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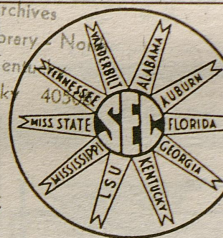


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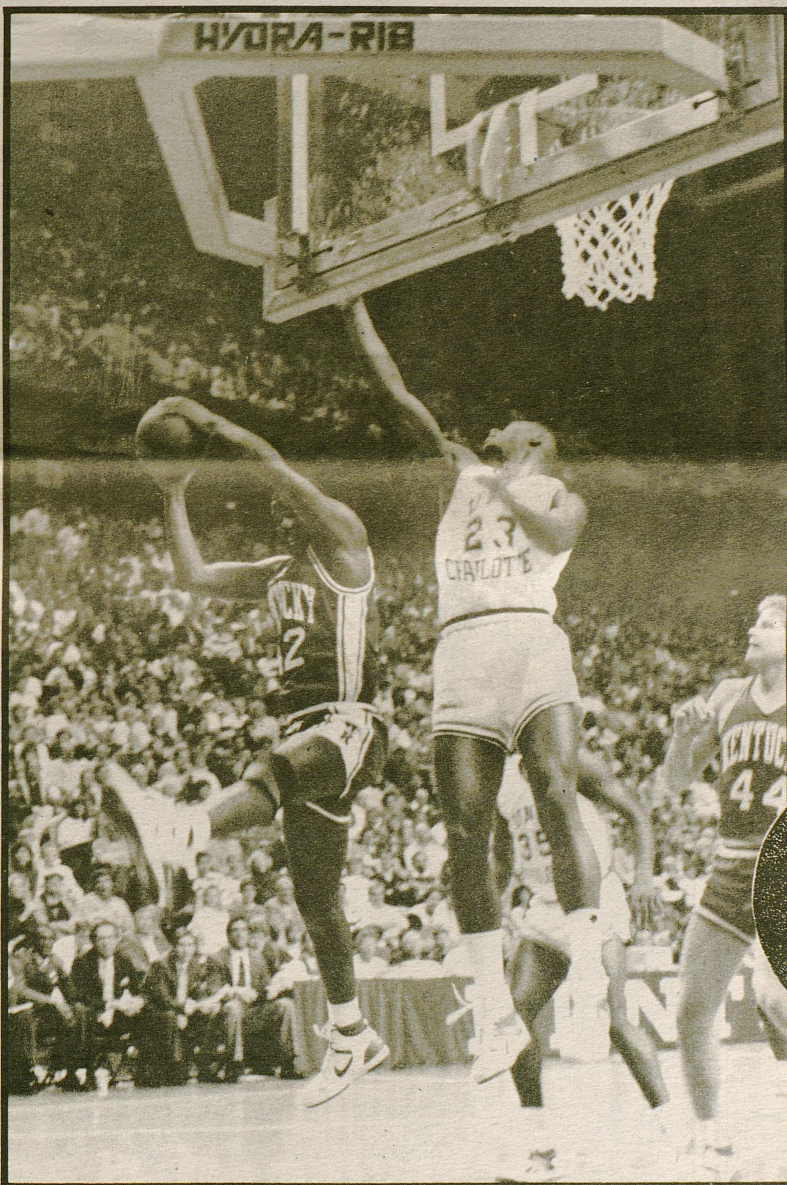
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A Rebounding Machine Against UNCC

KENTUCKY
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. . . But At 6-0, Still Falls To Second In AP Poll

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Date: 12-21-1987				6-GAME STATISTICS												(6-0 Overall; 0-0 SEC) (5-0 Home; 0-0 Away; 1-0 Neutral)									
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CHAPMAN, REX	6	205	34.2	44	84	52.4	10	29	34.5	15	17	88.2	19	3.2	13	-	19	12	3	14	113	18.8			
DAVENDER, ED	6	214	35.7	33	71	46.5	5	9	55.6	34	41	82.9	9	1.5	10	-	23	12	-	16	105	17.5			
BENNETT, WINSTON	6	176	29.3	38	71	53.5	-	-	-	21	32	65.6	42	7.0	17	2	11	14	-	10	97	16.2			
LOCK, ROB	6	175	29.2	23	45	51.1	-	-	-	33	38	86.8	52	8.7	21	2	5	15	6	8	79	13.2			
MANUEL, ERIC	6	82	13.7	12	27	44.4	-	1	-	13	15	86.7	13	2.2	6	-	10	-	-	7	37	6.2			
JENKINS, CEDRIC	6	131	21.8	10	21	47.6	-	-	-	8	8	100.0	28	4.7	16	1	11	5	6	-	28	4.7			
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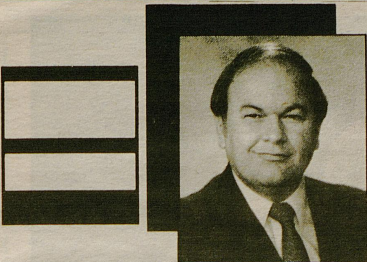
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY SCHEDULE

Date	Record	UK	Opp	Opponent	Margin	Top Scorer	Top Rebounder	Attendance
Nov. 28	1-0	86	59	Hawaii	27	18 LOCK, ROB	9 BENNETT, W.	23,049 (H)
Dec. 01	2-0	101	77	Cincinnati	24	22 CHAPMAN, REX	13 LOCK, ROB	22,865 (H)
Dec. 05	3-0	82	76	Indiana	6	22 DAVENDER, ED	10 JENKINS, CEDRIC	43,601 (N-Indy)
Dec. 12	4-0	76	75	Louisville	1	21 CHAPMAN, REX	11 JENKINS, CEDRIC	23,489 (H)
Dec. 18	5-0	85	71	Miami (Ohio)	14	28 BENNETT, W.	10 BENNETT, W.	23,995 (H)
Dec. 19	6-0	84	81	North Carolina-Charl	3	24 CHAPMAN, REX	16 MADISON, RICHARD	23,995 (H)

REMAINING GAMES

Dec. 28	Alaska	(H)
Dec. 31	Vanderbilt	(H)
Jan. 02	Georgia	(A)
Jan. 06	Mississippi State	(H)
Jan. 09	Auburn	(H)
Jan. 13	Alabama	(A)
Jan. 16	Tennessee	(H)
Jan. 20	Florida	(H)
Jan. 23	LSU	(A)
Jan. 27	Vanderbilt	(A)
Jan. 31	Notre Dame	(H)
Feb. 03	Ole Miss	(H)
Feb. 06	Mississippi State	(A)
Feb. 10	Auburn	(A)
Feb. 13	Alabama	(H)
Feb. 17	Tennessee	(A)
Feb. 20	Florida	(A)
Feb. 24	LSU	(H)
Feb. 28	Syracuse	(H)
Mar. 02	Georgia	(H)
Mar. 05	Ole Miss	(A)





OSCAR L. COMBS

CATS' PAUSE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

SEC Awaits UK Following Battle (?) With Alaska

With a perfect 6-0 mark and a championship trophy from the University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament safely tucked away, the Wildcats went home for the holidays last weekend but returned back to campus on Christmas Eve to get ready for Monday's date with Alaska-Anchorage.

While down-to-the-wire battles were expected with the likes of the Indians and Louisvilles of the world, Kentucky's showdowns with Miami of Ohio and UNCC last weekend were anything but blowouts.

Kentucky had to pull out all stops to capture its own invitational, but the Big Blue pulled it off.

There's an old saying that great teams make their breaks and there's another old saying that it's better to be lucky than good, at times.

Take your pick, but this December has been a month where the Wildcats have taken advantage of good play, a little luck and more than a few breaks.

UK coach Eddie Sutton certainly has to be pleased with his club's progress to date as far as the won-loss record is concerned, but he'd also like to see a blowout or two where he could perform a few experiments.

And if he wants to enjoy an easy win, he'd better grab one over Alaska Monday night, or it could be quite some time. After Monday's date with Alaska, it'll be the rugged roads of the Southeastern Conference, first at home with Vanderbilt and then an all-important road trip to Atlanta to face the Georgia Bulldogs at The Omni.

As we pointed out last week when UK was 4-0, the 'Cats could have been 2-2 with a bad break or two. Those two games in the UKIT could have been placed in the same category.

But Wildcat fans shouldn't sound the alarm just yet.

Kentucky has not only played well, but the No. 1 national ranking it held until this week also drew the best from the opposition. Louisville, Miami and UNCC all played three great games against the 'Cats, save the Cards' first-half performance.

UNCC's exhibition the first 20 minutes was about as great a show as I've ever seen by a losing team at Rupp Arena. Any other night, and Kentucky would have been a sure loser.

Still, Kentucky must continue its steady improvement. This club has the makings of a great team, but there is so much parity in the country, anything less than a full effort will find a team on the losing end of the scoreboard.

Kentucky has been going at a torrid pace since Oct. 15, so perhaps three days off earlier in the week is just the tonic needed for the 'Cats to regain some of their freshness.

We certainly hope so because the second season begins next week and the 'Cats will find out that Ole Miss in Oxford and Mississippi State in Starkville can be just as tough as the UNCC 49ers were last week.

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If the early pre-SEC slates are any indication, the league is off to a great start and appears to be well on its way to proving it is one of, if not, the top conferences in the country.

Florida's Gators, with only a road loss to

SMU preventing a perfect mark, are certainly Top Ten caliber (the pollsters agree, Norm Sloan's club is ranked eighth this week) and are going to be a legitimate threat to not only make a run at the Final Four, but the national championship as well.

Georgia is going to be a very good club and despite a close loss to Georgia Tech, the Bulldogs will be NCAA bound and among the Top 25 before the end of the season.

Ditto for Auburn which was down by as much as 15 with less than four minutes left in regulation at Illinois before forcing the game into overtime. The Tigers finally lost 107-103.

LSU lost last week to Arkansas State, but don't let that one fool you. The Tigers will bounce back. And Wimp Sanderson will have his Crimson Tide battling as soon as his youngsters gain a little experience.

That gets us to Vanderbilt which is shocking a lot of people these days. If you don't believe me, ask Dean Smith and his North Carolina Tar Heels, which were upset earlier in the month. A few nights later, C.M.'s cagers pushed Indiana right to the wire before losing in Bloomington.

But the biggest news of all could be in another Tennessee town where Don DeVoe is battling for his coaching life. With a new 25,000-seat arena in place, he has the terrible pressure of filling the arena.

That could be tough when considering that he no longer has Tony White around to bomb the lights out. But DeVoe is off to a good start this winter, winning all four games to date. Sure, the competition isn't of the Top Twenty caliber, but the Vols will take any kind of a win at this time.

With a softer schedule, the Vols obviously believe that confidence is more important right now than the caliber of opposition. After the Volunteer Classic next week, the Big Orange will dig into the SEC card and then we'll see just how good they really are.

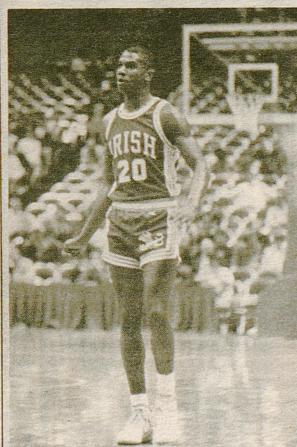
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HITS AND MISSES . . . Friday and Saturday looked more like the an NBA try-out camp, what with nine different NBA scouts in attendance for the annual UKIT. **Cotton Fitzsimmons** of the Phoenix Suns told us senior **Ed Davender's** stock has risen significantly during the early portion of the season. He also said NBA scouts have paid more than casual notice to Davender's new-found shooting eye. Cotton also said **Winston Bennett** will be a strong candidate. Commenting on **Cedric Jenkins** and **Rob Lock**, the NBA scout said either will have their own shot at the pro circuit if they prove themselves this winter. With a great deal of talk surrounding **Rex Chapman's** talent and some even suggesting he could play in the NBA today, Fitzsimmons said he, for one, believes Chapman should not even consider the NBA until after four years at Kentucky: "He's a great talent, but I believe he should play his four years here, at least I hope he does, and then let us have him in the NBA. When he does, he'll definitely be a No. 1 pick . . . **Arizona State** of the Pac-10 announced last week it will participate in the UKIT next season . . . Speaking of Arizona, **Lute Olson** of the Arizona Wildcats was quoted in the *Louisville*

Courier-Journal Sunday as saying his club would welcome the opportunity to take on the No. 1 nationally ranked Kentucky Wildcats. The article was a feature on Lute and his 'Cats and their drive to Top Ten status in college basketball. It also detailed Olson's interest in the head coaching job at the University of Kentucky when **Joe B. Hall** retired after the 1985 season. The article suggested that he was a leading candidate, but what it didn't say is that at one point Lute was being introduced to then-UK players as the new Wildcat coach before negotiations between the coach and the school broke down. Less than 24 hours later, **Eddie Sutton** was hired . . . Now, of course, the shoe is on the other foot. Olson's Wildcats are ranked No. 1, having inched past Sutton's Wildcats by a slim eight-vote margin in the Dec. 1 *Associated Press* poll . . . There was more than basketball talk floating around Rupp Arena over the weekend. With **Jerry Claiborne** trying to shore up his roster for a murderous schedule next fall, at least six talented junior college prospects were on campus making official visits . . . The nation's top junior prep hoop prospect was also in town over the weekend when **Jimmy Jackson** and his Toledo Macomber team needed Johnson's last second shot to defeated Lexington Bryan Station in

□ **WLEX-TV, Channel 18 in Lexington will replay "A Cats Christmas With Cox and Combs," hosted by sportswriter Earl Cox and TCP Publisher Oscar Combs Dec. 26 at 7:00 p.m.**

Featured on the program are visits with Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Sutton and Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Chapman.

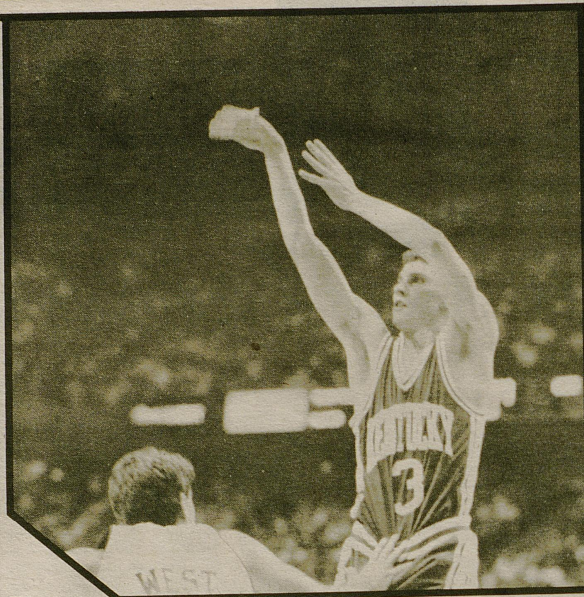


Sean Woods

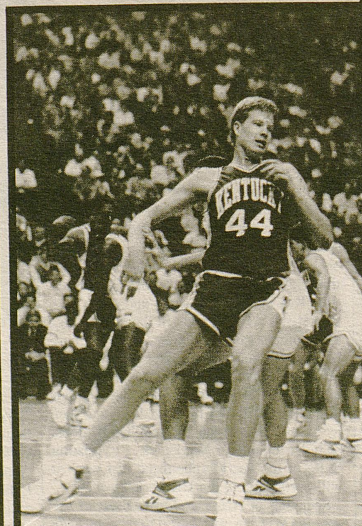
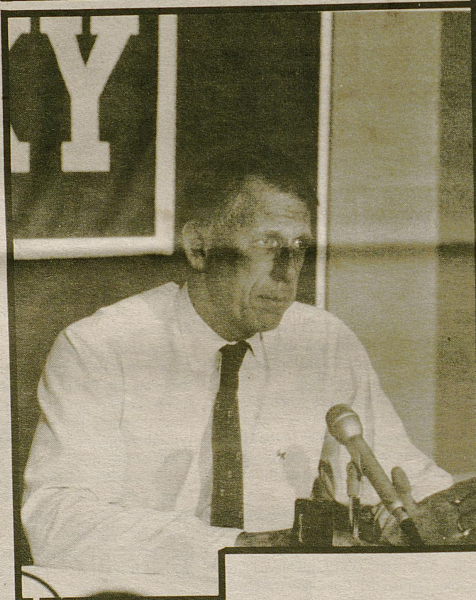
the last game of the annual *Coca-Cola Thoroughbred Classic*. He scored 17 of his 19 points in the second half . . . Earlier, UK-bound **Sean Woods** scored 11 points despite suffering from a sprained ankle as his Indianapolis Cathedral team defeated Lexington Lafayette 76-65. Chattanooga City's outstanding junior, **Orlando Lightfoot**, scored 25 points but it was not enough as Scott County

edged the out-of-towners 50-49. Scott County's **Tony Wise** paced his club with 22 points in the second game of the Thoroughbred Classic. In the opening game, Lexington Bates Creek could manage only two points in the final quarter but held on to defeat Lexington Catholic 36-34. The Creekers were led by 6-4 junior **Aaron Greenfield's** 11 points.

. . . The top recruiting experts in the country were on hand for the classic. **Bob Gibbons** of *All-Star Sports Publications*, the top recruiting expert in the country, took in the event and said he continues to believe **Don MacLean** will wind up with UK. "Georgia Tech would have to be considered the leader right now," said Gibbons, "But I believe they would have signed him in November if he was going to go to Tech. When it comes down to it, I believe it will be either Kentucky or UCLA, and in the end I believe it will be Kentucky." . . . **Bill Cronauer** of B/C All-Star Sports Camps fame also was on hand and said he won't be surprised if Kentucky winds up with MacLean. But he does caution Kentucky fans about getting too excited about this UK team walking through the SEC on the way to the Final Four. Bill, who works out of Florida, said **Norm Sloan's** Gators are every bit as good as people say they are. He says Florida can go as far as the Gators want to if they get consistent play from center **Dwayne Schintzius** . . . Another of the recruiting experts at the classic was **Van Coleman** who puts out the *National College Recruiting List*. Coleman also had high praise for UK's November signing group and said MacLean would be a big way to top off the 'Cats' recruiting class next spring . . . At least 15 colleges had recruiting bird dogs in the crowd including scouts from Syracuse, DePaul, Louisville, Michigan, Ohio State, Iowa, Kentucky, Purdue, Tennessee and Illinois among other schools . . . Remember the Fabulous Five of the Kentucky prep ranks of two years ago? The members were Chapman, **Felton Spencer**, **Scott Draud**, **Reggie Hanson** and **Frank Persley**. Well, they're all on the major college scene today. Chapman and Hanson at Kentucky, Spencer at Louisville, Draud at Vanderbilt and Persley at North Carolina-Charlotte. Among the five, Persley was perceived by many to have the least chance of cracking the big-time. But that was before this month. After sitting out last season as a Proposition 48 casualty, Persley returned to the 49er lineup this winter and then blossomed into a starter this past weekend for **Jeff Mullins'** team. Against Kentucky Saturday night, Persley taught the home folks a few lessons as he scored 15 points in a game which had UK on the verge of losing until the final horn . . . Want to hear of a possible nightmare in the making which would cause even **Adolph Rupp** to turn over in his grave? Well, the ultimate dig into Kentucky's storied basketball tradition could happen during the 'Cats' first visit to Tennessee's new 25,000-seat arena in February. The way things stand now, the Vols would own a winning record over the Wildcats at home if they can beat UK on that date. A victory would give the Vols a 37-36 mark against the 'Cats in games played in Knoxville. It would be the only school in the nation to own a winning mark, either at home or away, against the 'Cats in a series of 20 or more games.



KENTUCKY



Battle To The Finish

Clockwise From Top Left: Cedric Jenkins goes up as UNCC's Dan Plondke gives Academy Award performance; Chapman tosses up two as Jeff West applies pressure; 49ers' coach Jeff Mullins, former star at Lexington Lafayette High; Lock scrambles for position; UK's Ed Davender congratulates UNCC's Byron Dinkins for his fine showing.

Photos By Gary Cromwell

No Need To Check This List Twice

Who Would Want An 'I Love Bobby' Button?

Dear Santa,

How are things up north? I hope Mrs. Claus, the elves and the reindeer are all doing well. I've been a relatively good boy this year, but I don't really want much for Christmas.



Dan Brandenburg

Cats' Pause Columnist

You see, I got my best present, a son, about a month before your scheduled arrival this weekend and that will about cover the gift-giving season for me. OK, a new pair of Nikes would be nice. Size 12, Wildcat blue, if you please.

However, now that I've got your attention, there is a lengthy list of my friends and associates who have been especially well-behaved this year.

Since I'm pretty well satisfied with the way things stand at my end now, why don't you use the time you would normally spend on me to stuff a little something extra into the stockings of those mentioned below.

I've enclosed a list of suggestions, also, and, as always, your milk and cookies will be under the tree. Have a safe trip.

Yours truly,

Danny Brandenburg, the 27th most revered sports columnist in Kentucky

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For University of Kentucky basketball coach **Eddie Sutton**: I don't understand why everyone has been wanting to give Eddie a ticket to Kansas City in the spring. I flew over Kansas City once and it didn't look especially enticing. I think a voice-alteration machine that attaches to his car phone would be more appropriate.

For UK guard **Ed Davender**: A Rodney Dangerfield mask to go with his goggles. You see, Santa, Ed is the best defensive player in the country and not too shabby on the offensive end, either, but because of Rex Chapman, Winston Bennett and a crew of talented freshmen, he just doesn't get any respect.

For Herald-Leader sports columnist **John McGill**: An "I ♥ Darrin Van Horn" button.

For Herald-Leader sports columnist **Billy Reed**: Less reverence. And an "I ♥ Bobby Knight" button.

For Sports Illustrated writer **Curry Kirkpatrick**: Even less reverence. And a necktie that's some other color besides pink.

For Sports Illustrated writer **Frank Deford**: Recognition that he is simply the best sportswriter in the country, much less at the revered SI.

For Cats' Pause publisher **Oscar Combs**: A warehouse in which to store his baseball cards. On second thought, I think I have a little extra space...

For UK center **Rob Lock**: A national free throw shooting title.

For UK guard **Rex Chapman**: A close-up of his face on the cover of yet another basketball magazine. Lord knows he needs the publicity. But it's not that he doesn't deserve the ink, it's just that teenage girls all across the Commonwealth don't yet have quite enough photos of him to cover all four of their walls.

For "Swoop," AKA **Cedric Jenkins**, the resurgent UK forward: A standing ovation and a very nice frame for the degree he managed to earn in only 3½ years at UK. Not bad for a jock, huh Santa?

For sports personality **Earl Cox**: A nice, warm home for that small furry creature he has befriended on his television show.

For UK football coach **Jerry Claiborne**: Enough bodies, perserverance and good luck to survive that killer schedule he has in '88. A winning record might be too much to ask for.

For UK assistant **SID Joey Howard**: a lifetime appointment to the UK sports information staff. He was a dream

this year.

To **Dave Parker**, formerly of the Reds: a Saks Fifth Avenue credit card. Not valid at K-Mart, of course.

To **Larry Vaught**, assistant sports editor at Danville: another year as president of the Kentucky Associated Press Sports Editors Association.

To **Indiana University**: Someone with enough gumption to take control of Bobby Knight.

To UK guard **Derrick Miller**: A successful three-point attempt — he was 0-8 going into the UKIT — and a little more patience. His time will come.

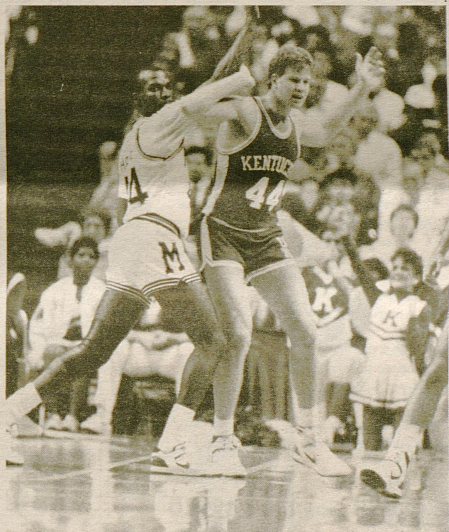
To UK forward **Winston Bennett**: Continued progress toward a successful return to his pre-knee surgery form.

To Alabama coach and GQ coverboy **Wimp Sanderson**: A navy blue sportscoat. I would even settle for a solid-color sportscoat. Just skip the checks and plaid.

To **Mark Higgs, Jerry Reese, Dermontti Dawson** and the rest of the senior Wildcats: professional football contracts.

To **Henry Harris**, UK fan extraordinaire: A Kentucky T-shirt featuring a Spuds MacKenzie look-a-like saying "Go, Cats, Go."

To former governor and baseball commissioner **Happy Chandler**: Many more opportunities to sing "My Old Ken-



For Rob: A Free Throw-Shooting Title

tucky Home" at UK's final home basketball game each season.

To **Dick Vitale, Keith Jackson** and most sportscasters in general: Less volume and more substance. Everybody wants to know what the score is, how much time is left and what is happening on the field or court — not what Joe Football's mother did in high school.

To the **University of Kentucky Athletics Department**: No Proposition 48 casualties among the new recruits.

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The Southeastern Conference has just released its first statistical package of the season and several Wildcats figure prominently in some of the categories.

Through games of Dec. 12, Rex Chapman was ninth in the league in scoring at 19.0 points per game and Ed Davender was 13th at 17.5.

Davender was also fifth in three-point percentage, hitting 3 of 5 for 60 percent; 11th in assists, 4.0 per game; fourth in steals with 3.0 per contest and ninth in free throw percentage, on 25 of 30 for 83.3 percent.

Kentucky had four representatives among the top 10 SEC free throw shooters, but no one in the top 15 in field

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UK Gets More 1st-Place Votes, But Arizona Edges 'Cats For The Top Spot

Although Kentucky defeated Miami of Ohio and North Carolina-Charlotte to keep its record unblemished in six starts, UK lost ground in the Dec. 21 Associated Press poll, falling to No. 2 behind 9-0 Arizona. Kentucky received 29 first-place votes to just 26 for Arizona, but Lute Olson's Wildcats edged Eddie Sutton's Wildcats 1,096 to 1,088 in overall votes.

While Kentucky was slipping past Miami (85-71) and UNCC (84-81) Friday and Saturday in the UKIT, Arizona was busy burying Washington 110-71 Sunday, something that had to influence the pollsters.

Florida, which was 6-1 prior to a date with South Florida Dec. 23, moved from 11th to eighth. Norm Sloan's Gators was the only SEC team besides Kentucky to crack the poll.

AP Top Twenty

	Points	Pvs
1. Arizona (26).....	1,096	2
2. Kentucky (29).....	1,088	1
3. Pittsburgh (2).....	1,004	3
4. North Carolina.....	942	4
5. Wyoming.....	825	6
6. Temple.....	804	8
7. Syracuse.....	694	9
8. Florida.....	659	11
9. Duke.....	653	10
10. Purdue.....	565	12
11. Michigan.....	540	13
12. Oklahoma.....	511	14
13. Indiana.....	473	5
14. Iowa.....	374	7
15. Nevada-Las Vegas.....	357	15
16. Iowa State.....	308	20
17. Missouri.....	260	16
18. Kansas.....	252	17
19. Georgetown.....	185	18
20. Memphis State.....	105	19

Sutton 'Talked' Madison Into Playing Well In Game With Charlotte

Following are Eddie Sutton's postgame comments after Kentucky's 84-81 victory over North Carolina-Charlotte in the championship game of the UKIT last Saturday night at Rupp Arena:

Question: Your thoughts of the contest.
Sutton: It was a great college basketball game. I'm just glad we won. For a spectator,



Richard Madison

to watch a game like that it was truly a special. I've never seen three-point shooting like those guys (UNCC) did tonight. I kept thinking: "Gollie, they're going to miss pretty soon." That's a fine basketball team.

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Plummer In The House?

Kentucky's Balanced Attack, Led By Winston Bennett's 28 Points, Too Much For Miami; Late 'Cat Flurry Floods Redskins 85-71 In UKIT Opener

By TCP Staff Writer Jim Easterwood

The Kentucky Wildcats' offense is proving to be about as hard to plug as a leaky roof in a monsoon.

Plug one spot, and another hole opens up. Fix that one and somebody else flows through a crack.

So it was Friday night when those pesky Redskins of Miami of Ohio suddenly ran out of patching tools against the Wildcats.

UK forward Winston Bennett proved to be the man who slipped up this time on the Redskins as he led the 'Cats to an 85-71 win in the opening round of the 35th University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament at Rupp Arena.

Miami coach Jerry Peirson entered Friday's game equipped with enough "junk" defenses to start a swap meet. He came out in a matchup zone, used a triangle-and-two and even a little man.

It worked... to a point. The "junk" held Ed Davender and Rex Chapman down from their usual norm but opened up things for Bennett.

Bennett scored a career-high 28 points and center Rob Lock added 17 as the 'Cats won their fifth game.

"If a team like Louisville can't match up for 40 minutes there's no way anybody else can," said Peirson. "We like to play man but we had to zone. I don't like to junk but felt we had to. Kentucky will see a lot of junk before the year is over."

Balanced 'Cats Put Five In Double Figures

For sure the Wildcats will. But Kentucky proved—at least for one night—they have more guns in their arsenal than the long bombs of Chapman or the all-around firepower of Davender.

Bennett, hitting the 15 to 18 footers with consummate ease, had 17 points in the last half. These included two jumpers after Miami had pulled within one point (61-60) at the 9:54 mark on a shot by Karlton Clayborne.

Bennett's buckets got the Wildcats rolling. And rolling was something they had not been able to do all night long.

"Give Miami credit," said Bennett. "They played a heckuva game. But I wasn't really worried. When you are No. 1 you have to defend that billing. And Ed and Rex usually come through at crunch time. It's a matter of playing as a team."

Sutton wasn't surprised at Bennett's heroics. He'd seen the 6-7 senior do it before when teams sagged on All-American Kenny Walker two years ago.

"Miami was limiting the number of shots Ed and Rex put up," said Sutton. "Winston was wide open. But that's what we have going for us. When a team slants its defense to one player, another can pick up the slack."

Friday night it was Winston, who felt as good as the Bennett of 1987-88 should. He popped in 13 of 21 from the field to go with a game-high 10 rebounds.

Miami had one minor gasp after the two Bennett buckets.

Scrappy Redskins Finally Ran Out Of Gas

Jim Paul's layup cut it to 65-62 but then the Redskins ran out of gas... and buckets. Kentucky's use of the bench and the press had taken its toll. The 'Cats outscored Miami 12-0 over the next four minutes of play. Turnovers and blown layups hurt the tired 'Skins.

"I got a cramp and so did (Todd) Staker," said point guard Eddie Schilling. "Definitely, fatigue played a role in this spurt."

It was Schilling (15 points) and Staker (14) who took it upon themselves to be more assertive offensively after spectacular scoring guard Eric Newsome took himself out of the starting lineup with a sprained shooting thumb.

Newsome had been averaging 24.2 points a game, but as so often happens, the Redskins seemed to solidify themselves with an all-around effort.

"Even though he (Newsome) didn't play they (the 'Skins) showed a lot of courage and guts to battle us like they did," said Davender.

Miami has uniforms that look like Indiana, and for 32 minutes the Redskins played a lot like the Hoosiers. They dived for loose basketballs and scrapped for every rebound. But, more importantly, they played within their talents.

Schilling set the tone for the game on the tip-off when he dove for a ball headed out of bounds and knocked it back in. From there, the Redskins took advantage of two Kentucky turnovers—only two of seven total for the night—to take a 5-0 lead in the opening 1:22 of play. Sutton signaled for a time out. The flat 'Cats then began to show signs of life.

Flat 'Cats Had Trouble Putting Miami Away

But, even then, the Redskins stuck around like a burr in the saddle of the thoroughbreds from Kentucky.

Kentucky took a 41-37 halftime lead after the lead had exchanged hands seven times with five ties. But, with Miami leading 29-28 Bennett muscled in a bucket with 5:01 left in the half and hit the foul shot to complete a three-point play. Kentucky never trailed again.

Kentucky then edged ahead by as much as eight points early in the second half (51-43 and 56-48), only to see the Redskins stay in the game on two three-point goals by Schilling and one by Staker. Many of Miami's buckets came after the 'Skins put on better picks than you will find in an eastern Kentucky coal mine.

"They did a nice job of running their patterns," said Sutton. "They ran what we call a flex."

Davender, who came on late in the game to finish with 11 points, shook his head after one of Schilling's bombs.

"Sometimes those things work in mysterious ways," said Davender. "I pushed him out to the NBA three-point line a couple of times and he still hit them. What can I say? I tried."

Kentucky played the game without star freshman forward LeRon Ellis, who was suspended for one game because he missed Thursday night's curfew. Chapman also wasn't up to par.

"I gave him time to go to the bathroom," said Sutton, smiling. Chapman finished with 13 points while Rob Lock had 17.

Freshman guard Eric Manuel came off the bench to score 10.

Lamont Hanna matched Schilling with 15 points but blew a couple of layups in the stretch where the 'Cats outscored them 12-0 to break the game open.

"We were tired the last six minutes," admitted Peirson. "We played one of the best teams in the history of Miami of Ohio basketball. We have character and I'll put my kids' heart up with anybody."

But next time the 'Skins will have to bring more patchwork.

UK-Miami Play-By-Play

Time	Kentucky	Score	Miami
19:12		0-2	Staker 18 ft.
18:38		0-5	Schilling 21 ft.
18:18	Lock FTA, FT	1-5	
17:57	Lock FT, FT	3-5	
17:31		3-8	Staker 22 ft.
17:08	Bennett 17 ft.	5-8	
15:40	Lock follow layup	7-8	
15:24	Chapman 20 ft.	10-8	
14:33		10-10	Paul 6 ft. follow
14:02		10-12	Paul layup (goaltend)
13:51	Bennett 6 ft.	12-12	
13:33		12-14	Staker 17 ft.
13:05	Scott 4 ft. follow	14-14	
12:24	Manuel 8 ft.	16-14	
12:10	Manuel 16 ft.	18-14	
11:34		18-16	Clayborne 9 ft. follow
11:18	Chapman 14 ft.	20-16	
10:45		20-18	Clayborne 16 ft.
10:29	Manuel FT, FT	22-18	
10:17		22-20	Schilling layup
8:26		22-22	Staker layup
7:55	Lock FT, FT	24-22	
7:34		24-23	Hanna FTA, FT
6:49		24-25	Schilling layup
6:12	Lock follow layup	26-25	
5:56		26-27	Clayborne 10 ft.
5:41	Bennett 15 ft.	28-27	
5:20		28-29	Hanna FT, FT
5:00	Bennett layup, FT	31-29	
4:06	Lock FT, FT	33-29	
3:27	Chapman dunk	35-29	
2:58		35-31	Clayborne 12 ft.
2:30	Bennett 15 ft.	37-31	
1:58		37-33	Haywood 18 ft.
1:09		37-35	Hanna FT, FT
0:47	Lock 4 ft.	39-35	
0:15	Davender layup	41-35	
0:00		41-37	Schilling 14 ft.
HALF 41-37			
19:24	Davender 8 ft.	43-37	
19:03		43-39	Staker 17 ft.
18:43	Chapman 13 ft.	45-39	
18:31		45-40	Paul FT, FTA
17:13	Bennett 6 ft. follow	47-40	
16:55		47-43	Staker 20 ft.
16:41	Bennett 6 ft.	49-43	
16:18	Lock FT, FT	51-43	
16:01		51-45	Clayborne layup
15:22	Bennett FTA, FT	52-45	
14:39		52-48	Schilling 21 ft.
14:21	Manuel layup	54-48	
13:53	Bennett 15 ft.	56-48	
12:18		56-51	Schilling 22 ft.
12:04	Bennett 16 ft.	58-51	
11:50		58-53	Hanna layup
11:13		58-55	Paul 10 ft.
11:00	Davender FTA, FT	59-55	
10:46		59-58	Hanna 6 ft., FT
10:24	Davender FT, FT	61-58	
9:57		61-60	Clayborne 8 ft.
9:44	Bennett 12 ft., FTA	63-60	
9:13	Bennett 17 ft.	65-60	
8:58		65-62	Paul 5 ft.
8:46	Chapman 11 ft.	67-62	
8:05	Jenkins FT, FT	69-62	
6:54	Davender 18 ft.	71-62	
6:20	Chapman 18 ft.	73-62	
5:41	Davender 10 ft.	75-62	
4:51	Lock FT, FT	77-62	
4:37		77-63	Hanna FT, FTA
4:23	Bennett 16 ft.	79-63	
4:01	Manuel FT, FT	81-63	
2:27		81-65	Scott layup
2:09	Bennett 16 ft.	83-65	
1:54		83-67	Hanna 15 ft.
0:27		83-69	Hanna layup
0:05	Scott FT, FT	85-69	
0:00		85-71	Bledsoe layup
FINAL 85-71			

—Cats' Pause chart

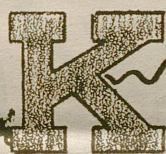
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Day Dec. 18/87 at Lexington, Ky.														
VISITORS (Last Name, First)														
No.	Name	pts	reb	ast	stl	blk	ft	fta	3pt	3pt a	PF	TP	A	TO BLK S MIN
24	Haywood, Trinit	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	2
53	Fuerst, Jeff	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	0
54	Paul, Jim	0	4	8	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	5	9	2
5	Schilling, Eddie	6	12	3	7	0	0	0	4	4	3	15	6	5
25	Staker, Todd	6	13	2	7	0	0	0	1	2	4	18	9	2
14	Clayborne, Karlton	6	7	0	0	0	0	2	4	6	1	12	3	2
21	Bledsoe, Dorlon	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2
42	Reeves, Chip	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
43	Scott, Jeff	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	1
44	Hanna, Lamont	4	9	0	0	7	9	0	3	3	15	2	0	0
55	Stewart, Tim	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)														
TOTALS														
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 15-26, 57.7% 2nd Half 14-33, 42.4% Game 29-59, 50.0%														
S-P: FG %: 1st Half 2-8, 25.0% 2nd Half 3-15, 20.0% Game 5-14, 35.7%														
FT %: 1st Half 8-13, 61.5% 2nd Half 11-15, 73.3% Game 21-31, 67.7%														
HOME (Last Name, First)														
No.	Name	pts	reb	ast	stl	blk	ft	fta	3pt	3pt a	PF	TP	A	TO BLK S MIN
25	Bennett, Winston	1	13	21	0	0	2	5	4	6	10	0	28	3
55	Jenkins, Cedric	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	4	3	2	3	0
44	Lock, Rob	0	3	6	0	0	11	12	4	5	5	17	0	2
3	Chapman, Rex	6	11	1	4	0	0	1	1	2	13	3	0	0
15	Davender, Ed	4	4	8	0	1	3	4	0	2	2	0	11	1
4	Miller, Derrick	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
20	Sutton, Sean	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
23	Manuel, Eric	3	8	0	0	1	4	0	4	4	1	10	4	0
35	Hanson, Reggie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
42	Radison, Richard	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
50	Scott, Mike	1	2	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	4	0	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)														
TOTALS														
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 15-31, 48.4% 2nd Half 15-29, 51.7% Game 30-60, 50.0%														
S-P: FG %: 1st Half 1-6, 16.7% 2nd Half 0-11, 0.0% Game 6-16, 37.5%														
FT %: 1st Half 10-17, 58.8% 2nd Half 14-18, 77.8% Game 24-30, 80.0%														
OFFICIALS: Jim McDaniel, Larry Ware, Gerald Boudreaux														
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Attendance: 23,955														
SCORE BY PERIODS														
KENTUCKY														



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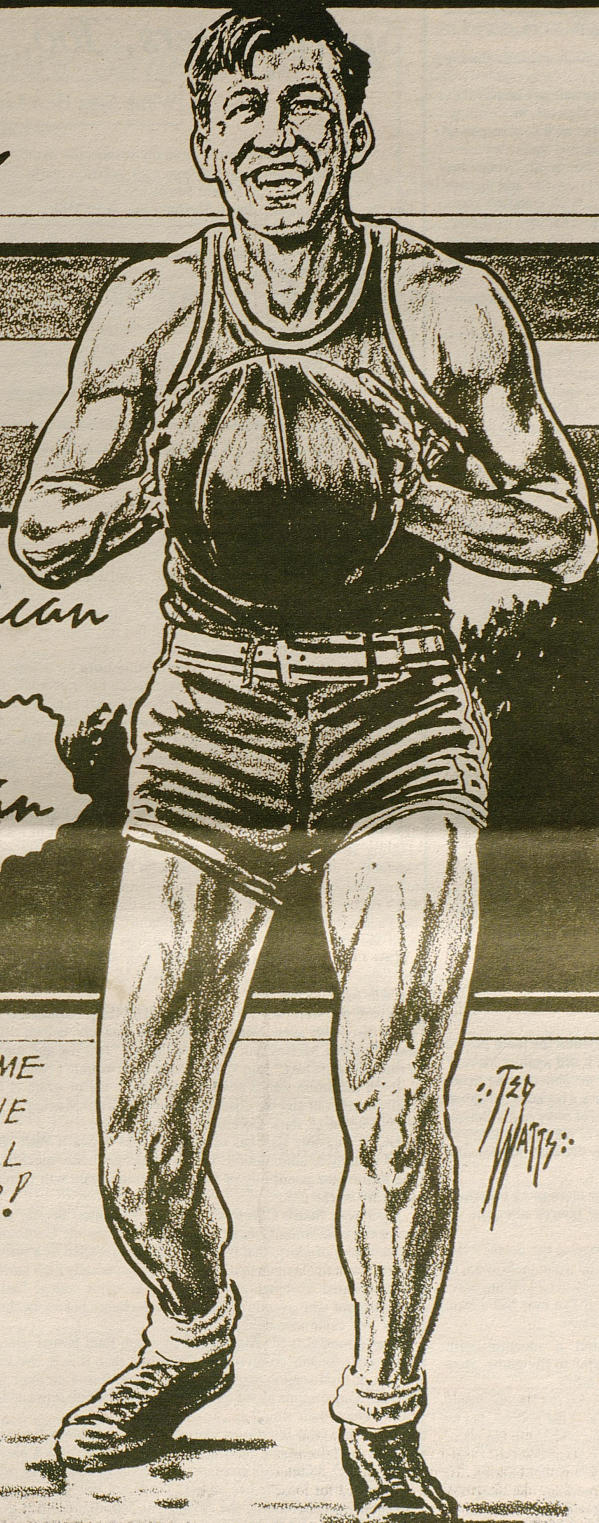


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Flash From The Past

COACHES' CORNER

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Question: What's your schedule during the holidays?

Sutton: The coaching staff will be very happy to get two or three days off. We'll still go to the office everyday but we'll be getting away from basketball. We've had some very emotional situations, as far as the games are concerned—Indiana, Louisville and the two in this tournament. . . We'll (players) come back Wednesday night. Thursday we'll practice twice, Christmas Day we'll practice twice, Sunday we'll practice twice in preparation for Alaska and Vanderbilt.

Question: What about Richard Madison's performance?

Sutton: Richard played a marvelous basketball game tonight. That's the one thing our ballclub really has going for it. We know that somebody can step forward and put forth a yeoman's performance. Cedric (Jenkins) did it the last two Saturdays and Richard came in today and did it.

Question: Anything your club was or wasn't doing defensively to shut (UNCC) down?

Sutton: Sometimes your defense is good, then still they score on you. I think they just had a great hot hand tonight. You can't do too much about those shots when they're shot from 22 or 23 feet and the guy (defender) is right on top of him. I was very pleased with the basketball team with the way they kept their poise, because a lot of ballclubs could have folded. There were two or three times they could have. Just before the half they (UNCC) got down seven points and fought back and got up by three. In the second half we got up two or three times and they got up two or three times. But we kept our poise and kept battling. That's the thing I always impresses me, when the players go out and play hard. I thought both teams played hard tonight. Neither coach could ask for any more effort than they saw on the court.

Question: What did you think about the two calls under UNCC's basket—first an apparent foul on UNCC that was called a held ball, the second an apparent UK foul that was rule a traveling violation—in the final seconds?

Sutton: They could have been called either way. Really, they could have been called either way.

Question: Did you think the team played better or worse than it did against Miami?

Sutton: I thought we played a lot better (against UNCC). That's a heckuva basketball team if they play like that every night. Believe me. That team is one of the Top 25 teams in the country if they play like that; they can play with anyone.

Question: Was your team more conscious about controlling the boards after the intermission break?

Sutton: We were dropping two people when we shot the ball. We did make them aware of that. Very seldom do you get 24 offensive rebounds. I'm not sure if I've ever had a team get 24 offensive rebounds.

Question: You had a meeting with Richard Madison prior to the game. How much did this help him?

Sutton: Many times you can find the magic key to turn a player on. That is done, not so much on the court, but perhaps in the office or in a dorm room or somewhere like that. Richard's uncle was here from Memphis and he also was present (meeting). Our staff was present. We judge everything in what you do in practice, that's how you get playing time. He really hadn't played that well in practice. One thing you have to take in consideration is that he's really been out a lot of days with an injury or illness. I told him that I certainly was going to give him the benefit of the doubt. I told him to go out there and play with reckless abandon and go out there and play

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Sportswriters, Too, Can Change Opinions

Wimp Says He'd Love To Meet Norby Walters

A couple of teams have moved from my suspect list in the early going. **Pittsburgh** came into the year with question marks littering its backcourt, but coach **Paul Evans** has been getting outstanding play from freshmen **Jason Mathews** and **Sean Miller**. In com-



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bination with the front line of **Charles Smith**, **Rod Brooking** and **Jerome Lane**, it is a solid team, one capable of playing intelligently and winning on the road. A key will be to watch the playing time of senior **Demetreus Gore**. As his pine time increases the Panthers will get better and better.

Oklahoma had more new players than an expansion franchise and many, including me, wondered if **Billy Tubbs** would be able to fit all the pieces in December. He has and the talent's plentiful. Center **Stacey King** has a great touch around the basket (*a la Bob Lanier*) and will be regarded among the college game's best big men before it is finished. It's still early, but this Sooners' edition may rival any which Tubbs has fielded in Norman.

Well, **Jim Dutcher**'s been gone from **Minnesota** for nearly two years now and the NCAA is still investigating his basketball program. At this rate grandchildren of current Gopher players may be asked to serve penalties for any misdeeds which are uncovered. My advice to the Boys of Shawnee Mission: Either find something quickly or wrap this one up. The statute of limitations has about run out.

Big Ten basketball tournament? Bah, humbug. . . The eligibility of **Hernon Mentenegro** transforms **LSU** from an SEC also-ran to an NCAA championship contender, I'm told. . . Having **Rod Strickland** back also helps **DePaul's** cause considerably. . . Just because **North Carolina State's Jim Valvano** is telling everyone his Wolfpack will be a rip-and-run outfit this year, don't get overly concerned. History tells us that by tournament time the Pack will be right back to their halfcourt, play at a crawl style with Valvano masterfully pulling the strings.

This from **Wyoming's Benny Dees**: "An old Cowboy told me the other day the only way we can have a successful season is if we win more games than we play."

In case you were wondering, **Alabama's Wimp Sanderson** has never met player agent **Norby Walters**, the man who helped whisk away **Derrick McKey**, but says he'd like to. "Just me and him in a room by ourselves," said Wimp. "One of us wouldn't come out."

If the probation stands at **Cleveland State**, the program is virtually wiped out and the coaching career of **Kevin Mackey** is virtually ruined. A dark December for the Vikings.

UCLA's terrible start has furnished critics of coach **Walt Hazzard** with more ammunition. Unless things get better quickly for the Bruins, the possibility of this job opening again will increase week by week.

Remember **South Carolina's** win over **Alabama**. Several years down the road when **George Felton** has returned the Gamecocks to their days of glory, that triumph might be recalled as a turning point. . . Is it my imagination or are there an unusually high number of slow-footed freshman guards playing in major college basketball this year who wouldn't have had much chance before the three-point line came into being?

How powerful is the **Big East**? Pitt coach **Paul Evans** tells me it is easier for him to recruit in California than it is in the East: "A lot of high school coaches practice from 2-to-4 so their kids can get home in time to see the Big East game which starts at 4:30 or 4 o'clock their time."

One of the most interesting stories in college basketball is being written in Philadelphia. Starting the day it won the NCAA tournament in 1985, **Villanova's** program has gone straight downhill, while crosstown rival **Temple** has soared. That's not how it is supposed to happen. . . Mentioning the Atlantic 10, **Rhode Island** is going to emerge as one of the better teams in the East, and under second-year coach **Tom Penders**, the Rams have a shot at making the NCAA.

Clemson and **Georgetown** get criticized for soft December schedules, but I think you'd have to travel far to any cushier card than that of **Michigan**. Fluffy soft.

Recruiting expert **Van Coleman** rates the top fall classes in this order: 1) Syracuse; 2) Kentucky; 3) Notre Dame; 4) Nevada-Las Vegas; 5) St. John's; 6) Georgetown; 7) Michigan State; 8) Florida;

9) Ohio State; 10) Louisville. . . Does this poll suggest any great redistribution of the wealth to you?

Virginia Tech's quick start, which included a win over **Georgetown**, made it likely that interim coach **Frankie Allen** would be given a multi-year contract perhaps even before the season ends. . . I know this sounds ridiculous, but have you stopped to consider the possibility that the **Big Eight** may have more quality teams than the **ACC**? Just the fact it's an arguable point is amazing.

Insiders tell me **Andy Russo** is in trouble at **Washington**. For some reason Russo has never been terribly popular in Seattle and with a long season looming, he may be gone next spring. . . **Arizona's** win over **Iowa** was the perfect homecoming for coach **Lute Olson** who said, "I tried to downplay it, but I didn't fool my guys. I think they knew it was a pretty big game for the old coach."

The advent of television has really killed off meaningful holiday tournaments. The only time the heavyweights will get together now is when dollars and network cameras are involved. Not long ago, these holiday gatherings offered some of the best matchups of the year. . . The NIT was getting some heat for "scheduling" **Seton Hall** into the Final Four. **Seton Hall** is coached by **P.J. Carlesimo**, whose father happens to be the retiring chairman of the tourna-



Pressure On Keady, Purdue? You Bet!

ment. . . Despite its struggles and constant juggling of format, the preseason NIT remains the strongest of these events because a team can have a home game or two which doesn't count against its allotment of 28. But in order for the NIT to be fully creditable, there must be a more obvious pairings procedure, one which makes it clear what will happen well in advance of the tournament.

Come NCAA time will any team be more under pressure to deliver than **Purdue**? The Boilermakers have flirted with greatness during the last three years, but have always come up short. The fact they lost at home to **Iowa State** in the preseason NIT probably doesn't offer much encouragement. . . Sorry, but I never believed for one minute that **Missouri** was as good as everyone would have us believe. But, then, I suppose **Norm Stewart** could say the same of my choice of **UCLA** as a top five team. . .

Casey: This Year's Pressure Similar To '78

No Time For Celebration

Being part of Kentucky's 1978 NCAA Tournament championship team is an experience Dwane Casey will never forget.

However, the current UK assistant coach still can't call



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the 1977-78 season a "fun year" because of the high expectations fans and the media had for the Wildcats.

"Most people expected us to win the national championship from day one," said Casey, a junior reserve guard on that championship team. "Coach (Joe) Hall termed it a year of no celebration and he was exactly right. We couldn't celebrate.

"Every game was a challenge because people were always shooting for us. We knew we were supposed to win and people expected us to win."

Casey still recalls the bitter disappointment UK fans felt when the Cats lost 78-62 at Alabama and 95-94 at LSU in overtime. Those were the only two games Kentucky lost in 32 outings.

"We shouldn't have lost those games but those things happen," said Casey, the co-captain of the 1978-79 UK team. "Still, we felt like the world had come to an end after each loss."

The Wildcats could feel the same type pressure this year. They have wins over Indiana and Louisville and climbed to



Dwane Casey

number one in The Associated Press poll.

How well the team handles the pressure depends on the chemistry on the court. The 1977-78 team members had their differences off the court but had a single purpose when they walked into any arena.

"Back then we were almost all high school All-Americans just like this team," said Casey. "When you get a group like that you are going to have a lot of different egos involved."

"What we had in 1978, though, was one purpose on the court. We knew what we wanted to do and what it would take to win the national championship."

"We may have had some differences off the court. Some guys liked music, some didn't. Some had girlfriends, some didn't. Often we went our own directions after practice and

games but once we stepped foot on the hardwood, we never lost track of our one goal."

The UK assistant feels the experience he gained that year will help him prepare this season's Cats for what awaits them on the road to Kansas City for the Final Four.

"I have a great feeling for what it takes to win it all," said Casey. "It takes a little extra effort and a lot of luck. Every player has to be willing to come together as one and sacrifice personal goals for the team."

"We had a lot of guys give up personal glory for the betterment of the team 10 years ago. This year's team has that same makeup. We have guys who put winning first and individual accomplishments second."

Casey, like any true UK fan, remembers the 1978 NCAA Tournament win over Florida State. The Cats trailed at halftime when Hall benched starters Jack Givens, Rick Robey and Truman Claytor and started Casey, Lavon Williams and Fred Cowan to open the second half.

The strategy paid off as the reserves cut into the lead and UK went on to win 85-76.

"It was a gamble but Coach Hall knew what he was doing because all week we had really pushed the first team," said Casey. "He knew we could wear Florida State down and then the first team could come back in and win. It was risky but it turned out to be a great coaching move."

Casey hasn't shared that experience with any of this year's players. However, that taste of glory was Casey's moment in the spotlight that year.

"I can sympathize with guys this year who don't get to play a lot and have to be role players because I was one," said Casey. "But I know from experience that role players are just as important to the team as the top scorer or rebounder."

"Some guys may get more publicity than others but it takes 15 players dedicated to the team to win the national championship."

That doesn't mean Casey feels players should gladly accept not playing or starting. He always felt he deserved to play more, even during UK's NCAA championship season.

"I wouldn't want a player as a teammate or on my team that didn't want to start and play," said the former Union County All-Stater. "I thought I should have played more and tried to prove it every day in practice."

"I was too immature at the time to realize that Coach Hall was making the right moves. Still, I did know at the time that one day wanted to be a coach and I learned a lot from Coach Hall."

Casey served one year as a graduate assistant under Hall and spent five seasons working for Clem Haskins at Western. When Leonard Hamilton left the UK staff in 1986, Coach Eddie Sutton brought Casey back to Lexington.

His hiring paid immediate dividends as UK has signed nine talented players the last two seasons. But what Casey wants the most is to help the Cats win another NCAA title this year.

"I like this team a lot and it does remind me of the 1978 team in a lot of ways," said Casey. "We have a shot to go all the way. We have a lot of work ahead of us but if the guys will really dedicate themselves, it could happen."

SUTTON IS not worried about the nation's top ranking bothering his team like it might some others.

"This group can handle the number one ranking better than most could," said Sutton. "It would be more difficult for Arizona, Pittsburgh, Temple or Wyoming because their fans have never had that opportunity before. The fans would get so excited that it would rub off on the players."

"Our players are happy but it's more important to be number one at the end because that would mean you had a great season. Right now there are a lot of number one teams. Not many teams are left undefeated and no one will go undefeated because the intensity really picks up when conference play starts."

CBS-TV college basketball analyst Billy Packer has written a book, "50 Years of the Final Four", to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the NCAA Tournament.

He delivered two autographed copies of the book to

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50 Wildcats Awarded Letters For Football

Kentucky head football coach Jerry Claiborne announced last Monday (Dec. 14) that 50 Wildcat players will be awarded letters for the 1987 season.

Of the 50 letter winners, 31 are underclassmen. Below is the class breakdown of the 1987 Wildcat lettermen.

SENIORS (19)

Todd Allgeier, Dermonti Dawson, Kevin Dooley, Scott Endris, Mark Higgs, Tommy Howard, Tim Jones, Jeff Kremer, Greg Kunkel, Eric Maust, Brad Myers, Jimmie O'Neal, Jerry Reese, Mike Robinson, John Shannon, Scott Stubbs, Steve Trego, Butch Wilburn and Joey Worley.

JUNIORS (14)

Chris Chenault, Charlie Darrington, Jay Dortch, Glenn Fohr, Carwell Gardner, Ray Gover, Jim Hill (senior academically), Ivy Joe Hunter, David Johnson, Ron Mack, Tony Mills, Martin Pennington, Mark Sellers and Jay Tesar.

SOPHOMORES (12)

Vic Adams, Oliver Barnett, Darren Bilberry, Donnie Gardner, Doug Houser, Tony Massey, Andy Murray, Mike Pfeifer,



Glenn Fohr

Ron Robinson, Dee Smith, Ken Willis and Tony Zigman.

FRESHMEN (5)

John Bolden, Randy Holleran, Phil Logan, Chris Tolbert and Dean Wilks.

UK FOOTBALL NOTES

□Not including bowl games, the 1987 University of Kentucky opponents posted a combined record of 61-59-2 (50.8 winning percentage) with five teams (Indiana, LSU, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee) selected to bowl games.

□The team-by-team records of 1987 UK opponents follows: Utah State (5-6), Indiana (8-3), Rutgers (6-5), Ohio (1-10), Ole Miss (3-8), LSU (9-1-1), Georgia (8-3), Virginia Tech (2-9), Vanderbilt (4-7), Florida (6-5) and Tennessee (9-2-1).

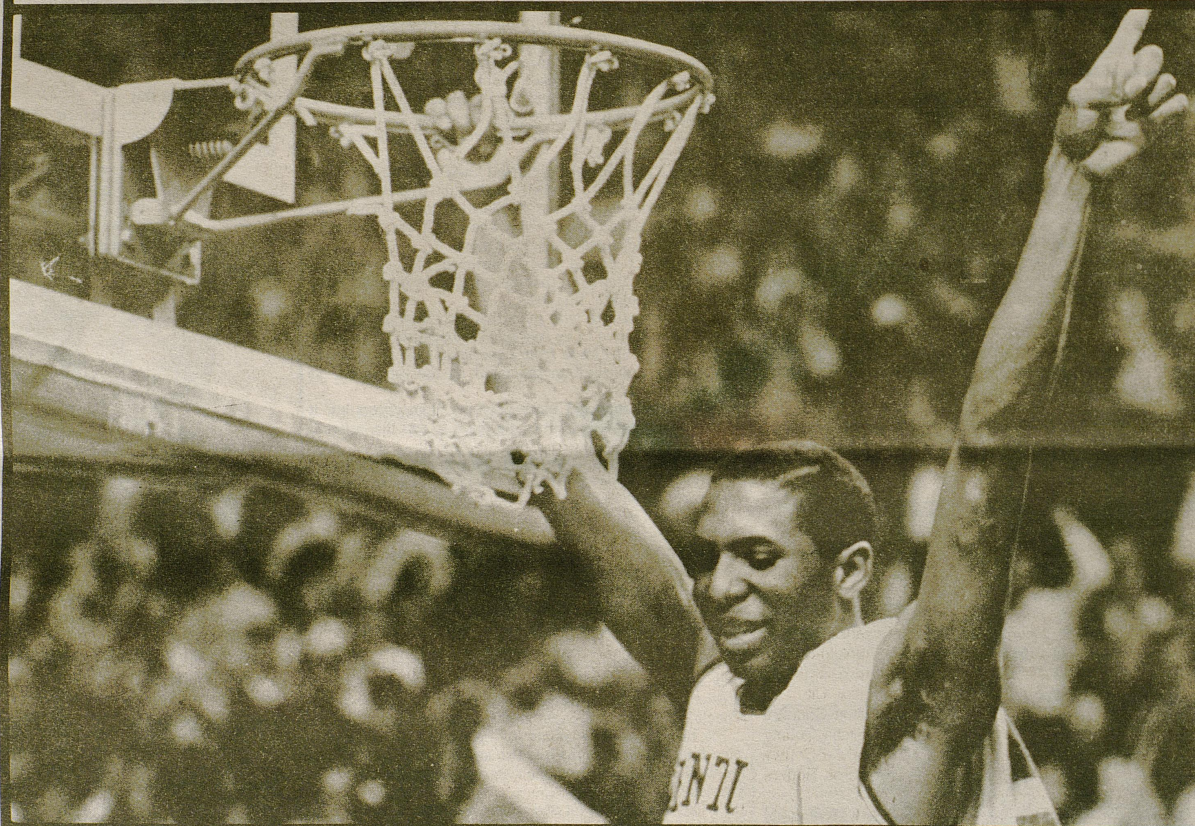
□Looking ahead to the 1988 UK schedule, the combined opponents' records (not including bowl games) is an impressive 73-44-4 (61.9 winning percentage). In SEC play, Kentucky drops Ole Miss and adds Alabama and Auburn as the league goes to seven SEC games.

□Here are the 1988 UK opponents and their records: Central Michigan (3-6-1), Auburn (9-1-1), Indiana (8-3), Kent State (7-4), Alabama (7-4), LSU (9-1-1), Georgia (8-3), Southern Illinois (3-8), Vanderbilt (4-7), Florida (6-5) and Tennessee (9-2-1). Seven of those squads will go to bowls this season.

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2nd In-State Lineman Announces For 'Cats

Last week Elizabethtown's Chris Reedy, a 6-foot-5, 235-pound offensive lineman, became the second in-state prospect to announce for the University of Kentucky.

"I was really impressed," Reedy told sportswriter Don Bradley of the *Elizabethtown News-Enterprise*. "First of all, I liked the academic program there and coach (Jerry) Claiborne's dedication to academics. And even though I had been there before, I was really impressed with the (E.J.) Nutter Training Center. It was a real easy decision to make. I'm happy about it, no doubt."

He joins tackle Rich McCune of Breathitt County as the two future-'Cats-to-be.

Reedy, one of the state's top interior linemen, chose Claiborne's program over Purdue, Tennessee and Louisville to name a



Photo By O'Neil Arnold

Elizabethtown's Chris Reedy

few. He'll officially become a Wildcat when he signs a national letter-of-intent on Feb. 10.

A linebacker as well as an offensive lineman this past season on E-town's 12-1 squad, Reedy's future, in all likelihood, will be in the trenches.

"I haven't had that much experience at linebacker and I think I lack the quickness to play defensive end," noted Reedy. "Offensive guard is my position."

"Kentucky lost three or four starting offensive linemen last year, so they have a lot of spots open. I'd like to start, but that's one of those lofty goals that you set for yourself. I'll be satisfied to get some playing time on the freshman team, work hard, and then maybe by my sophomore year I'll be ready to contribute."

Redshirting, meanwhile, may be another option for Reedy, who maintains a 3.5 grade point average and has already scored a 25 on his ACT and "above 1,000" on the SAT.

"Yes, I can see them redshirting me to give me more experience and a chance to put on a few more pounds," predicted Reedy. "I don't really want to do that, but I understand, especially with the competition of an SEC school and I'll accept that if it comes. But I'd rather play right now."

His coach, George Lynch, expects him to be "tough enough" to handle SEC competition. In two years he foresees Reedy, once he hits the weights, to add anywhere from 15 to 35 pounds to his frame.

Past trips to Lexington caught Reedy's attention. So much that, "when I was a kid we used to go watch UK football games and it's where I really wanted to go. I'll tell you, it's a dream come true for me."

Crum Puts Nice Touch On UK-UL Ending

UK Finally Retires Big Dan's Jersey

People and things
Kudos to University of Louisville basketball coach Denny Crum. When the Kentucky-Louisville game ended on a Cedric Jenkins tip-in to give Kentucky 76-75 victory over



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

his Cardinals. Crum marched toward the UK bench to meet coach Eddie Sutton, shake hands and share a bit of an embrace. Crum had to be frustrated after seeing his Cards make a spirited, determined comeback that erased a 16 point UK lead.

It struck me: How many college coaches would have taken such a loss so graciously? Bob Knight? Dale Brown? John Thompson? Billy Tubbs?

Who among the forementioned would not have gone after the officials? At least express some rancor to reporters later? But not Denny Crum and I think it says something very special about the UofL coach and the Kentucky-Louisville series.

Having played UK so close, and at Rupp Arena too, did Crum consider it "a moral victory?"

The UofL coach paused for a moment. "A moral victory? Moral victories are for moralists. We're oh-and-two and have Cleveland State and Indiana coming up. We're happy that we played well. That's encouraging. We'll see where we go from here."

Crum on Kentucky

"Kentucky's got an edge on most teams because of their depth," he said. "They make a substitution and they don't get hurt. There isn't any drop off, they bring in some pretty good talent."

"That kind of play from people off the bench is what we have to have."

After UK had its one-point victory in the bank, Sutton flashed an 'I-told-you-so' grin at a room full of reporters. He had said the week before the game that, although his team was the favorite, and despite predictions of a blow-out by some (blush), he expected the game would be close. He was right.

UK-UofL

It was a wonderful piece of entertainment, the Kentucky-Louisville match. Ebb and flow, high drama and low. Exquisite sequences that made knuckles turn white, throats tighten and fans left limp and gasping, but wondering, "Anybody got tickets? When do we play again?"

It was that sort of experience. The best UK-UofL match since the Dream Game on March 26, 1983 in Knoxville.

Denny Crum had every reason to be pleased because his team played brilliantly. The Cardinals showed the kind of pluck and poise and courage and stamina that we have not seen from a UofL team since the Cards won at Wyoming last Jan. 10. These were the Cards we expected to see in the Hoosier Dome. Notre Dame was lucky.

Crum was clearly proud and rightly so. "I was really pleased with our guys," he said. "To come back from 16 points the way we did against the No. 1 team in the country."

On the flip side, No. 1 Kentucky wobbled, but let's face it, surviving tough times from inspired underdog opponents is what a championship caliber team is supposed to do. When the crunch came, Sutton was able to reach into his hat and pull out another rabbit. Against Indiana, it was Chapman; against UofL it was Jenkins.

Predicting UK, UofL game

Crum was talking about a 55 point spread between before the game. But Sutton predicted it would be a "great game, very close. I don't know what the wizards in Vegas are picking, but I think it's going to be a close game."

Now you know the rest of that story

Davender on LaBradford

UK senior Ed Davender was asked what he thought of UofL's freshman LaBradford Smith.

"He played all right."

Davender added, "He did some talking out there ... but we won the ballgame."

Footnote Having seen LaBradford Smith play against Notre Dame, Kentucky, Cleveland State and Indiana, it says here that he needs to get a better handle on his emotions.

Right now Smith is showing his immaturity not only in terms of shot selection, when and when not to penetrate to the hoop,

but also by jawing with opposing players and officials.

UK retires Issel's No. 44

Before the Kentucky-Louisville game former UK All-American and all-time leading scorer (men's basketball) and rebounder Dan Issel became the first Wildcat since 1954 to have his jersey number (44) officially retired in a ceremony at midcourt.

The decision was made to retire Issel's jersey last season, but director of athletics Cliff Hagan became piqued when word leaked out before he could make the announcement. So the event was shelved.

Hagan said a committee is now in place and a formal policy has been set for retiring jerseys. Criteria? A 10-year period must have elapsed since a player left Kentucky. He or she must have completed degree requirements, excelled in a field of endeavor beyond college and "contributed significantly to his/her community (church, family, social, charity, etc.)."

The honor means the jersey shall be retired, not the number, Hagan said.

Some of the All-American eligibles I can think of who deserve consideration based on their careers at UK as well as what they



Dan Issel Gets His Day In Spotlight

have achieved since, are: Pat Riley (1967), Larry Steele (1971), and Jack 'Goose' Givens (1978).

Riley coaches the Los Angeles Lakers; Steele was a member of the Portland Trail Blazer NBA champions in 1977; and Givens (would be eligible next year) was Final Four MVP on UK's last NCAA champion in 1978 and is currently a businessman in Lexington as well as under contract with NBC-Television.

People...

✓ One of Kentucky's premier high school football coaching positions may be vacant before next spring. North Hardin High's coach of eight seasons Charlie Lynch is ready to move into administration if a job becomes available.

"Football has been my life," Lynch, who is 40, said last week. "But you have to think about the future."

No decision will be made until the spring hiring period however.

In terms of population, North Hardin, a Class 4-A school, is in Radeliff, one of Kentucky's fastest growing areas.

Claiborne commiserates

When Rich McCune, a 6-3½, 250-pound tackle from Breathitt County High School announced earlier this month that he intends to sign with the University of Kentucky Feb. 10, his coach, Mike Holcomb, got on the telephone to "make a commercial."

"Rich hopes some of the other top prospects in the state (among them Chris Reedy of Elizabethtown and Anthony Carter North Hardin) will make the decision to go with him to UK," Holcomb said.

Remembering The Legendary Adolph Rupp

Has It Really Been 10 Years Since His Passing?

It doesn't seem like yesterday, but have 10 years really passed since I drove to Blue Grass Field on a cold (five degrees) December night to meet an incoming charter and greet Joe B. Hall and his University of Kentucky basketball team with the news that Adolph



Russell Rice

Cats' Pause Columnist

Rupp had died?

The Wildcats were returning home after defeating the University of Kansas 73-66 in Allen Field House on Naismith Drive in Lawrence, just minutes before Rupp expired at 10:45 p.m., EST, in Lexington. Prior to the game, Jayhawk fans had observed a moment of silence for the critically ill Rupp, one of their most widely-known alumni.

What a significant moment in history: Dr. James A. Naismith, the father of basketball; Forrest C. "Phog" Allen, the father of basketball coaching, and Adolph F. "Der Baron" Rupp, winningest



The Late Adolph Rupp

coach in collegiate basketball history (879 of 1,069 games), together again as they were more than a half-century ago at KU.

I remembered Rupp's biggest thrill—"seeing five of my boys stand on the podium in Wembley Stadium in London while the National Anthem was being played and get medals as world champions"—and his most disappointing loss—"I still wake up sometimes in the middle of the night and wonder what more I could have done to help our boys win that game"—to Texas Western in the 1966 NCAA championship final in College Park, Md.

THEN MY THOUGHTS WENT BACK TO June, 1970, when I accompanied Rupp to Lawrence, where he received the Distinguished Service Citation during commencement ceremonies at his alma mater. Only one other former athlete, Dr. Allen, had received that highest honor bestowed by the university and its alumni association.

On the flight to Kansas City, Rupp told of being one of six Menonite children raised on a 120-acre homestead farm seven miles north of Halstead, Kan., by their widowed mother Anna—Rupp's father died in 1910—who kept them together through droughts and other hard times. . . of cutting, sowing and plowing the long Kansas wheat rows from sunup to sundown. . . neighboring picnics on the banks of the Little Arkansas River, where the children swam and caught catfish. . . shooting a homemade basketball (a gunnysack stuffed with rags and hay) at hoops nailed to an outbuilding. . . playing basketball on a dirt court at District 33 school. . . winning a conference championship his senior year at Halstead High School. . . boarding a train for Emporia, where he planned to enroll in teachers' college, but going on to Lawrence with a persuasive friend. . . playing on two national championship teams coached by Dr. Allen.

The following day, we toured the KU campus, passing the Jayhawk Cafe, where Rupp worked parttime during his four years there; then we visited Dr. Allen, who was living with his daughter while recovering from a stroke. The legendary coach, second to Rupp in victories won (778), was sitting in a support chair, watching a basketball game. The respect shown by Rupp toward his old coach was touching; never had the Baron seemed so humble.

RUPP AND ALLEN HAD ARRIVED AT KU about the same time, Allen as the school's first director of athletics, Rupp as a "green hayseed right off the farm." Allen had been there before, attending the university in 1905-06. Rupp remembered his mentor in those days as a trim six-footer who wore loud clothes, mostly gray or brown imported tweeds with big spots; a man with lots of brown hair close-cropped at the temples, a fast talker with an overall alertness, a health nut and a total abstainer.

The school's physical director was Dr. Naismith, who had moved to Kansas after having a janitor nail those famous peach baskets at each end of the gym at the YMCA school in Springfield, Mass. As a member of the 1919-20 freshman class, Rupp had to report to the good professor for a physical examination at the beginning of the school year. Rupp took hygiene, a required course for male students, and other subjects under Naismith, who often visited basketball practice sessions.

Like Allen, Rupp became a rigid master of fundamentals and based his teachings on the belief that no team, matter not how individually skillful the players or how strongly organized the play-



'Der Baron' Relaxing At Midcourt

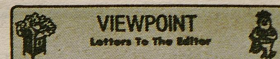
ing unit, will succeed consistently without group morale and a will to drive to the end. Both believed the submergence of self was the valuable psychic situation to develop in the building of a team.

But that was yesterday—isn't everything?—and suddenly a time to remember victories won and lost, umpteenth cake-cutting ceremonies as Rupp and UK celebrated milestone after milestone along the 40-year reign that he called the "Glory Trail." Behind the glitter, there were quieter chili lunches at Brookings on East Euclid Avenue. . . small postgame parties. . . UKIT watches in lieu of money. . . gifts of cheese to selected media at Christmastime. . . Hereford cattle on the farm at Centerville. . . recruiting trips. . . always a headwind while returning home from a loss, which were few compared to the wins. . . lights out and everything quiet in homes if the Wildcats won. . . practice sessions where the precision passing became so hypnotic that a spectator would doze until rudely awakened as a missed pass broke the monotony. . . Kipling's "L'Envoy" recited to perfection. . . death coming about one year to the day after the University of Kansas helped the University of Kentucky dedicate the Wildcats' new basketball home, Rupp Arena, at the time the largest arena for basketball in the nation.

Epitaph:

"I would like for people to say he always tried to do his best. That's good enough because I think that exemplifies exactly what I tried to do all my life."

—Adolph Rupp



Send Pop A Paper

Dear Sir:

I would like to subscribe to *The Cats' Pause* for my wife's grandfather who has been following the Wildcats almost as long as Happy Chandler. We all call him "Pop." He is 81-years-old.

I am an avid fan and have subscribed to *The Cats' Pause* for a number of years. I thought this would be a priceless Christmas present for "Pop."

Merry Christmas to Eddie Sutton and the 'Cats.

Best Regards,

Larry D. Stewart
Louisville, Kentucky

P.S.—The perfect X-mas would be seeing them in the Final Four.

Strawberry Delight

Dear Sir:

I have always considered it to be a privilege to watch UK basketball in Rupp Arena or south of the border, but I was in the Hoosier monstrosity for the first Big Four Shootout. I sat in the first row of the upper deck behind Bobby's bench and never again will I complain about the upper deck in Rupp. I wish I had an 80-power telescope.

Boy did I have fun with my Green and Red clad redneck neighbors. They assured me that if they had a power failure that Bobby and Digger would let off enough steam to keep the dome inflated.

When I came back to Marshall County I rewound my VCR. This game should not have went into overtime. Rob (Lock) was fouled before the last shot. The zebras were not watching.

At the end, the counsel of the wise prevailed and Cedric (Jenkins) arose and made my day.

See you folks,

Strawberry Cope
Benton, Kentucky

Brag? Who Me?

Dear Sir:

Monday morning (after Big Four Classic) will be remembered as a great day for all of us Kentucky fans living in Indiana. It was double the pleasure for us, because of a Kentucky-win and an Indiana loss, all at the same time.

I would have still worn my Kentucky Blue and White win or lose, but thanks to a great win, I can have the bragging rights for now. Keep up the great work team, we are proud of you.

I liked Eddie Sutton's suggestions for a game at Memorial Coliseum, for the average fans like myself to have a chance to see a game with a lottery-type drawing for tickets (at least four tickets per drawing).

Also, I would like to comment on the Oct. 15, midnight practice. Three years ago, it was a great experience for us fans to drive 130 miles to Lexington and watch the Wildcats practice. Now it is getting too commercial and big.

I think the big fans with all the season tickets, etc., should let us have a chance to see the Wildcats without having to stand in line and crowd our way in.

Sincerely,

H. Roger Leggett
Connersville, Indiana

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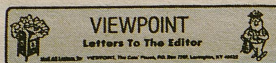
Madison Said Christmas Break Coming At Wrong Time For Him



Chapman Hams It Up As 'Cats Pose With Championship Trophy

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19:20	Bennett layup	2-2	
18:44		2-4	Plondke 12 ft.
18:21	Bennett 4 ft.	4-4	
17:27	Davender layup	6-4	
17:30		6-6	Ball alley-oop layup
16:39		6-8	Plondke layup
16:12	Davender 20 ft.	9-8	
15:56		9-11	Dinkins 20 ft.
14:53		9-13	West layup
14:32	Chapman 17 ft.	11-13	
13:47		11-15	Ball 4 ft.
13:44	Chapman 18 yup	13-15	
13:05		13-17	Plondke 6 ft.
12:20	Madison tip-in	15-17	
11:47	Chapman 16 ft., FT	18-17	
11:39		18-19	Ball reverse layup, FTA
11:14	Madison 10 ft.	20-19	
10:47	Bennett follow layup	22-19	
10:35		22-21	Plondke layup
9:53		22-24	Persley 20 ft.
9:22	Chapman 21 ft.	25-24	
8:53		25-26	Persley 19 ft.
8:35	Lock tip-in	27-26	
7:36	Davender layup	29-26	
6:45	Davender alley-oop	31-26	
5:59		31-28	Plondke 16 ft.
4:56		31-31	West 20 ft.
4:33	Madison FT, FTA	32-31	
4:23	Bennett FT	34-31	
4:00		34-34	Dinkins 20 ft.
2:50	Bennett FTA, FT	35-34	
2:39		35-36	Robson 8 ft. follow
2:12		35-39	Dinkins 23 ft.
1:46		35-42	Persley 21 ft.
1:04	Bennett layup	37-42	
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19:47	Chapman 17 ft.	41-42	
18:59	Chapman 18 ft.	43-42	
18:44		43-44	Dinkins 14 ft., FTA
18:16	Madison tip-in	45-44	
18:11		45-46	Dinkins 15 ft.
17:45		45-48	Ball layup
17:23	Davender 6 ft., FT	48-48	
16:30	Bennett layup	50-48	
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14:54		52-55	Plondke 3 ft. hook
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13:46	Chapman layup	56-55	
13:01	Lock FT, FT	58-55	
12:50		58-58	Dinkins 21 ft.
12:48	Chapman 7 ft.	60-58	
12:06	Chapman dunk	62-58	
10:45		62-60	Plondke 4 ft.
10:28	Bennett layup, FTA	64-60	
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6:55		69-66	Barnes 15 ft.
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5:52	Manuel dunk	73-68	
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4:49		73-73	Persley 20 ft.
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TCP: What was the most disappointing moment?

Conley: I don't want this printed.

TCP: Do you have any desire to get involved in coaching again?

Conley: I was in a conversation the other day with a friend of mine who said, "You know of all the guys who came out of the (UK) program while you were there, you were the one guy that I thought would become a basketball coach." I kind of laughed and I said, "Well, I kind of thought so." I did coach basketball for one year at George Washington University and enjoyed it. You never know what is going to happen. I mean what if someone were to offer me a job? What if Riley asked me to become his assistant with the L.A. Lakers? You know that might be kind of fun, but I don't think that's going to happen.

The coaching profession is a whole lot more difficult today than it used to be. There are so many parts of it that are tougher to deal with than it was 15 or 20 years ago. I now get to enjoy both worlds. I get to enjoy a part of it simply because I'm close to it as an an-



Conley Would Love To Rejoin Riley

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TCP: Did you apply for the TV job that Joe Dean had in covering the SEC games?

Conley: Yes. I did.

TCP: Were you disappointed that you didn't get the position

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Don't Judge 'Cats On UKIT Performance

Look For Halfcourt Offense To Improve

Now that the UKIT is over, and we have a nine-day span in which the Big Blue will be absent from the court, I thought this would be an opportune time to reflect on what's unfolded so far this season. Since my bootlegging buddy from back home, Ima Prophet,



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answered some questions to help me with one of my columns last season, I thought I'd return the favor. Seems he's been out of circulation for 11 months and 29 days.

Take it away, Ima:

A man can get kindly lonesome in prison. Do you think you could fix me up with one of those Dance Cats?

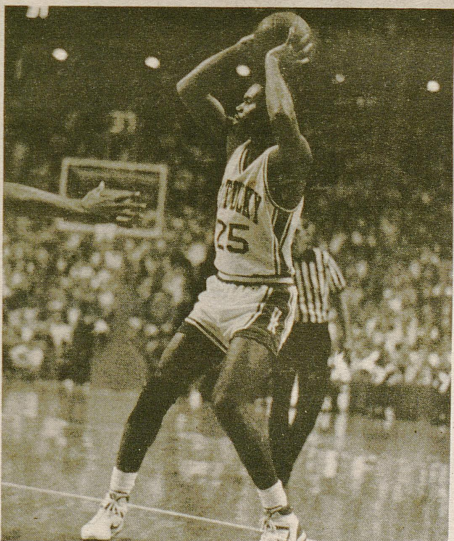
What? When it comes to that subject, it's every man for himself. How about if we stick to the subject of UK basketball?

OK, fair enough. But I thought it was worth a try. You've had a chance to see all six of Kentucky's games this season, how would you evaluate the Wildcats so far?

Well, you can't say Kentucky is playing anywhere near its potential right now, especially on the offensive end, but there has been a lot of improvement. I think Eddie Sutton has to be pleased with what's happened.

Even though the Wildcats barely survived their own tournament, having to fight for their lives against Miami of Ohio and North Carolina-Charlotte? And you can't forget that Kentucky became one of the few top-ranked teams ever to fall in the polls while remaining unbeaten.

First of all, I don't think you can ever use what happens in the UKIT as an accurate barometer of things to come. It's right in the



Bennett Turned It Around In U of L Game

middle of final exams and the team rarely gets to practice together as a unit during that time. And because it's so close to Christmas, the players have to be looking forward to going home and spending time with their families. While all the other students are enjoying their vacations, the players have to stick around and try to keep their minds on basketball. And although there are always four teams entered every year, I don't think anyone will ever confuse it with the Big Four Classic—it's hard to get up for teams like Miami, UNCC or Middle Tennessee. You can set your watch by it—just as sure as Christmas falls on the 25th, Kentucky will have a let-down and play flat during the UKIT.

As for the polls, and I know this is a cliché, but they really don't mean anything at this point in the season. The Wildcats could be

No. 1, or No. 100, and they would still play just as hard, just because of who they are. The pressure of wearing the Blue and White is always gonna be there.

You said while ago that Kentucky isn't playing up to its potential. What's the holdup?

The 'Cats just haven't put things together with their halfcourt offense yet. It would be easy to look at some of their scores—86 against Hawaii, 101 against Cincinnati, 82 against Indiana, 85 against Miami and 84 against UNCC—and jump to the conclusion that the offense is in high gear. But that's kinda misleading. Kentucky scores most of its points in bunches. And while I don't have a breakdown on it, I'd be willing to bet that the biggest part of UK's points come off the transition game.

To this point, if Kentucky doesn't score off the break, either Ed Davender or Rex Chapman will go one-on-one. And they've had some success. We just haven't seen UK work the ball around, milk the shot clock and get an easy bucket—something Eddie Sutton teams are known for. If you look back at the Indiana game, the Louisville game, the two games in the UKIT, the defenses were able to take Kentucky out of its offense. So far, strong individual play has been able to overcome that. But it won't always be that way, especially when UK gets on the road in the SEC.

Then how can you say that Sutton has to be pleased?

He has to be pleased with the defense. Chapman and Davender have picked up where they left off last year. He's already said that Rob Lock has shown more improvement from last year to this than any player he's ever coached. Cedric Jenkins, who's a starter for the first time in his career, and Richard Madison, who's now coming off the bench, have shown flashes of brilliance at times. Two freshmen, Eric Manuel and LeRon Ellis, have shown that they can play major college ball. But the thing Sutton has to be happiest about is the play of Winston Bennett. Bennett is rounding into the form he displayed two years ago.

But after the Louisville game, I read in the Lexington Herald that Bennett's play had been suspect. What gives?

You did read that. I did, too. It just goes to show you that you can't believe everything you see in print.

What's that supposed to mean?

Nothing really. It's just that two people can watch the same game and come out with differing opinions. I thought the game Winston had against Louisville was the best he had played this season. Billy Reed, who wrote a column following the game, didn't. To be fair to Billy, though, I think his biggest gripe was that Bennett fouled out after playing just 24 minutes. But that's Bennett's style, he's gonna get in foul trouble sometimes. There's no way to avoid it.

I just felt that what Winston did in those 24 minutes would give him the confidence he needed to continue his comeback. I think it has. Against U of L, he started taking, and making, the outside shot for the first time this season. In earlier games, when he would get the ball out on the wing, he didn't seem to want to pull the trigger. But against the Cards he scored nine of UK's first 13 points, seven of them from the outside. Then he scored 45 points in the two-game UKIT, including a career-high 28 against Miami, and again, most of his points came from outside. It's also significant that he was guilty of overguarding only twice in the two games.

Everybody knew Bennett could play the way he is now, but what about Lock? What's gotten into him this season?

I think he's finally beginning to mature. Last summer, he decided to dedicate himself in the weight room and in pickup games. He knew it was his last year and he wanted to make a name for himself.

And, after the booing incidents of a year ago, I think he realized that public opinion isn't everything. When he saw how fickle fans really are, he decided to stop playing for Joe Blow and start playing for Rob Lock.

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Speaking of Lock's free throw shooting, he's 33 for 38 this season. That's 86.8 percent, exactly 39 percentage points better than his career total entering the season. How do you explain that?

I have no idea. He's like "Mr. Automatic" this year. Some things—Bobby Knight's behavior, officiating and Lock's newfound mastery of the charity toss are three that come to mind—just escape my comprehension.

You brought up Richard Madison's name. Which is the real Madison—the wimp Sports Illustrated's Curry Kirkpatrick spoke about, or the he-man that pulled down 16 rebounds against UNCC?

Probably somewhere in between. I don't expect Richard to be the non-factor he was in UK's first couple of games, nor the wild man he was against Charlotte, every time out. But I do expect his

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Wildcats Talk About Close-Call With 49'ers

Following are postgame quotes from several UK players after the 84-81 victory over UNC-Charlotte Saturday night:

REX CHAPMAN

(About UNCC possibly winning on a second or third attempt at the basket, much like Kentucky did against Louisville)

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(About the play where Byron Dinkins was called for traveling. UNCC coach Jeff Mullins says Dinkins doesn't walk)

Chapman: I don't really know (what happened). He got called for a couple of walks last night, didn't he? I couldn't really see it because I was blocked out, and the referee made the call. There were a couple of them there late in the game that could have gone either way.

(About UNCC's ability to hit the three-point shot)

Chapman: They were hitting some great shots. At first we weren't getting a hand in their face but in the second half I think we had a hand (in their face) in every one of their three-pointers. They were just hitting some big-time shots.

(About the play of Dinkins)

Chapman: He's an excellent player. We heard that he's averaging five assists to go along with 21 points. He's an unselfish player. . . that stat proves that. He just does so much for his team.

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Chapman: I disagree (with Richard Madison's comment on not wanting a break). I'm looking forward to going home for a couple of days.

(About Winston Bennett being a force in the UKIT)

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RICHARD MADISON

(About if he saw the play which Dinkins was whistled for traveling in the final moments)

Madison: Well, I was sitting (on the bench) with a cramp in my foot, so I can't really make a comment on that.

(About having a good game—nine points, 16 rebounds)

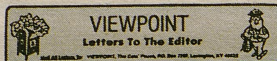
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(About his foot cramp)

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Conley: I did have the flu. I don't look at that as an excuse. That was just a good team we played. They were outstanding... as good an offensive team as I played the whole time I was in college. It was a tough moment, sure. But you really don't grasp of how big a moment it was until many years later because it was an important

game, obviously. You don't feel the ramifications of something like that until later on—when you really feel in discussions with other people, how they talk about it, how they feel about it. I was a player. I mean I was on the court. I was competing, to try to win. But, in the fans that I have talked to at UK who still remember that game, there is something much deeper, much much deeper to them. I don't think I really realized that until much later.

It (the setback) was the second largest disappointment of my life. I will never forget it. Something that will always be with me. I think there is something even more amazing about this. I think we're probably more famous because we lost the game than we would have been had we won it as everybody expected us to win it. I think everybody who follows college basketball back then looked at us and said, "Gee, what are all those white guys doing out there playing basketball against a real talented team? They shouldn't be winning all those game (the 'Cats finished at 27-2)." We were pretty good, very frankly.

TCP: What was the most disappointing moment?

Conley: I don't want this printed.

TCP: Do you have any desire to get involved in coaching again?

Conley: I was in a conversation the other day with a friend of mine who said, "You know of all the guys who came out of the (UK) program while you were there, you were the one guy that I thought would become a basketball coach." I kind of laughed and I said, "Well, I kind of thought so." I did coach basketball for one year at George Washington University and enjoyed it. You never know what is going to happen. I mean what if someone were to offer me a job? What if Riley asked me to become his assistant with the L.A. Lakers? You know that might be kind of fun, but I don't think that's going to happen.

The coaching profession is a whole lot more difficult today than it used to be. There are so many parts of it that are tougher to deal with than it was 15 or 20 years ago. I now get to enjoy both worlds. I get to enjoy a part of it simply because I'm close to it as an an-



Conley Would Love To Rejoin Riley

nouncer. But I'm also removed enough—far away from it because I have a certain objectivity that I have to put in my telecasts. That allows me not to get deeply involved of winning and losing. The person who is listening to me is basically listening to me because he wants to know something technical about the game and I feel like that's a job that I need to do. Not getting involved in winning and losing, or the emotional part of it.

TCP: Did you apply for the TV job that Joe Dean had in covering the SEC games?

Conley: Yes. I did.

TCP: Were you disappointed that you didn't get the position

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Don't Judge 'Cats On UKIT Performance

Look For Halfcourt Offense To Improve

Now that the UKIT is over, and we have a nine-day span in which the Big Blue will be absent from the court, I thought this would be an opportune time to reflect on what's unfolded so far this season. Since my bootlegging buddy from back home, Ima Prophet,



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answered some questions to help me with one of my columns last season, I thought I'd return the favor. Seems he's been out of circulation for 11 months and 29 days.

Take it away, Ima:

A man can get kindly lonesome in prison. Do you think you could fix me up with one of those Dance Cats?

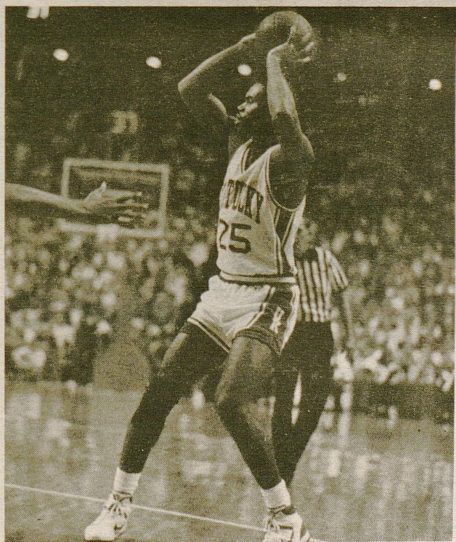
What? When it comes to that subject, it's every man for himself. How about if we stick to the subject of UK basketball?

OK, fair enough. But I thought it was worth a try. You've had a chance to see all six of Kentucky's games this season, how would you evaluate the Wildcats so far?

Well, you can't say Kentucky is playing anywhere near its potential right now, especially on the offensive end, but there has been a lot of improvement. I think Eddie Sutton has to be pleased with what's happened.

Even though the Wildcats barely survived their own tournament, having to fight for their lives against Miami of Ohio and North Carolina-Charlotte? And you can't forget that Kentucky became one of the few top-ranked teams ever to fall in the polls while remaining unbeaten.

First of all, I don't think you can ever use what happens in the UKIT as an accurate barometer of things to come. It's right in the



Bennett Turned It Around In U of L Game

middle of final exams and the team rarely gets to practice together as a unit during that time. And because it's so close to Christmas, the players have to be looking forward to going home and spending time with their families. While all the other students are enjoying their vacations, the players have to stick around and try to keep their minds on basketball. And although there are always four teams entered every year, I don't think anyone will ever confuse it with the Big Four Classic—it's hard to get up for teams like Miami, UNCC or Middle Tennessee. You can set your watch by it—just as sure as Christmas falls on the 25th, Kentucky will have a let-down and play flat during the UKIT.

As for the polls, and I know this is a cliché, but they really don't mean anything at this point in the season. The Wildcats could be

No. 1, or No. 100, and they would still play just as hard, just because of who they are. The pressure of wearing the Blue and White is always gonna be there.

You said while ago that Kentucky isn't playing up to its potential. What's the holdup?

The 'Cats just haven't put things together with their halfcourt offense yet. It would be easy to look at some of their scores—86 against Hawaii, 101 against Cincinnati, 82 against Indiana, 85 against Miami and 84 against UNCC—and jump to the conclusion that the offense is in high gear. But that's kinda misleading. Kentucky scores most of its points in bunches. And while I don't have a breakdown on it, I'd be willing to bet that the biggest part of UK's points come off the transition game.

To this point, if Kentucky doesn't score off the break, either Ed Davender or Rex Chapman will go one-on-one. And they've had some success. We just haven't seen UK work the ball around, milk the shot clock and get an easy bucket—something Eddie Sutton teams are known for. If you look back at the Indiana game, the Louisville game, the two games in the UKIT, the defenses were able to take Kentucky out of its offense. So far, strong individual play has been able to overcome that. But it won't always be that way, especially when UK gets on the road in the SEC.

Then how can you say that Sutton has to be pleased?

He has to be pleased with the defense. Chapman and Davender have picked up where they left off last year. He's already said that Rob Lock has shown more improvement from last year to this than any player he's ever coached. Cedric Jenkins, who's a starter for the first time in his career, and Richard Madison, who's now coming off the bench, have shown flashes of brilliance at times. Two freshmen, Eric Manuel and LeRon Ellis, have shown that they can play major college ball. But the thing Sutton has to be happiest about is the play of Winston Bennett. Bennett is rounding into the form he displayed two years ago.

But after the Louisville game, I read in the Lexington Herald that Bennett's play had been suspect. What gives?

You did read that. I did, too. It just goes to show you that you can't believe everything you see in print.

What's that supposed to mean?

Nothing really. It's just that two people can watch the same game and come out with differing opinions. I thought the game Winston had against Louisville was the best he had played this season. Billy Reed, who wrote a column following the game, didn't. To be fair to Billy, though, I think his biggest gripe was that Bennett fouled out after playing just 24 minutes. But that's Bennett's style, he's gonna get in foul trouble sometimes. There's no way to avoid it.

I just felt that what Winston did in those 24 minutes would give him the confidence he needed to continue his comeback. I think it has. Against U of L, he started taking, and making, the outside shot for the first time this season. In earlier games, when he would get the ball out on the wing, he didn't seem to want to pull the trigger. But against the Cards he scored nine of UK's first 13 points, seven of them from the outside. Then he scored 45 points in the two-game UKIT, including a career-high 28 against Miami, and again, most of his points came from outside. It's also significant that he was guilty of overguarding only twice in the two games.

Everybody knew Bennett could play the way he is now, but what about Lock? What's gotten into him this season?

I think he's finally beginning to mature. Last summer, he decided to dedicate himself in the weight room and in pickup games. He knew it was his last year and he wanted to make a name for himself.

And, after the booing incidents of a year ago, I think he realized that public opinion isn't everything. When he saw how fickle fans really are, he decided to stop playing for Joe Blow and start playing for Rob Lock.

Getting off to such a fast start, scoring 18 points and being perfect from the free throw line in the first two games, didn't hurt, either.

Speaking of Lock's free throw shooting, he's 33 for 38 this season. That's 86.8 percent, exactly 39 percentage points better than his career total entering the season. How do you explain that?

I have no idea. He's like "Mr. Automatic" this year. Some things—Bobby Knight's behavior, officiating and Lock's newfound mastery of the charity toss are three that come to mind—just escape my comprehension.

You brought up Richard Madison's name. Which is the real Madison—the wimp Sports Illustrated's Curry Kirkpatrick spoke about, or the he-man that pulled down 16 rebounds against UNCC?

Probably somewhere in between. I don't expect Richard to be the non-factor he was in UK's first couple of games, nor the wild man he was against Charlotte, every time out. But I do expect his

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Wildcats Talk About Close-Call With 49'ers

Following are postgame quotes from several UK players after the 84-81 victory over UNC-Charlotte Saturday night:

REX CHAPMAN

(About UNCC possibly winning on a second or third attempt at the basket, much like Kentucky did against Louisville)

Chapman: Coach brought that up in the huddle. We thought about it and he said if you don't get beat on the first shot then you can get beat on the second shot. Rob (Lock) did a great job of getting the rebound. Of course, he got tied up and the arrow was pointing the other way.

(About the play where Byron Dinkins was called for traveling. UNCC coach Jeff Mullins says Dinkins doesn't walk)

Chapman: I don't really know (what happened). He got called for a couple of walks last night, didn't he? I couldn't really see it because I was blocked out, and the referee made the call. There were a couple of them there late in the game that could have gone either way.

(About UNCC's ability to hit the three-point shot)

Chapman: They were hitting some great shots. At first we weren't getting a hand in their face but in the second half I think we had a hand (in their face) in every one of their three-pointers. They were just hitting some big-time shots.

(About the play of Dinkins)

Chapman: He's an excellent player. We heard that he's averaging five assists to go along with 21 points. He's an unselfish player. That stat proves that. He just does so much for his team.

(About the upcoming break)

Chapman: I disagree (with Richard Madison's comment on not wanting a break). I'm looking forward to going home for a couple of days.

(About Winston Bennett being a force in the UKIT)

Chapman: So far this year a lot of teams have been picking out Ed and I to shade, which is leaving an open spot on the floor for our "three man," who happens to be Winston. Winston had been a little reluctant whether or not to shoot the ball. I think he's been kinda caught in-between. But starting last night (against Miami) he just started jumping up there with confidence and knocking it (jump shot) with confidence, which everybody knew he could. He continued doing that tonight.

RICHARD MADISON

(About if he saw the play which Dinkins was whistled for traveling in the final moments)

Madison: Well, I was sitting (on the bench) with a cramp in my foot, so I can't really make a comment on that.

(About having a good game—nine points, 16 rebounds)

Madison: I was hurt (physically) earlier and I went in and talked to Coach earlier today. We discussed a lot of things. He just told me to come out tonight and play with a lot of confidence, get in the flow of the game, and not to worry about my mistakes. I was able to do that and ended up playing a pretty good game. So, I feel a lot better about myself.

(About his foot cramp)

Madison: It's kinda nagging sometimes, but most of the pain has gone away. It wasn't my foot that got hurt (in preseason) but late in the second half it was a foot cramp. It wasn't really a bothersome-type injury.

(About the upcoming Christmas break)

Madison: I'm not excited about the break. It's good to get a couple of days off to go see your family and everything. But I don't think the players want to stay away too long, because when you come back Coach will want you to get back in shape and most of the players don't look forward to that.

How to influence an 18-year-old.

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Southeastern Conference in Academic All-SEC selections. Since 1983, Kentucky has had 37 Academic All-SEC selections to lead the league. Next, in order, are Ole Miss 33, Vanderbilt 31, Florida 28, Auburn 21, Georgia 21, Mississippi State 19, Tennessee 18, LSU 15 and Alabama 14.

□The four UK players chosen to the Associated Press All-SEC team were the most Wildcat selections in one season since 1979. Tailback Mark Higgs, defensive tackle Jerry Reese, offensive guard Dermontti Dawson and offensive tackle Greg Kunkel were all second-team choices, the most UK representatives on the Associated Press All-SEC teams since split end Felix Wilson, offensive guard Tom Kearns, nose guard Richard Jaffe, and defensive back Larry Carter were tabbed in 1979.

Seniors Dominate '87 UK Football Honors

Jerry Reese, Sr., DT: Coaches All-SEC team. . . First team UPI All-SEC. . . Second team AP All-SEC. . . Honorable mention All-American (Football News, AP). . . Blue-Gray Game. . . UK outstanding defensive lineman in 1987. . . Named UK Defensive Lineman of the Week against Rutgers, Ole Miss, LSU, Virginia Tech, Vanderbilt.

Mark Higgs, Sr., TB: Second-team AP All-SEC. . . Honorable mention All-American (Football News, AP). . . UK most valuable senior and outstanding offensive back in 1987. . . Named SEC Co-Offensive Player of the Week and UK outstanding offensive back in 1987. . . Named SEC Co-Offensive Player of the Week vs. Ole Miss. . . UK Offensive Back of the Week vs. Utah State, Ohio, Ole Miss, Georgia, Virginia Tech, Vanderbilt and Tennessee. . . Academic All-SEC. . . Blue-Gray Game and Hula Bowl.

Dermontti Dawson, Sr., OG: Second-team AP All-SEC. . . Honorable mention All-American (Football News, AP). . . Blue-Gray Game and Senior Bowl. . . UK outstanding offensive lineman and Permanent Co-Captain. . . Named Offensive Lineman of the Week against Utah State, LSU, Georgia, Vanderbilt and Florida.

Greg Kunkel, Sr., OT: Second-team AP All-SEC. . . Honorable mention All-American (Football News, AP). . . UK Offensive Lineman of the Week vs. Indiana, Rutgers, Ole Miss, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee.

Jeff Kremer, Sr., LB: Named Permanent Co-Captain and UK outstanding defensive back in 1987. . . Named UK Defensive Back of the Week vs. Utah State, Ohio, Ole Miss, Georgia and Florida.

Brad Myers, Sr., C: Academic All-SEC. . . Named as UK's Ungsung Hero selection. . . UK Offensive Lineman of the Week vs. Ole Miss.

Kevin Dooley, Sr., QB: Academic All-SEC. . . UK Offensive Back of the Week vs. Indiana and Rutgers.

Tim Jones, Sr., SE: Academic All-SEC. . . UK Offensive Back of the Week vs. Rutgers and LSU.

Joey Worley, Sr., PK: Named to UK Outstanding kicking game award. . . Awarded UK Kicking Game of the Week honors vs. Utah State, Indiana, LSU and Tennessee.

Jim Hill, Jr., C: Academic All-SEC. . . UK Scholastic Award in 1987.

Mike Robinson, Sr., DE: Academic All-SEC.

Ken Willis, So., PK: Academic All-SEC. . . UK Kicking Game of the Week honors vs. Virginia Tech.

Chris Tolbert, Fr., CB: Knoxville News-Sentinel Freshman All-SEC team.

It's Time For Bowl Game Predictions, Again

Look For Miami To Take Home National Title

Well, it's that time again. The time of the year where college basketball takes a back seat, and is replaced on center stage with the traditional football bowl extravaganzas. For the second consecutive season, one bowl game will result in one team being crown-



Todd Hallum

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ed as college football's national champion. Despite some arguments from the undefeated, untied Syracuse Orangemen, the showdown for No. 1 will take place in Miami's Orange Bowl when No. 1 Oklahoma meets No. 2 Miami.

Despite public pressure for a national-championship playoff, it doesn't appear college football will change its traditional method with postseason bowl games. Like the old saying: If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Now let's dust off the old crystal ball and see what will be happen in the remaining postseason bowls:

SUN BOWL—Oklahoma State vs. West Virginia: With Tulane already being the first 6-5 team to attain a bowl invitation, West Virginia becomes the second. Though Don Nehland's squad has not gone bowling the past few seasons, his Mountaineers have been extremely competitive this season. Of WVU's five losses, four have been by a margin of less than a touchdown. Oklahoma State, on the other hand, padded a 9-2 record with a rather mediocre schedule. OSU has the better team, but something tells me WVU has the better coach, especially in bowls. The Mounties in an upset.

Prediction: West Virginia by 4.

ALOHO BOWL—UCLA vs. Florida: The early oddsmakers haven't given Florida, at 6-5, much of a chance, making the Bruins prohibitive favorites. Florida, on the other hand, doesn't have much to say about this season except for an early-season win over Alabama on the road. One thing is for sure, however; you are not going to see two better running backs on the same football field this bowl season. Emmitt Smith of Florida and UCLA's Gaston Green are two of the best in the country. When two teams are soaking up the sun and relaxation of Hawaii, it's always tough to get a gauge on how they will approach the game mentally. This will mean a lot for Kerwin Bell, who will be out to prove his skeptics wrong for saying he was overrated this year. UCLA suffers from the RBL Syndrome (Rose Bowl Letdown, having lost the last game of the season to USC). In another upset, Bell and Galen Hall get the job done.

Prediction: Florida by 3.

LIBERTY BOWL—Arkansas vs. Georgia: For this one, I'm turning my prediction over to former Arkansas head basketball coach Eddie Sutton. It seems the UK coach spoke of his beloved Hogs when a member of the media asked about college basketball teams such as Oklahoma and Michigan running up the score on weaker opponents. Sutton answered that he saw Miami coach Jimmy Johnson beat Arkansas 51-7, while showing restraint in not running up the score. Sutton said the score could have been 80-0. Well, if it's good enough for Eddie, it's good enough for me.

Prediction: Georgia by 16.

HOLIDAY BOWL—Iowa vs. Wyoming: For you trivia buffs, when was the last time Wyoming had a winning bowl team in football and an NCAA tournament club in basketball during the same season? I can't even think that far back, nor would I want to. It won't happen this year, either. Iowa learned a valuable lesson last season by taking underdog San Diego State lightly, escaping with a last-second field goal. This year, they won't. Look for Hayden Fry's boys roll it up over the Cowboys.

Prediction: Iowa by 22.

FREEDOM BOWL—Arizona State vs. Air Force: One very interesting point from this game is that both opposing coaches—John Cooper of Arizona State and Fisher DeBerry of Air Force—were candidates for the vacancy opened when North Carolina coach Dick Crum resigned. Not telling how this will affect this outcome in Anaheim, Calif., where the crowds have been sparse. But Arizona State could be taking it easy playing golf every day at noon and not turning its entire attention to the Flyboys. Especially coming off such a discouraging tie with in-state rival Arizona, when a botched punt cost the Sun Devils a sure victory. Besides, how can you pick a team which plays most of its games when most peo-

ple are tucked away in beds sleeping? Gametime is scheduled for 9 p.m., EST, so the Sun Devils may have a tough time adjusting. The Air Force saves our skies and protects our country.

Prediction: Air Force by 6.

GATOR BOWL—LSU vs. South Carolina: By far the best matchup of all the non-New Year's Day bowls. South Carolina was certainly playing its best ball during the later stages of the season, with a 20-7 victory over Clemson and a tough 20-16 loss to No. 2 Miami. LSU, on the other hand, struggled against Tulane while losing talented Harvey Williams for the season because of a knee injury. Carolina's Todd Ellis and LSU's Todd Hodson are two of the premier quarterbacks in college football and both will return next season. A comparative score says take the Tigers, since the Gamecocks lost to Georgia while LSU beat Vince Dooley's club. LSU has the better all-around team and will be out to atone for the shellacking it received from Nebraska during last year's Sugar Bowl.

Prediction: LSU by 7.

BLUEBONNET BOWL—Pitt vs. Texas: One of the better eastern teams will be tackling a Texas team that really hasn't beaten a quality team all season. A last-second win over Arkansas is all Texas has got to show this season. They will be facing a bowl-hungry Pitt squad directed by Mike Gottfried. Texas won't be able to handle the balanced Pitt attack led by Craig "Iron Head" Heyward.

Prediction: Pitt by 18.

FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL—Penn State vs. Clemson: Nobody in their right mind could pick a Clemson team which looked so bad against South Carolina before a nationwide ESPN audience to wrap up its regular season. Though Danny Ford's teams usually play better in bowl games, it's hard to go against Joe Paterno. Paterno's teams are extremely tough in bowls. Just ask last year's Miami bunch, losers to PSU in the Fiesta Bowl. Tradition holds here.

Prediction: Penn State by 14.

COTTON BOWL—Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M: Kind of hard to stay objective in this one because of a serious dislike for the way Jackie Sherrill handles his Texas A&M program. For some reason, "probation" and "controversy" are two words that quickly come to mind. Tim Brown will prove why he is the best college football player in the country, at Sherrill's expense.

Prediction: Notre Dame by 21.

SUGAR BOWL—Syracuse vs. Auburn: This game is a big question mark with the status of two Auburn starters still pending investigation of allegations of association with an agent. However, Auburn has yet to prove it can stop potent passing attacks. That was evident during the 20-20 tie with Tennessee and the pasting it received from Florida State. Syracuse's dynamic signal caller, Don McPherson, will be out to show why he should have been given the nod for the Heisman Trophy. The Orangemen want the right to make a legitimate claim for the national title. Syracuse has shut up its critics all year long—why should they stop in the Superdome? After all, all of its home games are played indoors.

Prediction: Syracuse by 4.

FIESTA BOWL—Nebraska vs. Florida State: I don't care what the polls say, the Seminoles are the best college football team in the country. Though Bobby Bowden may still have nightmares about his decision to go for two in a spectacular game with Miami, a one-point loss which cost him this year's national title, this team is simply loaded. For once, Bowden has a defense to go along with his usual explosive offense. Meanwhile, Nebraska will suffer from OL. That's Oklahoma Letdown. FSU proves who really is No. 1.

Prediction: Florida State by 17.

ROSE BOWL—Michigan State vs. USC: The rumors of USC coach Larry Smith replacing Earle Bruce at Ohio State will have to effect the Trojans, whether he ultimately accepts the job or not. But needless to say, it's hard for one team to beat another twice in one season. Especially if it's a Big Ten team playing a Pac-10 club in the Rose Bowl. Why buck tradition anyway?

Prediction: USC by 10.

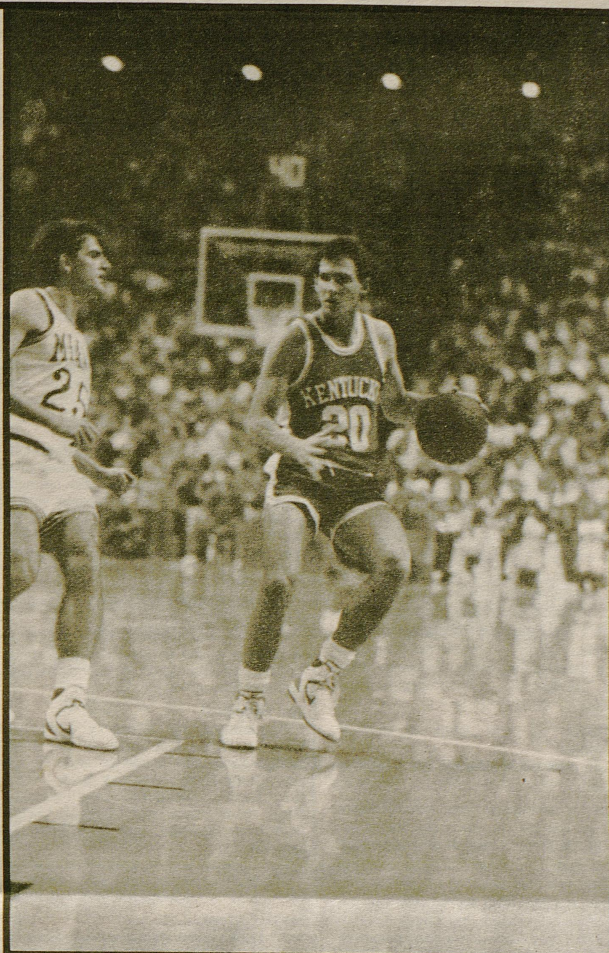
HALL OF FAME BOWL—Alabama vs. Michigan: Two of college football's classier coaches will be spotlighted for this bowl in Tampa, Fla. Hopefully, Michigan coach Bo Schembechler will be in excellent condition following a heart-bypass operation performed Dec. 15. What's interesting here is that despite all of the tradition both teams possess, each one is considered to be less than successful in bowl games. So, let's go with 'Bama because Schembechler has job security, something Bill Curry doesn't.

Prediction: Alabama by 8.

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Mike Scott Chipped In With Four Points Against Miami



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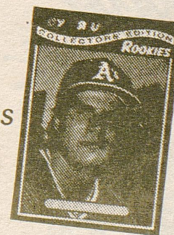
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performances to resemble the latter more than the former. Richard requested a meeting with Sutton the morning of the UNCC game, and I think they got some things straightened out.

Madison had a pretty painful foot injury in the preseason, and I think he's just now beginning to overcome that. I look for Richard to be a big factor from here on out. But I'd feel better if...

If what?

If somebody could dig up a season ticket for Herbert Madison.

Herbert Madison?

Yeah, he's Richard's uncle from Memphis. It just seems like Richard plays a lot better when Herbert's in the stands. He's been on hand for a lot of Richard's best games, including Saturday night's "Chairman of the Boards" performance.

Let me change the subject for a minute. What's the one thing that has impressed you the most this season at Rupp Arena, and the one thing that has been most disappointing?

The most impressive thing at Rupp so far this year was probably the pre-Victorian Dance Cats (before the UK administration forced them to tone down their costumes). And, I hate to agree with sportswriter Tom Wallace, but by far the most disturbing turn of events at Rupp this season has been placing a cheerleading banner alongside UK's NIT, NCAA and other championship banners.

Thought we were going to stick to basketball.

Yeah, sorry. But I thought that needed to be said.

I've got time for just one more question: How do you see the rest of the season unfolding? Will the 'Cats roll to another SEC title en route to the Final Four in Kansas City?

That's two questions, but I'll answer both of them anyway. They still need to iron out that offensive problem, but I think that will come. For the first time in a couple of years, Sutton has replaced the three-guard offense with a more traditional look. And then you have Jenkins and Bennett in the starting lineup with Chapman, Davender and Lock for the first time. It might take a while, but I think the chemistry will develop. It almost has to. This team probably spends more time together than any other at UK. Sutton's already put the team through an extended two-a-day practice schedule this year, including double duty on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

UK's got a good chance to get to Kansas City, but it surely won't be a cakewalk. Neither will the SEC race. We'll find out soon enough, but Florida, Georgia, Vandy and maybe even Tennessee will have something to say about it. But as Sutton likes to say, there are about 25 teams that have a chance to get to Kansas City and UK is one of them. I have to agree with him.



Wildcats

Bob Watkins

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Did Jerry Claiborne have anything to do with Holcomb's commercial?

"Naw, naw. But, I appreciate those things," the UK coach said, laughing.

If McCune, who has a 3.6 grade point average and in the words of his coach "is an outstanding football player and a good citizen," is anything like the last southeastern Kentucky lineman to sign with UK, then Claiborne has done well. Vic Adams, a junior-to-be from Middlesboro, should project as an All-SEC player next year.

And Reedy? It says here that Kentucky — if it signs Reedy come February — got an outstanding prospect.

Because Reedy—who is 6-5, 235, but could be up to 270 by the time he is a sophomore—is blessed with the sort of aptitude, skills and instincts that good offensive linemen must have to reach a high level of success, I believe he has the tools, especially the personality, to be as good as Dermontti Dawson, UK's most highly decorated senior offensive guard last season (All-SEC).

UK RECRUITING. Meanwhile, Claiborne says he's on the recruiting trail.

"We've got 25 openings this year," he said. "We've had lots of players in and they've had good visits here. But I'm sure they've had other good visits too. We'll just have to wait and see. But I'm optimistic."

Mr. Football

Nominations for Kentucky High School's Mr. Football became official last week as the Associated Press Sports Editors Association made the final selections. The five finalists are: Craig Walker, running back from Louisville Fairdale; Kurt Barber, linebacker from Paducah Tilghman; Dwayne Depp, running back from Glasgow; Chris McNamee, defensive back from Pikeville; and Mike Wolfe, linebacker, Covington Catholic.

Mr. Football will be announced in February.

Criteria? A player must have distinguished himself on the field, in the classroom and in his community.

Parting shot

© UK's Jerry Claiborne has been under fire from fans throughout the state the last few weeks. Some have even suggested he be let go.

So, coach, what would you like for Christmas? Five blue chip football signings? A break in the schedule? How about a new contract?

"The thing I'd wish for," he said, "is peace on earth, good will toward men," Claiborne said. "That's what I want over and above football and all that other stuff."

And so it goes.

If you have a point of view you would like to share, write to Bob Watkins, *Sports In Kentucky* Rt. 1, Glendale, Ky. ■

Jamie Vaught

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(Former LSU player Jordy Hultberg was named to replace Dean as the color commentator?)

Conley: Yes. I was. I would have liked to be involved in it. But that was a decision that was made. It's not that I lack basketball games to do. I have plenty to do but I would liked to have been involved. You can't look back. You go on. There are other things to do. Besides UK games, I have a number of games contracted for the Metro Conference and the Atlantic 10. ESPN has hired me to work the SEC games. I will also do some games in the Big Eight for ESPN.

TCP: What has been the biggest change you have seen in the basketball program since you left UK in the late 1960s?

Conley: Yeah, the size of the place we played in (11,500-seat Memorial Coliseum). That's one thing. Secondly, the program has gotten enormous. This has become the single largest college basketball program in America. I mean there isn't a place that I go to that I don't have someone come up and ask me about UK's basketball program. I work in a lot of places (for television). Now, if you played somewhere else other than Kentucky, I don't think they would ask those questions. But you have to remember that this program has won more basketball games than any other program in the history of the game. That, in itself, says what you want to say about UK basketball. So, people want information from anyone who played there (at Kentucky) and was a part of it.

I think there are a lot of reasons. There is more TV exposure today. And when I played, only 11,500 people could get in. Now, you got 24,000 people who can get in. That, in itself, is a big change. I think basically that's it.

Dan Brandenburg

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goal percentage.

Chapman is hitting 87.5 percent (14 of 16) of his free throws, good for fourth in the league and just ahead of Rob Lock, who is at 87 percent on 20 of 23. Freshman Eric Manuel is 10th at 81.8 on 9 of 11.

Lock is also eighth in rebounding at 8.8 per game, LeRon Ellis is sixth in blocked shots with 1.5 per game and Chapman is sixth in steals with 2.5 per match.

As far as the team is concerned, UK leads the league in three of the 16 categories: free throw shooting, 77.7; turnover differential, 7.5 per game; and defense against three-point goals, 24.2 percent.

Also, scoring, second, 86.2; rebounds, eighth, 38.0; field goals, eighth, 46.5; scoring defense, sixth, 71.8; opponents' rebounds, seventh, 35.8; opponents' field goals, ninth, 46.0; three-point goals, ninth, 34.4; steals, second, 10.8; blocked shots, fourth, 4.5; opponents' free throws, ninth, 67.0; rebound margin, ninth, 2.2; scoring margin, fifth, 14.5; and field goal differential, fifth, 3.5.

Todd Hallum

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PEACH BOWL—Indiana vs. Tennessee: It should be a colorful affair in Atlanta, as both schools have sold out there full allotment of tickets for a bowl that has never drawn well traditionally. IU coach Bill Mallory was in the Tennessee press box as the Volunteers barely escaped an upset bid from Vanderbilt during the season finale. He might not have like what he saw from the Vols' offense. Tennessee has the better overall team speed and defense.

Prediction: Tennessee by 12.

ORANGE BOWL—Miami vs. Oklahoma: Ahhh, now this is what we've finally been waiting for. Will the Hurricanes blow yet another chance for the national title? You know, second chances are hard to come by. And Miami certainly has another second chance this season. I get the feeling Oklahoma left its best game in Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb., against the Cornhuskers. But from watching Miami this season, I'm not sure Miami has the better defense of the two teams. Besides, Jimmy Johnson owns Barry Switzer during the past two seasons, and in fact, Jimmy comes out on top during the television commercial with Barry where the two are trying to sell VCR football games. What else can you ask for?

Prediction: Miami by 13.

Larry Vaught

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Louisville Coach Denny Crum and former UK Coach Joe Hall when he was at the Louisville-Kentucky game.

"Those two guys really helped me a lot and have vital parts in my book," said Packer. "I think any college basketball fan will like the book. I took people who had been critical to the Final Four and used their stories."

With Packer's knowledge and involvement with college basketball, it should be quite a book.

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LAST YEAR 7-0 center Will Perdue of Vanderbilt was the SEC's dominant inside player. Vandy Coach C.M. Newton expects him to be even better this year.

"He's improved a lot and will continue to improve as long as he enjoys the game," said Newton. "He can run the court and is an excellent passer, especially from inside out and that's really crucial to getting three-point shots."

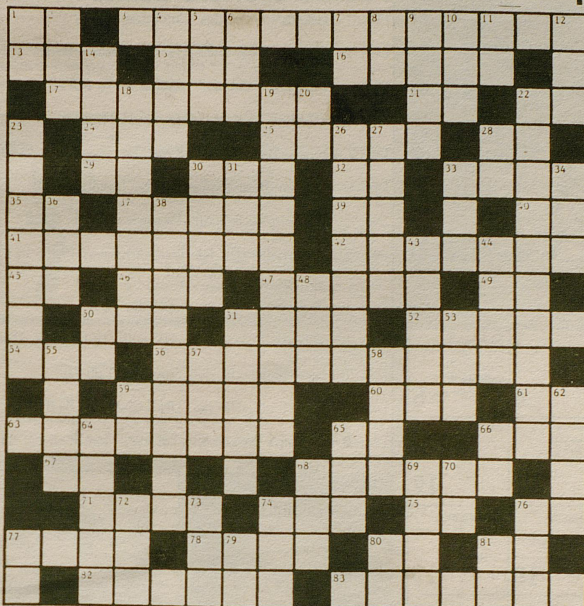
"We want him to be a more intimidating defensive player this year and a more consistent rebounder. He'll also do more offensively. He'll draw more attention but you will see him shoot the turnaround jumper. He's just an outstanding player and will be past college, too."

Kentucky fans get to see Perdue, who helped Vandy upset North Carolina earlier this year, when the Commodores visit Rupp Arena Dec. 31 to open SEC play for both teams.

"We start out with two big games against Vanderbilt and at Georgia (Jan. 2)," said UK assistant coach James Dickey. "We'll know a lot about where we stand in the conference after those two games."

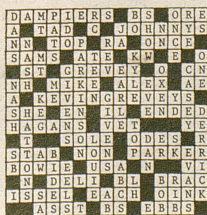
T C P Crossword Puzzle

By Dan Krueckeberg



THE CATS OF THE '60s

- 1 Initials of early-'60s Cat Deeken
3 Averaged 19.1 ppg in his senior year of '61-'62
13 Contender
15 It was great to be a _____ fan in the '60s
16 _____ Ray Lickert earned All-SEC honors
17 Cotton's teammate in '61-'62
21 Initials of 33 Down
22 Initials of Cats 6-34 senior in '63-'64
24 Scorecard abbr. for "position"
25 5-11 guard Randy
28 Former Auburn footballer Jackson
29 Initials of a former Cat gridiron coach
30 Month abbr.
31 First two of the five
33 _____ matter
35 Physician
37 Hot one
39 See 79 Down
40 Initials of '68-'69 Cats 16.9 ppg junior
41 Leading scorer of "Rupp's Runts"
42 _____ backcourt mate was 3 Across in '61-'62
45 _____ the paint
46 College frat
47 Soda fountain drinks
49 Big 8 state abbr.
50 Compass abbr.
51 '67-'68 scoring star Casey
52 Likeable mid-'60s Cat Conley
54 DNA relative in closing seconds
56 3-year letterman of the '60s
59 Dwarf
60 "Shake _____ bake"
61 Initials of early-'60s center Ned
63 _____ teammates included C.N., T.D. and S.B.
65 Initials of 51 Down
66 Abbr. for "United Services Organization"
67 Abbr. for school in Cambridge, MA
68 Was 6-5 sophomore Cat in '68-'69
71 Associate
74 Abbr. for "distance"
75 "He went _____ for the rebound"
76 Initials of a '60s All-American
77 First name of 1 Down
78 Nice to have in closing seconds
80 Symbol for "bromine"
81 Initials of the late-'60s scoring leader
82 Early-'60s Cat Roger
83 Dan Issel was a _____ machine
- 1 Initials of the center for "Rupp's Runts"
2 Poke
4 The _____ school sites include Durham, Raleigh and College Park
5 Cheer
6 Abbr. for "route"
7 C : young bear
8 NE state abbr.
9 Kill
10 Under the weather
11 Abbr. for "fiscal year"
12 Dampier _____ the Cats with 42 points in Vandy game in '66
14 Head man of the '60s Cats
18 Starting senior on '62-'63 Cats
19 Was 6-2 sophomore in '68-'69
20 Initials of '60s guard Mobley
22 _____ letter years were '64, '65 and '66
23 Led Cats in scoring in his sophomore and senior years
26 Cat guard on team with Cotton Nash
27 Respond
28 Initials of the '60s Cats 1st scoring king
30 Cotton was _____ to pull down 962 rebounds
31 "We" Reese
33 '68 Cat letterman Laib
34 "Rupp's Runts" were the _____ #1 team
36 1st name of a '60s Cat All-American
38 In same collegiate class as Dan Issel
43 Anagram for Leons
44 Wrongful act
48 Abbr. for "also known as"
50 Continent abbr.
51 Early-'60s 6-6 Cat Don
53 "Run _____ gun"
55 3-season scoring leader
57 Garden tool
58 Cotton had 30 rebounds in the _____ of 2/8/64
59 Initials of 19 Down
62 6-7 '60s Cat Adams
64 "To err is _____"
65 Abbr. for "delirium tremens"
66 Abbr. for "Union Electric"
68 Early-'60s guard Cohen
69 Prefix for "European"
70 Initials of a senior on Cats 23-3 squad of '61-'62
72 Fruit drink
73 Tree type
74 Was All-SEC Cat in '68 and '69
76 Abbr. for an Ohio city
77 Initials of 3-year '60s letterman Porter
79 Initials of '50s letterman Adkins
80 Initials of early-'60s guard Bennie
81 Initials of #44



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December

		Basketball: Cincinnati (H) Women's Basketball: Eastern (H)	1	2	3	4	Basketball: Big Four Classic: Indiana (N) Volleyball: N.C. State (H)	5
6	7	Women's Basketball: Tenn. Tech. (H)	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14		15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	Women's Basketball: Morehead (H)	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	Basketball: Alaska (H) Women's Basketball: Cincinnati (H)	29	30	31			

Previous Games

- Dec. 1: Basketball—UK def. Cincinnati 101-77
 Dec. 1: Women's Basketball—UK def. Eastern 96-79
 Dec. 5: Basketball—UK def. Indiana 82-76 (OT)
 Dec. 5: Volleyball—UK def. N.C. St. 15-13, 15-5, 15-8
 Dec. 7: Women's Basketball—UK def. Tennessee Tech 78-69
 Dec. 9: Women's Basketball—UK def. Indiana 75-68
 Dec. 11: Women's Basketball—Western def. UK 80-56
 Dec. 11: Volleyball—UK def. Texas-Arlington 13-15, 15-13, 15-11, 18-16
 Dec. 12: Basketball—UK vs. Louisville 76-75
 Dec. 12: Volleyball—Texas def. UK 9-15, 15-12, 15-9, 15-4
 Dec. 18: Basketball—UK def. Miami (O.) 85-71
 Dec. 19: Basketball—UK def. UNC-Charlotte 84-81
 Dec. 20: Women's Basketball—UK def. Morehead 101-83



Eddie Sutton



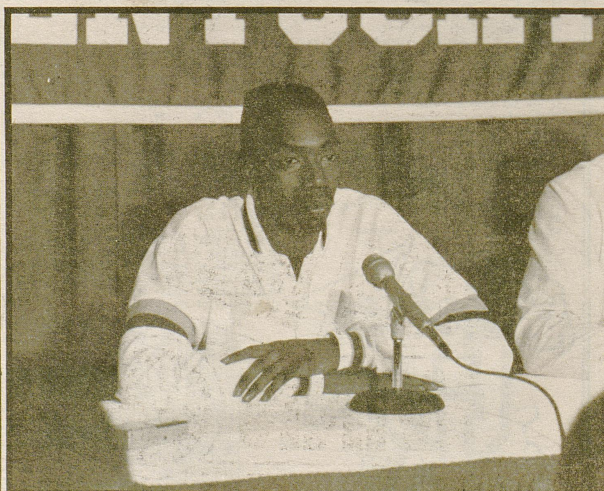
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Rules Must Adjust To Pro-Minded Athletes

Pocket Cash For Players Would Help Matters

Ever since college football began to attract the student body and adjacent community to the games for entertainment, pressure has developed for the teams to win, especially against their traditional rivals.



Scoop Hudgins

Cats' Pause Columnist

Admirers love to display their support to the stars. Early, other students treated them at the soda shops and favored them at campus dances. Merchants would give them movie passes and discount other items to them.

To some players their work on the field was worth more than classroom duty, and they cashed in on their athletic ability. "Tramp athletes" developed who moved from school to school, sometimes even playing as a "ringer" on a team other than their own.

This tendency of top players to work at their athletic skills instead of studies and to take the most immediately-rewarding "deal" offered, by school, alumnus or pro agent, has ballooned in this age of TV sports. The money has zoomed from a few dollars or extra tickets to thousands now and promises of millions.

Most of the new pro-minded athletes go for it.

Agent Jim Abernethy revealed in Atlanta this week that he had paid nine college athletes with eligibility remaining. Five are from the Southeastern area—footballers Kevin Porter and Tracy Rocker at Auburn, Riccardo Ingram at Georgia Tech and basketballers Marvin Alexander and Sylvestre Gray at Memphis State.

ABERNETHY CLAIMS 80 PERCENT of the top 330 senior football players have accepted money from agents. He says, "There isn't a clean program in the country."

Another agent says, "That's totally absurd." Another estimates 20 percent. Still another feels Abernethy may be right. Jim Solano says, "In my 18 years, it's almost always substantially more than half."

Abernethy blames the unrealistic NCAA rules, whose athletic scholarships are limited to tuition, books and fees, plus room and board. No money for laundry or dry cleaning, nor other daily essentials. Athletes are not allowed to earn money during the school year, though persons on other scholarships can—music, theater, art, engineering, band, etc.

The impractical rules and the uneven application of them is frustrating. For instance, Pittsburgh footballers Charles Gladman and Teryl Austin took money from an agent. They were declared ineligible, but Austin repaid the agent \$2,500, then was suspended for two games, and returned to the team.

From the 1940s for several years forward, NCAA rules allowed \$15 per month to be attached to the athletic scholarships for cost of laundry and other essentials. It was most helpful to athletes whose families could not afford to help them, but that was cut in an economy move.

A return to that program, in some form (I suggest \$100 per month) would remove much stress from the penniless student-athlete. When the good athlete needs money, he strains the rules to get it. His coach also strains the rules to help him. The AD trusts the coach to strain, but not break, for the good of the team. The president trusts the AD to run a clean program.

WHEN THESE TWO TENDENCIES toward dishonesty—an athlete who lies for cash and a college which will cheat to win—exist at the same school, a smooth professional agent can become the catalyst. Boom! And they're all off to a life of personal shame, known to be dishonest and untrustworthy.

Abernethy said he was disgusted by the hypocrisy of college sports.

"I came into this business because I truly love sports," he said, "but I started to see a lot I don't like. It was getting hard to look in the mirror."

Do the players, coaches, AD's and presidents enjoy looking in the mirror?

COACHES' CORNER

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with confidence. I told him if he missed a couple of shot, that's OK. I told him to play defense. I said, "Richard, I've seen you play great games before, I know you can play, and I'm going to give you this opportunity. It was a "do-better-talk," but in a very positive manner. He responded. I wish I could give a talk like that to everybody. It makes me feel good and I know it makes him feel very good. His teammates were elated. They were all over there patting him on the back and telling him how much they appreciated his efforts tonight.

Question: What do you need to do to get better as a team?

Sutton: The biggest problem we have right now is the same one I've been telling you in the press conference—we've got to do a better job offensively. We've got to do a better job on our shot selection. We've got to handle the ball a little longer and not put up it up so quickly, even though it might not be a bad shot. The shot comes too quickly and we end up having exert so much energy on the defensive end. You can rest a little bit at the offensive end and you can tire the opposition out by handling the ball for seven, eight, nine, 10 passes sometimes. We've got to become a little more disciplined at the offensive end than what we have shown thus far.

Question: In terms of long-range goals, does it ease your mind to see Richard finally break out of his slump?

Sutton: Well, we kept hoping that he would do that, because he has done it before. We've got to get him to where... if he's done it once then he can do it again. That's what we've got to really try to emphasize to him and have... is for him to be consistent. We'll see how he plays the next time out. Perhaps he won't play as well (as he did against UNCC) but if he can play nearly that well then we'll be pleased. It does give us a lot of confidence. I've said all along that our bench is strong. We need to get Jenkins to play like he did last Saturday (against Louisville) and the Saturday before that (against Indiana), and get Richard to play like he did today. We know LeRon (Ellis) is going to get better. I thought Eric (Manuel) came in again tonight and played very well for us. He didn't act like a freshman out there on the court. We've (also) got some other players. We put Reggie (Hanson) in there because he has long arms and we could give Ed (Davender) a little bit of a blow, and maybe that would bother (Byron) Dinkins. He did all right, but the guy started jukin' on him a little bit. He fell down and the guy came down and hit a three-point play. But that can happen to anyone. Dinkins is a fine player. He's very quick. A great shooter. A great scorer.

Question: Back to offensive patience, were you happier with you team's second-half performance?

Sutton: I thought we did a better job in the second half. Even then, though, when we had a five- or six-point lead there were a couple of times we created too quickly. I'm not against a player creating a one-on-one situation and letting it go... someone like (Rex) Chapman or Davender. Sometimes you can do it too quickly—not on the first or second pass.

Question: You've said that you've noticed teams gunning for Kentucky because they're Kentucky. Have you noticed it even more because your squad is ranked No. 1?

Sutton: I certainly have. Don't you notice it? I thought last night and tonight those two teams played about as hard and as well as they can play.

Question: In the last two games Winston Bennett has had only two fouls. Have you been talking to him any more lately in regard to staying out of foul trouble?

Sutton: We've talked to him. He's going to foul because he's aggressive. The point we've tried to drive home is "Let's try to eliminate the cheap fouls." He did that over the weekend. We hope that continues because that was very encouraging.

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Last Week		19-6 (.760)	18-7 (.720)	19-6 (.760)	19-6 (.760)	21-4 (.840)	19-6 (.760)
Season Total		58-17 (.773)	58-17 (.773)	59-16 (.787)	58-17 (.773)	62-13 (.827)	58-17 (.773)
ALASKA AT KENTUCKY		KENTUCKY 30	KENTUCKY 17	KENTUCKY 23	KENTUCKY 28	KENTUCKY 22	KENTUCKY 20
EAST CAROLINA AT VANDERBILT		VANDERBILT 14	VANDERBILT 12	VANDERBILT 19	VANDERBILT 24	VANDERBILT 12	VANDERBILT 16
MIAMI (O.) vs. CORNELL (Music City Inv.)		MIAMI 11	MIAMI 3	MIAMI 6	MIAMI 11	MIAMI 3	MIAMI 2
ALABAMA vs. CENTRAL FLORIDA (Citrus)		ALABAMA 12	ALABAMA 10	ALABAMA 24	ALABAMA 9	ALABAMA 7	ALABAMA 2
PITTSBURGH vs. FLORIDA STATE (Citrus)		PITT 8	PITT 14	PITT 8	PITT 8	PITT 10	PITT 6
VILLANOVA vs. AUBURN (Cotton States)		AUBURN 6	AUBURN 11	AUBURN 14	AUBURN 7	AUBURN 5	AUBURN 2
WILLIAM & MARY vs. GA. TECH (Cotton States)		GA. TECH 12	GA. TECH 19	GA. TECH 21	GA. TECH 19	GA. TECH 17	GA. TECH 6
MICHIGAN ST. vs. ARIZONA (Fiesta Bowl Tour.)		ARIZONA 17	ARIZONA 14	ARIZONA 11	ARIZONA 14	ARIZONA 8	ARIZONA 4
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ARMY AT TENNESSEE (Volunteer Classic)		TENNESSEE 6	TENNESSEE 12	TENNESSEE 13	TENNESSEE 20	TENNESSEE 9	TENNESSEE 10
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MISSISSIPPI ST. vs. HAWAII (Rainbow Classic)		MISS. STATE 2	MISS. STATE 11	MISS. STATE 5	MISS. STATE 1	MISS. STATE 1	MISS. STATE 10
ARIZONA ST. vs. TEXAS A&M (Rainbow Cl.)		ARIZ. STATE 6	ARIZ. STATE 7	TEXAS A&M 2	ARIZ. STATE 2	ARIZ. STATE 2	ARIZ. STATE 2
LOUISVILLE vs. SMU (Rainbow Classic)		LOUISVILLE 12	LOUISVILLE 1	LOUISVILLE 2	LOUISVILLE 5	LOUISVILLE 3	LOUISVILLE 3
CREIGHTON vs. N.C. STATE (Rainbow Classic)		N.C. STATE 7	N.C. STATE 10	N.C. STATE 12	N.C. STATE 8	N. C. STATE 8	N.C. STATE 4
OKLAHOMA vs. ORAL ROBERTS (All-College)		OKLAHOMA 18	OKLAOMA 21	OKLAHOMA 40	OKLAHOMA 29	OKLAHOMA 8	OKLAHOMA 4
ILLINOIS STATE vs. IOWA (All-College)		IOWA 17	IOWA 14	IOWA 13	IOWA 16	IOWA 10	IOWA 6
MICHIGAN vs. CLEMSON (South Fla. Inv.)		MICHIGAN 12	MICHIGAN 13	MICHIGAN 9	MICHIGAN 15	MICHIGAN 9	MICHIGAN 4
SO. FLORIDA vs. FLORIDA INT. (South Fla.)		S. FLORIDA 1	S. FLORIDA 4	S. FLORIDA 5	FLA. INT. 1	S. FLORIDA 3	S. FLORIDA 1
KANSAS vs. MEMPHIS STATE (ECAC)		KANSAS 10	KANSAS 2	KANSAS 3	MEMPHIS ST. 3	MEMPHIS ST. 5	MEMPHIS ST. 1
ST. JOHN'S vs. MARIST (ECAC)		ST. JOHN'S 6	ST. JOHN'S 12	ST. JOHN'S 18	ST. JOHN'S 8	ST. JOHN'S 7	ST. JOHN'S 6
PENNSYLVANIA vs. INDIANA (Hoosier Classic)		INDIANA 21	INDIANA 22	INDIANA 21	INDIANA 24	INDIANA 11	INDIANA 6
STANFORD vs. CAL-SANTA BARBARA		STANFORD 8	STANFORD 14	STANFORD 4	STANFORD 9	STANFORD 5	STANFORD 3
LSU AT UNLV (UNLV Classic)		UNLV 6	UNLV 3	UNLV 10	UNLV 6	UNLV 6	UNLV 15
VANDERBILT AT KENTUCKY		KENTUCKY 7	KENTUCKY 11	KENTUCKY 7	KENTUCKY 10	KENTUCKY 5	KENTUCKY 2

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

One Year Ago

*It was a combination of things which enabled Kentucky to capture the 34th annual UKIT, defeating Boston 81-69. For instance UK was propelled by: a) Freshman Rex Chapman's downtown jumpers; b) Ed Davender's slashing moves resulting in plenty of buckets; c) Forward Richard Madison and his ability to hit 10 of 11 free throws and grab a game-high 15 boards and d) Eventually, four Boston University players fouled out, while another player had four.

"We were in trouble there for a little while," said Wildcat head coach Eddie Sutton, who is in his second season at Kentucky. "Once I looked up and there was less than eight minutes left in the ballgame and we were in trouble (trailing 58-57). The final score is not indicative of how close that game was."

The 'Cats even trailed 62-61 with 6:17 left

in the championship contest. Nevertheless, the come-from-behind win marked the Wildcats' 26 conquest of the UKIT championship trophy. Chapman finished the game with a game-high 26 points while steady Ed Davender scored 23. For his efforts throughout the tourney (36 points, six assists) Davender was named the UKIT's Most Valuable Player. Chapman was selected to the all-tournament squad.

Eight Years Ago

*The Kentucky Wildcats made it eight wins in a row and 1-0 in the Southeastern Conference by blowing out an undefeated Georgia team 95-69 before 16,000 fans in Atlanta. The Bulldogs led 25-23 before the 'Cats reeled off 16 straight points and exploded to a 45-28 lead by the half. Overall, the Wildcats hit 43 of 69 shots for a sizzling 62.3 percent from the floor. The guards led the way as Kyle Macy hit 12 of 18 attempts from the field for

28 points and Dwight Anderson scored 20 points. Georgia's Dominique Wilkins contributed 21 to lead the Bulldog attack.

*Kentucky offensive line coach Jon Mirilovich has resigned his post on Fran Curci's staff and accepted the position of offensive coordinator at Louisiana State University.

*Kerry Baird, a 6-foot-2, 185-pound all-state receiver from Franklin-Simpson High School, has signed an SEC letter-of-intent with Kentucky. He is the eighth in-state signee for UK.

*Joe B. Hall's Wildcats held on to win this year's UKIT, downing a tough Purdue team 61-60 in the championship contest. Hall called Purdue "the best team we have faced." The Boilermakers led 56-53 with 3:43 left, but the 'Cats came back and held on with some clutch free throw shooting behind tournament MVP Kyle Macy and Fred Cowan. Those two led Kentucky with 18 points apiece. You'll recall that Macy transferred to Kentucky from Purdue and as a sophomore helped the Wildcats capture the national title in 1978. Lee Rose's Boilermakers were led by All-America center Joe Barry Carroll, who scored 25 points.

*UK did not play well, but still managed to down California 78-52 in the first round of the UKIT. Kentucky was lifeless throughout but still managed to take a 40-28 lead by the half over the outmanned visitors. LaVon Williams and Kyle Macy led UK with 12 points. Fred Cowan had 11 points and 10 rebounds while Sam Bowie contributed 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Twelve Years Ago

*The Wildcats moved up to 18th in the United Press International poll. Indiana is the No. 1 team in the country followed by Maryland.

*Top-ranked Indiana was forced into overtime before defeating Kentucky 77-68 at Louisville's Freedom Hall. Coach Joe Hall was very pleased after his 'Cats almost knocked off Bobby Knight's undefeated Hoosiers. Kent Benson of Indiana sent the game into overtime when his desperation tip-in fell through the twine just prior to the regulation buzzer. Larry Johnson was outstanding for UK, scoring 16 points while Jack Givens poured in 20 points. Kentucky controlled the contest, leading 60-56 with under three minutes to go in regulation against the Veteran Hoosier squad.

*UK had a tough time but managed to capture its own University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament. In the first round, the 'Cats slipped by a stubborn Georgia Tech unit 64-62. It didn't get any easier in the championship contest as the 'Cats took home the trophy with an 82-74 conquest over Oregon State.

Seventeen Years Ago

*Kentucky's 6-11 sophomore center Jim Andrews came off the bench to spark a lackluster Wildcat team to an 84-78 win over Oregon State. Andrews had played only 14 minutes and hadn't scored in Kentucky's previous games. This time, however, he came in to score 19 points, all in the second half. Oregon State led at halftime 42-37. Mike Casey also scored 19 points and Kent Hollenbeck added 18.

*A fired-up Notre Dame team, led by the offensive wonders of Austin Carr, downed UK 99-92 in Louisville. Carr, playing what he called his best game, hit 21 of 32 shots and finished with 50 points. Sophomore Collis Jones contributed 25 points and 14 rebounds to the Irish cause. The Wildcats got 25 points from Mike Casey and 19 from

center Tom Payne. Larry Steele returned to the UK team following an injury to his hand and scored 15 points.

*The Marathon AAU team beat the Wildcat frosh 103-86 behind 35 points by Phil Argento. Rick Drewitz paced the Kittens with 25 points while Wendell Lyons scored 21 points and Ronnie Lyons 17.

Thirty-Two Years Ago

*Kentucky defeated Minnesota 72-65 in the first round of the UKIT. The Wildcats led 36-26 at the half. Center Bob Burrow scored 27 points, Gerry Calvert 16 and Jerry Bird 15.

*Refusing to crack under pressure, Dayton upset the Wildcats 89-74 in the championship contest of the UKIT. This marked the first time the Wildcats have ever lost in their own tournament. The defeat gives the 'Cats two home losses this year, the first time they have lost two home games since 1927. UK center and All-American Bob Burrow missed the



Larry Johnson

game with an injury. Jerry Bird scored 34 points for UK, Gerry Calvert 18 and Vern Hatten added 11. Ray Dieringer scored 25 for Dayton. Seven-foot center Bill Uhl scored 23 points and Jimmy Paxson drilled in 16.

*Wildcat tackle Bill Wheeler was named to the All-SEC scholastic team.

*Assistant Wildcat football coach Bill Moseley resigned to enter private business. Dominic Fucci, a former Kentucky baseball All-American, was recommended to succeed him.

*Kentucky is 13th this week in the Associated Press poll. San Francisco is first with this year's UKIT champ Dayton No. 2.

KENTUCKY

WILDCAT QUIZ

1. When was the last time Vanderbilt beat Kentucky on the hardwood?

- a) 1977
- b) 1979
- c) 1981
- d) 1982

2. Which Commodore played at the same high school which produced Kentucky linebacker Jeff Kremer?

- a) Barry Goheen
- b) Derrick Wilcox
- c) Scott Draud
- d) Frank Kornet

3. Vanderbilt coach C.M. Newton used to coach at which Kentucky college?

- a) Bellarmine
- b) Georgetown
- c) Transylvania
- d) Berea

4. True or False? In the Joe B. Hall era or during Eddie Sutton's stay in Lexington no UK team has lost to Vanderbilt in Rupp Arena.

5. How many Kentucky natives are on Vanderbilt's roster?

- a) one
- b) two
- c) three
- d) four

6. Who did C.M. Newton replace when he took over at Vanderbilt?

- a) Richard Schmidt
- b) Roy Skinner
- c) Mel Tillis
- d) Jim Hatfield

7. Which former UK great holds the Memorial Gym (Vandy's home court) record for the most free throws made in one game?

- a) Kyle Macy
- b) Kevin Grevey
- c) Kenny Walker
- d) Cotton Nash

8. True or False? Vanderbilt defeated national champion Indiana last season.

9. Which former Commodore holds the team record for the most rebounds in one game?

- a) Brett Burrow
- b) Clyde Lee
- c) Willie Jones
- d) Jan van Breda Kolff

10. True or False? Vanderbilt has never appeared in the NCAA tournament under Newton.



Answers

1. 1981 (Windy won 60-55 in SEC tourney)
2. Scott Draud (Fr. Thomas Highlands HS)
3. Transylvania
4. True
5. Four
6. Richard Schmidt
7. Cotton Nash (17 in 1962)
8. True
9. Clyde Lee (28)
10. True

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