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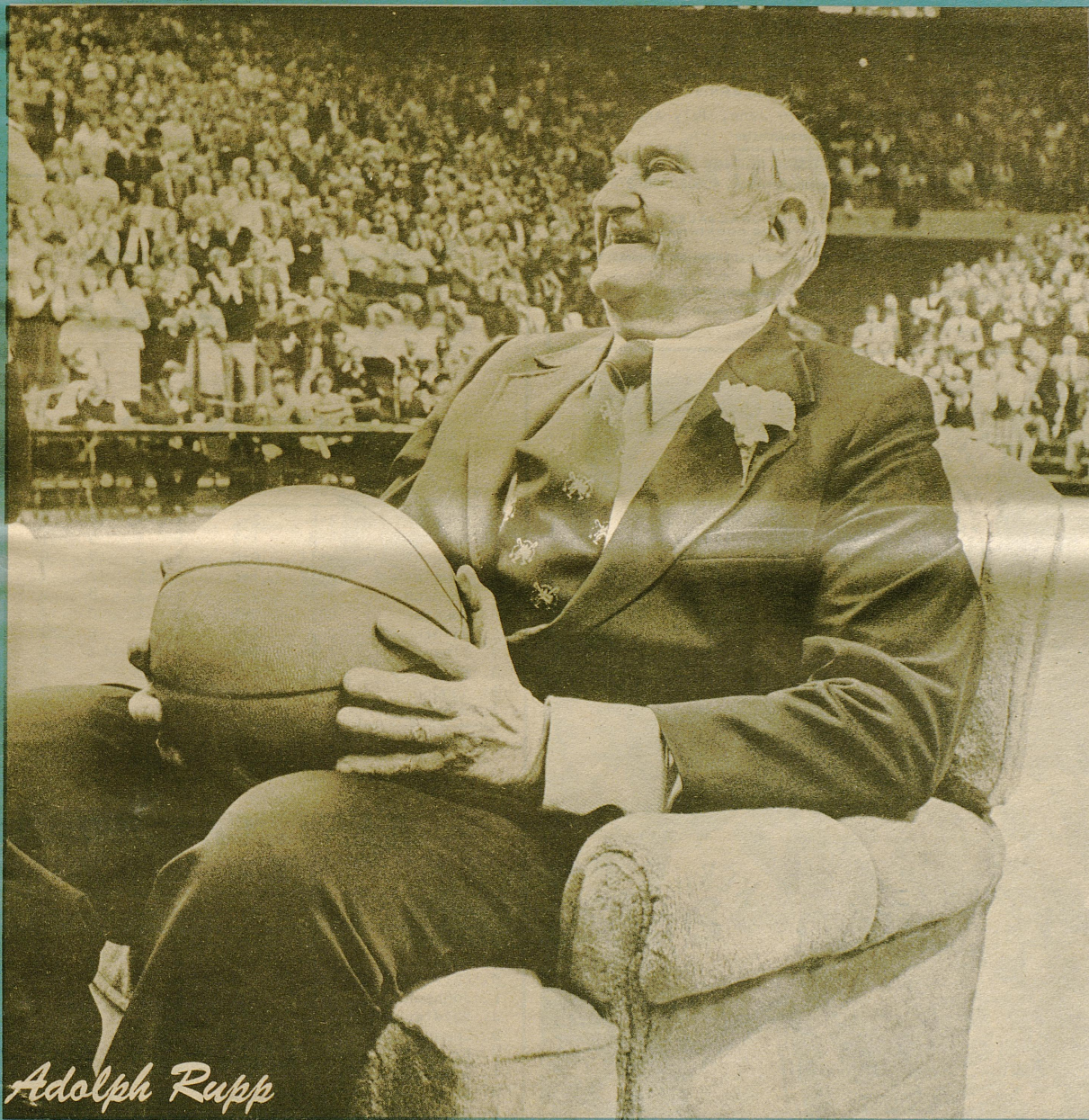
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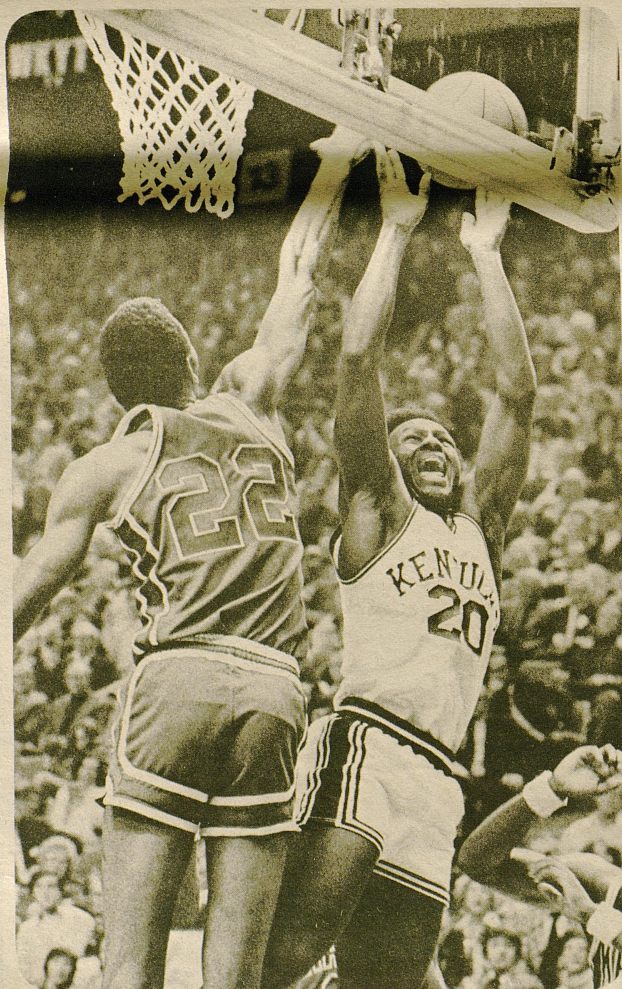
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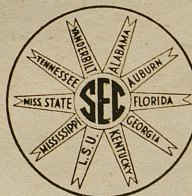
Casey Goes For Bucket

Kentucky

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(Record 22 Appearances—4 championships)

1974	Won 4, Lost 1.	Lost to UCLA in Championship Game
1973	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated by Indiana in Mideast Regional Finals.
1972	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated by Florida State in Mideast Regional Finals.
1971	Won 0, Lost 2.	Lost to Western Kentucky in Mideast Regional first game.
1970	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated by Jacksonville in Mideast Regional finals.
1969	Won 1, Lost 1.	Lost to Marquette in Mideast Regional first game.
1968	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated by Ohio State in Regional finals.
1966	Won 3, Lost 1.	Lost to Texas Western in championship game.
1964	Won 0, Lost 2.	Lost to Ohio University in Mideast Regional first game.
1962	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated by Ohio State in Mideast Regional finals.
1961	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated by Ohio State in Mideast Regional finals.
1959	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated by Louisville in Mideast Regional first round.
1958	NATIONAL CHAMPIONS.	
	Won 4, Lost 0.	Defeated Seattle for title.
1957	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated by Michigan State in Midwest Regional finals.
1956	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated by Iowa in Eastern Regional finals.
1955	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated by Marquette in Eastern Regional first round.
1954	Withdrew after winning automatic berth as SEC champion.	
1952	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated by St. Johns in Eastern Regional finals.
1951	NATIONAL CHAMPIONS.	
	Won 4, Lost 0.	Defeated Kansas State for title.



Kentucky Basketball

KANSAS - 63

Player	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	AS	TO
K. Koenigs	2-5	2-2	4	5	6	0	1
H. Nobles	4-8	1-2	5	5	9	1	3
P. Mokeski	4-11	0-0	7	5	8	0	3
J. Douglas	8-17	1-8	5	5	17	1	7
C. Johnson	3-10	2-2	1	3	8	2	5
H. Houston	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	3	2
C. Barnthouse	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	1	1
M. Gibson	1-3	0-0	2	1	2	5	1
D. Moore	3-6	5-6	12	3	11	1	5
B. Sanders	0-2	2-3	1	4	2	1	1
Team Rebounds			8				
TOTALS	25-64	13-23	46	33	63	15	29

KENTUCKY - 90

Player	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	AS	TO
J. Givens	7-15	1-2	6	1	15	0	2
R. Robey	4-10	5-7	5	4	13	2	1
M. Phillips	5-8	2-6	5	3	12	4	3
L. Johnson	4-9	2-2	5	4	10	3	5
J. Shidler	2-3	1-2	3	4	5	4	3
D. Casey	2-5	9-10	3	0	13	2	0
M. Haskins	1-2	0-0	1	2	2	2	1
T. Stephens	1-3	0-0	3	2	2	0	1
J. Lee	6-10	2-4	7	3	14	3	2
L. Williams	2-3	0-0	1	2	4	0	4
Team Rebounds			3				
TOTALS	34-68	22-33	42	25	90	20	22
KANSAS UNIVERSITY			27		36	---	63
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY			48		42	---	90

Attendance: 23,107

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U. K. I. T. Tickets Still Available

Worst SC Defeat In Carolina Coliseum

Givens Pumps Home 28, Phillips 23 As Cats Destroy Gamecocks

Jack "Goose" Givens poured home 28 points like eating apple pie and huge Mike Phillips went to war for 23 points as the Kentucky Wildcats destroyed South Carolina 98-67 Monday night in the worst defeat the Gamecocks have ever suffered on their Carolina Coliseum court.

Coach Joe B. Hall's Wildcats reeled off ten straight points before South Carolina could dent the scoreboard and the game was never in doubt thereafter.

Super shooting from the field and another great defensive effort enabled the Wildcats to waltz to their fifth straight win of the season without a loss.

Just prior to the game, Kentucky was elevated to the nation's number three spot in the Associated Press rankings and the Wildcats left no doubters in Columbia.

Hall, in his post game comments, admitted that he may have estimated his own Wildcats earlier this season.

"I've underestimated our team and I'm ready to admit it," said Hall, "we've watched them so much in practice, we just haven't noticed the improvement of our players. They all have matured so much since last season."

After the early 10-point lead, Kentucky sizzled the nets and took a 25-9 lead when freshman Jay Shidler stole the ball and raced in for a lay-up. After that, South Carolina could get no closer than 12 points.

With Givens ripping the nets for 20 points on ten field goals during the first twenty minutes, the Gamecocks of coach Frank McGuire were left in awe.

Kentucky employed a tight man-to-man defense and South Carolina guards were just trying to prevent bad passes and loose balls.

Phillips, who presented Hall with a great performance inside, finished the night with 23 points and dominated the middle while connecting on seven of eight free throw attempts, a rarity for Kentucky this season.

South Carolina officials were numb after the 31-point thrashing and called the Kentucky exhibition the best ever displayed on the nine-year-old Carolina Coliseum floor.

"It was real good to come down here and play the way we did," said Phillips

after the contest, "we seem to be going real good right now. I thought I could go inside on them and it worked out pretty good."

Asked about the club's new ranking of number three in the nation, Phillips commented, "it took a lot of hard work to get there but it's going to take even more to stay there."

Just about everyone had a super night for the Wildcats. Larry Johnson, showing the confidence he likes to talk about, fired in 16 points and dazzled the crowd of more than 10,000 with his behind-the-back dribbling and ballhandling tactics.

Jay Shidler pitched in with a superb floor game and 10 points, while all ten

Wildcats on the trip hit the scoring column.

In the first half, Kentucky scored 52 points on twenty-five field goals and a pair of free throws. At that point, the Wildcats held command of a comfortable 52-34 score.

Jim Gilloon came on strong for the Gamecocks in the final half with 11 points and finished with 17 for the night while Jim Graziano, the highly publicized freshman, added 16.

The loss was only the tenth in 110 games at South Carolina's current home. The win gave the Wildcats a 5-1 overall mark over South Carolina in the series.

The victory improved Kentucky's record to 5-0 while South Carolina fell to 1-3 on the season.

Next on the agenda for the Wildcats is a date with Bowling Green of Ohio in the second half of the opening round of the University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament Friday night at the Rupp Arena.

Utah will meet West Virginia in the opening game at 7 p.m. The two losers will pair off for the consolation title Saturday at 7 p.m. followed by the championship battle.

Hall, who now feels that just about anything is possible for his Wildcats, called the Monday night effort, "great."

"Jack is jumping better than ever," explained the UK head mentor, "James, Larry and even Mike all have the confidence they needed a year ago. They have really matured."

"The defense was excellent and is playing better and better," said Hall, "but we've got to be prepared for every game on our schedule. Every one seems to be a little tougher, but that's the way I like it."

After the UKIT this weekend, the basketball Wildcats will have a few days off for the Christmas holidays before returning to prepare for a December 30 date with Notre Dame in Louisville's Freedom Hall.

Then after that, it's into the tough Southeastern Conference schedule where every game is a big one.

UK athletics director Cliff Hagan says there is still plenty of tickets available for the UKIT this Friday and Saturday and they can be purchased at the Memorial Coliseum ticket office.



Victim Number Five

KENTUCKY

Player	FG	FT	PF	TPS
Jack Givens	14	0-0	1	28
Rick Robey	2	0-0	5	4
Mike Phillips	8	7-8	3	23
Jay Shidler	4	2-2	4	10
Larry Johnson	8	0-0	2	16
Dwane Casey	1	0-0	0	2
James Lee	2	1-2	5	5
LaVon Williams	1	0-2	2	2
Tim Stephens	3	0-2	1	6
Merion Haskins	1	0-0	0	2
TOTALS	44	10-16	23	98

SOUTH CAROLINA

Player	FG	FT	PF	TPS
Billy Truitt	0	0-0	1	0
Jim Graziano	6	4-9	2	16
Nate Davis	2	2-2	1	6
Chuck Sherwood	0	0-0	4	0
Mike Doyle	0	0-0	1	0
Bill Gause	2	0-0	0	4
Kenny Reynolds	2	0-0	0	4
Jackie Gilloon	6	5-7	5	17
Karlton Hilton	4	2-2	2	10
Brian Grevey	1	0-0	0	2
Mark Connaughton	0	1-2	1	1
Golie Augustus	2	3-4	3	7
TOTALS	25	17-26	20	67

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY	52	46	---	98
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA	34	33	---	67

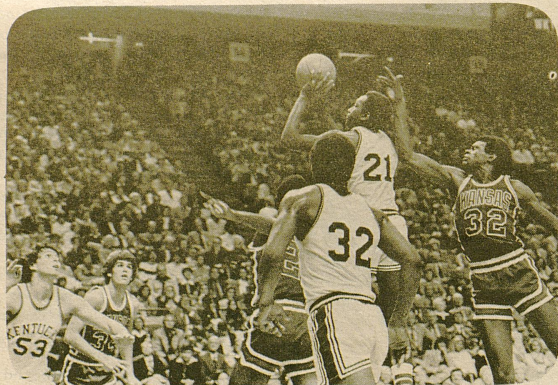


Dewey Bentley

Weekly WK Sports Quiz

Who Beat Providence In NIT Last Year?

- Which of the following Wildcats holds the record for highest field goal percentage for a season? [A] Kent Hollenback [B] Larry Pursifell [C] Jim Andrews [D] Larry Steele.
- What team was the last to defeat Kentucky in the Wildcats season home opener? [A] Iowa [B] Virginia Tech [C] Virginia [D] Northwestern
- Kentucky's attendance high for one game going into the 1976 season was against [A] Louisville [B] Ohio State [C] Tennessee [D] Morehead.
- Kentucky played its last three overtime game in 1957. Who was the opponent? [A] Temple [B] Maryland. [C] Georgia Tech. [D] Vanderbilt.
- Vernon Hatton was one of the starting guards on Kentucky's last NCAA championship team. Who was the other? [A] Adrian Smith [B] Gerry Calvert [C] Bennie Coffman [D] Dickie Parsons.
- Kentucky has played each of the following teams one time. Which team hasn't the Wildcats beaten? [A] Oregon [B] Morehead [C] Utah State [D] Cornell.
- Kentucky played four overtime games last season. Three were against SEC teams. The other was against [A] Providence [B] Notre ame [C] North Carolina [D] Indiana.
- The second leading scorer in U of K history is [A] Kevin Grevey [B] Cotton Nash [C] Alex Groza [D] Wallace Jones.
- Which of the following holds the record for most rebounds by an opponent? [A] Rich Kelley of Stanford [B] Leon Douglas of Alabama [C] Jerry Lucas of Ohio St. [D] Lonnie Shelton of Oregon St.
- The Wildcat who hit the last second shot against Providence in last seasons NIT semi-finals game was [A] Mike Phillips [B] Reggie Warford [C] Larry Johnson [D] Jack Givens.



Givens Scores Two

UK SPORTS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. C. Andrews had a 57.7 average in 28 games, 1971-72.
2. B. Dec. 1, 1962 Va. Tech, 80-Ky.
3. D. Grevey had 1,801 in 84 games.
4. A. Dec. 7, 1957, Ky. 85, Temple 77.
5. C. Lucas had 30 rebounds on Mar. 1973-75.
6. D. 18,833.
7. B. 1957, 1961, 1962.
8. A. 1957, 1961, 1962.
9. C. 1957, 1961, 1962.
10. C. 1957, 1961, 1962.

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

Most Points Scored (Kentucky 112 vs. Michigan—1st Round, 1963)	112
Most Points Both Teams (Kentucky 112 vs. Michigan 104—1st Round, 1968)	216
Fewest Points Scored (Southern California vs. LaSalle—1st Round, 1954)	38
Fewest Points Scored, Both Teams (LaSalle vs. Southern California—1st Round, 1954)	87
Most Field Goals Attempted (Kentucky vs. De Paul—1st Round, 1956)	100
Most Field Goals (Kentucky vs. De Paul—1st Round, 1970)	46
Most Free Throws Attempted (St. Louis vs. West Virginia—1st Round, 1959)	47
Most Free Throws Attempted, Both Teams (Kentucky 43 and Illinois 37—1st Round, 1960)	80
Most Free Throws Made (St. Louis vs. West Virginia—1st Round, 1959)	38
Most Rebounds (Dayton vs. West Virginia—Third Place Game, 1964; Purdue vs. Kentucky—Championship Game, 1970)	74
Fewest Personal Fouls (Kentucky vs. SMU—1956)	7
Most Personal Fouls (Kentucky vs. Washington State—1st Round, 1974)	34
Most Personal Fouls, Both Teams (Kentucky 34 vs. Washington State 23—1st Round, 1974)	57
Biggest Margin of Victory (Kentucky 91, Indiana 56—Championship Game, 1965)	35
Smallest Margin of Victory (West Virginia 87 vs. St. Louis 86—1st Round, 1959 (Tied by St. Louis 54 vs. California 53 (1 OT)—1st Round, 1960; Cincinnati 71 vs. Dayton 70, 3rd Place, 1967)	1
Overtime Victories—St. Louis twice in 1960 (St. Louis 54 vs. California 43 (1 OT), St. Louis 74 vs. Kentucky 72 (1 OT)	
Best Shooting Percentage (Game) (Oregon St. vs. Arizona St.—1st Round, 1976) (33 of 51)	64.7

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

Most Points Scored (Bill Bradley, Princeton vs. Wisconsin—3rd Place Game, 1963)	47
Most Field Goal Attempts (Bill Bradley, Princeton vs. Wisconsin—3rd Place Game, 1963)	37
Most Field Goals (Bill Bradley, Princeton vs. Wisconsin—3rd Place Game, 1963)	18
Most Free Throws Attempted (Rick Roberson, Cincinnati vs. South Carolina—1st Round, 1967)	21
Most Free Throws Attempted (Rick Roberson, Cincinnati vs. South Carolina—1st Round, 1967)	21
Most Rebounds (Ron Johnson, Minnesota vs. North Carolina—1st Round, 1957; Rich Kelley, Stanford vs. Kentucky—Championship Game, 1973)	27

HIGH POINT PERFORMERS BY YEARS (Two Games)

1975 Don Smith, Ore.St.,	1964 Henry Finkel (Dayton)	64
Rick Taylor, Ariz.St.	1963 Bill Bradley (Princeton)	77
1974 Ronnie Daniel (Okla.St.)	1962 Cotton Nash (Kentucky)	57
1973 Kevin Grevey (Kentucky)	1961 Larry Pursifell (Kentucky)	60
1972 Jim Andrews (Kentucky)	1960 Bill Lickert (Kentucky)	43
1971 Brian Taylor (Princeton)	1959 Jerry West (West Virginia)	70
1970 Mike Casey (Kentucky)	1958 Jerry West (West Virginia)	48
1969 Dan Issel (Kentucky)	1957 Ron Johnson (Minnesota)	56
1968 Dan Issel (Kentucky)	1956 Jim Krebs (S.M.U.)	47
1967 Mike Casey (Kentucky)	1955 Jim Paxson (Dayton)	51
1966 Louie Dampier (Kentucky)	1954 Phil Grawmeyer (Ky.)	41
1965 Louie Dampier (Kentucky)	1953 Cliff Hagan (Kentucky)	55

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SI, BW To Spotlight Kentucky Wildcats

Kentucky's basketball Wildcats put their best on exhibit Saturday night before more than 23,000 basketball fans which included such names as legendary Adolph Rupp, Governor Julian Carroll, former Governor Happy Chandler, Sports Illustrated and Basketball Weekly.

After watching the Wildcats demolish previously unbeaten Kansas 90-63 while christening the new Rupp Arena in dedication ceremonies, the big names had to be impressed.

Sports Illustrated will be featuring the Wildcats in this week's current edition and Larry Donald is expected to size up the Wildcats in Basketball Weekly with an interview of Rupp.

Shortly before the Wildcats took the floor, word spread along press row that Purdue had turned back Louisville and Notre Dame had upset UCLA. Kentucky could climb to the number three spot in the nation this week.

Rupp, given a blue "easy-chair" which will be placed on the first row of seats at center court for all UK games, paid tribute to Kentucky fans and said, "I think you are the ones that make this facility magnificent."

He was also presented the game ball at halftime, but the humorous Rupp offered it back, at least temporarily, saying "I think maybe you should leave this ball in play. They (the Wildcats) seem to be playing might well with it right now."

At the time, Kentucky held command of a 48-27 halftime lead. The ball was given back to Rupp following the 90-63 victory.

Another four banners have been added to the Rupp Arena interior since the TCU game. Big Blue Banners proclaiming the Wildcats' four National Collegiate Athletic Association championships now swing from the ceiling of the arena.

Athletic Director Cliff Hagan told the 23,107 fans that Rupp's permanent parking space for the arena is actually inside the structure and he won't even have to fight the cold air outside. Seating space for both Coach Rupp and Mrs. Rupp is on the first row at mid-court.

Tears were inching from fans' eyes as Coach Rupp was ushered onto the floor at halftime. The UK band sent lumps to the throat with Auld Ange Sayne at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

It was sad that Coach Rupp's son, Herky, wasn't at the ceremonies honoring his father. Herky told Lexington reporter Rick Bailey he had not been to a UK game in four or five

years. Accompanying Rupp to the game were his two grandchildren and Mrs. Herky Rupp.

Of all the dignitaries introduced to the public, the boos for some reason were saved for the politicians, Lexington Mayor Foster Petit and Governor Julian Carroll. Petit was instrumental in the construction of the Lexington Civic Center and Carroll has pledged state money to produce more parking space.

Ironically, the boos (mostly from the student section) were for that reason. Many of the students are against clearing the South Hill section for parking. Sout Hill is a residential section made up of dilapidated houses which could hardly be called suitable housing for anyone.

Years from now, both Petit and Carroll will be remembered for bringing life back to Central Kentucky and Lexington will no longer play second fiddle to anyone.

A FEW HITS AND MISSES. . . Kentucky had to go with a ten-man squad against Kansas because Truman Claytor was told to undergo treatment for damaged ligament in his knee. Claytor did not suit up for the game and is expected to be out for an indefinite period of time. Coach Joe Hall said doctors report the injury is not of a serious nature. . . Both James Lee and Jack Givens were under the weather earlier in the week and Lee missed Wednesday's practice with an upset stomach while Givens took it light with a sore throat. . . Former UK star Jim LeMaster was in the color seat for WKYT-TV Saturday night with Denny Trease on the UK television playback. He replaced Hardin McLaine of Elizabethtown. No one seemed to know if the change was on a permanent basis or not. McLaine was in Lafayette, Indiana, to do the Louisville-Purdue game Saturday but that game had nothing to do with his absence from the UK telecast, we are told. . .

Did you know Kyle Macy may be the first basketball player to transfer from a major college basketball team to play for the University of Kentucky next season? Officials at UK say they cannot remember when a major college player has transferred to Kentucky. Many have transferred from Kentucky to another school,

however.

Coach Joe B. Hall says the "transfer rule" is one of the most difficult in the NCAA book of dos and don'ts.

"It's a very delicate situation and we certainly don't go around recruiting and looking for transfers," he continued, "a school is not permitted to even talk with a boy from another school until he has quit at the original school and the school's athletic director gives you permission to talk with the athlete."

"It's a very usual situation for us to accept a transfer, and the Macy case was such one," continued Hall, "of course you will remember that Kentucky was one of Kyle's final choices when he decided to attend Purdue two years ago."

Hall says many boys around the state and region in the past have wanted to transfer to Kentucky but he encourages them to stay with their original choice.

"We want good relations with our neighboring schools and we tell kids to try and work things out," said the UK mentor.

One of the finest cagers on the collegiate level reportedly expressed an interest to transfer to Kentucky in recent months but a reply consistent with Hall's statements above was returned to the player's friends and relatives.

If Kentucky basketball blossoms as many are predicting, there may be a second book on UK's fortunes this season.

Russell Rice's Kentucky Basketball's BIG BLUE MACHINE is already a best seller. It sells for \$9.95 at bookstores which haven't already sold out.

Louisville Courier-Journal sports-writer Dave Kindred says he and sports photographer Bill Luster may publish a book on UK's current basketball season.

Kindred, who won wide acclaim for his book on basketball in Kentucky last year, has won numerous national honors for his humorous writing in the Louisville newspaper.

His first book: BASKETBALL, The Dream Game in Kentucky, was published by Data Courier, Inc. of Louisville and sells for \$6.95. It covers basketball on the sandlot, high school, collegiate and professional level in the Bluegrass state.

Such famous names as Carr Creek, Cuba, Ed Diddle, Peck Hickman, Adolph Rupp, Austin Dumas, Kingdom Come, Dan Issel, Wah Wah Jones, King Kelly Coleman, and

hundreds of others fill this great volume of basketball history, Kentucky style.

While some of Tennessee's off-court activities may have forced Vols Coach Ray Mears to take a rest, it may have been the on-floor activities which summoned him back.

Mrs. Mears reported to the press last week the Vols head coach would be released from the hospital this week. He turned over the coaching chores to associate Stu Aberdean in October after Mears had been suffering from exhaustion and stress.

The Vols got off to a slow start on the hardwoods and are only 2-2 on the season as they enter the Vol classic this weekend in Knoxville. Mears reportedly talked to his team by telephone last week as the Vols prepared to play in the Utah Classic.

By the way, Bernard King has returned to the line-up with no apparent side effects. He is scoring like he always did.

Cincinnati head coach and former UK assistant Gale Catlett says he would like to schedule the likes of Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio State but the latter three aren't willing.

"I would like nothing more than to play them," said Catlett on his weekly television show in Cincinnati Sunday, "when I came here I wrote every college in the nation and tried to schedule them but they don't want to play here."

Catlett says the completion of the Riverfront Coliseum should attract some big-name schools. However, Catlett says he isn't too optimistic of being flooded with requests from Indiana, Kentucky or Ohio State.

We have just received a note from our good friend Herbie Hunt in Nashville, Tennessee, about a cause which we should all rally behind this week.

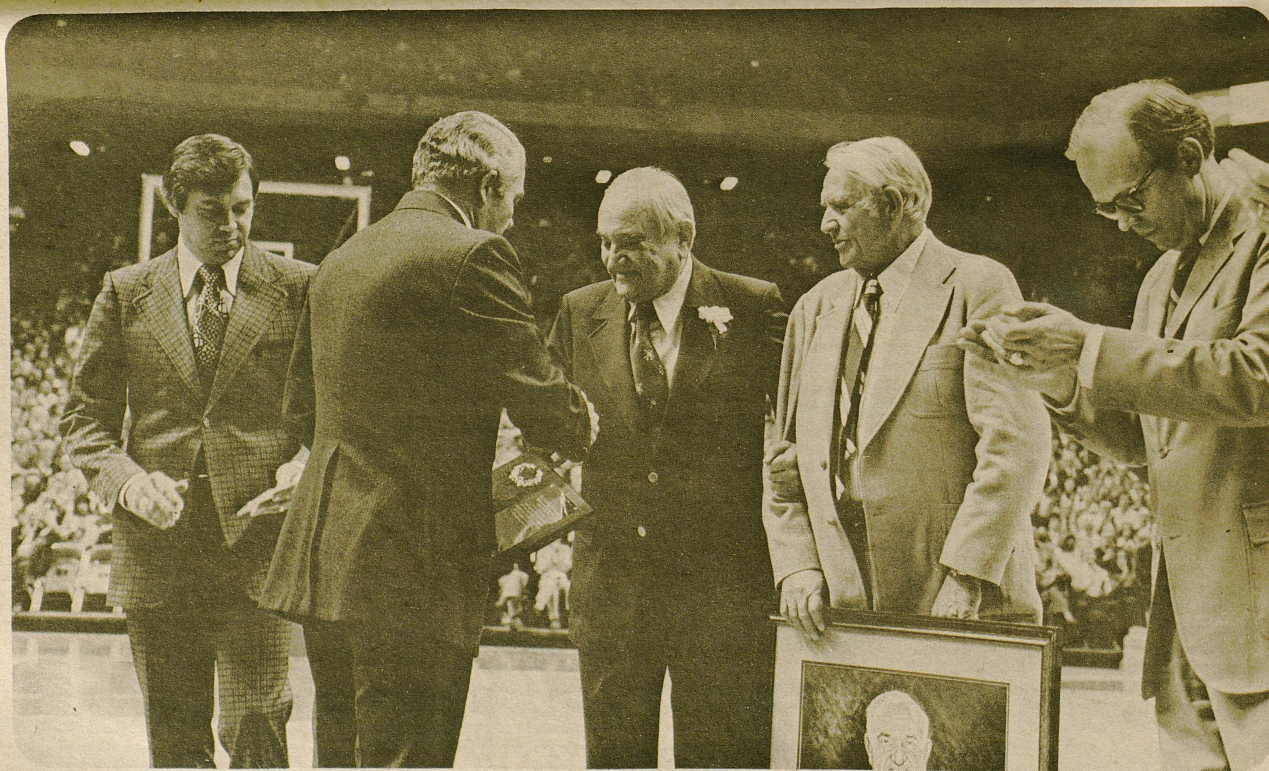
Bill Leskovar, who had some sensational days in the Kentucky backfield during the days of Bear Bryant, has suffered a terrible tragedy and friends in Lynchburg, Virginia have developed a Bill Leskovar Fund.

Bill, who has been a high school coach for a number of years, has lost his eyesight. Friends in his hometown are having a "BILL LESKOVAR

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Coach Rupp Waves To Fans As Cliff Hagan Looks On



Rupp Arena Ceremonies With Frank Seal And Mayor Pettit

Kentucky Wrestlers Off To Great Start In Defense Of League Crown

By Chuck Malkus

Take notice of the University of Kentucky's wrestling team: defending Southeastern Conference Champions, who return everyone from last year's squad.

Apparent conclusion - Kentucky would be considered as in the driver's seat this season among SEC schools.

Not so, according to Wildcats coach Fletcher Carr. "I wouldn't say we're in the driver's seat," he says. "Everyone else is out to get us."

Point of fact: there's Tennessee who also has a squad stacked with veterans, some who didn't compete last year (were redshirted) and will be participating this season. Also, count on Florida as being one of the front runners for the SEC crown.

"Instead of us, teams should be gunning for Tennessee and Florida," Carr said. "Tennessee redshirted some of their best people last year. Florida has an abundance of talent plus a good recruiting year and they are always in contention."

Without a doubt, Kentucky is ☐ not sitting back, relishing last year's title. Testimony to this was the way the Wildcats opened on the mat at the beginning of the month. UK captured

the Lock Haven (Pa.) Invitational Saturday, Dec. 4 and then drove all night to compete in the Nassau County Invitational at Uniondale, N.Y., Sunday.

Then the weary Wildcats won their first dual meet 30-11 over Toledo, Tuesday, Dec. 7 at Memorial Coliseum.

"Our kids were worn out after the big weekend," Carr said after the Toledo victory. "I'm surprised they did as well as they did tonight."

Kirk Mock, a 134-pounder who injured his knee in the Nassau Invitational, was a doubtful starter against Toledo stepped on the mat and pinned the Rockets' John Cowell at 7:28. Kentucky gained the only other pin in the match when 190-pounder James Johnson overpowered Phil Keen at 5:56.

It's obvious Carr had a successful recruiting season with three freshmen in starting roles. Mark Brabender, from Erie, Pa., decisioned Lamar Sandusky, 6-4 in the 118-pound class; Mike Androconi, from Huntsville, Ala., lost a tough match to Chuck Biggert 20-8 and Johnson, of Winter-

field, N.C., was very impressive.

Jimmy Carr won by superior decision in the 126-pound match with a 26-7 victory over Don Kovach. Toledo's All-American Brad Smith narrowly defeated Tim Mousetis 7-3 in the 142-pound class.

Carl Goulg won Toledo's third and final match with a 8-6 decision over Steve Linz in the 177-pound match.

Scott Crowell defeated Charlie Miller, 8-4 in the 158-pound class, Joe Carr was a winner by a major decision 15-7 over Kelly Carter in the 167-pound match and heavyweight Harold Smith beat Dave Hendricks 7-5 as the Wildcats coasted to victory.

Kentucky will have a chance to put in some practicing time before wrestling in the Midlands tournament Dec. 27 and 28 in Chicago, Ill.

"We have to work more on technique," said coach Carr. "We've got to wrestle better. Hopefully, we won't have any injuries."

The Wildcats schedule includes SEC toughies Alabama, Florida, Tennessee and L.S.U. "The whole SEC is really tough," Carr said. "The trend used to be wrestling just in the conference.

Now, we're wrestling everyone. That's why the conference has improved."

"You just can't wrestle in your conference though, or you aren't going to get better. That's a big reason why we were successful last year," added the UK boss.

Kentucky 30, Toledo 11

118- Mark Brabender (K) decisioned Lamar Sandusky, 6-4.

126- Jim Carr (K) won by superior decision over Dan Kovach, 26-7.

134- Kirk Mock (K) pinned John Cowell, 7:28.

142- Brad Smith (T) decisioned Tim Mousetis, 7-3.

150- Chuck Biggert (T) decisioned Mike Androconi, 20-8.

158- Scott Crowell (K) decisioned Charlie Miller, 8-4.

167- Joe Carr (K) won by major decision over Kelly Carter, 15-7.

177- Carl Goulg (T) decisioned Steve Linz, 8-6.

190- James Johnson (T) pinned Phil Keen, 5:56.

Heavyweight- Harold Smith (K) decisioned Dave Hendricks, 7-5.



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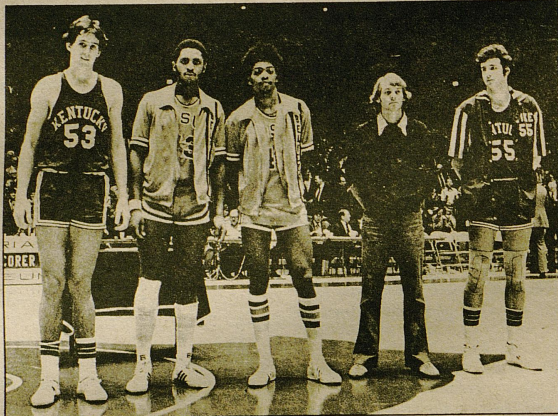
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U.K. INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Rupp Arena — December 17-18, 1976

First Night: Utah vs. West Virginia—7:00 p.m., EST

Bowling Green vs. Kentucky—Appx. 9:00 p.m., EST

Second Night: Third Place Game—7:00 p.m. EST
Championship Game—Appx. 9:00 p.m. EST

1975 UKIT ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM—From left, Rick Robey of Kentucky, Lonnie Shelton and Don Smith of Oregon State, Rick Taylor of Arizona State, and Mike Phillips of Kentucky. Phillips was selected MVP, while Smith and Taylor tied for scoring honors with 40 points each.

Recalling the glory years of the UKIT is the return of two teams—Utah and West Virginia—which helped establish the Invitational as one of the country's top classics.

A highly ranked Utah team appeared in the second and third UKIT, losing three games by only 11 points. Kentucky defeated the Utes, 70-65, in '54 and split two NIT games in '44 and '47 to lead the series 2-1.

Probably more excitement than any UK opponent ever has created occurred when Jerry West led West Virginia into the UKIT for a three year stretch, with the Mountaineers winning the title in 1957 and '59, and losing to the Cats in '58. The Mountaineers lost to Kentucky in the '62 and '64 tournaments also, and trail in the series 10-4.

Bowling Green is a newcomer to the tournament and has played Kentucky only once - a 63-61 loss in 1949 at Cleveland.

UKIT PARTICIPANTS THROUGH THE YEARS

(Listed Alphabetically)

Team	Record	Titles	Years Played
Air Force	Won 0, Lost 2		1965
Arizona State	Won 1, Lost 1		1975
Army	Won 1, Lost 1		1968
Bradley	Won 0, Lost 2		1968
California	Won 2, Lost 4		1960, '65, '71
Cincinnati	Won 1, Lost 1		1967
Colorado State	Won 1, Lost 1		1972
Dartmouth	Won 0, Lost 2		1973
Dayton	Won 4, Lost 6	'55	1955-6, '64, -7, -9
De Paul	Won 0, Lost 2		1970
Duke	Won 1, Lost 3		1953, '69
Georgia Tech	Won 0, Lost 2		1975
Illinois	Won 3, Lost 3	'64	1956, '60, '64
Indiana	Won 1, Lost 1		1965
Iowa	Won 0, Lost 2		1962
Kansas State	Won 3, Lost 3		1961, '66, '70
KENTUCKY	Won 40, Lost 6	(17)	(Every)
LaSalle	Won 2, Lost 2		1953, '54
Michigan	Won 1, Lost 1		1968
Minnesota	Won 1, Lost 3		1955, '57
Missouri	Won 1, Lost 1		1971
Navy	Won 0, Lost 2		1970
Nebraska	Won 0, Lost 2		1972
North Carolina	Won 1, Lost 3		1957, '59
Ohio State	Won 1, Lost 3		1958, '73
Oklahoma State	Won 2, Lost 2		1958, '74
Oregon	Won 1, Lost 1		1972
Oregon State	Won 3, Lost 3		1962, '66, '75
Penn State	Won 0, Lost 2		1966
Princeton	Won 2, Lost 2		1963, '71
Purdue	Won 2, Lost 0	'70	1970
St. Louis	Won 3, Lost 1	'60	1959, '60
South Carolina	Won 1, Lost 1		1967
Southern California	Won 1, Lost 1		1954
Southern Methodist	Won 1, Lost 1		1956
Stanford	Won 1, Lost 1		1973
Tennessee	Won 1, Lost 1		1961
UCLA	Won 1, Lost 1		1953
Utah	Won 0, Lost 4		1954, '55
Villanova	Won 1, Lost 1		1974
Wake Forest	Won 1, Lost 1		1963
Washington State	Won 0, Lost 2		1974
West Virginia	Won 6, Lost 4	'57, 59	1957-8-9, '62, '64
Wisconsin	Won 0, Lost 2		1963
Xavier	Won 0, Lost 2		1961

UKIT Scouting Report

About The Falcons

BOWLING GREEN

Location—Bowling Green, Ohio
Enrollment—16,263
Conference—Mid-American
Nickname—Falcons
Colors—Orange and Brown
Athletic Director—Dick Young
Publicist—Bob Moyers
Ph. 419 372-2401
1975-76 Record—Won 12, Lost 15
(Conf. Finish—4th)

Series—UK Leads 1-0 since '49
Last Game—63-61 UK (N) in '49
Biggest Win Margin—
UK 2 (63-61) in '49
BG No Wins
Records at Site—
No Games Played
Hall Record—Won 0, Lost 0

COACH—John Weinert (1st Year at BG)

Offense—One-Four
Chief Losses—Andre Richardson (F) 9.2; John Arnold (F) 7.9
Top Returnees—Tommy Harris (6-4 W) 19.0; Ron Hammye (6-9 I) 14.5; Dan Hipsher (6-5 W) 10.5; Jim Feckley (6-2 G) 3.8
Best Newcomers—Marty Schroeder (6-0 G) TR. 15.7; Jeff Lambert (6-2 W) 28.5; Mike Huebner (6-11 I) 27.4; Rosie Barnes (6-3 P) 26.5

Defense—Multiple

OUTLOOK: In Tommy Harris and Ron Hammye, coach John Weinert begins his first BG campaign with two of the best players in the MAC at his side. Harris' 19 ppg mean was the leagues second best last year and Hammye's 9.1 rebound mark ranked fifth. Also back are Dan Hipsher and Jim Feckley, who split a starting role when Hipsher broke an ankle after 16 games. Two excellent freshmen, Rosie Barnes and Mike Huebner, could break into the starting lineup.

About The Utes

UTAH

Location—Salt Lake City, Utah
Enrollment—22,000
Conference—Western Athletic
Nickname—Utes or Runnin' Utes
Colors—Crimson and White
Athletic Director (Acting)—Arnie Ferrin
Publicist—Bruce Woodbury
Ph. 801 581-8171
1975-76 Record—Won 19, Lost 8
(Conf. Finish—Tie for 2nd)

Series—UK leads 2-1 since '44
Last Game—70-65 UK (UKIT) in '54
Biggest Win Margin—
UK 8 (46-38) in '44
UU 4 (49-45) in '47
Records at Site—
UK 1-0 (Last Win in '54)
0-1
Hall Record—
Won 0, Lost 0

COACH—Jerry Pimm (2 Years at Utah—Won 36, Lost 17—Pct. 67.9)

Offense—Passing Game, Fast Break
Chief Losses—Chas Menatti (F) 14.1; Doug Terry (G) 9.7
Top Returnees—Jeff Judkins (6-6 F) 19.4; Jeff Jonas (6-0 G) 11.1; Buster Matheny (6-8 C) 12.5; Earl Williams (6-5 G) 4.8; Greg Deane (6-6 G-F) 4.4
Best Newcomers—Pat McCanna (6-10 C) 21.0; Donnie Rice (6-3 G) 18.0; Richard Kieval (5-11 G) 19.0

OUTLOOK: Starting his third campaign, coach Jerry Pimm has put together another exciting, high-scoring basketball machine. Finishing last year with a 19-8 overall record and 9-5 WAC, the Utes would have been in the NCAA playoffs except for a late season loss. Top gun is Jeff Judkins, who led the WAC all-game scoring parade with 19.4 ppg. Playmaker Jeff Jonas, a sensational passer who set a Ute record 223 assists, is back along with 6-8 Buster Matheny, who contributed 12.5 ppg and 6.7 rebounds. Sophomores Earl Williams and Greg Deane, and 6-9 senior Tony Hodges, 3.3 ppg, will vie for two starting slots.

About The Mountaineers

WEST VIRGINIA

Location—Morgantown, W. Va.
Enrollment—14,000
Conference—Eastern Intercollegiate
Nickname—Mountaineers
Colors—Old Gold and Blue
Athletic Director—Dr. Leland E. Byrd
Publicist—Ron Steiner
Ph. 304 293-2821
1975-76 Record—Won 15, Lost 13
(Conf. Finish—Independent)

Series—UK leads 10-4 since '24
Last Game—106-100 UK (A) in '70
Biggest Win Margin—
UK 24 (102-78) in '64
WV 18 (44-26) in '27
Records at Site—
UK 8-3 (Last Win in '69)
WV 3-8 (Last Win in '59)
Hall Record—Won 0, Lost 0

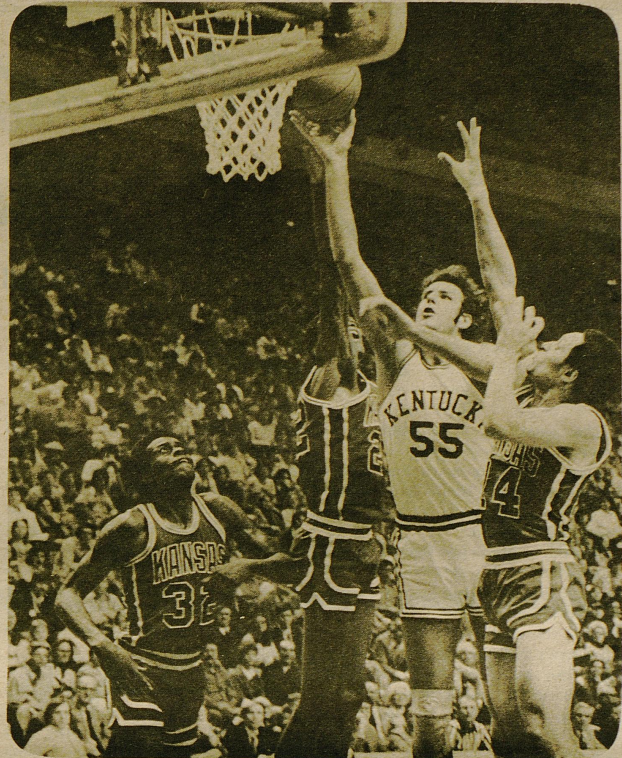
COACH—Joedy Gardner (2 Years at WVU—Won 29, Lost 26—Pct. 52.7)

Offense—Multiple
Chief Losses—Stan Boskovich (F) 17.8; Warren Baker (F) 9.2; Earnie Hall (G) 5.8
Top Returnees—Tony Robertson (6-5 G-F) 17.9; Russell Chapman (6-7 F) 8.0; Bob Huggins (6-4 G-F) 6.9; Sid Bostick (6-6 F) 4.7
Best Newcomers—Lowes Moore (6-1 G) 22.0; Joe Fryz (6-2 G) 27.5; Dennis Hosey (6-6 F) 17.0

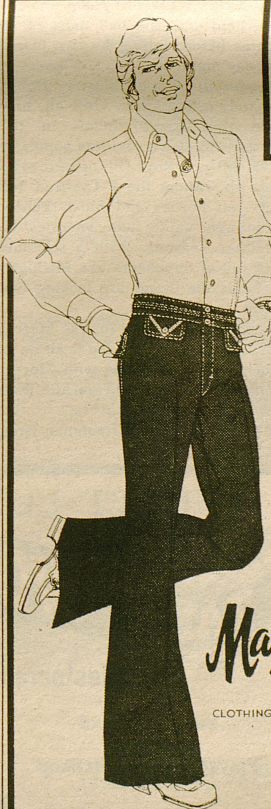
OUTLOOK: Eight lettermen return from a Mountaineer team which posted the most wins (15) of any WVU team since 1968. Experience will be no problem since seven of those returnees started at one time or another. Tony Robertson led the team with 17.9 ppg, 100 assists and 53 percent shooting, and is expected to pick up where he left off. "With our personnel, we will be more aggressive on defense and will have a more effective press because of our increased quickness," said coach Gardner.

U.K.I.T. HISTORY

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



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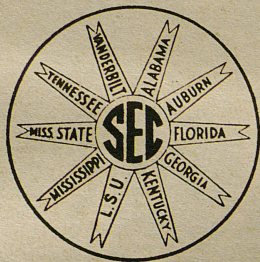
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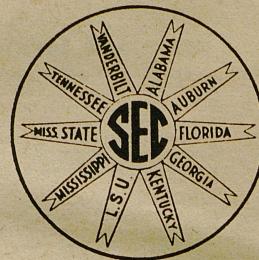
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Around The SEC

With Bill Straub



Is It Good News Or Bad: Mears Is Back

This week we've got some good news and some bad news.

First, Tennessee coach **Ray Mears** has returned home from a long hospital stay recovering from a bout with nervous exhaustion.

Second, he might just want to return after watching his previously top 20 ranked Vols drop two games within one week's time.

Now you decide which one is the good news and which is the bad news.

At any rate, the man who bills himself as the coach with the best winning percentage within the college ranks—although that title actually belongs to **Jerry Tarkenian**—has not received what you'd call a happy Homecoming. With Bernard "Get me a lawyer" King back in the line-up after being forced out by a factor other than injury, Tennessee was expected to reach the same heights it attained last year.

Those same heights, you may remember, included Ernie "I never cheat" Grunfeld giving a new meaning to the word sportsmanship.

But the big thing is that the Vols might very well be coming off their longest week of the season under assistant coach Stu Aberdeen. To put it bluntly, Tennessee was expected to come out of the week with an unblemished record, San Francisco or no San Francisco. After all, the Dons were a Top 20 club led by former high school All-America Bill Cartwright but with the **Ernie and Bernie Show** back in full swing on a neutral court little difficulty was anticipated.

Regardless of what was expected, however, the Dons received 18 point efforts from Jim Hardy and Winfred Boynes to knock off the Vols 86-77. King had 22 points and 18 rebounds while Grunfeld poured in 20.

Just three days earlier, on Tuesday, coach Bill Foster's **Duke Blue Devils** visited Stokely "Palace" (read armory) in what was expected to be an easy ACC win for the Vols. It, again, never happened. Duke built up a 41-33 halftime lead and forced Tennessee to play catch-up. The Aberdeen-led crew couldn't manage it as the Devils captured an 81-78 victory.

Now Saturday night, in your basic consolation game of the Utah Classic (with San Francisco advancing to the finals) the Vols finally had a halfway easy time. Little Seton Hall of New Jersey— a basketball power in earlier days of competition fell behind Tennessee by as much as 25 points and went into halftime trailing 57-32.

Things were different in the second 20 minutes. The Pirates cut the lead to

61-44 midway through the second half and got within 11 at 69-58 a few minutes later. But **Grunfeld's 37 points** and **Mike Jackson's 33** proved to be too much. It was as close as Seton Hall could get until the 99-90 ending.

Obviously, after giving up 81, 86 and 90 points in three games time, something is going to have to be done on defense. Mears, just a week out of the hospital, may be back at the helm sooner than expected.

King, in his three games by the way, has picked up 22, 22 and 19 points. He started out great guns against Duke with 18 first half points. But the Blue Devils tightened up their zone around the middle and held the Brooklyn native to just four second half points.

A few miles west of Knoxville, another Tennessee team in the SEC is having more than a little bit of trouble. It's gotten so bad that a Division II team—with a 1-2 record going into the game held onto the ball most of 40 minutes before falling by two points Saturday night.

Vanderbilt coach **Wayne Dobbs** definitely has it hard. After all, how would you like to follow in the footsteps of a coach who was popularly known as Uncle Roy? On top of that he winds up without the **F-Troop** of Joe Ford, Jeff Fosnes and Butch Fehrer that brought Vandy many victories the past three seasons. With a schedule chock-full of opponents like **Michigan** and **Louisville** things are looking bad for the Commodores.

Especially when a team like Mercer comes to town and decided to sit on it. It was 22-22 at halftime with Mercer hitting nine of 10 shots from the floor but committing 13 turnovers.

It was all left up to freshman Greg

Fuller in the end to bring home a 35-33 victory. With a slim 28-27 advantage with 11:08 remaining, Fuller stole the ball from Bear center **Jay Eiche** and drove the length of the court to make it 30-27. Later, a six-footer and a 15 foot jumper by Fuller gave Vandy its longest lead at 34-27. That was all that was needed to give Dobbs his first victory after four losses.

On Monday, All-America guard candidate **Ricky Green** scored 29 points to lead Michigan to a 97-76 victory over the Commodores.

Dobbs summed it up as an "experience."

He'll probably experience a lot more by the end of the campaign.

In other SEC action this past week:

FLORIDA-- It's true that "almost" only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades but Marquette came close enough to losing to make things interesting.

Only a pair of free throws by guard **Butch Lee** with 11 seconds left assured the closer than close 64-61 victory which caused coach **Al McGuire** to start doubting whether his team really is the second best in the nation.

The game was tied 15 times, the lead changed hands 20 times and Marquette's biggest lead came at 56-52. **Malcolm Cesare** led coach **John Lotz's** Gators with 21 points.

"There's no way we thought the game was going to be this close," Lee said. "We didn't study Florida enough."

McGuire said he kept on expecting Florida to crack but it never came.

"I don't think we're the second best team in the country," McGuire said. "They (the writers) put us there."

The game was, of course, played at

Alligator Alley.

LSU Coach **Dale Brown's** crew remained in the undefeated ranks by winning two games. The Bengals whipped Samford 100-89 with three guards combining for 75 points before besting Niagara 82-68.

Against Samford, the Bengals got 26 points from **Jordy Hultberg**, 25 from Kentuckian **Kenny Higgs** and 24 from **Bob Miller**.

Samford came within two late in the game before the guards pulled it out.

"We played sour out there tonight," Brown said.

He sang a different tune about Niagara.

"Niagara is the best team we've met so far," Brown said. "They might go to the NIT this year. This was the best overall effort of the season for our team."

This time it was a pair of freshman who escaped last week's early season review of top first year players that made the difference. **Hultberg**, a frosh backcourtman, finished with 22 while Kentucky native **Durand "Rudy" Macklin** had 18. Macklin, by the way, leads the SEC in rebounding.

MISSISSIPPI STATE-- Coach **Kermit Davis'** crew has been one of the big surprises thus far using one big freshman and a slew of sophomores. The Maroon rolled to its seventh victory without a defeat this week with wins over Texas, Northeast Missouri and Southwest Louisiana.

The Bulldogs have yet to face a national power and have at times come away with close calls. But the record alone is enough to give the young Dog players some confidence heading into the conference campaign.

Again Southwest Louisiana, the Dogs got 22 points out of sophomore **Ray White** and 15 from tree-tall freshman center **Rickey Brown** in an unimpressive 78-72 win Monday night. Saturday against the Longhorns, the Maroon was forced into overtime before Brown and White again combined for a 91-89 cliffhanger.

State trailed by 15 points with 10 minutes to go against Texas but a rally led by Brown who was held scoreless until the final two minutes of regulation, tied it at 81-81 before the final buzzer.

Brown incredibly wound up with 21 points after being shut-out the first 38 minutes.

GEORGIA-- After losing **Jacky Dorsey** to the pros, coach **Jack Guthrie's** Bulldogs were expected to finish near the toes of the conference. With two

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About The NCAA Inquiry

By Publisher Oscar Combs

Just about everybody has now predicted what will happen when the NCAA finally speaks out on the Kentucky football and basketball programs.

News reports have been floating around Kentucky and most of the reports have now settled on apparent agreement that the situation boils down to two things.

First, most reporters generally agree the penalty in football will be two years probation but sanctions will cover only one. That the first year, Kentucky would be prohibited from appearing on television or playing in a post season bowl game. The second year, the Wildcats would be permitted to play on television and in a bowl, that is if they are good enough to be selected. The football team would also lose five scholarships this year only.

Secondly, the basketball team would lose possibly two scholarships for one year. That would be the only penalty against the basketball team. It would not be held back by any other sanctions. In other words, the roundballers will be eligible for all tournaments.

While athletics director Cliff Hagan insists all reports are technically

inaccurate, most officials won't deny the fact they are mildly pleased with the secret NCAA report.

The NCAA is expected to have an announcement sometime later this week and Kentucky is expected to comment on the statement the following day.

Why did the information leak out?

The first substantial news report was made by sports director Tom Hammond of WLEX-TV last week.

Hammond, known for his accuracy in sports reporting, said pretty much what is described in the opening paragraphs. Few people in the media have doubted his report.

Some say people close to the football program were glad to see the reported findings out in the open, that it would actually help recruiting since high school seniors would now be able to see that Kentucky would be on probation only one year with sanctions.

While rumors had been spreading (and we might add these statements are only rumors at this point) that Kentucky would be placed on as many as three to five years probation, the most recent reports would be welcomed by everyone close to UK.

Sportscaster Cawood Ledford, on his sports show in Louisville last week said he thinks Hammond's story is accurate

and commented that if it is the "only penalty Kentucky gets from an intensive NCAA investigation, then the UK program must be pretty clean after all."

Hagan has admitted that UK has received the NCAA report and that UK had fifteen days from receiving it to appeal the decision if Kentucky wishes to. The fifteen days are about up.

Look for Kentucky to get just about what Tom Hammond said.

By the way, should any probation for the football team begin soon, it would not have any effect on the Peach Bowl. The penalty would involve post season play of next year.

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juice, 6 cups pineapple juice, and 3 qts. Ale 8 One.
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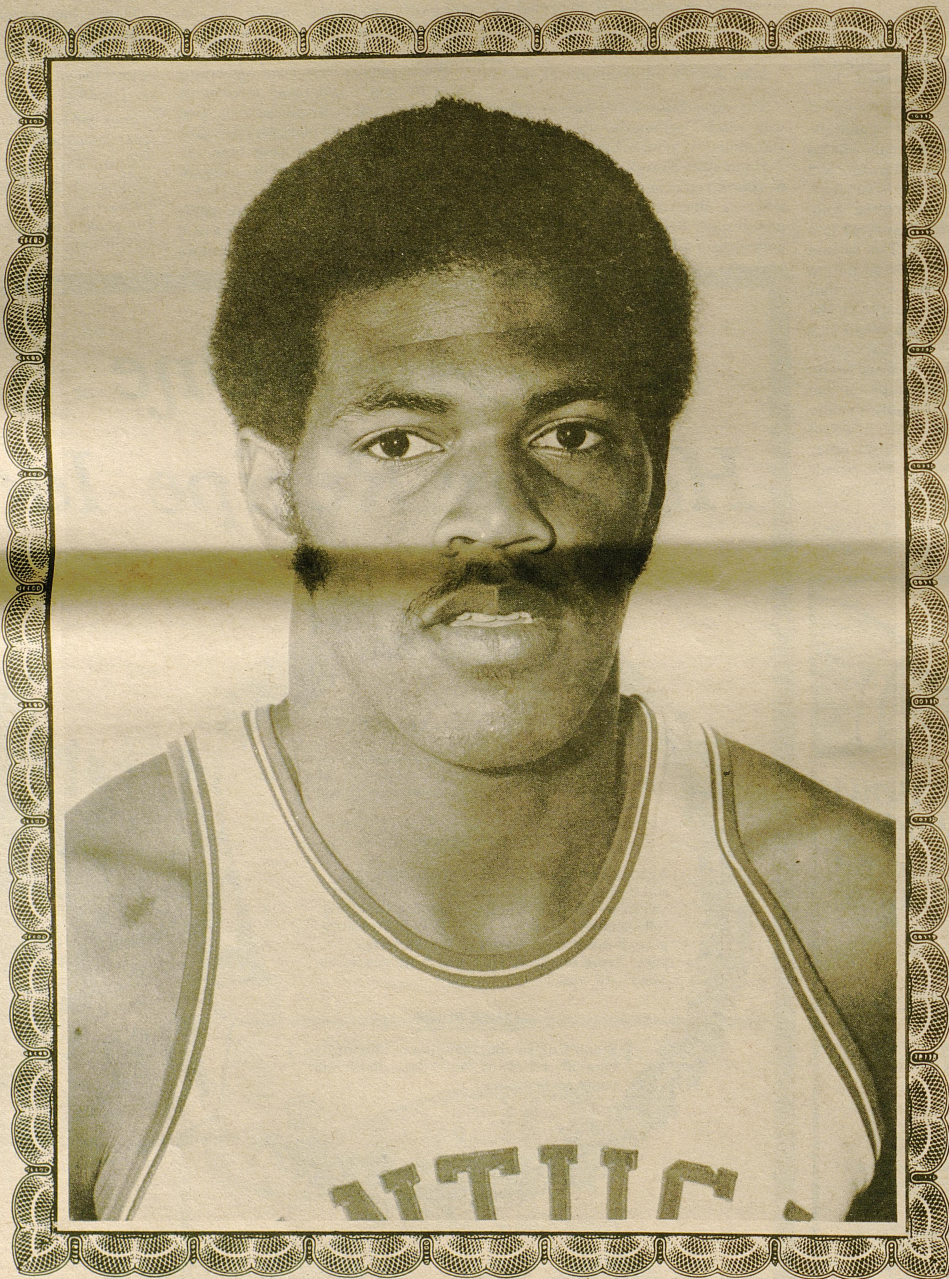
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James Lee

We Want To Cap Off A Great Year By Winning The Peach Bowl

Derek Ramsey is a native of Hastings, Fla., although he now claims New Jersey as home.

The junior at the University of Kentucky will be the starting quarterback for the Wildcats when they tangle with the University of North Carolina in the ninth annual Peach Bowl at 2:30 P.M. Dec. 31 in Atlanta Stadium. The game is a sell-out.

Ramsey is unique because of his size, if for no other reason. He stands 6-5 and weighs in at 215, which is more the size of a fullback or an offensive lineman than a quarterback.

But he's also able to negotiate the 40-yard dash in 4.6, which is something just under flying, and for a man that large, it's almost unbelievable.

"We'll have our hands full when we play North Carolina, that's for sure," says Ramsey, "but I'm looking forward to it. I think that our schedule was tougher than theirs, but in order for them to win nine games and lose only two, they had to have a great team and some outstanding athletes."

Ramsey was recruited heavily for his ability with a basketball but chose instead to fall football. "As soon as the basketball schools found out I was planning to play football, the offers stopped coming in," said Ramsey, but

he was recruited for his basketball talents by well over 50 schools.

The big signal caller had quite an impressive fall with Kentucky, as he amassed over 1,400 total offensive yards. Ramsey passed for 659 yards and seven touchdowns while rushing for 771 yards and a 4.1 average per carry. He scored 10 touchdowns over the season and won Southeastern Back-of-the-week honors twice.

"The individual honors are nice," says Ramsey, "but we dedicated ourselves to having a successful season and the Peach Bowl invitation

makes it just that."

Ramsey is the first to acknowledge that his size is a big advantage. "Being tall helps me see over those big offensive linemen, especially when I'm trying to pass. It's really an advantage."

Ramsey was always known as a runner and not a passer until this year, but his offensive output was equally divided. "I feel more comfortable throwing the ball now," he says. "Before, I wasn't really confident in my passing—I always felt better if I was running, but it isn't that way

anymore. Now I'm confident when I pass. I feel it helped my overall effectiveness and I would just as soon throw the ball as run with it now."

Since this is Kentucky's first bowl appearance in almost 25 years, Ramsey says the entire team will be sky-high by the time Dec. 31 rolls around. "We want to cap off a great season by winning a bowl game and all we have to do is beat North Carolina. We'll be ready."

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A UK official said it best.

"There's going to be a lot of blue in Atlanta on New Year's Eve."

"And there's going to be a lot of activities for students, alumni and friends of the University tied into the Peach Bowl festivities," said Dr. Ray Hornback, UK vice president for university relations.

So, if you're going to Atlanta, said Hornback, here's a Peach Bowl activities rundown:

GETTING THERE. A UK alumni charter flight is sold out. Commercial reservations out of Lexington and Louisville are booked solid. Only possibility to get an airline seat is to get on a waiting list and hope someone backs out. And there's a slim possibility the airlines might add an extra flight or two. The UK student Center Board has a package bus trip, including tickets and hotel accommodations, with some seats still left. UK students, faculty and staff get first priority.

THURSDAY NITE IN ATLANTA. The Marriott Hotel is official UK headquarters. It's been long since sold out. But all UK activities will take place there. Like Thursday night. The UK Atlanta alumni club will sponsor a reception at 6:30 p.m. in the Marriott's Tara Room, followed by a "listening party" for radio (maybe TV) pick-up of the UK-Notre Dame basketball game in Louisville.

Following the listening party, there's time to make the Peach Bowl President's Ball. That's at the Marriott, too, and co-sponsored by the hotel and the Peach Bowl committee. Tickets are \$10 per person. The dance is in the Marriott's Hall of Nations and grand ballroom.

FRIDAY. . . PEACH BOWL DAY AND NEW YEAR'S EVE. Wake-up party at the Marriott beginning at 10:30 a.m. Then it's on to the pre-game brunch, sponsored by the UK Alumni Association, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Marriott ballrooms. Tickets are \$5.25 per person. The brunch is open to all UK fans.

Time to head for the game. For 40 cents each way you can take a MARTA (city) bus from any Atlanta downtown hotel to the game at Atlanta Stadium and back. The Marriott is about a 15 minute ride by bus or car to the stadium.

The game is at 2:30 p.m. EST. If you haven't made it this far and are still in Kentucky, you can pick up TV coverage on Ch. 18 in Lexington; Ch. 41 in Louisville; Ch. 5 Cincinnati; Ch. 6, Paducah; Ch. 13, Bowling Green; Ch. 7, Evansville; Ch. 17, Nashville and Ch. 13 Huntington, W. Va.

After the game, in the Marriott's Hall of Nations, there'll be a disco party. It's open to the public. Especially aimed at UK students in town. Admission is \$3.

The UK Alumni Association is sponsoring a New Year's Eve dinner dance in the Marriott's grand ballroom. It begins at 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person for dinner, dancing, noise makers, hats and all the other New Year's Eve hoopla including champagne at midnight.

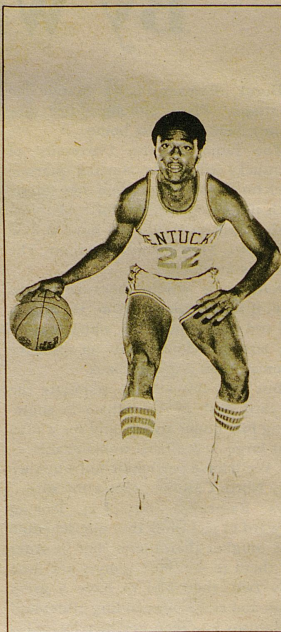
There'll be a maximum of 500 tickets for the dinner-dance, so Jay Brumfield, UK alumni director, advises making reservations early.

In fact, to get more information or make reservations for any of the UK Alumni-sponsored events in Atlanta, call the Alumni Association on the UK campus in Lexington, (606) 258-8905.

Meet A Wildcat

TRUMAN CLAYTOR, 6-1, 173 Sophomore Guard
Toledo, Ohio (2/2/57)

A top guard prospect who can do it all, Claytor has proven he can play with the best if only he can detour the injury route. . . Scoring 14 points in his first game at Northwestern in a reserve role, he capped a fine pre-conference season by scoring 18 points against Notre Dame to lead the Cats to a thrilling 79-77 win at Freedom Hall—for that fine effort, he was named Co-MVP of the game with Irish All-American Adrian Dantley. . . After that, it was down hill as he suffered a number of injuries which greatly reduced his effectiveness. . . Came back with a good NIT performance, hitting for 10 points against Kansas State. . . The injury bug struck again during summer playground activity when he twice broke a bone in his shooting hand—however, he is fully recovered and hitting the basket with more precision than ever. . . Averaged 6.0 ppg in 28 games, starting nine, with the ND 18, a season high. . . Led Scott High to 22-3 and 20-2 seasons and two City Championships. . . Averaged 22.9 ppg as a senior. . . First team All-State, All-City, All-District and City-League All-Star Player-of-the-Year. . . Led North All-Stars with 19 points and a win over Ohio South All-Stars. . . Set school single game scoring mark with 46 points. . . Native of Ashland, Ky. . . First player at Scott to have jersey retired. . . Led Bulldogs to No. 4 ranking in Ohio AAA. . . Coach Ben Williams. . . Arts and Sciences.



Coach Hall: "Injuries interrupted Truman's great start last season. But he will be a real factor and add much strength to the guard position with his fine overall play. He has excellent scoring potential and ball handling ability."

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In The Locker Room

Larry Johnson

By OSCAR L. COMBS
Publisher

Oh, Brent Maverick, your legend will never die.

Not so long as Larry Johnson lives.

For Larry Johnson is in love, in love with a lot of things. The 6-3 senior guard from Morganfield loves to smile, loves to play pranks and have good times, loves to comb his hair, loves to play basketball and loves to talk with reporters.

Maybe not in that particular order, but the happy-go-lucky Wildcat co-captain has to plead guilty to all five counts.

Even his coach sometimes catches him in the act.

Like one day last week when Larry strayed away from the practice floor to answer a reporter's questions in violation of a squad rule which calls for all interviews either before or after practice sessions.

"Get out there and get your shooting in," yelled Hall, trying to conceal a would-be grin from the corner of his mouth, "you know you're suppose to have your interviews before practice starts."

Even then, Johnson tried to sneak in a couple more quotes but he knew the master had spoken so he scooted toward the floor.

"He knew better than that," mused Hall with a smile later.

But that's Larry Johnson, the even-

accommodating senior sharpshooter who's winding up a four-year career in brilliant fashion at the University of Kentucky to become the second black player in UK basketball history to graduate.

The future wasn't always that bright. In the beginning Johnson had to make a tough decision, one to cast his lot with a school which had been tagged for years as a "bad place" for blacks.

"At the time I knew of the situation of black athletes here," said Larry in a very frank discussion, "and I knew not many were coming here. I believe that Reggie (Warford) was the only one here then. I didn't know why or what the deal was. There were lots of rumors but I won't get into that because that's about all they were."

"Kentucky has been great to me, the fans accepted me and gave me confidence and made me feel right at home," said Johnson, "if someone asked me about UK today, I would have to tell them of my own experience, that I don't know of any place where one would be more welcomed than here at Kentucky."

"I think what finally influenced me coming here was growing up and being here in Kentucky," recalled Johnson, "being the basketball power that Kentucky is, I was aware of the tradition and I was impressed with it."

But Kentucky wasn't the only major state school to recruit the Union County product. Several Ohio Valley

Conference schools, including West Virginia, had recruited Johnson. But Johnson chose Kentucky.

"In state, I was really going to Louisville. It was a good program. I was in Louisville's program with UK and p explained Johnson, "I didn't want to take anything away from them. I thought that as a player, I couldn't go wrong because they have a reputation of being good. Too and if I had gone there, I would have done well."

Who influenced Johnson's decision to go to Kentucky?

"Nobody, really," said Johnson, "a lot of friends and family. My parents didn't want me to go. It was one of those decisions."

From the time Johnson came to the UK campus, he was a star. Of his senior year, it has been broken.

Larry's freshman season was the junior varsity year. He averaged 20 points per game. He was being elevated to the varsity. There were 21 minutes in 21 games per game. He suffered through a bad season in Joe Hall's first year at UK.

As a sophomore, Johnson was mature and improved at times but a 16-point substitute's role in the Notre Dame game was a turning point. He was an outstanding player in the media. Larry Johnson was the respect of opponents.

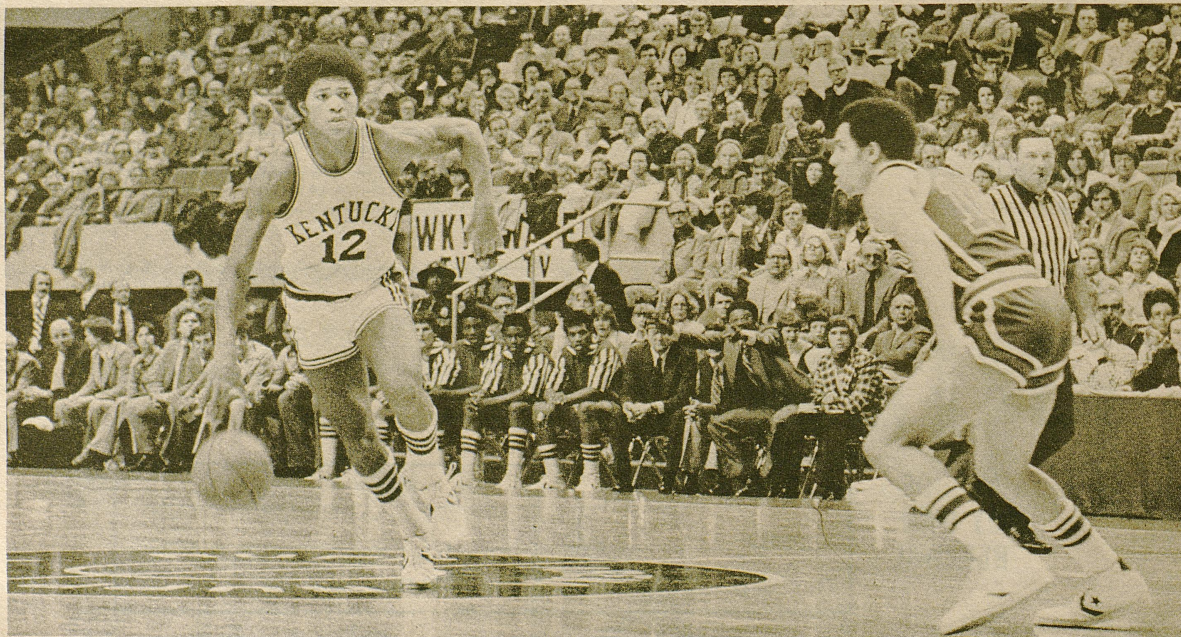
He completed his senior season as a back-up to such stars as Jimmy Dan Cook and Jim McMillen. He was a runners-up team. He was a hand when help was needed.

Last season, Larry Johnson, a seasoned backcourt engineer, the Wildcat, and newcomers were senior Reggie Warford. Johnson had little action in three games.

Johnson logged playing time, averaged 10 points per game and helped turn around in midseason. In the campaign, the Cats won a six-game winning streak.

The National Interscholastic Athletic Association, in need of a big school for recognition, gave Johnson a 16-10 Wildcats, a call he could not refuse.

Four victories later, Johnson won the NIT championship. Apple, Larry Johnson, "toothpaste" smile, "we'll win it all next year."



Johnson Engineering The Powerful Kentucky Offense

I Think We Can Win It All, That's Our Goal, The NCAA Crown

conference schools sought the younger and a school by the name of Louisville tried and almost won him over.

"In state, I was really thinking about going to Louisville. I knew they had a good program. I sort of evaluated Louisville's program and compared it with UK and picked Kentucky," explained Johnson. "I don't want to take anything away from Louisville. I thought that as a second choice I couldn't go wrong with Louisville because they have great talent and the reputation of being a basketball power too and if I had gone there, I would have done well."

Who influenced Johnson to choose Kentucky?

"Nobody, really," answered Johnson, "a lot of friends talked to me, but my parents didn't try to tell me where to go. It was one of those personal decisions."

From the time Johnson first set foot on the UK campus, until the beginning of his senior year, a lot of ground has been broken.

Larry's freshman season saw him on the junior varsity where he averaged 20 points per game in two contests being elevated to full-time on the varsity. There, he logged 253 minutes in 21 games for a 2.9 points per game average as Kentucky suffered through a 13-13 year, the worst in Joe Hall's four-game tenure at UK.

As a sophomore, Larry began to mature and improve. He was erratic at times but a 16-point exhibition in a substitute's role in a big 133-96 win over Notre Dame may have been the turning point. He was selected the outstanding player of the game by the media. Larry Johnson was soon to win the respect of opponents everywhere.

He completed his sophomore year as a back-up to such stars as Mike Flynn and Jimmy Dan Connor on the NCAA runners-up team. But Johnson was on hand when help was needed.

Last season, Larry was the only seasoned backcourt man available to engineer the Wildcat offense. A herd of newcomers were around along with senior Reggie Warford who had seen little action in three years.

Johnson logged 1072 minutes of playing time, averaged 11.2 points per game and helped turn the so-so team around in midseason. By the end of the campaign, the Cats were riding the crest of a six-game winning streak.

The National Invitational Tournament, in need of a big-name basketball school for recognition, beckoned the 6-10 Wildcats, a call which Kentucky could not refuse.

Four victories later and clutching the NIT championship trophy in the Big Apple, Larry Johnson flashed his "toothpaste" smile and predicted, "we'll win it all next year."

My friend, he wasn't talking about the NIT.

"I think this year's start was a totally different beginning for us. Of course the win over Indiana is definitely the big key to our early success. It helps us in a lot of ways, our confidence and pride," said Johnson. "It's the good start that we needed and it came on the road."

Other than a new year and everyone having an extra season of experience, what is the difference?

"There are a couple of things," offered Johnson, "first of all, personally, confidence is the big thing. If I don't have confidence, I'm only half a ballplayer. Last year, we lost a couple of games early and we didn't get our confidence back until late in the season. The NIT really helped us, it gave all of us confidence."

"Secondly, Jay (Shidler) has been a big help to us this year. He's really taken the pressure off me and I'll be a better player because of it," explained Larry. "Last year, sometimes they (the opponents) would key on me, but with Jay out there, they won't be able to do that this time. When they try to cover us, it will leave Rick (Robey), Mike (Phillips) and Jack (Givens) open. If they cover them, then we'll be able to do it."

Although Larry is the happy-go-lucky fella, he's not the high-strung, self-centered athlete often found on the college campuses.

He even shys away from personal achievements, like the most valuable player in the Notre Dame game two years ago.

"I look at the Notre Dame game as being a standout in my career," allowed Larry, "but not exactly as one of the real thrillers to me personally just because I won an award."

Larry has two special moments to remember of his days at Kentucky. One lasted a season and the other one night.

"My one big thrill, the one that stands out in my mind, was being a substitute and coming off the bench and playing a vital role in the club's drive to the NCAA finals two years ago. That's the biggest thing that has ever happened to me," said Johnson, "you know, I always dreamed of winning a state tournament in high school. Well, I never even got to play in one."

His other milestone came last week when Larry made his final trip to Bloomington, Indiana, as a collegiate player and the Cats responded by bombing Indiana 66-51.

"I have to say beating Indiana up there on their floor and by the margin that we did, I think it has even greater value than the one over Indiana two years ago at Dayton in the NCAA," summed up Johnson.

Last year, Larry came up with big

play after big play.

He hit a game-winning shot against Vanderbilt on national television and drove the length of the floor and banked in a shot to defeat Providence in the NIT semi-finals.

Even Providence coach Dave Gavitt was prompted to comment, "probably no other player in the country could have handled that situation like he did."

He led the club in only one category, the one for non-heros, in assists. He had 98.

"Larry is a super kid," says coach Joe B. Hall, "I hate to think of replacing him next season. He has improved so much since he's been here."

"His strong finish last year predicts an outstanding season for him this time," continued Hall, "his inconsistent past is just that-in the past. Larry moves the ball down court better than anyone in the game today."

And if the Wildcats' first four games are any indication of the future, Kentucky will be in good shape for all comers.

Always optimistic, Larry has even a brighter outlook on life after college

days.

"I want to work with kids and in recreation when I get out of school, something like that," said Larry recently, "but first I'd like to try a crack at playing pro ball. If I can't make it, then I'd like to get into recreation work."

Johnson says he would enjoy returning to Western Kentucky, in the Owensboro, Paducah, Bowling Green area or "anywhere in Kentucky."

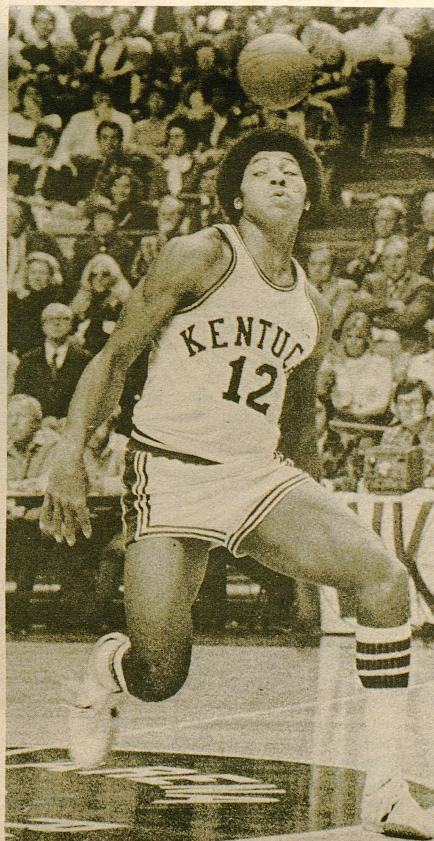
"Be sure to put in there I want to go back down there," requested Larry with a grin, "someone might see it and offer me a job."

Can't pass up any opportunities, can you Larry?

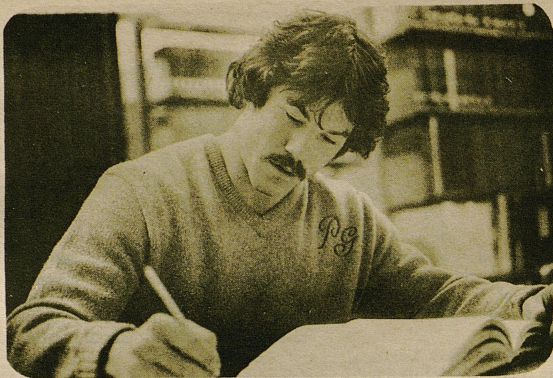
"No way, every little bit helps. Somebody in one of those towns might just read this and offer me a job after school," he added.

Meanwhile, it's business as usual.

Drop by the UK locker room most any afternoon and you'll find Larry Johnson performing one of his best acts: playing basketball or smiling for a commercial or holding court with reporters or combing his hair or just having a good time playing pranks with his fellow Wildcats.



His Ballhandling Act



PETE GEMMILL

Gemmill Looks Forward To Homecoming In Atlanta Dec. 31 At Peach Bowl

The last time Pete Gemmill played football in Atlanta Stadium, he was 12 years old, playing in the world championship game of the Pop Warner football league.

Now, nine years later, Gemmill will be playing in the stadium again, this time as a punter/running back for the University of Kentucky football team that takes on North Carolina in the Peach Bowl Dec. 31.

It'll be the first time Gemmill has played in Atlanta since his high school days at Sandy Springs High School, and Gemmill's looking forward to it.

"My family and a lot of friends will be there and I'm looking forward to playing in front of them," he said. "More of my friends would be there, but they haven't been able to get tickets and I haven't had much luck finding them any."

The Peach Bowl is a sellout, due in large part to a tremendous demand for tickets from Kentucky fans.

Gemmill has been handling the punting duties for the Wildcats for the past two years and his speciality is to hang his kicks high, giving opposing teams little chance for runbacks.

He also sees reserve action as a running back in the Wildcats' wish-bone offense.

"I'm real pleased with my experiences at Kentucky," said Gemmill, a senior. "Everything has turned out real well for me."

He's pleased with the football program, feels he's getting an education "as good as anyplace has to offer," and he's thinking about settling in either Lexington or Atlanta, depending on how other things go.

Those other things include plans to go either to Navy or Air Force Flight training school after he receives his degree this summer. If he likes military life, he'll make the military his career; otherwise, he'd like to follow his father, Joe, who has been a commercial airline pilot for some 30 years. The Gemmills live at 745 Old Post Road NW, Atlanta (30328).

Gemmill has already started flying lessons on his own and has logged about 30 hours of solo time.

Dr. Frank Downing, academic adviser to athletes attending the University, says that Gemmill "takes his studies seriously, goes to class faithfully and is determined to get his

degree. He's the kind of kid you enjoy working with."

Gemmill is enrolled in the Bachelor of General Studies program at UK, which is one of many innovative programs at a university that boasts, among other things the nation's third-ranked dentistry program, fourth ranked pharmacy program and one of the top debate programs in the country. There are more than 20,000 students on the University of Kentucky's Lexington campus and another 17,000 students enrolled in UK's highly-acclaimed 13 community colleges.

The BGS program provides students with broad choices in the selection of courses, giving them the flexibility to develop a program tailored to their individual requirements.

"It allows students who can't find a major that quite fits their career goals to develop a program that does," Downing said.

Gemmill is designing his program with his pilot's future in mind and is looking forward to a course in aerospace next semester that will give him additional background in flight training.

Gemmill almost missed being a member of the Kentucky football team that is appearing in a bowl game for the first time since 1952.

An honorable mention Georgia All-stater at Sandy Springs, Gemmill's lack of size (he's listed on the UK roster as 5' 10", 177 pounds) apparently left most college scouts feeling he was too small for college football.

He was making plans to go to Auburn to try out for its baseball team when his high school track coach, former UK quarterback Bernie Scruggs, asked if he'd be interested in playing football at UK.

"I didn't know much about Kentucky, but I said I was interested," Gemmill said.

So Scruggs contacted UK head football coach Fran Curci, whose coaching staff liked what they saw in Gemmill and signed him to a scholarship.

So now Gemmill is making preparations to return to his hometown and to the stadium where he played Pop Warner football nine years ago.

"I don't remember much about that Pop Warner game, except that we had a great team and won the game. We were declared world champion," said Gemmill.

He's hoping this year's Peach Bowl will have an outcome similar to when he played as a youngster in Atlanta Stadium.



Down Winners' Lane

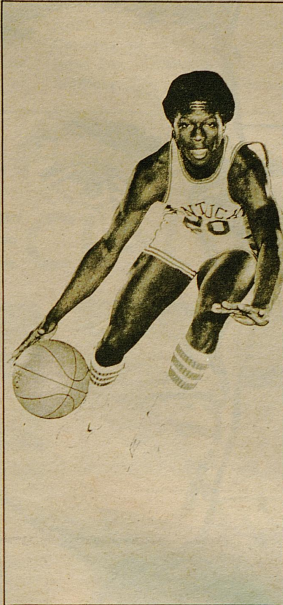
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY . . . punter and running back Pete Gemmill, right, of Atlanta, walks to class on the UK campus with Dr. Frank Downing, academic adviser to

athletes attending UK. Gemmill, a senior, will return to his hometown when the UK Wildcats play North Carolina in the Peach Bowl Dec. 31.

Meet A Wildcat

DWANE CASEY, 6-2, 195 Sophomore Guard
Morganfield, Ky. (4/17/57)

Expected to see more action at guard after a year of adjustment is Dwane Casey, who played as a swingman at Union County High School, which also produced teammate Larry Johnson...Has improved his outside shooting as well as his ball handling with a determined work schedule...Has no peer when it comes to hustle and 100 per cent effort...Spent the summer working in western Kentucky coal mines, weight lifting and shooting baskets...Was proclaimed unofficial champion of pre-season weight program with a power squat lift of 485 lbs and a clean jerk of 270 lbs...Tremendous quickness, strength and solid fundamentals are his greatest assets...Averaged 7.2 minutes playing time in 20 games, scoring 1.3 ppg...Single games highs—six points against UNCC in the finals of the NIT, and three rebounds against Georgia Tech and Georgia...A four sport star at Union County, Casey earned four basketball letters, three baseball, two cross country and one in football...Captained basketball and baseball teams...Averaged 23.5 ppg, 8 rebounds and five assists as a senior after scoring 21 ppg and 10 rebounds as a junior...Set school record 38 points and a high rebounding mark of 25...All-State, All-Regional (2 yrs.), All-District (2 yrs.), Big-8 Conference Player-of-the-Year, All-Conference (2 yrs.) and winner of the school defensive and rebounding awards...All-Area baseball...



Member of National Honor Society carrying a 3.45 GPA...Played in Derby Classic, Kentucky-Indiana All-Star series and Kentucky East-West All-Star game...Coach Ernon Simpson...Arts and Sciences.

Coach Hall: "Dwane will see much more action at guard this year. His quickness, strength and fine team attitude insures a healthy contribution to a successful season."

Past Record

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UKIT Field Has Plenty Of Power This Year

Utah's 100-96 conquest of nationally ranked Las Vegas / Nevada Tuesday night adds spice to the 1976 University of Kentucky Invitational Basketball Tournament, which promises to be one of the finest in the 24-year history of the prestigious event.

First round action of the tournament will begin at 7 p.m. Friday Dec. 17, with the Utes meeting undefeated West Virginia and UK meeting once-defeated Bowling Green two hours later.

The tournament is moving from 11,500 seat Memorial Coliseum into 23,000 seat Rupp Arena this year. The bigger arena, coupled with many students going home for the holidays, has resulted in tickets being available for the tournament, which traditionally has always been a sellout.

Those tickets may be purchased through the UK Basketball Ticket office at \$8 per book (\$4 for each session), plus 50 cents handling and mailing charge. The office is open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily.

The four tournament teams have lost a total of only two games this

season. Utah fell to Weber State in its opener, but bounced back to decision Oregon State before upsetting Las Vegas / Nevada.

Entering this week's action, Las Vegas / Nevada was fourth and UK fifth in the UPI poll while that order was reversed in the AP poll.

The Utes went ahead by 14 points late in the first half against Las Vegas, went into a four-corner stall with three starters on the bench and then built the lead to 21 points early in the second half. Las Vegas cut the margin to 97-96, but Earl Williams got a three-point play with five seconds to go to preserve the victory.

Bowling Green lost its first game of the season Wednesday night, losing 67-63 to nationally ranked Cincinnati.

Kentucky defeated Indiana Monday at Bloomington for a 3-0 slate. The Wildcats will meet Kansas in the Rupp Arena dedicatory game Saturday night and travel to South Carolina Monday.

Wildcat athletics director Cliff Hagan said the teams competing in this year's UKIT make one of the most attractive tournaments of its kind this Christmas season.



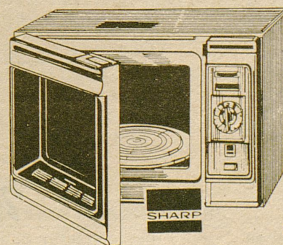
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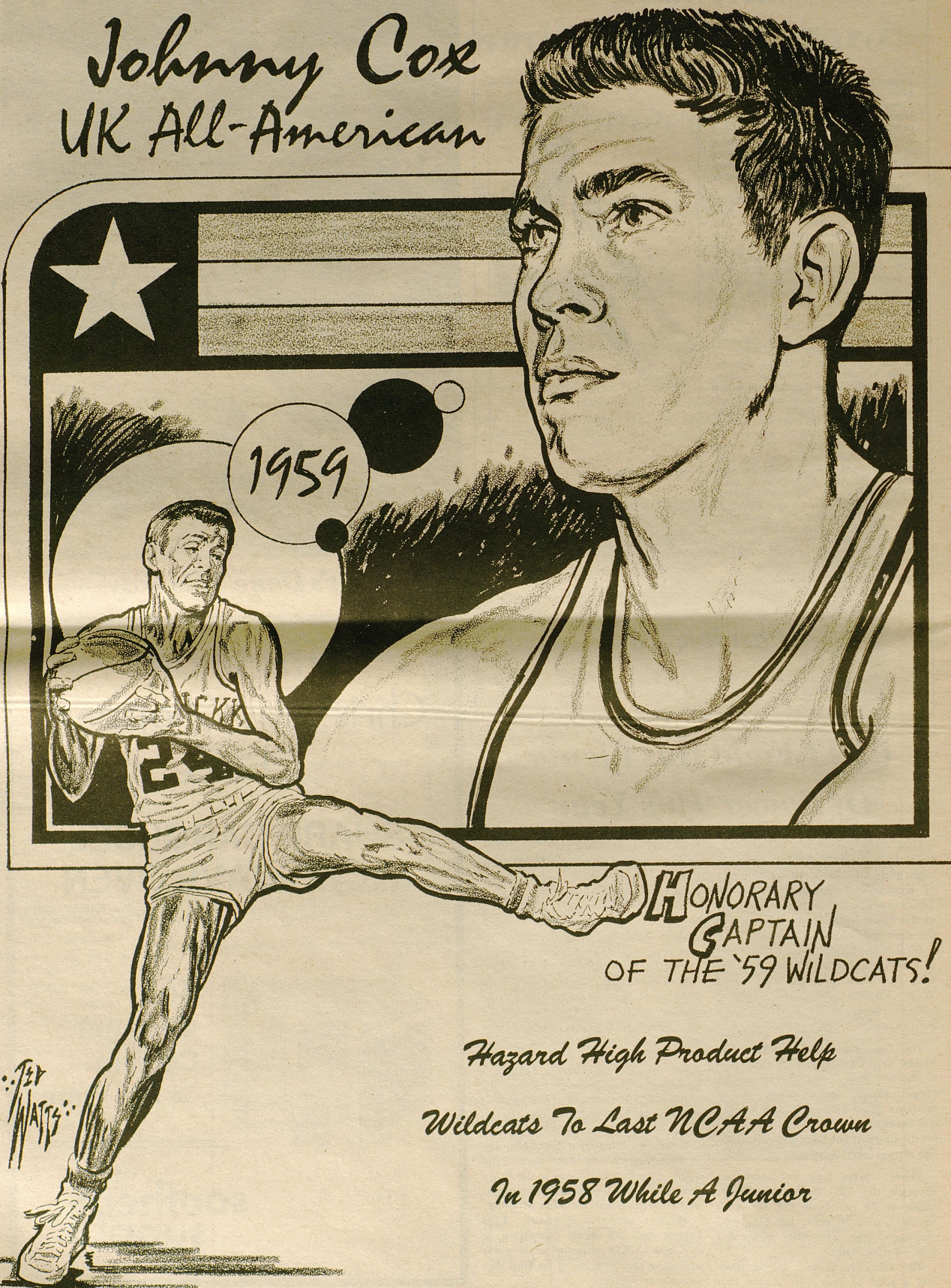
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Charlie Dickerson is a product of Bastrop, La., which is known for producing some fine athletes. He now plays tight end for the University of

Kentucky team which will meet North Carolina in the ninth annual Peach Bowl Dec. 31 at 2:30 p.m. in Atlanta Stadium. The game is a sell-out.

But Dickerson has more than an interest in participating in college football. He wants to sit up in the television-radio booth and tell about it.

Dickerson is the self-professed Howard Cosell of College football. "I keep up with sports," he says. "If an argument ever arises about who did what in professional or college sports, I can always straighten it out."

"When I graduate, I want to go to graduate school at UCLA and major in broadcast journalism. I want to broadcast games and be an announcer."

Dickerson was a split end last year, but he's been moved to tight end this season and claims he likes it "all-right" but still prefers his old position.

"I've caught five passes this year, and one of them was for a touchdown," he says, "but I miss playing split end."

Dickerson is a senior on the Kentucky team and has been through the controversy which has surrounded the Wildcats over the past few years with one scandal and an NCAA investigation.

"This is my senior year and I'm going to hold it dear," he says. "A lot

of people wouldn't have picked us for a bowl before the season started, but we're in one. In fact, I feel we could have very easily been 9-2 instead of 7-4."

"The controversy was bad, but I think the fact that we had a good year shows people that we're not as bad as they thought. I think it has really united the team."

And what about the North Carolina team that Kentucky must face in the Peach Bowl?

"From what I've seen of Voight (Mike, North Carolina's leading rusher and fifth on the all-time NCAA rushing list), he will be tough to stop. Our defense has had trouble this year stopping the big running back. But we're coming into the Peach Bowl to win and it should be a great game."

So it looks as if Dickerson will have to spend this Peach Bowl down on the field, helping out the Kentucky offense. But he's got his sights set on seeing other Peach Bowls from the press box and he's just determined enough to pull it off.

"My real dream has always been to play pro ball, but I may not get the chance to," he says. "I'm going to be working for a Lexington, Ky. newspaper this winter, helping out in news and sports and if I don't get drafted I want to first go into the writing end of journalism and eventually into the broadcasting end."

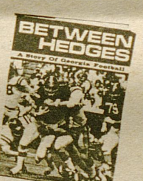
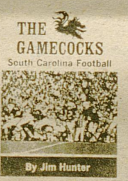
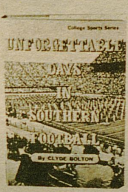
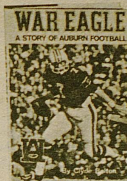
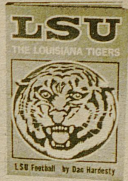
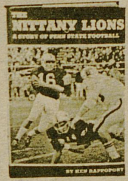
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"He'd better watch out," says Dickerson.



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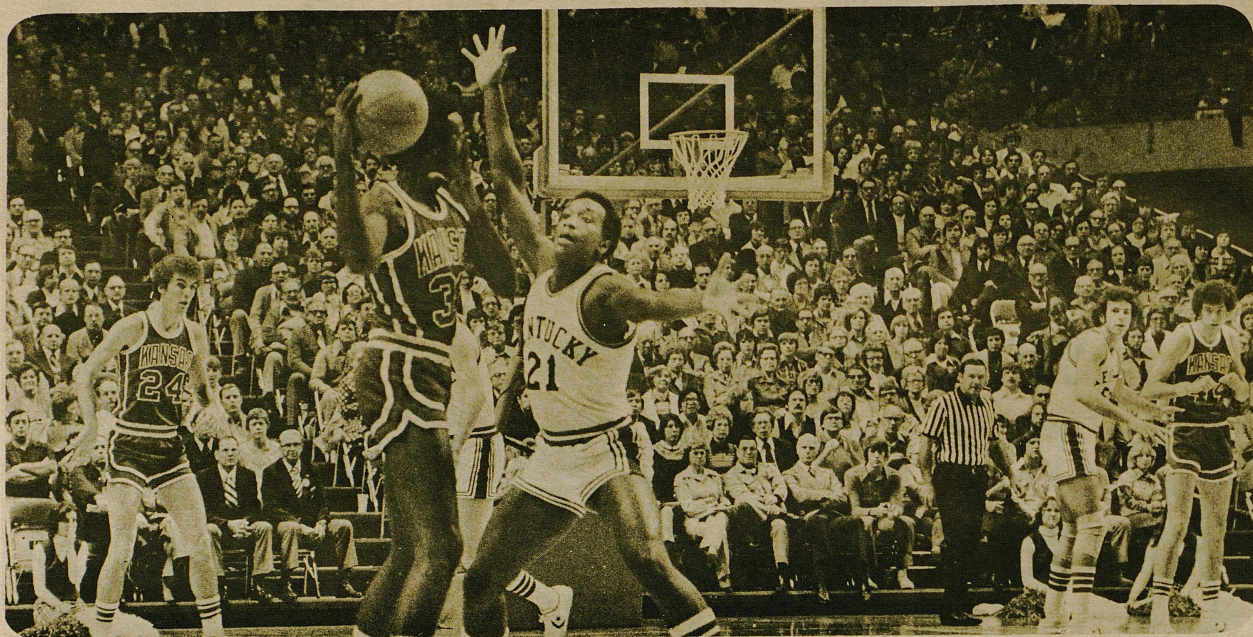
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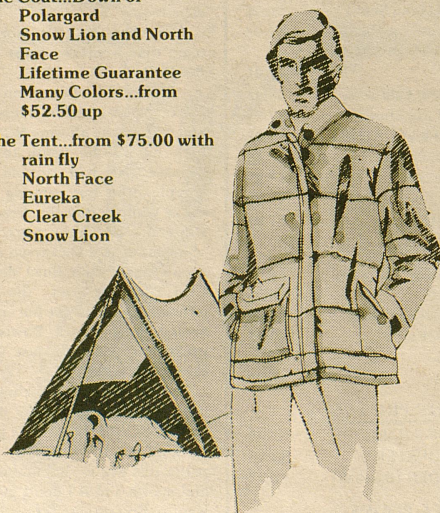
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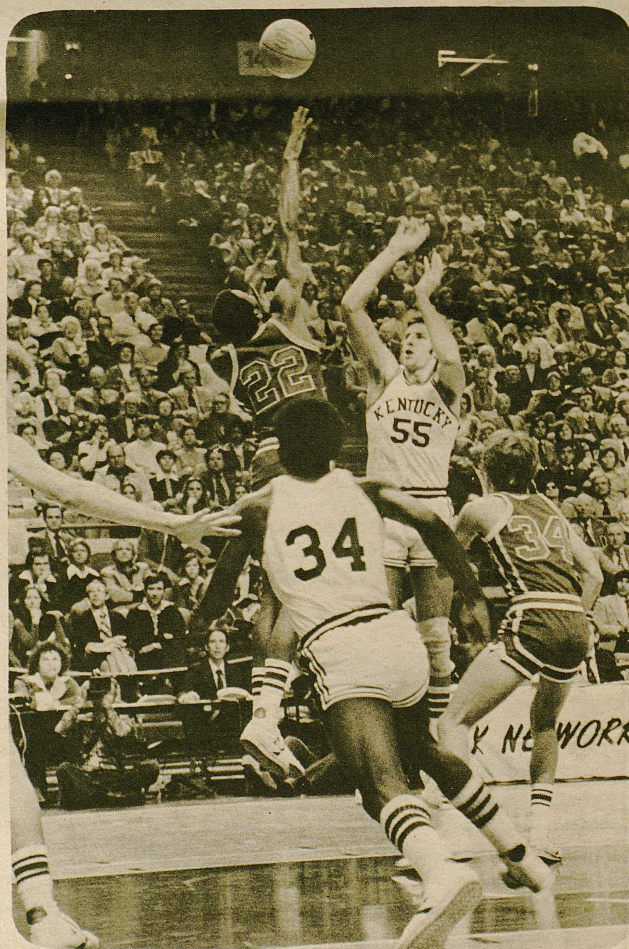
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Question - There's a rule change this year concerning technical fouls. In one game, a team was awarded two free throws and the ball out of bounds for a technical, but in another situation, the team was allowed only one free throw and the ball out of bounds. Could you explain the new rule?

Coach Hall - Yes, the rule has been changed this year by the rules committee. Any technical foul called on a coach or any member of the team on the bench results in two free throws instead of one. The technical is also charged against the coach, regardless of who commits the infraction. The rules committee hopes the coach will have his bench under better control with this new penalty. Other technical fouls, such as the one against TCU for a wrong number on the scoreboard, result in only one free throw. A flagrant technical foul also results in two free throws. The opposing team gets the ball out of bounds on all technicals.

Question - What about the technical foul called on Kentucky in the TCU game. Was it called on you or someone else?

Coach Hall - It was on me, but I didn't even know the official called it against me for some time. I still don't know why he called it. I didn't curse him or anything. All I did was to tell him that things would get out of hands if they didn't control the game. And it did.

Question - Athletics Director Cliff Hagan announced this week the Kentucky-Indiana game next year will be played here at Rupp Arena instead of Louisville as in the past. What does this mean to the team?

Coach Hall - It will be good for our program and a just reward for the students to be able to play Indiana here on campus. There is so much rivalry between Kentucky and Indiana in basketball and the student body here will certainly help us win this big game.

Question - Indiana coach Bobby Knight was quoted as saying it doesn't matter where he plays Kentucky. Do you believe he really feels this way?

Coach Hall - He would rather play us in Louisville than here at Rupp Arena on campus. If he doesn't know what it's like to play Kentucky here in front of 23,000 loyal Wildcat fans, he will find out. Often, in Louisville, Indiana has as many fans there as we do.

Question - Many of our readers have requested us to ask you about the traveling arrangements for the basketball team when on road trips. How do the Wildcats travel on the road?

Coach Hall - When we play games on

a regional basis, we usually go by chartered bus. Some of the places we visit by charter bus are Louisville, Bloomington, Nashville and Knoxville. We travel by commercial airlines to most of the other games. At least once each year, we travel by charter airlines and that one is usually a conference trip. The South Carolina trip, for instance, we leave on Sunday morning and return to Lexington about noon Tuesday on commercial airlines.

Question - What's it like during practice when you're preparing for an upcoming game. What portions of the game do you work on?

Coach Hall - We work on fundamentals every day, and normally stress defense right before a game. Defense

always stimulates team attitude and more unselfish play. We want defense on their mind all the time. Then we work on adjustments necessary for that particular opponent. Early in the week, before a weekend game when there is no other game that week, we spend a lot of time in conditioning. We work on presses, zones, and special offenses for the late stages of a game, depending on whether we're ahead or behind. When it gets close to the game, we work less strenuously so our players will be sharp and live-leg. We spend a lot of time right before the game on special defenses and offenses to stop the other team's strengths. And, oh yes, we work on free throws every day along with passing, shooting

and pivoting drills.

Question - Feeding athletes often is said similar to the cure for common colds and sprained ankles, hardly anyone can agree on the right formula. How are the Kentucky players fed prior to a basketball game?

Coach Hall - We have a noon meal for our players on the day of a night game here at home. They are served a small steak, baked or mashed potatoes, peas or green beans, iced tea, soft drink or hot tea and ice cream. Then three hours before the game, we have soft scrambled eggs, grease-free bacon, pancakes and syrup. Some players substitute chicken noodle soup. They also are allowed peaches and cookies and tea or soft drink at this time. Our trainers decide what the players eat. A lot of research goes into what athletes should eat before a competitive game and our trainers keep up with the latest information.

Do you have a regular routine for players when traveling on the road?

Coach Hall - Yes, we have several routines we go through. After our morning wake-up, we have a light breakfast then a half-hour to forty-five minutes shooting practice usually at the place we're going to play in that night. After that, there is a pre-game lunch and the players are then given time to get some fresh air, just walk around outside. They have to be back in their rooms by 2 p.m. Our pregame meal is always three hours before tip-off. We try to leave the motel in time to have the players' ankles taped and be on the playing floor thirty minutes before game time. After the game we head back to the motel and have a snack unless we are returning to Lexington right after the game. On most of the long road trips, we stay overnight because of flight connections with the airlines.

Question - Are you superstitious?

Coach Hall - Yeall. I'm not really, though. I'm not superstitious, but things that are of superstitious nature, I tend to go with them, not to take any chances. I've got an anecdote for all of them. I just put a hex on them if they front me. Like if a cat should cross my path, then I spit in a hat.

Question - A lot is made of scouting and how important scouting is to winning the big games. Is scouting over-emphasized?

Coach Hall - Yes, it's over emphasized, but you will see less of it now that the new regulation allows only one scouting trip for each team you play. That's all we do anyway. We like to know as much about a team as possible but there's only so much a player can absorb about his opponent. We like to prepare our team for all styles of play.

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1949	NATIONAL CHAMPIONS.	Won 3, Lost 0. Defeated Oklahoma A&M for title.
1948	NATIONAL CHAMPIONS.	Won 3, Lost 0. Defeated Baylor for title.
1945	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated by Ohio State in first round.
1942	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated by Dartmouth in second game.

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SUGAR BOWL TOURNAMENT (Ten Appearances—Five Championships)

1963	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Duke for championship.
1956	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Houston for championship.
1951	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated in finals by St. Louis. Defeated Syracuse in consolation game.
1950	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated in first game by St. Louis.
1949	Won 2, Lost 0.	Defeated Bradley for championship.
1948	Won 1, Lost 1.	Eliminated in finals by St. Louis.
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1940	Won 0, Lost 1.	Lost to Indiana.
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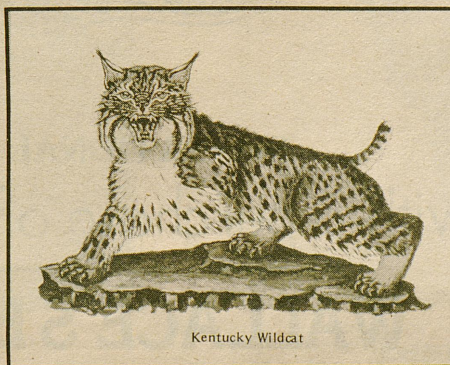
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victories this week, however, there is the possibility UG could be a dark-horse.

The first win came against Division II opponent Troy State Monday night by an unimpressive 64-57 score. The outcome didn't phase forward Walter Daniels, a returning starter for the Dogs.

"Right now most of us guys haven't played together," Daniels said after scoring 18 points. "We're not playing near what we're capable of."

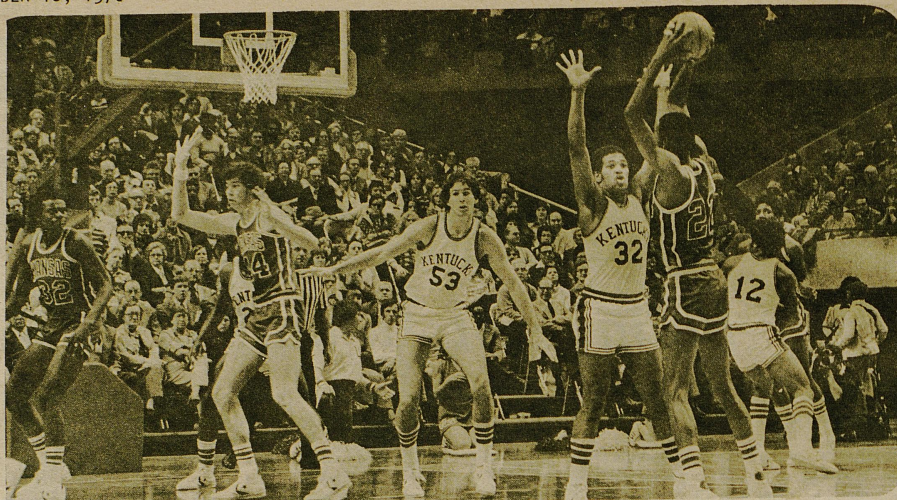
According to Guthrie, Daniels had better hope not.

"I realize things are going to get rougher," he said after watching his team trail by six much of the first half before taking a 30-26 halftime lead. "We're going to have to claw and scratch for everything we get and I'm not going to change that now."

The Dogs trailed 53-47 in the second half before 12 unanswered points--six by freshman LaVon Mercer pulled them through.

Saturday night Georgia whipped 1-4 Buffalo 108-77. At one point the Dogs outscored Buffalo 40-4 during the final 20 minutes.

OLE MISS- While Auburn and Alabama remained idle during the week, the Rebs split two games. Tulane drubbed the Rebs 64-59 Wednesday evening but whipped South Dakota State earlier.



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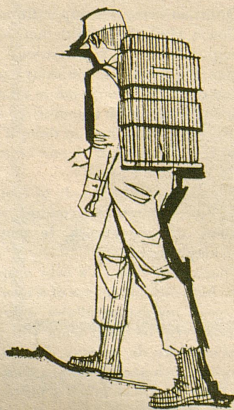
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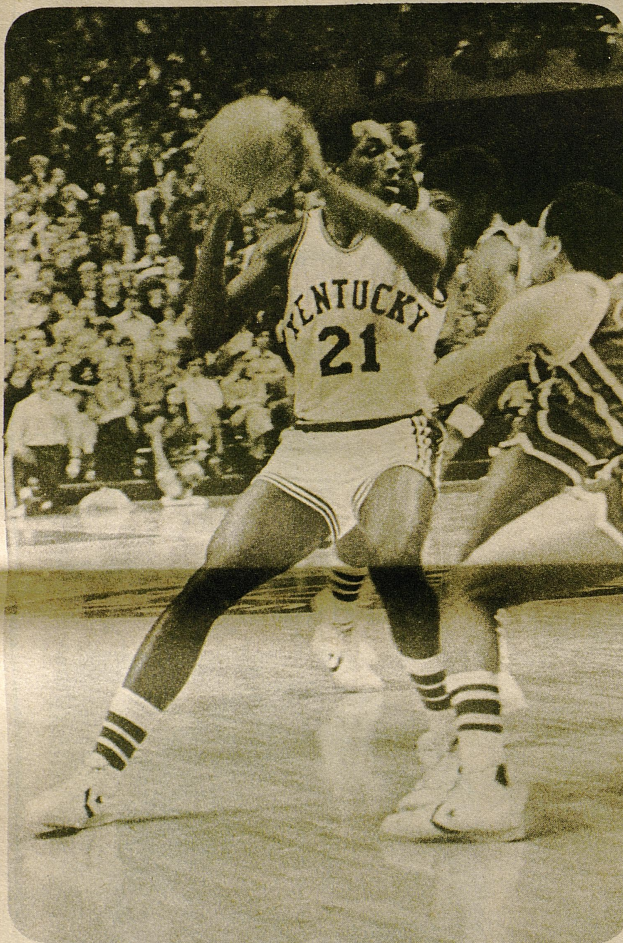
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Five Wildcats Hit Double Figures

Cats Dedicate Arena With 90-63 Bombing Of Kansas



The Goose In Action

With six players scoring in double figures and spiced with several dunks, Kentucky's Wildcats christened the new Rupp Arena with a 90-63 bombing of previously undefeated Kansas Saturday night before 23,107 fans, including Adolph Rupp.

Coach Joe B. Hall's charges set the stage for an exciting halftime ceremonies when the Wildcats bolted out to a 20-point lead late in the first half.

Kansas, unbeaten in five consecutive starts this season, was just no match for the Wildcats, at least not on this special occasion.

"It was a great game for us," commented Hall after the battle, "we wanted this win very badly."

UK led in the early going, 26-12 and never looked back. In the massacre, Kansas lost one of its starters even before the half. Ken Koenigs, who was taken out midway in the first half with four fouls, was put back in with some eight minutes left before intermission. He fouled out with only seven minutes of playing time. He had been averaging 10 points per game.

On the other end, Kentucky's play was near perfection. And everybody got into the act.

Jack Givens led the point parade with 15 followed by James Lee with 14, and Rick Robey and substitute Dwane Casey with 13 each. Mike Phillips had 12 points and Larry Johnson pumped in 10. Of the starters, only freshman Jay Shidler failed to hit double figures. He scored five points but saw only 17 minutes playing time, spending the rest on the bench with four fouls.

"James played great, and Casey went in and played his best game," Hall summed up later, "Phillips and Robey both did well inside. Givens played great, and Johnson did a good job. His shot selection in the second half was particularly good."

"James' play was sensational when he brought it all the way up and dunked it," said the coach, "he played very well tonight."

"Our defensive play tonight was tremendous," said Hall, "I thought it showed how we can play a man-to-man defense."

Kentucky stayed with its man-to-man defense until midway in the second half when the Cats had everything safely tucked away.

Hall also had some words of praise for team play.

"We've developed that squad unity we've been seeking," said Hall, "we're moving the ball better and we're finding the open man. That's what I like to see."

Losing Kansas coach Ted Owens,

who knew from early in the contest it was going to be a long evening, praised Kentucky as one of the best four or five clubs in the nation.

"There are four or five teams you could throw in a hat as being the best in the nation, and Kentucky has to be among them," said Owens.

"They have quickness, they're strong, they have depth and they can shoot it," said Owens, and of the defense, "purely from a coaching standpoint, I enjoyed watching them play the 1-3-1. They play it very well and very aggressively."

Was Owens' team awed by the spacious Rupp Arena?

"It's difficult to tell how much the home court advantage meant to them tonight, but Kentucky was obviously inspired. They played hard. It wasn't the building, but the pressure defense that caused us to lose our poise," he continued, "we've played in large arenas before."

Dunks from James Lee, Rick Robey and LaVon Williams repeatedly brought the UK fans to their feet. Lee's feat came after he took a rebound at the other end of the floor, drove the entire distance and waded through two defenders to slam the ball through a helpless rim. From the last thirty feet, it was anticipation all the way.

Kentucky had an averaged Wildcat shooting night, hitting fifty percent of its field goal attempts, 34 of 68. At the free throw line, the Wildcats had a so-so exhibition, canning 22 of 33 for 66.7 percent.

Kansas hit only 25 of 64 from the field for 39.1 percent and 13 of 23 from the charity strip for 56.5 percent.

The Jayhawks outrebounded Kentucky 46-42 as Donnie Van Moore led all players with 12. James Lee was tops for Kentucky with 7.

After Kentucky took the 48-27 intermission lead, Kansas fought back and sliced the score to 54-41 with 14:31 left in the final half.

That's when Lee ordered up his floor show and dunk. After that, it was all clear sailing.

Kentucky led by as much as 28, [82-54] before settling for the 90-63 win.

Lee said there was some pressure on the club, being the dedication game of the new Rupp Arena and the fact that Kentucky had won thirteen in a row.

"We wanted to open this thing up right and we wanted to continue the streak," said Lee, "I thought we played pretty well out there tonight."

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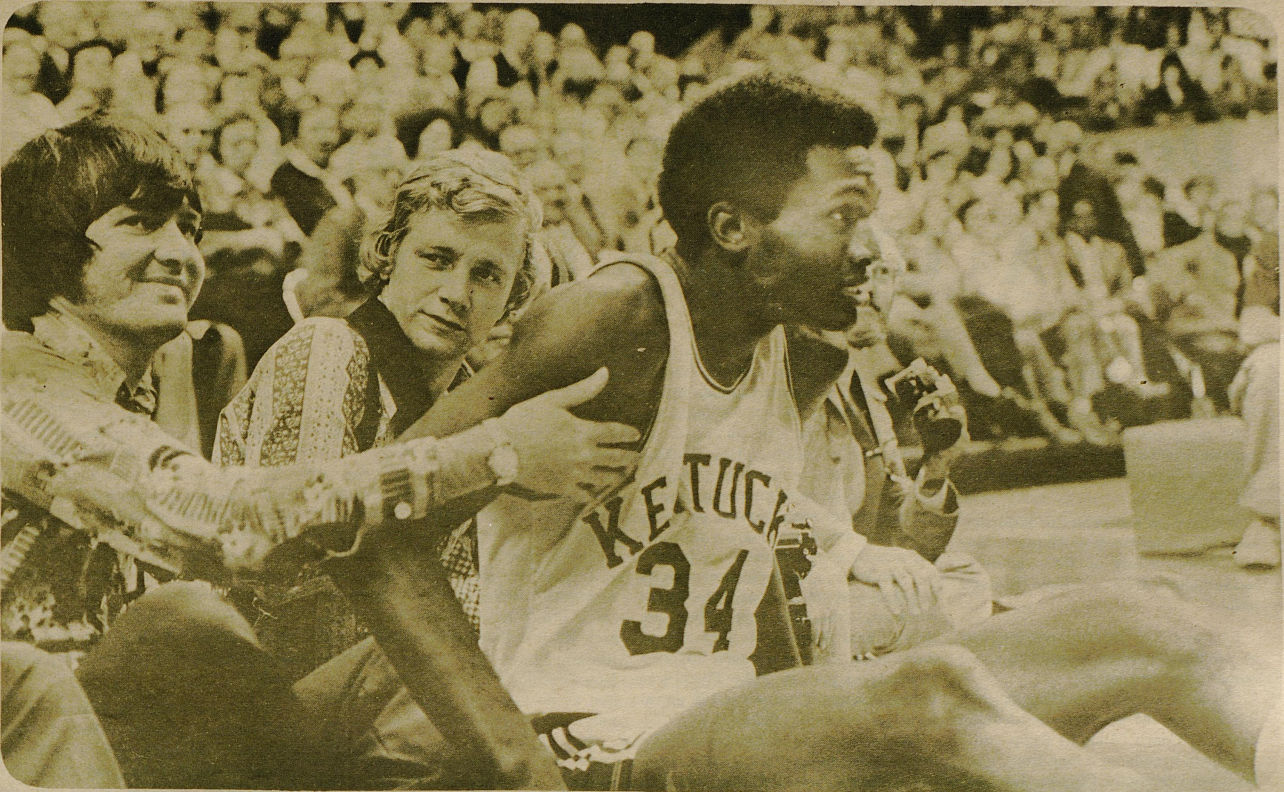
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Native Lexingtonian Doug Flynn,

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Flynn says his days at UK weren't the happiest days of his life. Originally signed to a UK basketball scholarship back in the early 1970s when Adolph Rupp was coach, Flynn said in the interview he felt that they (UK) wanted his scholarship for someone else.

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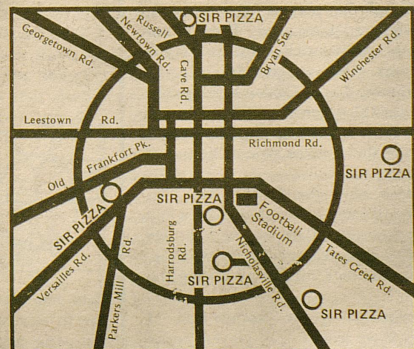
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Recalls The 1966 Rupp's Runts

Dr. V. A. Jackson Begins 12th Year As UK Hoop Team Doctor

For Dr. V.A. Jackson, serving as team physician for the University of Kentucky basketball is, in his words, "the most gratifying thing I've ever experienced because I enjoy working with young people and I'm a basketball fanatic."

Dr. Jackson has been the Wildcats' team doctor for the past 11 years, and has viewed many of UK's greatest basketballers from a unique vantage point.

Last week Dr. Jackson took the time at a Wildcat practice session to share some of his recollections.

"I became the team physician in 1965," said the distinguished-looking doctor. "Coach (Adolph) Rupp and I had been friends for a long time, but I had been living in Clinton, Ky., my home town. When my daughter went away to UK, my wife and I decided to move to Lexington, really because of basketball."

"There wasn't much said about it when I became team physician," Dr. Jackson continued. "On December 5, 1965, (former UK Athletic Director Bernie) Shively called me into his office and said, 'You are now officially the team physician for the University of Kentucky basketball team,' and I've been here ever since."

That year, the Wildcat team known almost universally as "Rupp's Runts" went all the way to NCAA finals before losing to Texas Western.

"The thing I remember most about the '65-66 team was their attitude and their physical condition. Those guys were in great shape," Dr. Jackson recalled.

The Cats were rated Number One that year, before being upset in the finals at College Park, Maryland. Afterwards, many Kentucky fans blamed the loss on the fact that many of UK's stars were ill.

The man who would know about the health of the players, Dr. Jackson, remembered it this way: "Three of our players were sick against Texas Western. After we beat Duke in the semifinals, Larry Conley's temperature was 101 degrees, and Thad Jaracz had a fever of 100 degrees. They either had the flu or some type of bronchial infection."

"Also after the Duke game, Pat Riley had a foot infection that he'd had since February flare up on him. He couldn't even lace up his street shoe, and he couldn't jump at all during the game."

Summing it up, Dr. Jackson said, "I think, if we would have played Texas Western first, we'd have beaten them but lost to Duke. We just couldn't play two games in a row."

It took nine years, and the famous 92-90 upset win over Indiana in the finals of the Mideast Regional for Kentucky to make a return trip to the NCAA's Final Four. Dr. Jackson recalled that memorable contest, calling it "the most intensely played game I've ever seen. Nobody gave any quarter or asked any quarter and both UK and IU were perfectly coached."

"You know, after Indiana beat us by 24 points early in the year," the doctor went on, "the kids kept telling me they'd beat Indiana if they played them again. I've never seen anybody as ready to play as Mike Flynn was before that one [Flynn was a UK guard from Jeffersonville, Indiana]."

Dr. Jackson viewed that game, as he does all Kentucky road games, from the Wildcats' bench. At home games, he sits directly behind the Kentucky

bench. "You know the bench is not the best seat in the house," he said, "because if you've got a big player sitting beside you, you can't see around him."

During his tenure as a member of the Cats' official family, Dr. Jackson has had the opportunity to watch two of the most successful college coaches in the nation at work—Adolph Rupp and Joe B. Hall. "I think that Kentucky basketball has been the same pretty much under both Rupp and Hall. Both emphasized the running game and tough defense. However, no two men will coach alike, just as no two men will put on their pants alike," Dr. Jackson said.

One of the best things Hall has done, Dr. Jackson asserted, is to institute the rigorous running and conditioning program now used by the

Cats. The doctor said, "I've always said the best knee brace or ankle brace is to have strong ligaments, and our players have strong ligaments."

Of Rupp, Dr. Jackson maintained, "To begin with, he was a phenomenal practical psychiatrist. He knew what to say and when to say it. He also had a knack for judging good players. Of course, in those days all the good players wanted to come to UK. I remember when they used to have spring tryout camps up here, there would be several other college coaches waiting to take the players Rupp didn't want."

Treating athletes is different from his normal practice, Dr. Jackson alleged. "Athletes are a different breed of dogs," he said. "They're under such physical stress all the time."

The Wildcat's doctor told this story to illustrate his point: "When Kent Hollenbeck was playing here, he sustained a slight break in his foot. Another doctor told him he could go ahead and play on it. I X-rayed it and told him that he could walk on it all right, but he couldn't play basketball on it. I advised him to sit out the season and be redshirted."

"He played on it and broke it all the way the next game, and out for the year."

Considering the roughhouse type of ball played by the Wildcats, one might expect UK to sustain a lot of serious injuries. Not so, said Dr. Jackson. "Most of our injuries are sprained ankles. We've only had two knee injuries in the 11 years I've been here—G.J. Smith's and Rick Robey last year. Maybe it's because we have such rough practices and the games seem easier than practice to the players."

The 65-year-old Dr. Jackson declined to pick an all-time favorite UK player, but he did call the current group of Wildcats, along with the 1966 national runners-up, "Outstanding in a lot of ways, because they both did so much more than was expected."

On the present Wildcat roster, Dr. Jackson said, "It would be hard to pick a favorite. They're all favorites. I wouldn't follow a team around if I didn't like the kids on it."

"There haven't been any tramps on a Kentucky team since I've been here," the physician stated. "They've all been good kids. You know, you get so darn close to these kids, you can't help feeling like they're yours."

Dr. Jackson also offered his bottom-line appraisal of the basketball program at UK. "It's the greatest there is," he said.

Football Signees To Be Announced This Week

The first of Kentucky's new football recruits were expected to be announced late Tuesday of this week, but were too late for our publication since we go to press early Tuesday morning.

The Cats' Pause will bring you full details and background on the new recruits in next week's edition.

Head recruiter Dan Leal said Kentucky is very optimistic at this time about Kentucky's harvest in the recruiting field.

Last Saturday was the first day schools in the Southeastern Conference could sign high school seniors to a conference letter of intent. The

national letter of intent does not go into effect until February.

The SEC letter protects a school from any other school in the SEC signing the player. The SEC also has an agreement with the Atlantic Coast Conference and some other schools which recognizes the conference letters at this early date.

Kentucky, in its fourth year under coach Fran Curci, rallied to a 7-4 record and a berth in this year's Peach Bowl. It is the best season since the Wildcats went 8-4 in 1951 and won the Cotton Bowl over Texas Christian 20-7.

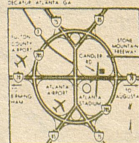
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Wants UK?? Info

Mr. Oscar L. Combs, Publisher
The Cats' Pause
P.O. Box 7297
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Mr. Combs

I would like to commend you on the Cats' Pause. It is a super paper. Wish you'd do an article on the financial side of the UKIT. In that it has to be one of the country's richest, I believe the readers would enjoy being informed on the particulars: How much money it generates. The amount each visiting team takes home. The amount UK takes home and all the rest.

Sincerely,
G.A. Russell
Manchester, Tennessee

To Germany

Dear Sir:

Please send the Cats' Pause to my brother who is in Germany in the Air Force. He loves UK with a purple passion. He gets to listen to some of the UK games on rebroadcast sometimes and he really appreciates this.

Having come from Carr Creek basketball is his thing so I know he will love the Cats' Pause as much as my husband and I do.

This is the best sports paper we have ever read. Keep up the good work.

My brother in Atlanta loves the Cats' Pause. Keeps him well informed on his favorite team. A wonderful service to all Kentuckians in or out of state.

Have a wonderful holiday.

Thank you,
Jackie Kelly

Keeps Up With Cats

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find \$20.00 for two subscriptions to The Cats' Pause.

Discovered your publication through Coach Hamilton during a scouting mission to Toledo. Have been looking for something like this for years. If the enclosed amount is not correct please advise.

Sincerely,

The Town Club of Toledo, Inc.
Toledo, Ohio

Cats' Fans In Indy

Dear Sir:

Please find \$10.00 enclosed for a year's subscription to The Cats' Pause. I only recently read your magazine and liked it very much.

Since my subscription will not start for several weeks, would it be possible for me to obtain the back issues. I will be missing during this time. I do not want to miss any of the issues and since I live in Indiana I do not have access to your newspaper on the newstands.

I am looking forward to receiving the Cats' Pause.

Sincerely
John L. Cundiff
Plainfield, Indiana

Unbiased Opinions?

Dear Sir:

I have been a UK fan all my life. I must say I've never enjoyed reading a paper any more than I have The Cats' Pause. I love your unbiased opinions (ha, ha). I'm sending in a subscription for a loyal UK friend of mine, who is stationed in California. Please begin his subscription with the Dec. 4 issue. I want to keep him up to date with the Cats.

Thanks,
Don Chancey
Louisville, Ky.

Enjoys Cats

Dear Sir:

I am an avid UK fan from Ashland, Ky. I graduated from UK in spring '76 and now employed in Charleston, West Virginia. Up here, UK is none-existent and I would very much like to subscribe to The Cats' Pause. Enclosed is a check for \$10.00.

Thank you,
Randy Patton
Nitro, W. Va.

Peach Bowl Headed

Dear Oscar:

We have never had the pleasure of meeting one another, but that will be

history during the Peach Bowl here as we will be there for all eating and drinking events. I am a Century Club member, one of the first - got about \$2,500 from Atlanta for H-K House etc.

My wife Ginny (Allender) is from Lexington. We always stay in room 202 at H.K.

After reading The Cats' Pause - man, where have I been in being so late in sending the \$10.00. Joe Hall (when he was here several weeks ago) asked if I subscribed. I had not heard of it. We usually stay with my very close friend Fred Fugazzi.

To those that aren't too familiar with this Atlanta traffic, I have advised several (hope they will pass on the info) when coming into Atlanta get off at COURTLAND exit, about mid-town - Courtland is one way towards the Marriott only 4 blocks from I-75 exit.

Bye now, as I know you have more important matters to finalize before Peach Bowl kick-off. I used to write for my Paducah High paper but too many years has passed and my three fingers aren't as agile as they used to be.

GO BIG BLUE.

Charlie Whitman
Atlanta, Georgia

Dislikes Big Blue

Dear Sir:

Who thought up that idiotic "Big Blue" at UK home basketball games? It's typical of the second rate promotion surrounding UK's first rate team, the public's first rate facility, and a first rate community like Lexington.

I recall the Center's grand opening several weeks ago and how we sat thru a totally dull and unimaginative series of "you pat my back and I'll pat yours." The staged program was a joke. I recall how they failed to put up proper TV stands for cameras and have had to do with ugly makeshifts.

I can cite other so-called efforts at promoting the Center which had about as much sparkle as a wet Roman candle on July 4. Why do things half-way all the time-like that drab and dull basketball program on sale at home games?

A.V. Clemens
Lexington, Kentucky

Cats The Greatest

Dear Sir:

I was just writing to let you know what a fine job you are doing with The Cats' Pause and to also congratulate

Kentucky's powerful football team with the great season they had. Good luck in the Peach Bowl!

There is one thing I feel would make the paper more complete. Adding the roster, heights, and class of each team Kentucky is going to play. This would give America's number one fans a better report on Kentucky's opponents.

I am looking for four tickets to a Kentucky game in Rupp Arena on a Saturday night. Anyone have any tickets to sell please contact me: Mr. Robin Garmon, 508 6th St., Tompkinsville, Ky. 42167

Sincerely,
Robin Garmon

Enjoy New Paper

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check for \$10.00 for my subscription to The Cats' Pause. A friend of mine loaned me his copy today and I really enjoyed it. Keep up the good work.

Clyde E. Dickerson
Sandy Hook, Ky.

About The NCAA

Dear Sir:

First let me say that we enjoy your publication very much. Have read every word of every issue.

Now, I feel very bitter about the recent rumors of wrong-doing regarding our football team. Apparently a cheap effort, right at recruiting time, (again) to keep Kentucky out of its future and well earned place as a leader in SEC football.

I back coach Curci and his staff 100 percent. Fine and talented people. What a wonderful wind up for a wonderful season with the most enjoyable trip to Knoxville. However, this is my point. The SEC or NCAA should make known any investigation of a member team, reveal the person or school making the accusation, state the charges and deal only with the school being investigated until facts are known. These cheap rumors are apparently armed at damaging Kentucky's recruiting program.

Remember the one about "Sonny Collins going to be arrested just after one of the games last year?"

Lets let the NCAA or SEC be more open and honest, give facts after facts are established and put an end to the secret, allusive methods.

To your continuing success, Sir.

Sincerely
Willard M. Welch
UK '40
Pleasureville, Ky.



Bob Watkins

Cat's Pause Columnist

And Now Kentucky Is Number One On My List

"Whatta ya mean EIGHTTH?" demanded a colleague of mine at last Saturday's UK-Kansas game. "How can you rank Kentucky eighth in the nation after the way we handled Indiana at Bloomington?"

"Put away your night stick," I replied. "You won't need those brass knuckles either. Send 'em to Mike Phillips' body guard for Christmas. That kid needs the Secret Service not me."

The plain and simple truth is, last week's Top 20 poll was born just after Kentucky's win over Wisconsin. Wonder where coach Joe B. Hall would have ranked his team then?

It all goes to show the futility of ranking the nation's best basketball teams before they get it on. Now that all 20 have gotten a few 40 minute sessions under their belts a new poll begins to crystalize.

Here is today's guest speaker to introduce a new Top 20.

Kansas basketball coach Ted Owens is a nice fellow. He is a forgiving sort who believes in post game graces instead of sour grape excuses. The man once had an undefeated basketball team. Then he brought his squad to Rupp Arena.

Any man who can walk out of a dark alley (at main and Patterson) with a mouse under one eye and the other swelled shut and still sing the praises of his tormentor, can't be all that bad.

Of course Owens was not marked up after Kentucky worked over his Jayhawks 90-63 Saturday. But his team was.

"Kentucky is an outstanding basketball team," he said. "Of course I haven't seen all the good teams this year, but Kentucky has to rank somewhere with the VERY best."

Of course Owens and his team have seen exactly none of the nation's better teams while building a 5-0 record before Saturday's Rupp Arena date, but the man has become one of the country's foremost coaches during his 12 years at Kansas.

The Jayhawks built their perfect record on the likes of Montana State, Murray, Central Missouri, Oral Roberts and Fordham. Still, UK coach Joe Hall picked Kansas to win this year's Big Eight title. Owens was flattered, but pressed on with his evaluation of Kentucky...and the others.

"I'd say Kentucky is one of the top five or six teams in the country. You could throw those in a hat and..."

Owens' advice must be taken literally. Here is this week's Top 20...and why. And put away those brass knuckles!

1. Kentucky 4-0
2. Marquette 4-0

3. Michigan 3-0
4. San Francisco 8-0
5. Cincinnati 5-0
6. Notre Dame 4-0
7. Alabama 4-0
8. Arizona 7-0
9. Clemson 5-0
10. Nev. Las Vegas 4-1
11. North Carolina 4-1
12. UCLA
13. Miss. State 7-0
14. Kansas State 7-0
15. UNC Charlotte 5-1
16. Louisville 3-2
17. Minnesota 4-0
18. Maryland 4-1
19. Sou. Illinois 6-1
20. Memphis State 4-0.

How can Kentucky be No. 1 so soon? Why not? Ted Owens supplies the explanations.

"Kentucky does an excellent job with pressure defense. Frankly I don't see who could beat them. They limit an opponent in the things you can do. Kentucky is just extremely aggressive. They force a team to lose its poise. Kentucky is outstanding."

Whether he likes it this early or not, and one suspects he does, coach Joe B. Hall has the best college basketball team in America.

"I don't know if we're No. four or what," said Hall when asked about last week's AP Poll. "I just know this team is playing excellent defense. We have great team unity and just a great overall attitude on this club."

If Hall is modest about accepting top ranked status, we are not reluctant giving it to him. Kentucky is No. 1 in the country for two basketball realities. Defense and team depth.

Defense: UK allowed its first four opponents an average of 57.7 points per game while firing in 82.7 a win spread of 25 points. The opposition has hit little better than 37 percent from the field on a variety of panic stricken throw-ups.

"They simply won't let a team run its offense," said Ted Owens. "It will take a club with tremendous poise, the ability not to panic, to beat Kentucky."

UK put on a clinic in proper defensive execution at Bloomington, Indiana. The Hoosiers were smothered into 24 turnovers. Add that total to 29 for Kansas, and Kentucky forced 53 mistakes in two games last week.

Depth: Kentucky got 35 points and 15 rebounds from its nonstarters in the Kansas game. Against Indiana the absence of Rick Robey and Mike Phillips failed to slow UK down. Merion Haskins and James Lee kept the motor running more than adequately.

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And what about the other teams in the country?

Marquette: Al McGuire's team still has not played anybody. Louisville should provide test enough to gage the true worth of Marquette this Saturday. McGuire's adherence to defensive basketball has not been lost on Joe B. Hall. A UK-Marquette clash in the Mideast Regional could send the game film to basketball's Hall of fame on 'How Defense Wins Basketball Games.'

Marquette is No. 2 behind Kentucky because McGuire's team does not have the depth UK has.

Michigan: For all their press clippings, the Wolverines have not played anybody yet. An excellent team to be sure, Michigan does not have a big man inside and coach Johnny Orr's bench strength is relatively untested.

San Francisco: Coach Bob Gaillard's Dons are off to an excellent start. 'Frisco was impressive in wins over Tennessee and Utah in the Utah Classic last week.

Cincinnati: With five 'breathers' on the 'W' side, coach Gale Catlett's team gets down to business this week with a Wednesday date at Miami of Ohio (5-0).

Notre Dame: Any team that knocks off Maryland and UCLA on the road must have something.

Alabama: Wins over Purdue and South Carolina have prevented coach C.M. Newton's team can play without Leon Douglas. But can the Tide play on the road? 'Bama plays in the Dayton classic, along with Virginia Tech, Oklahoma State and unbeaten host Dayton beginning Friday.

Arizona: Still, unbeaten, coach Fred Snowden's team still hasn't played anybody, but the Wildcats are winning big.

Clemson: Coach Bill Foster has discovered he has something besides Wayne 'Tree' Rollins. The new weapon is Stan Rome. The Tigers have scored more than 100 points in four straight wins.

Nevada Las Vegas: Coach Jerry Tarkanian's Rebels got ambushed at Utah last week, but still belong in the Top 10.

Some shuffling is apparent in the second 10, but that is to be expected as the Heavys wade through a December schedule that varies from very tough to very funny.

Examples: Cincinnati beat up on St. Joseph's of Indiana 122-78 last Saturday. Minnesota plays Vermont, Nev.

Las Vegas plays North Dakota State, Kansas State against Central Missouri, and Rice at UCLA all this week.

The biggies to come: Indiana at Notre Dame, Cincinnati at Miami, Ohio, Alabama at Dayton, and Louisville at Marquette.

A week ago, among my illustrious predictions for a Top 20 (no applause, please), I made a promise to unveil those four teams who will reach this year's NCAA Final Four in Atlanta come March.

And heeereere they are!

East Regional: Louisville, after finishing second to Cincinnati in the Metro 7, will win an at large berth in the East where Denny Crum's Cardinals will play North Carolina at College Park, Maryland on March 19. Louisville will win.

West Regional: Oh what a race. The candidates are UCLA, Long Beach State, Arizona and San Francisco. Coach Gene Bartow's Bruins will play 'Frisco in Provo, Utah on March 19 with coach Bob Gaillard's Dons advancing to Atlanta against the Louisville Cardinals.

Mideast Regional: The candidates are Michigan, Marquette, DePaul and Kentucky. Marquette will upset Michigan and Kentucky will dispose of DePaul setting up what may be the finest college basketball game in NCAA history. Marquette and Kentucky. The defense will be so dominant the final score will show Kentucky the winner by, can you believe it, 33-27.

Midwest Regional: The finalists will be Cincinnati, Kansas State, Houston and Southern Illinois. Cincinnati will win over Southern Illinois for a berth opposite Kentucky in the NCAA Final Four in Atlanta.

What does it all mean? A reporter's pre-tournament press conference dream; Crum, Gaillard, Hall and Catlett all in the same room. No more Mr. Nice Guys.

San Francisco will defeat Louisville handily. Kentucky will have an easy time with Cincinnati-the high point being an arm wrestling match between Joe Hall and Gale Catlett at halftime.

On Monday night, March 28, the Kentucky Wildcats will fight off San Francisco 70-66 for UK's first NCAA championship since 1958. And guess who the Coach of the Year will be?

Finally, making its debut this week as worthy successor to the John Ray Brass Award, is the 'I Wish I hadn't said that' Award.

The first one goes to Louisville coach Denny Crum who told reporters somewhere in the foggy past, "I wouldn't trade Ricky Gallon for Rick Robey or Mike Phillips."

Okay.

Kentucky Wildcat Basketball

Four Game Statistics

PLAYER	G	MIN	FG-FTA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	REB-AVE	A	PF-D	PTS	AVE	TO
GIVENS	4	122	27-54	50.0	11-14	78.6	34-8.5	9	8-0	65	16.3	5
ROBEY	4	113	19-36	55.0	13-24	54.2	34-8.5	6	14-0	51	12.3	6
SHIDLER	4	113	20-38	52.6	8-11	88.9	12-3.0	10	14-0	48	12.0	12
JOHNSON	4	119	15-34	44.1	18-25	72.0	18-4.5	16	12-0	48	12.0	10
PHILLIPS	4	59	18-28	64.3	5-13	38.5	15-3.8	7	12-1	41	10.3	9
LEE	4	101	14-25	56.0	8-16	50.0	16-4.0	5	14-1	36	9.0	7
CASEY	4	43	4-10	40.0	11-17	64.7	4-1.0	4	4-0	19	4.8	3
WILLIAMS	3	32	4-10	40.0	3-4	75.0	6-2.0	0	7-0	11	3.7	5
STEPHENS	3	25	4-14	28.6	2-2	100.0	7-2.3	3	6-0	10	3.3	1
HASKINS	4	42	1-2	50.0	0-2	---	6-1.5	3	3-0	2	0.5	4
CLAYTOR	3	22	0-5	---	0-0	---	2-0.7	5	4-0	0	---	4

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KY TOTALS	4	126-256	49.2	79-126	62.7	179-44.8	68	98-2	331	82.8	66
OPP TOTALS	4	87-236	36.9	57-91	62.6	162-40.5	48	118-12	231	57.8	99

SEASON RECORD: WON 4, LOST 0 - AT HOME: WON 3, LOST 0 - AWAY: WON 1, LOST 0

OPPONENT	SITE-CROWD	KY	OPP	INDIVIDUAL HIGHS - POINTS, REBOUNDS
Marathon Oil AAU (Ex.)	(MC-6,988)	110	93	Givens 19, Robey 10
Wisconsin	(H-23,266)	72	64	Robey 13, Robey 13
Texas Christian	(H-22,312)	103	53	Robey 21, Robey 15
Indiana	(A-17,632)	66	51	Johnson, Shidler 20, Johnson 7
Kansas	(H-23,107)	90	63	Givens 15, Lee 7

BLOCKED SHOTS - STEALS, BY INITIALS IN ABOVE PLAYER ORDER

JG	RR	JS	LJ	MP	JL	DC	LW	TS	MH	TC
2-8	0-6	0-8	0-7	1-6	0-5	0-1	1-4	0-0	0-0	0-1

REMAINING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Dec. 17 UKIT
Dec. 18 UKIT
Dec. 30 Notre Dame

Rupp Arena - Utah vs. West Virginia; Ky. vs. Bowling Green
Rupp Arena - Consolation and Championship games
Louisville's Freedom Hall

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