tim Jones, Kevin Dooley and Bill Allen. The four combined for 12 of 19 passes from the air while redshirt freshmen Anthony Gardner and Ivy Joe Hunter rushed for 82 and 38 yards respectively. Mark Higgs' knee injury obviously creates new room in the backfield for someone with an outstanding spring. . .



VIEWPOINT

Letters To The Editor

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Hopefully we won't make the same mistake we did a few years ago with our football program, by looking for a big name coach who doesn't understand Kentucky basketball. Only when we brought one of "our boys" back as football coach did our program begin to move in the right direction.

Let's keep it in the family as there are plenty of Kentucky boys well qualified, such as Pat Riley, Dan Issel, Kyle Macy, etc. etc.

Sincerely,

Ernest Bean, Jr.
Central City, Ky.

Past To Future

Dear Sir:

One of my first memories as a child are of my older brother cheering on

coach Rupp and the Cats. I caught Wildcat fever at an early age and will be a loyal UK fan for life.

I would like to say a few words on a couple of subjects, so please excuse the length of my letter.

First, I want to berate all parties responsible for the problems that will cause radio WHAS to no longer broadcast UK basketball and football games. I have relatives in Florida who lived in the great state of Kentucky for many years. They are loyal UK fans and cheered the Cats on with Ralph and Cawood faithfully. They have now been cheated of this pleasure by so-called business. This is but one example. I am sure there are thousands of others.

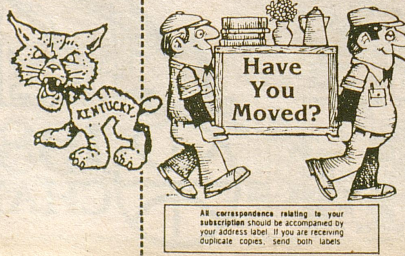
Secondly, in your issue of 4-6-85 I have a point concerning the "Wildcat Quiz" question 4 is "True or False? UK doesn't have a player from the state of Tennessee on its current roster. You give the correct answer as

true. On page 97 of TCP Kentucky Basketball Yearbook it states that Richard Madison is from Memphis, Tennessee and was selected the best player in that state. Nobody's perfect. Joe B. Hall, you were a great coach and more importantly a fine christian man who was concerned with his players as people first. God bless you

and yours. Coach Sutton, me and all other loyal UK fans wish you the best of luck and will be behind you all the way.

Sincerely,

Dan Poole
Louisville, Ky.



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Back Thru The Wildcat Years

TWO YEARS AGO

*The University of Kentucky Athletics Association board of directors voted to begin negotiations with the University of Louisville for a basketball game. The resolution adopted by the board, against the wishes of both athletics director Cliff Hagan and head coach Joe B. Hall, called for Hagan and Hall to begin negotiations with their Louisville counterparts. The two teams met for the first time in 24 years in the NCAA Mideast Regional a few weeks ago.

*Head basketball coach Joe B. Hall was given a five year contract that will cover him until July 1, 1988. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

*The UK Bat Cats split a double-header with the Florida Gators at Shively Sports Center on the UK campus. Florida won the first game

11-4, jumping out to a 7-0 lead and scored four more runs in the ninth to get the win. In the second game, Jay Ray pitched an outstanding game, allowing just eight hits, fanning five and walking only one in UK's 5-0 win over the Gators. UK scored four runs in the fourth on Florida miscues and a two-run double by Scott Knox.

*Sophomore Kevin Gothard hit a grand slam home run in the bottom of the 14th inning to give the Wildcats a 7-3 marathon win over visiting New York Tech. The win raised UK's record to 20-7 overall for the year.

*The University of Indiana basketball team broke a 17-game nonconference winning streak by UK, besting the Cats 3-1 at Shively Sports Center. Paul Kilgus took the loss even though he did not allow an earned run in eight innings pitched.

SIX YEARS AGO

*In their biggest two wins of the year, the UK baseball team silenced the Eastern Division leading Florida Gators with a 6-1, 3-2 sweep at UK. Lefty Tim Brandenburg hurled a five-hitter in the opener and Mark Hredzak drilled a two-run homer. In the second game, Joe Georger threw an eight-hitter and Randy Gipson drove home all three runs with a homer and a single. In the final game, UK lost 12-10 after coming from behind to take a 8-7 lead. During the week, the Cats swept the Indiana Hoosiers 2-1, 3-2 in Bloomington. Georger hurled a one-hitter in the first game and Tim Terry and Brandenburg combined for a three-hitter in the nightcap.

*On the first day he could sign a prepster to a national letter-of-intent,

Joe Hall inked Sam Bowie, Derrick Hord, Charles Hurt and Dirk Minniefield. A fifth signee, Tom Heitz, is expected to sign when he returns from a trip in Germany.

ELEVEN YEARS AGO

*A solo homerun in the 11th inning guided Florida past Kentucky 2-1. Kentucky now is 3-5 in the SEC and 12-12 overall.

*UK stranded 11 runners and scored just three runs as Louisville dropped the Cats 6-3 in baseball. The Cats, now 12-13 on the season, have been leaving people on base all year, according to coach Tuffy Horne.

Former Bryant Players Wanted

If you played under the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant or was a member of his staff, then the Bryant K-Men Group needs to know your address.

The Bryant K-Men Group are looking for those who played football at the University of Kentucky under Bryant during the years of 1946-53, his group has been meeting since 1973 and will hold their 1985 reunion at the Campbell House in Lexington, June 27-30.

If you know of anyone, please contact: Nick Odilivak, 8115 Lowell, Skokie, Illinois 60076; Fern Jacobs, 801 83rd Avenue North #323, St. Petersburg, Florida 33702 or in Lexington, call John Griggs at 254-8824.

KHSAA Boys' Tourney

Attendance Down

Attendance figures for the recently concluded state basketball tournaments show that attendance was down when compared to 1984 figures. Overall tournament attendance for the Girls State Tournament, held for the first time in Bowling Green, totalled 29,110 persons compared to 33,264 count for the 1984 tournament.

Paid attendance for 1985 was audited at 20,294 for total tickets receipts of \$99,985.00 compared to 24,890 and \$115,843.00 for 1984. Sessions 7 & 8, the semifinals and finals, drew 4,264 paying fans as Whitley County's Lady Colonels captured the 1985 title compared to the 7,037 who saw Howard Beth's Marshall County team win the 1984 crown. The site for the 1986 Girls Tournament which is slated for March 26-29, 1986, will be selected at the April 18th meeting of the K.H.S.A.A. Board of Control.

Attendance at the Boys Tournament, held at Rupp Arena in Lexington, totalled 122,761 fans with a paying total of 114,185 fans grossing \$595,915.50 in ticket receipts. The per session average was 15,345 with a paid average of 14,273 compared to averages of 16,055 and 14,994 for 1984. The 1986 tournament is set again for Rupp Arena, scheduled to be held March 19-22, 1986.

Wildcat Quiz

1. What high school recruit did UK sign during the early recurring period in November?

- a) Irving Thomas - Miami, Fla.
- b) Danny Ferry - Hyattsville, Md.
- c) Kenny Payne - Laurel, Miss.
- d) Tony Kimbro - Louisville, Ky.

2. When was the first time UK used two sets of jerseys for home and away games?

- a) 1920-21
- b) 1925-26
- c) 1930-31
- d) 1936-37

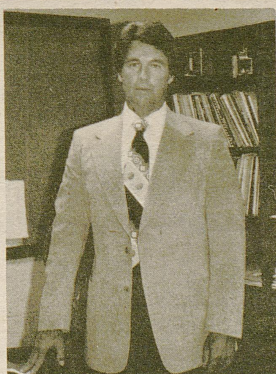
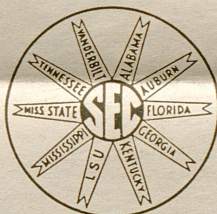
3. How many seasons did the legendary Adolph Rupp coach at Kentucky?

- a) 36
- b) 39
- c) 41
- d) 47

4. What number did Wah Wah Jones wear in his playing career at Kentucky?

- a) 27
- b) 30
- c) 32
- d) 34

5. What player during the Wildcats championship season (1977-78) led the Cats in rebounding?



Lake Kelly

Answers

- 1. Irving Thomas
- 2. 1925-26
- 3. 41
- 4. 27
- 5. Rick Robey (8.2)
- 6. False (1948 and 1949)
- 7. Seattle, Wash.
- 8. Yes (Owensboro)
- 9. 1958
- 10. Oral Roberts

- a) Mike Phillips
- b) Rick Robey
- c) Jack Givens
- d) LaVon Williams

6. True or False? Kentucky has never won back to back NCAA basketball titles.

7. In what city did Georgetown defeat Kentucky the Final Four last season?

- a) St. Louis, Mo.
- b) San Diego, Calif.
- c) Dallas, Texas
- d) Seattle, Wash.

8. Did Cliff Hagan play high school basketball in the state of Kentucky?

Yes or no.

9. During what year did the "Fiddlin' Five" play?

- a) 1951
- b) 1954
- c) 1958
- d) 1962

10. Of which of these following schools did UK assistant Lake Kelly used to be the head coach?

- a) Tulsa
- b) Middle Tennessee
- c) DePaul
- d) Oral Roberts



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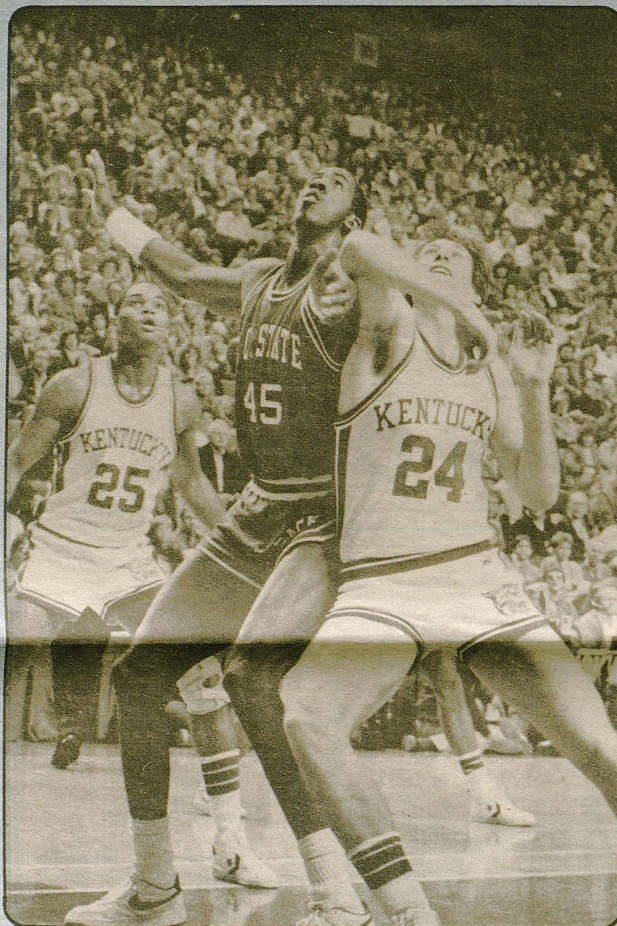
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