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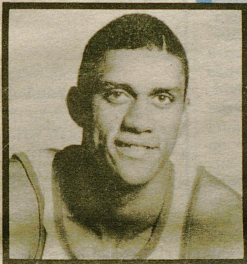
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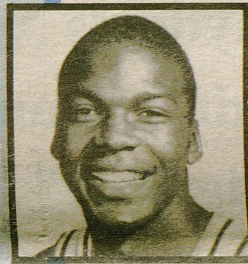
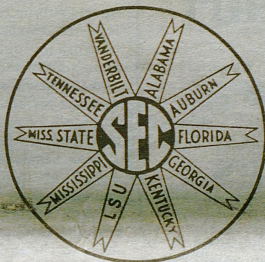
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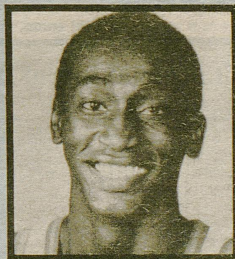
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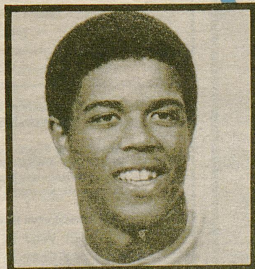
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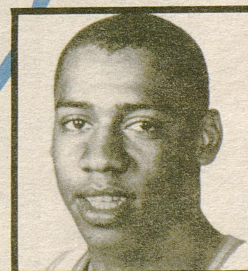
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KHSAA Expects Sell-Outs For Two Or More Tourney Sessions

Tickets to individual sessions of the 1985 Sweet Sixteen go on advance sale at the Rupp Arena box office Monday, March 4.

Only upper arena tickets are available, according to Tom Mills, Kentucky High School Athletic Association commissioner, and tickets to some sessions are expected to move quickly.

"We've had problems with tickets this year," Mills explained, "because people just didn't believe we'd sell out the lower arena so quickly. Those tickets were gone last Dec. 7," he continued, "and many people who said they had wanted lower arena tickets, some of them our friends, didn't get them because they waited too late. I hope they don't put it off any longer, some of these sessions are likely to sell out."

Mills was referring to three of the four opening sessions March 20 and

March 21. The opening session is likely to feature Seneca High school, from Louisville. Seneca has been featured as the state's No. 1 team through the season and has the talents of Tony Kimbro, an All-American high school player and often said to be the best player in the state. That game could draw an unusual number of fans who simply want to see Kimbro, Mills said. If Seneca gets to the tournament, the school will play at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The 9 p.m. game Wednesday pits the winners of the 10th and 11th regions. The 11th region includes the Lexington schools and Mason County, whose fans set the current world record attendance of 22,342 in 1982, comes from the 10th region. Mills said he is confident that if Mason County wins the 10th, that game will be a sellout.

The 9 p.m. game Thursday features the 8th against the 1st region. Scott County, generally regarded as the No. 2 team in the state, is in the 8th region. Their fans gave the tournament its largest matinee attendance, Mills said, and playing at night that session could easily sell out as well. He pointed out that the 7:30 p.m. Thursday game pits the 12th against the 3rd region. Both Laurel and Pulaski counties are in the 12th, he said, and they draw heavily.

Mills pointed out that when the world record figures were set in 1981 and 1982, advance sales were between 8,000 and 9,000. "This year, advance sales are about 12,000 and we're still filling orders," he said. "There is a real possibility we simply won't have enough seats."

Mills also pointed out that no television plans have been announced for televising the 1985 tournament. Sports Productions, Inc., which televised the finals last year to a record network for high school basketball, has been purchased by Lorimar, he said, and the new owners did not renew the contract for any high school games. "I wouldn't count on seeing it on television," Mills said.

Two sessions are scheduled each day March 20-23, Mills said. Games in the afternoon sessions Wednesday through Friday begin at 1 and 2:30 p.m., he said, and games for the night sessions those days start at 7:30 and 9 p.m.

The semi-finals begin at 11 a.m. Saturday and the final game at 7:30 p.m. that same day.

Tickets are \$4.50 each. Cash or bank cards are accepted in payment.

Rupp Arena box office opens at 10 a.m. daily and tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis.

Haydon's New Heart Didn't Change His "Big Blue" Feelings

Murray Haydon, the nation's third artificial heart transplant patient who is recovering nicely in a Louisville hospital, may live in Louisville Cardinal country, but he remains a true Big Blue fan.

Shortly after the operation a couple weeks ago, Haydon was presented a basketball autographed by the Cardinal basketball team, but he politely

told those around him he was a fan of Kentucky's Big Blue and would rather have autographs of players such as Kenny Walker, Winston Bennett, Troy McKinley and their teammates.

Upon learning Haydon's wishes, Kentucky coach Joe B. Hall and his Wildcats quickly signed a basketball which was delivered to the UK fan last week.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS (FINAL FOUR)

Year	Champion	Score	Runner-Up	Third Place	Fourth Place	Site of Finals	Coaches of Team Champions	Outstanding Player Award
1939	Oregon	46-33	Ohio State	*Oklahoma	*Villanova	Evanston, Ill.	Howard Hobson, Oregon	None Selected
1940	Indiana	60-42	Kansas	*Illinois	*Southern Cal	Kansas City, Mo.	Branch McCracken, Indiana	Marvin Huffman, Indiana
1941	Wisconsin	39-34	Washington St.	*Pittsburgh	*Arkansas	Kansas City, Mo.	Harold Foster, Wisconsin	John Kotz, Wisconsin
1942	Stanford	53-38	Dartmouth	*Kentucky	*Colorado	Kansas City, Mo.	Everett Dean, Stanford	Howard Ostrum, Stanford
1943	Wyoming	46-34	Georgetown	*Texas	*DePaul	New York City	Everett Shelton, Wyoming	Ken Sailors, Wyoming
1944	Utah	42-40	Dartmouth	*Iowa State	*Ohio State	New York City	Vadal Peterson, Utah	Arnold Ferrin, Utah
1945	Oklahoma St.	49-45	New York U.	*Arkansas	*Ohio State	New York City	Henry Iba, Oklahoma State	Bob Kurland, Okla. St.
1946	Oklahoma St.	43-40	North Carolina	*Texas	*California	New York City	Alvin Julian, Holy Cross	George Kahan, Holy Cross
1947	Holy Cross	58-47	Oklahoma	Holy Cross	CCNY	New York City	Adolph Rupp, Kentucky	Alex Groza, Kentucky
1948	Kentucky	58-42	Baylor	Kansas State	Kansas State	Seattle, Wash.	Adolph Rupp, Kentucky	Irwin Dambrot, CCNY
1949	Kentucky	45-36	Oklahoma St.	Illinois	Oregon State	Seattle, Wash.	Nat Holman, CCNY	None Selected
1950	CCNY	71-68	Bradley	N.C. State	Baylor	New York City	Adolph Rupp, Kentucky	Clyde Lovellette, Kansas
1951	Kentucky	68-58	Kansas State	Illinois	Oklahoma St.	Minneapolis, Minn.	Forrest Allen, Kansas	B.H. Born, Kansas
1952	Kansas	80-63	St. John's	Washington	Santa Clara	Seattle, Wash.	Branch McCracken, Indiana	Tom Gola, La Salle
1953	Indiana	69-68	Kansas	LSU	Southern Cal	Kansas City, Mo.	Kenneth Loeffler, La Salle	Bill Russell, San Fran
1954	La Salle	92-76	Bradley	Penn State	Iowa	Evanston, Ill.	Phil Woopert, San Francisco	Hal Lear, Temple
1955	San Francisco	77-63	La Salle	Temple	Sou. Meth	Kansas City, Mo.	Frank McGuire, N. Carolina	Walt Chamberlain, Kansas
1956	San Francisco	83-71	Iowa	San Francisco	Michigan State	Louisville, Ky.	Adolph Rupp, Kentucky	Elgin Baylor, Seattle
1957	North Carolina	54-53	Kansas	Temple	Kansas State	Louisville, Ky.	Pete Newell, California	Jerry West, West Virginia
1958	Kentucky	84-72	Seattle	Cincinnati	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.	Fred Taylor, Ohio State	Jerry Lucas, Ohio State
1959	California	71-70	West Virginia	Cincinnati	New York U.	San Francisco, Cal.	Edwin Jucker, Cincinnati	Paul Hogue, Cincinnati
1960	Ohio State	75-55	California	Ohio State	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	George Ireland, Loyola (Ill.)	Art Heyman, Duke
1961	Cincinnati	70-65	Ohio State	Wake Forest	Oregon State	Portland, Ore.	John Wooden, UCLA	Bill Bradley, Princeton
1962	Cincinnati	71-59	Ohio State	Duke	Wichita State	Portland, Ore.	John Wooden, UCLA	Jerry Chambers, Utah
1963	Loyola (Ill.)	60-58	Cincinnati	Michigan	UCLA	Los Angeles, Cal.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1964	UCLA	98-83	Duke	Princeton	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1965	UCLA	91-80	Michigan	Duke	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1966	Texas-El Paso	72-65	Kentucky	Duke	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1967	UCLA	79-64	Dayton	UCLA	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1968	UCLA	78-55	North Carolina	UCLA	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1969	UCLA	92-72	Purdue	UCLA	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1970	UCLA	80-69	Jacksonville	N. Mexico St.	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1971	UCLA	88-62	Vacated*	Kansas	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1972	UCLA	81-76	Florida State	N. Carolina	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1973	UCLA	87-66	Memphis State	Indiana	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1974	N.C. State	76-64	Marquette	UCLA	Kansas	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1975	UCLA	92-85	UCLA	Louisville	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1976	Indiana	86-68	Michigan	UCLA	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1977	Marquette	67-59	North Carolina	UCLA	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1978	Kentucky	94-88	Duke	UCLA	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1979	Michigan State	75-64	Indiana State	UCLA	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1980	Louisville	69-54	Vacated*	Purdue	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1981	Indiana	53-50	North Carolina	UCLA	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1982	North Carolina	63-62	Georgetown	UCLA	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1983	N.C. State	54-52	Houston	UCLA	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1984	Georgetown	84-75	Houston	UCLA	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Lew Alcindor, UCLA

*Tied for third place. †Overtime. ‡Three overtimes.

*Student-athletes representing Villanova (1971), Western Kentucky (1971) and UCLA (1980) were declared ineligible subsequent to the tournament. Under NCAA rules, the teams' and ineligible student-athletes' records were deleted, and the teams' places in the standings were vacated. †Howard Porter, Villanova.

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Hugh vs. Don - Round Three Thursday

They told Digger Phelps to put up or shut up. They told Bobby Knight to provide names and evidence. Neither bothered to reply.

Then, a funny thing happened way down in the heart of Dixie.

Outspoken Don DeVoe, a disciple of Bobby Knight, stirred up a hornet's nest in the wild and woolly Southeastern Conference a few weeks ago when he leveled a barrage of recruiting charges against Georgia coach Hugh Durham and his prized freshman sensation Cedric Henderson.

Not only did DeVoe commit the unpardonable sin (that of criticizing a fellow coach), he turned the knife ever so swiftly when his Tennessee Vols promptly upset Georgia in two overtimes just a few days late on the Bulldogs' home court in Athens.

Just in case you've been on a wild safari hunt or on a world cruise the past year, Henderson was the subject of an intense recruiting war which touched the lives of such notable coaches as DeVoe, Durham and Louisville's Denny Crum among others.

Henderson reportedly made a verbal commitment to Louisville, but changed his mind and signed a national letter of intent with Georgia, only to announce that he had changed his mind again and would attend Carson-Newman in Tennessee.

Finally, he wound up in early December at Georgia after earning the equivalent of a high school diploma in his home state. Then, within just a couple weeks, he becomes a hit in the SEC.

What followed the next two weeks was a monumental drive from an 0-3 last place record to second place in the SEC and a sure-bet invitation to the NCAA later this month. Also accompanying the glory were fierce charges of NCAA recruiting violations.

The NCAA has been investigating the Henderson case for several weeks now, but it was DeVoe's charges which touched off the SEC war. Not only did DeVoe suggest that rules weren't followed, the fiery Vols boss maintains that Henderson should not be allowed to play again at Georgia if the school is found guilty of any violations. He says the NCAA shouldn't allow the 'Dogs into the NCAA because they are under investigation.

This isn't the first nasty recruiting mess in the SEC. There have been some dandies in the past, like the cases of Ennis Whatley, Buck Johnson and Bobby Lee Hurt to name a few. And do you remember the Dominique Wilkins story? Or how about the one involving LSU's John Williams?

The Henderson case, however, is an ongoing one because (a) the Marietta superstar has enjoyed such a dramatic

impact on the Bulldogs' squad as the post season tourney opens this week in Birmingham, (b) of what the NCAA will eventually rule in this situation and (c) DeVoe isn't going to let up.

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In a way, this is both a funny episode and a sad one. Funny because this is supposed to be only a game of basketball. Sad, because charges of recruiting violations are implications of serious cheating.

Most sports figures in the South (especially other coaches and athletics administrators around SEC) are reluctant to take sides in this latest scandal charge. Most decline opinions, citing friendship with both coaches.

That's understandable. Both Durham and DeVoe are very likeable. Having to choose sides would be a pain for most anyone. Each as an arguable point, DeVoe points to statements made by those involved in the Henderson case that lean toward improprieties. Durham calmly and casually responds that neither he nor his program has been found guilty of anything.

While DeVoe has aired his views publicly, Durham has kept a low profile, at least for the time being. His friends say Durham is upset with DeVoe, more than anything because he (Durham) doesn't believe DeVoe should take it upon himself to judge and sentence Durham or his program.

"It's as if DeVoe has judged himself perfect," said one close Durham ally, "there's been only one perfect man on this earth and they killed him."

The south has long been known as a hotbed for college football. Birmingham is even known as the "Football Capitol of the South." But this week, basketball is kingpin and the Birmingham Jefferson Coliseum will be the hottest bed of all for people like Hugh Durham and Don DeVoe.

As one wag said recently, "The SEC has it all," including lines like "A 'crook' according to the saint?" And "A 'saint' according to the crook?"

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The second chapter of this Georgia-Tennessee fued was written last Saturday in Knoxville when the Vols upset the Bulldogs a second time this season by a 86-85 score.

This time, the victory was much more damaging to the Bulldogs as it cost Georgia its first-ever SEC regular season basketball championship. You might say the score is DeVoe 2, Durham 0 this season.

Now, the question is, will the third time charm? That could come Thursday night in quarter-final action if

Tennessee beats Vanderbilt in opening round action on Wednesday.

If the Vols prevail over the Commodores, DeVoe and his charges will meet Henderson and company a third time.

Despite the outcome this week, one has to marvel at DeVoe's bold move of accusing Durham and Georgia publicly during the middle of the season when such an incident could spur an opponent to greater desire.

Yet, Durham has rallied his team time and time again with miracle after miracle, like the ones at LSU, Auburn and Kentucky to take command of what appeared to be his first SEC title, only to be nailed at the end in Knoxville.

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With the rest of the tourney being overshadowed by the Hugh Durham-Don DeVoe fued, it's been easy to overlook the six-game winning streak enjoyed by LSU down the stretch in winning the regular season title.

Nevertheless, this could be the most wide-open tournament since its renewal back in 1979. LSU has to be the favorite with Georgia a second close, but history reminds us that neither will probably win the four-day event.

From a practical point of view, only Ole Miss and Vanderbilt appear to be out of the race. Each is very capable of springing an upset, but probably not talented enough to win four in a row.

That's exactly what Tennessee must guard against when cross-state rival Vandy comes calling in first round action on Wednesday. The two teams have split this season with each winning at home.

If the Vols get too anxious for a third match with Georgia, Phil Cox and company would be all too obliging to provide the Vols an early ticket back to Knoxville.

It says here not even the Vols will prevent SEC basketball fanatics from a third collision with Hugh Durham, Cedric Henderson and his supporting cast. **Tennessee by three.**

In the other first round contest, Auburn will battle it out with Ole Miss for the right to take on league champion LSU.

The Tigers will want to send Sonny Smith out on a winning note and Auburn has the talent to play with the best of teams when they're hitting on cylinders.

Chuck Person still has a shot of overtaking Kentucky's Kenny Walker for the league scoring championship, so look for him to turn it on.

Midway through the season, it appeared the Ole Miss Rebs were left-overs from the civil war, but Lee Hunt proved just how good a coach he is when he resurrected the dead to

post upsets over Tennessee, Florida and Mississippi State down the stretch.

Those upsets came without the aid of All-SEC guard Eric Laird who was suspended from the team during the middle of the conference race. Although Laird won't be back this season, the Rebs will be more than willing to take another upset over Auburn if the Tigers aren't very careful. **Auburn by seven.**

Mississippi State will find out if it can bounce back from one of the worst roller-coaster rides in the conference history. After whipping Kentucky soundly back three weeks ago to take first place, the Bulldogs have died on the vine.

Holding down first place with only four games remaining, Coach Bob Boyd's 'Dogs appeared to be the odds-on favorite with only Tennessee, Ole Miss, Vanderbilt and Florida standing in their path. All they did was an about-face, in the opposite direction, lost all four games and dropped to fifth place tie with Florida.

Yet, one must remember that Boyd went through that stretch without the services of star Tony Robinson who may or may not be back for the SEC tourney this week.

Alabama has been on a tear lately and the Crimson Tide has as good a front line as anyone in the business with Bobby Lee Hurt and Buck Johnson. If they can get consistent scoring from their guards, the Tide could be going for all the marbles in Saturday.

Look for the Tide to win although this could be upset city if State can get an early second-half lead and put the ball in the deep freeze since there will be no 45-second clock. **Alabama by seven.**

In the second game Thursday, Kentucky will collide with Florida for the rubber game of the series. Each team, ironically, beat the other on the road this season.

Florida had been in a late season drought until Norm Sloan's Gators upset Mississippi State in Starkville on the final day of the regular season.

The Gators have two of the league's premier players in All-SEC center Eugene McDowell and All-SEC guard Andrew Moten. Florida has the firepower to go a long way.

Kentucky has been an up-and-down team most of the season, but mostly up in the late going. Despite a two-point home loss which cost the Cats a share of the SEC lead in the final week, and the season-ending loss to LSU, Kentucky still has valuable tourney experience and could be one of the top darkhorses for the title.

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Why Ruin A Good Thing?

Too Many Changes, TV Hurting College Ball

Ten years ago, a shot clock or a three-point goal were only mentioned when speaking of the ABA or NBA (no three-point circle at the time). College basketball got along without those things very well.

It seems that the game in the mid 70's was played along the same lines as it was in the early 60's -- with ole college spirit. But then came the shot clock, a device limiting teams a certain amount of time to take a shot (different times depending on the certain conferences who used it). Next a three-point line -- presently 19 feet, nine inches from the center of the cylinder -- was installed in some conferences. Its purpose was to reward the shooter three points for connecting from outside these boundaries.



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

When first put to use, it was thought that these experimental things would bring excitement. Though it looked like the NCAA was administering NBA-type methods while taking away the mystic of college basketball. With the exception of the playoffs, we all know how exciting the NBA is... blah.

Instead of the game getting better, it got worse -- at least from a fans' viewpoint. Everything was so inconsistent. One conference would have the three-point play and a 30-second clock while another one would have no three-pointer and a 45-second clock.

The college game with the new rules was not as interesting to watch, mainly because of low point productions by the squads and the thought of the ongoing expanding of the NCAA tourney field.

Trying to change the already popular sport was a mistake.

If a team wanted to stall for 40 minutes, let 'em. Now, the opportunity has been taken away. I don't like the stall as much as the next 'non-ACC' fan, but if a 20-point underdog can beat a powerhouse like a Georgetown or St. Johns by using a spread offense, let 'em. Offensive control is a part of the game, isn't it? Why take it away?

Anyway, besides the four-corner offense of North Carolina, not too many schools applied the stall method. Without the shot clock it seemed that scores use to be in the 80's, 90's and sometimes 100's. Now... well, with the exception of Nevada-Las Vegas, let's just say if a team scored in the 60's, they're lighting up the scoreboard.

The clock was introduced to college ball to prevent a stall, but the NCAA's strategy has backfired. Mainly teams today control the tempo by using the clock. Some teams will wait 30 to 40 seconds and then put up the shot. That's why the scores are so low in so many games.

Today, at least, things are getting more consistent.

The three-point goal is almost a thing of the past as only three Division I schools still use it (Atlantic 10, Big Sky and PCAA). A goal should be counted the same, whether it be from one foot or 50 feet.

Also, the shot clock this year, which is used by almost every conference, is now run throughout the entire game. At least it's consistent: everybody uses a 45-second clock and for the entire contest.

The college game, which at one time appeared headed to the resemblance of professional ball, is getting back on track, or at least trying to.

However, there still are some problems.

Problems such as: the emphasis on television coverage, the ridiculous 64-field NCAA tourney, rules that are applied to the regular season and not to the tournament.

"The question has been asked, 'Will over-exposure effect the game,'" said Southeastern Conference Associate Commissioner and former Georgia basketball Coach John Guthrie. "We've got a growing concern. We have reduced some of our games. We didn't want to be playing on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Fridays (conference games)."

Some schools don't have designated days of play. Thus various schools -- Independents, Big East teams and some others-- adjust their playing schedule to fit into the yearly budgets of certain television stations. And with networks, ala USA, ESPN, WTBS, WGN, and Sports Time, teams like Georgetown and DePaul can be seen on the tube any night of the week; just like the NBA.

Like Guthrie indicated, the SEC is taking a step in the right direction to correct the TV problem. With a couple exceptions (Florida-Alabama, Vanderbilt-Kentucky), SEC contests have been scheduled during certain days. The SEC games are mainly played on Wednesdays and Saturdays, with one game a week on Thursday. Only three conference games were played during Sunday dates this season.

"I would certainly hope it (the college game) doesn't go to the pro style," Guthrie said. "We have a great game here. I think the college game is so

much different than the pros. The pros play so much more frequently and the strategy gets more involved than the pros."

Ah yes... strategy.

During the season the 45-second clock was used for the entire game. Some coaches have designed their game plan around the use of the clock. But once the NCAA Tournament rolls around there will be no clock. Great... no clock. Why have a regular season?

Things that worked during the regular season may have to be altered somewhat because of the tournament. It seems really strange to have the clock throughout the season and then not have it during postseason play. That means that most of the 64 teams will be changing their style of play for the tournament.

That reminds me of another matter: 64 teams in the NCAA tourney.

Why 64 teams?

Wasn't 32 squads an adequate number to be playing for an NCAA championship? It use to be where only the conference champions and very few selected at-large teams, those with outstanding records, be allowed to play in March. Now, if a team is barely hovering above .500 ball, they still have hopes of playing for the title.

In the early and mid-70's, Kentucky and Tennessee usually battled for first place in the SEC. Though, unlike today, only one team was invited to the NCAA. For example, the Wildcats and Volunteers tied for first place in 1972, both with 14-4 records. Since Kentucky beat UT twice during the season, including winning the season finale against the Vols 67-66 at Stokely, UK went to the NCAA Tournament while Tennessee went home to watch the tourney on TV.

Enlarging the tourney helps the TV industry, but to me, the tradition has been lost by adding so many teams.

Let's put it this way, making the tournament ain't what it use to be.

Oh the olden days... hopefully they'll return.

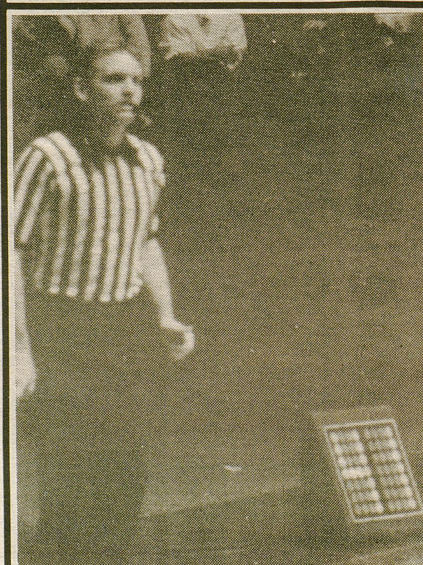
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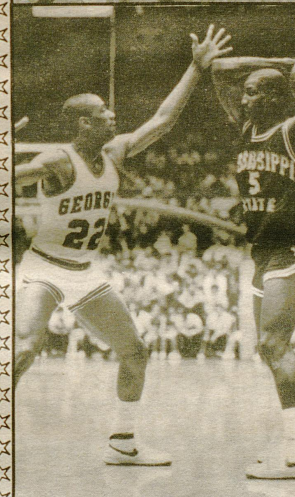
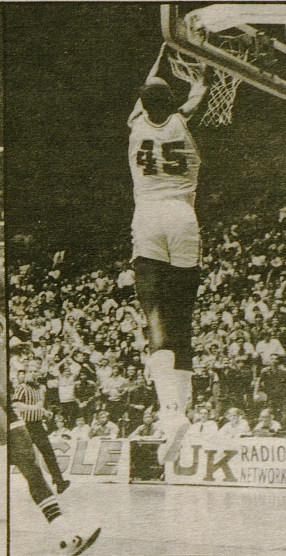
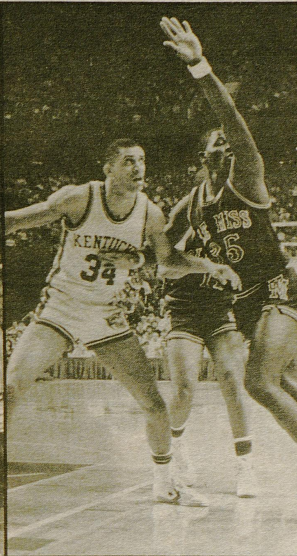
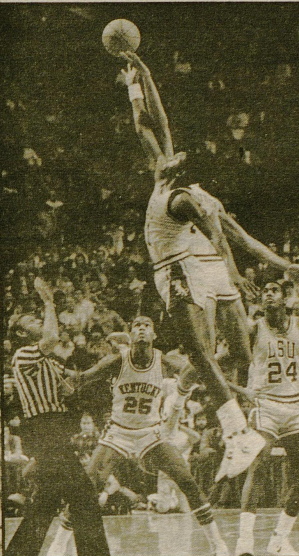
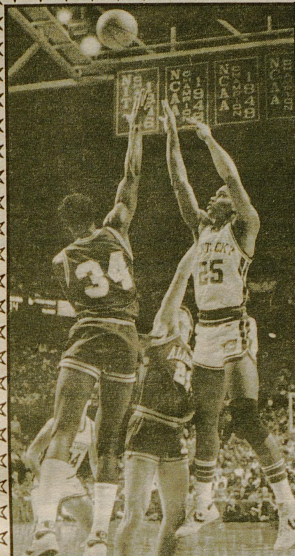


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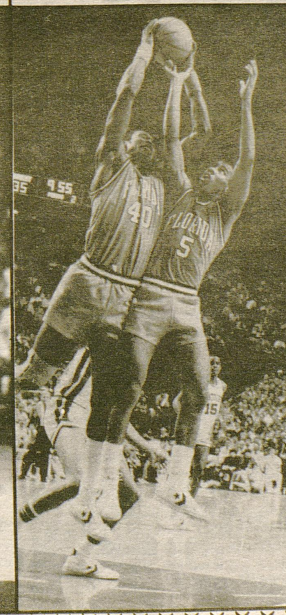
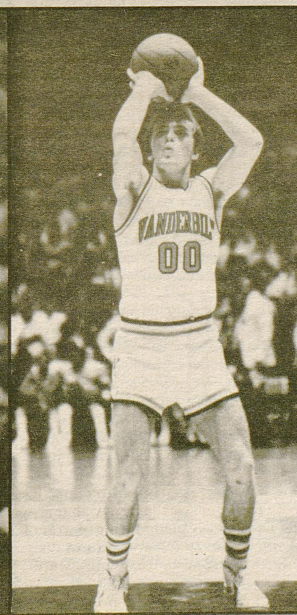
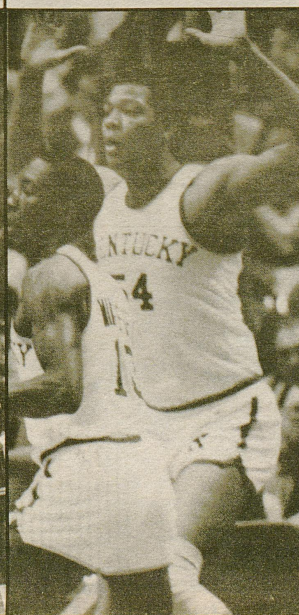
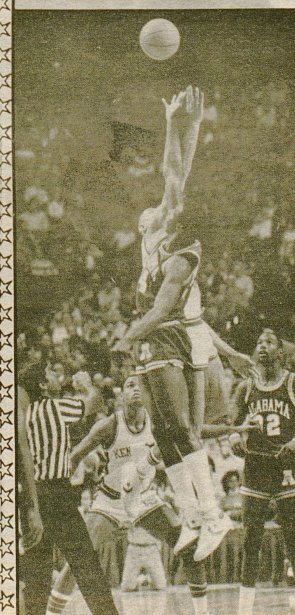
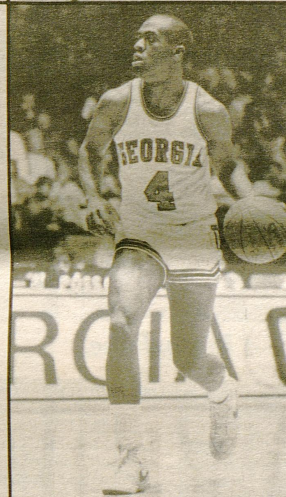


SEC Tournament

At Birmingham, Ala.

ALABAMA Thursday, 1 p.m. MISS. STATE	GEORGIA Thursday, 8 p.m.	Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. NCAA Playoff Representative
TENNESSEE Wednesday, 8 p.m. VANDERBILT	KENTUCKY Thursday, 3 p.m. FLORIDA	
AUBURN Wednesday, 10 p.m. MISSISSIPPI	LSU Thursday, 10 p.m.	
Friday, 10 p.m.		

Eastern Standard Time.





UK vs. LSU



A Pump Fake



Roger At Point

Second - Half Surge Lifts LSU Over UK

Louisiana State University broke open a close game with the University of Kentucky in the second half as the Tigers defeated the Wildcats, 67-61, last Saturday afternoon.

The victory clinched the Southeastern Conference championship for the Bayou Bengals, who finished with a conference record of 13-5, 19-8 overall. Tennessee's upset win over Georgia Saturday night gave LSU its third SEC crown in the last six years.

The Tigers led the Wildcats by only four points, 28-24, at halftime, but outscored the Wildcats, 14-3, at the beginning of the second period for a 42-27 advantage with 13:58 left in the game.

Freshman forward John Williams had given the Tigers their early advantage with 13 of his team-high 19 points in the first period. Williams, from Los Angeles, hit six of eight field-goal attempts and grabbed five rebounds in the first half. LSU took the lead for good with 12:48 left on a Williams jumper off the glass.

LSU junior forward Jerry Reynolds then picked up where Williams left off by scoring eight of the Bayou Bengals' first 14 points in turning the game into a runaway.

Williams, who scored only two points in UK's win in January at Lexington, finished with nine rebounds. He was seven of 13 from the field and five of nine at the foul line. Reynolds totaled 15 points while sophomore forward-center Nikita Wilson added 11 points and junior guard Derrick Taylor 10.

Davender Keeps UK Close

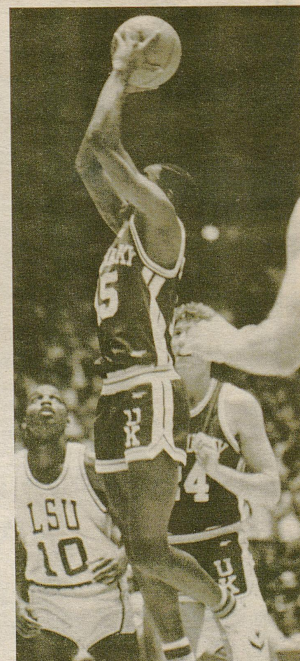
Freshman guard Ed Davender had kept the Wildcats close in the first half with eight of his game-high 22 points. But Davender couldn't pull the Wildcats through by himself as LSU shut down Kentucky All-American candidate Kenny Walker. Walker, a 6-8 junior forward, was averaging a league-leading 23 points and 10 rebounds coming in. But, against LSU, Walker scored only 16 points and was four of 10 from the field. It was one of his worst outings of the season. Walker scored most of his points at the foul line, where he was eight of 10. He also grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds.

LSU maintained its double-digit lead for the rest of the second half, UK cutting into the double-digit barrier very late in the game. By then it was too little, too late.

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE														
Date: March 2, 1985 Site: ASSEMBLY CENTER (Baton Rouge)														
VISITORS (Last Name, First)														
No.	NAME	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
25	Winston Bennett	1	2	5	3	4	7	5	7	30	1	4	0	1
34	Kenny Walker	1	4	10	8	10	13	4	16	37	1	7	0	0
24	Bret Bearup	0	2	6	2	2	3	2	6	22	0	1	1	0
15	Ed Davender	9	7	14	8	8	5	3	22	31	2	4	0	2
23	Roger Harden	9	2	8	0	0	3	3	4	33	3	2	0	3
10	James Blackmon	1	3	0	0	1	4	2		14	2	0	0	0
14	Paul Andrews	0	1	0	0	0	1	0		5	1	0	0	0
40	Troy McKinley	2	4	0	0	0	1	4		14	0	0	0	0
42	Richard Madison	0	1	0	0	1	3	0		4	0	0	0	0
44	Robert Lock	0	0	0	0	1	3	0		10	0	0	0	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)														
TOTALS														
FG %: 1st Half .7/21-.333 2nd Half .13/31-.419 Game .20/52-.385														
FT %: 1st Half .10/11-.909 2nd Half .11/13-.846 Game .21/24-.875														
HOME														
No.	NAME	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
35	Jerry Reynolds	1	5	9	5	6	7	3	15	36	5	4	0	1
24	John Williams	1	7	13	5	9	9	3	19	38	3	2	0	1
41	Nikita Wilson	0	4	7	3	6	3	4	11	27	0	1	1	0
10	Derrick Taylor	0	4	10	2	2	4	0	10	39	6	0	0	3
44	Don Redden	0	1	4	5	6	1	4	7	23	1	1	0	1
11	Anthony Wilson	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0
15	Ocie Conley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
20	Neboisha Bukumirovich	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
21	Dennis Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
31	Oliver Brown	1	1	1	1	4	2	2	3	21	0	0	2	3
33	Ricky Blanton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
43	Jose Vargas	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	6	0	0	0	0
45	Zoran Jovanovich	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)														
TOTALS														
FG %: 1st Half .12/25-.480 2nd Half .11/21-.524 Game .23/46-.500														
FT %: 1st Half .4/8-.500 2nd Half .12/27-.630 Game .21/35-.600														
OFFICIALS: Don Rutledge, Don Ferguson, Charles Watkins														
Technical Fouls: None														
Attendance: 13,466														
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Heading Down Lane



Ed Over Nikita

Victory Snaps UK's Winning Streak

The victory snapped a brief three-game winning streak by the Wildcats over their arch-rivals. Last season's Final Four team rolled over the Bayou Bengals, 96-80 and 90-68. Earlier this season the Wildcats won at Rupp Arena, 53-43.

Davender and Walker were the only Wildcat players in double figures as the next highest scorer was Winston Bennett with seven. Bennett, a sophomore forward, also had seven rebounds. Senior center Bret Bearup scored six points while junior guard Roger Harden and senior forward Troy McKinley each added four points. Sophomore guard James Blackmon rounded out UK's scoring with two points.

Other LSU scorers were junior forward-guard Don Redden with seven points, sophomore forward-guard Oliver Brown with three and Jose Vargas with two points.

The Tigers only outscored the Wildcats by two points in the second half, 39-37, but it was enough to help make the six-point difference in the game.

The Wildcats made only 38 percent (20 of 52) of its field-goal attempts, going only 13 of 31 (41 percent) in the second half. But the 'Cats were 21 of 24 from the foul line (87 percent). Kentucky committed 18 turnovers. Walker had seven of those, a season high for him.

LSU shot 50 percent (23 of 46) for the game, including 52 percent (11 of 21) in the second period. The Tigers were 21 of 35 (60 percent) at the foul line.

Kentucky - LSU Tidbits

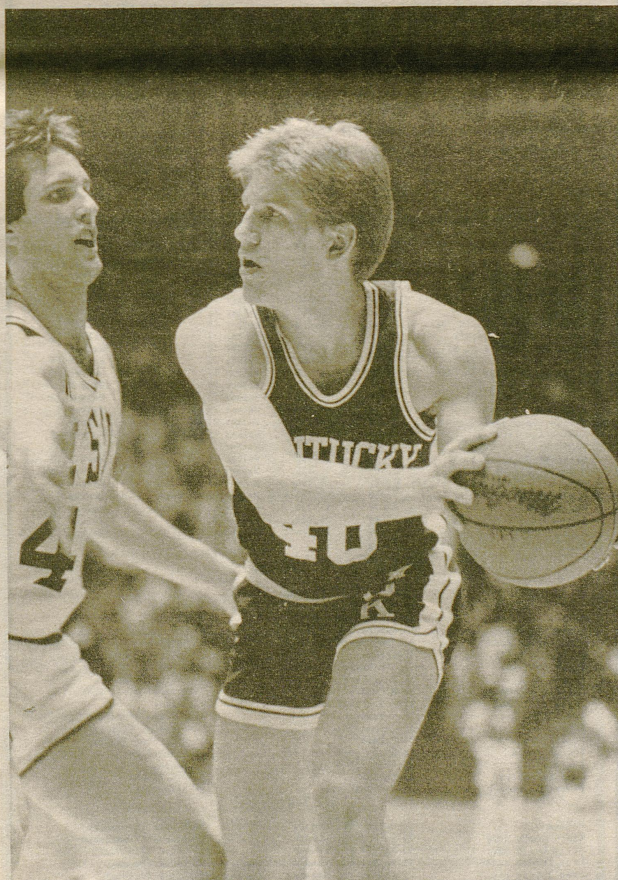
The Tigers committed 10 turnovers but came up with nine steals. Taylor had three and Brown contributed three for the winners. Bennett was the only player on either team to foul out. . . He left the game after 30 minutes of action. . . Davender was two of four from the field and perfect from the foul line in four attempts to keep Kentucky close in the first half. . . Besides Davender, UK's other guards were a combined three of 12 from the field. . . Troy McKinley took only four shots, making two of them. . . Reynolds had four turnovers to lead LSU. . . Kentucky also stayed in the contest in the first half by making 10 of 11 free-throw attempts. . . It was 11 of 13 in the second half. . . Davender was seven of 14 from the field and made all eight of his foul shots. . . The Wildcats held leads of 6-4, 6-5, 8-7, 10-9 and 12-11 before LSU broke the merry-go-round on a jumper by Nikita Wilson for a 15-12 lead. . . The loss dropped UK into a third-place tie with Alabama in the conference. . . Both teams finished SEC play at 11-7. . . Kentucky was 16-11 heading into the SEC Tournament.



"Sky" Going Up

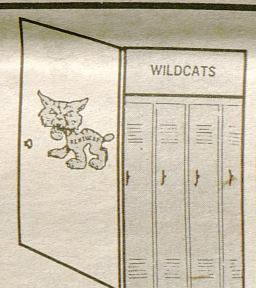


"Sky" Going Down



McKinley Looking For Help

Inside The Locker Room



ROGER HARDEN

(About the second half)

We had our opportunities early in the second half. We took some, what I thought, were high-percentage shots in the wing, and they just didn't fall for us. Right at the start of the second half they could have really helped us.

(About how they controlled Walker for most of the game)

I think they really utilize their quickness inside. I think they're very quick. They really didn't do too much as far as strategically, it's just the fact that they have better talent than most people.

(About LSU's defense)

Derrick Taylor has some awful quick hands, and he uses his quickness in the lane. I think he stripped a few of our players at the point where we were making our run. That did hurt us. It's a fundamental thing to keep the ball above your head.

(About closing the lead to four at halftime)

My attitude was like, that we played that mediocre and we're down four (so), I was very optimistic about the second half.

(About Kentucky)

I think that we definitely could win the SEC tournament. I think there's no doubt about it. We've proved that we can beat anybody in the league. If we just go down there with the right attitude and want to win, then I think we'll represent this state very well.

TROY MCKINLEY

(About comparing this loss to LSU to their early win over the Tigers this season)

First of all, I think we had better shots than we did here today. (In Lexington) we slowed down the tempo and hit a high percentage of our shots. I guess our defense didn't play as good defense as we did.

(About controlling freshman John Williams in the second half)

We collapsed back on him a little bit better in the second half. That's about all really. Sometimes we had three men on him at one time.

(About UK trying to get back into the ballgame)

We looked like we were going to come back. We took some good shots; they just didn't fall. Then they hit a couple of shots and put the lead back up there. We just couldn't seem to get it going.

The Cats' Pause Top Twenty Poll

1. GEORGETOWN.....96	11. SYRACUSE.....47
2. MICHIGAN.....95	12. GEORGIA TECH.....44
3. MEMPHIS STATE.....86	13. UNLV.....33
4. ST. JOHN'S.....83	14. N.C. STATE.....31
5. KANSAS.....76	15. LSU.....30
6. NORTH CAROLINA.....69	16. SMU.....28
7. OKLAHOMA.....63	16. IOWA.....28
8. DUKE.....55	16. VA. COMMONWEALTH.....28
9. ILLINOIS.....52	19. TEXAS TECH.....17
9. LA. TECH.....52	20. GEORGIA.....11
	20. LOYOLA (ILL.).....11

Oscar Combs

1. MEMPHIS STATE	11. OKLAHOMA
2. MICHIGAN	12. N.C. STATE
3. GEORGETOWN	13. UNLV
4. GEORGIA TECH	14. GEORGIA
5. ST. JOHN'S	15. TEXAS TECH
6. LA. TECH	16. VA. COMMONWEALTH
7. KANSAS	17. IOWA
8. ILLINOIS	18. LSU
9. NORTH CAROLINA	19. SYRACUSE
10. DUKE	20. VA. TECH

Nick Nicholas

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1984-85 UK Basketball Statistics

Overall:	16-11	Home:	11-3	Neutral:	1-0	Away:	4-8	SEC:	11-7
Player	G-GS	Field Goals	Free Throws	Rebounds	PF-D	A	TO	Points	High
Kenny WALKER (C) 18-18	27-27	214-391-54.7	194-254-76.4	283-10.5	77-1	34	51	622-23.0	36-KAN
Ed DAVENDER (C) 18-4	27-8	75-188-39.9	68-90-75.6	33-1.2	49-1	76	66	218-8.1	27-TES
Winston BENNETT (C) 18-18	26-23	72-167-43.1	45-67-67.2	146-5.6	94-9	20	52	189-7.3	14-LOU
Bret BEARUP (C) 18-18	27-27	71-164-43.3	38-54-70.4	157-5.8	79-4	23	31	180-6.7	13-TENN
James BLACKMON (C) 17-14	25-18	65-152-42.8	20-33-60.6	34-1.4	50-1	60	33	150-6.0	17-TOL
Richard MADISON (C) 12-0	20-0	39-102-38.2	23-28-82.1	62-3.1	30-1	13	25	101-5.1	16-IND
Troy MCKINLEY (C) 17-1	24-1	53-93-55.8	8-8-100.0	24-1.0	19-0	18	10	43-3.6	14-AUB
Roger HARDEN (C) 18-16	26-24	52-139-37.4	21-27-77.8	36-1.4	51-0	120	43	125-4.8	12-LOU
Paul ANDREWS (C) 12-1	19-4	20-43-46.5	1-2-50.0	8-0.4	24-0	17	9	41-2.2	8-SMU
Robert LOCK (C) 14-0	23-4	11-39-28.2	6-15-40.0	48-2.1	41-1	5	11	28-1.2	8-TENN
Cedric JENKINS (C) 11-0	17-0	3-9-33.3	4-7-57.1	23-1.4	7-0	0	6	10-0.6	3-VAN
Todd ZIEGLER (C) 4-0	9-0	1-4-25.0	0-4-00.0	4-0.4	0-0	0	0	2-0.2	2-VAN
Leroy BYRD (C) 6-0	9-0	1-2-50.0	0-1-00.0	2-0.3	4-0	2	2	2-0.3	2-TENN
Team				54			3		
Kentucky (C) 18	27	677-1493-45.3	428-590-72.5	914-33.9	528-18	389	343	1782-66.0	92-TENN
Opponents (C) 18	27	680-1450-46.9	353-519-68.0	856-31.7	560-17	408	350	1713-63.4	89-KAN
MINUTES PLAYED:									
Blocked Shots:									
STEALS:									
DEAD BALL REBOUNDS:									

Results

GAME	UK-Opp	Attend	High Scorer	High Rebounder
Toledo (H, Nov. 27)	63-54	23,129	Walker, Blackmon 17	Walker 9
Purdue (A, Dec. 1)	56-66	14,123	Walker, Blackmon 16	Walker 9
SMU (H, Dec. 4)	54-56	22,846	Walker 19	Walker 7
Indiana (A, Dec. 8)	68-81	17,214	Walker, Madison 16	Bearup 11
Louisville (A, Dec. 15)	64-71	19,487	Walker 32	Walker 15
East Tenn. (UKIT, Dec. 21)	69-54	21,300	Davender 27	Walker 9
Cincinnati (UKIT, Dec. 22)	66-55	23,102	Walker 18	Walker 9
Kansas (Louisville, Dec. 31)	92-89	18,920	Walker 36	Walker 19
Auburn (H, Jan. 2)	68-61	22,847	Walker 24	Walker 13
North Carolina St. (H, Jan. 5)	78-62	23,775	Walker 28	Walker 8
Vanderbilt (H, Jan. 7)	75-58	23,432	Walker 22	Bennett 11
Mississippi (A, Jan. 9)	57-45	5,479	Walker 28	Walker 10
Alabama (A, Jan. 12)	58-60	15,043	Walker 25	Walker 14
Mississippi State (H, Jan. 16)	58-57	23,628	Walker 15	Walker 8
Florida (H, Jan. 19)	55-67	23,325	Walker 26	Bennett 11
Georgia (A, Jan. 23)	73-61	10,163	Walker 28	Walker 17
Tennessee (A, Jan. 27)	65-81	12,700	Walker 23	Walker 9
LSU (H, Jan. 31)	53-43	22,135	Walker 21	Bearup 8
Auburn (A, Feb. 2)	49-47	10,672	Walker 15	Bennett 8
Vanderbilt (A, Feb. 7)	68-62	15,626	Walker 31	Walker 15
Mississippi (H, Feb. 9)	67-52	23,232	Walker 33	Walker 13
Alabama (H, Feb. 13)	51-48	21,125	Walker 19	Walker 13
Mississippi State (A, Feb. 16)	69-82	9,799	Walker 27	Walker 12
Florida (A, Feb. 20)	76-68	10,884	Walker, Davender 17	Bearup 9
Georgia (H, Feb. 24)	77-79	23,230	Walker 25	Walker 12
Tennessee (H, Feb. 28)	92-67	23,820	Walker 33	Walker 18
LSU (A, Mar. 2)	61-67	13,446	Davender 22	Walker 13
SEC Tournament (Mar. 6-9) Birmingham				

Superlatives

Points	TEAM	Opponents
Most Points	Kentucky	89-Kansas
Field Goals Made	49-Auburn	43-LSU
Field Goals Att.	37-Tennessee	37-Kansas
Field Goal %	79-Kansas	66-Kansas/Florida
Lowest FG %	55.4-Georgia	66-Indiana
Free Throws Made	34.8-Alabama	29.1-Cincinnati
Free Throws Att.	34-N.C. State	30-Purdue, Miss. State
Free Throw %	37-N.C. State/Kansas	41-Purdue
Rebounds	94.4-Vanderbilt	100.0-East Tennessee St.
Most Fouls	51-Kansas	42-Alabama, Florida
Fewest Fouls	34-Purdue	28-N.C. State/Kansas
Assists	10-East Tenn. St.	13-Louisville
Most Turnovers	21-Kansas/Georgia	27-Kansas
Fewest Turnovers	22-Purdue	25-N.C. State
	6-Florida	2-Vanderbilt
Points	36-Walker vs. Kansas	34-Brooks (Tennessee)
Field Goals Made	14-Walker vs. Louisville	14-Brooks (Tennessee)
Field Goals Att.	25-Walker vs. Louisville	22-Laird (Ole Miss)
Free Throws Made	13-Walker vs. Vandy/Ole Miss	13-Gadis (Purdue)
Free Throws Att.	20-Walker vs. Kansas	14-Gadis (Purdue)
Rebounds	19-Walker vs. Kansas	15-Koncak (SMU)
Assists	12-Jordan vs. Tennessee	11-Webb (N.C. State)
Blocked Shots	Walker vs. Cincinnati	4-Koncak (SMU)

Some Trends To Watch For In SEC Tournney

By Jim Griesch

1. Since the SEC seems to be very balanced this year, look for the champion to come from the Thursday afternoon session. In years where teams have been very equal, with no dominant team, the extra rest from the afternoon sessions has helped on Saturday.

2. If Georgia continues to play "hot," forget it. The Dogs have the most depth in the league, and that depth could carry them if they play as the first or second seed on Thursday night.

3. If Kentucky wins its first game, UK will play through until the finals, because that's the Wildcats' track record.

4. The SEC cannot give the top two seeds the most favorable rest times available, because of the two Wednesday night games. In conferences with 8 or 9 members, the top two seeds usually play in the opening or afternoon sessions, giving them the most rest between games. The SEC allows the



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bottom four teams to play first, for a shot at the two top teams the next night. That actually gives teams seeded three through six an advantage in rest, because they get the early starts on Thursdays. The SEC is the only conference that penalizes the best two teams with the toughest schedule, as far as times go.

5. Crowds may be smaller this year than ever in other tournaments in Birmingham. Crowds have been smaller around the SEC this year, and with Auburn coach Sonny Smith a "lame duck" as an outgoing coach, Auburn fans may stay away. Kentucky crowds have been a little shorter this year, too, in Rupp Arena, and UK may not pack in the crowds as they have in recent seasons. If UK makes it to Saturday's finals, they'll have the crowd against every other foe, except Alabama. But, the crowd won't be a totally hostile one for UK then.

6. If UK, LSU or Georgia wins the championship, the SEC will probably not get more than three (those three) into the NCAA tournament. Of that trip, only UK is on the fence now. If any other of the seven SEC schools wins, or should Alabama just make it to the finals, the SEC will have at least a chance for a fourth NCAA representative.

SEC Composite Box for 1979-84 Tournaments

	Ala	Aub	Fla	Ga	UK	LSU	Miss	M.St.	Tenn	Vandy
Alabama	xx	1-0	1-0	1-2	2-2	1-1	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0
Auburn	0-1	xx	0-1	2-0	0-3	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-0
Florida	0-1	1-0	xx	7-3	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-1
Georgia	2-1	0-2	0-0	xx	0-1	1-0	1-1	2-0	1-0	0-0
Kentucky	2-2	3-0	0-0	1-0	xx	1-1	3-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
La. State	1-1	0-0	2-0	0-1	1-1	xx	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
Mississippi	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-3	1-0	xx	0-0	2-0	1-1
Miss. State	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	xx	0-0	1-1
Tennessee	0-1	1-1	2-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	xx	1-0
Vanderbilt	0-0	0-2	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	xx

Records

Kentucky	10-5
Alabama	9-5
Georgia	7-5
Tennessee	6-5
Auburn	6-6
Mississippi	5-5
Louisiana State	4-5
Vanderbilt	4-6
Florida	2-6
Mississippi State	1-6
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Tournament Notes

Best/Worst Records vs. Another Team:

Kentucky is 3-0 against Auburn and Mississippi
Auburn and Mississippi are 0-3 against Kentucky

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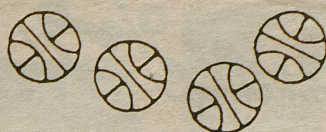
Kentucky-Alabama are 2-2

Some Teams Have Not Yet Met Others:

Alabama -- Mississippi and Vanderbilt
Auburn -- Louisiana State and Mississippi
Florida -- Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi and Mississippi State
Georgia -- Florida and Vanderbilt
Kentucky -- Florida, Mississippi State
Louisiana State -- Auburn, Mississippi State, Vanderbilt
Mississippi -- Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Mississippi State
Mississippi State -- Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana State, Mississippi, Tennessee
Tennessee -- Mississippi State
Vanderbilt -- Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana State



Another Fine Season



SEC Tournney History Tidbits

Six different schools have won the six tournaments since its return, four have not. They are: Auburn, Florida, Mississippi State and Vanderbilt. Auburn has the best record of the four, 6-6.

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Louisiana State was 3-0 while winning the tournament in 1980, but in the other five tournaments combined, have posted a 1-5 mark, with the win coming in 1981 against Florida.

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Mississippi was 3-0 in winning in 1981, but is just 2-5 in the other five tournaments combined. Kentucky knocked Ole Miss out of three of the tournaments. Ole Miss is 5-2 against the rest of the SEC.

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Auburn is also 0-3 against Kentucky, losing to the Wildcats in the 1980 second round, the 1982 second round, and the 1984 championship game. With that roll going, they won't play UK again this year, since they seem only to meet in even-numbered years.

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In the four games between Kentucky and Alabama, Alabama is 1-0 on UK's home floor (Rupp Arena, 1982 championship game), is 0-1 on a neutral floor (1984, Vandy's Memorial Gym), and the two schools are 1-1 in Alabama (1979 and 1983 in Birmingham).

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Three champions have come from the first and/or second seeds. Tennessee won in 1979, seeded second. LSU won in 1980, seeded second, and Kentucky won in 1984, seeded first.

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Three champions have come from the afternoon round of either a Thursday or Friday. Mississippi won in 1981, Alabama in 1982, and Georgia in 1983. No champions have ever come from Wednesday's first round games on Wednesday/Thursday. Only Kentucky (1979) and Alabama (1983) have made it to the finals, from that first round.

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Vanderbilt was the first team to lose twice in recent tournament play, losing in the first round of the 1979 tournament to Auburn, then losing the first game of the 1980 tournament to Florida.

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Tennessee was the last team to lose in the tournament. After winning the title in 1979, the Vols lost to Mississippi in the second round in 1980.

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Kentucky was the first team to win five tournament games, and to win 10 tournament games.

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Kentucky has been to four of the six championship games, going 1-3. Georgia and Alabama, with two appearances each, are the only two other schools with more than one trip to the finals. Each is 1-1. Florida, Mississippi State and Vanderbilt are the only three schools yet to play in a modern tournament championship game.

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Incidentally, the only time UK has failed to make the finals, Kentucky lost their first games. They were to Vandy in 1981, and to Alabama in 1983.

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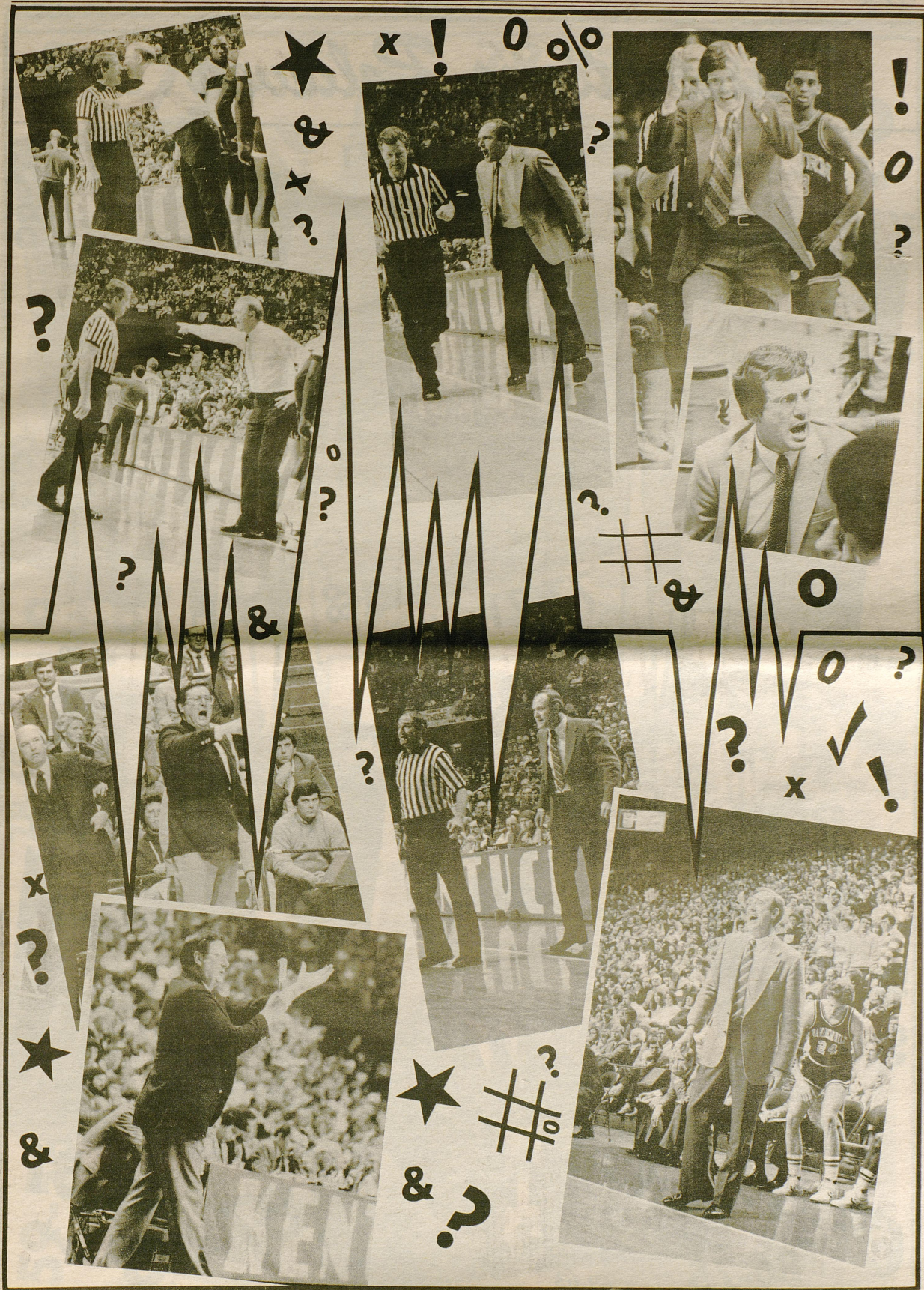
Mississippi State is the last of the 10 SEC schools to post a win in the tournament. They failed to win any games until they beat Vandy in the afternoon round of the 1983 tourney.

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Look for the championship game to be close. Three times, the title has been decided by two points, once by four points, and once in an overtime game. Georgia beat Alabama by 15 in 1983, but Tennessee needed an overtime to beat UK in 1979. LSU won by two in 1980, Ole Miss by four in 1981, Alabama by two in 1982, and UK by two last year.

Frantic Heartbeats . . .





Frustrations Relieved...

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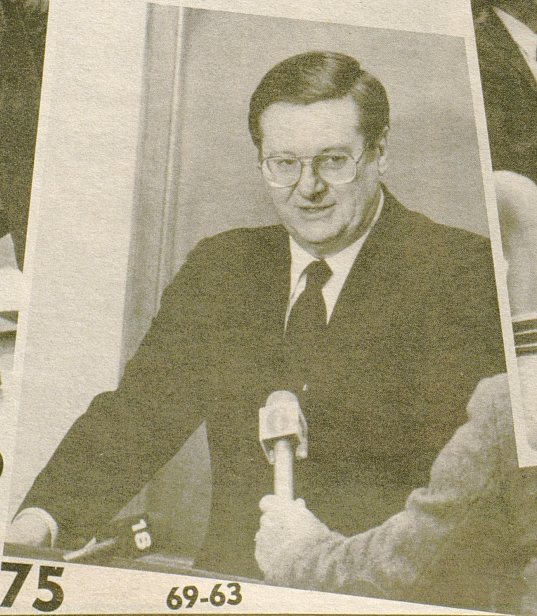
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A 'Happy' Night For The Seniors

Not A Dry Eye In The Crowd

'My Old Kentucky Home...'

Above all the greed, cheating, referee baiting and everything else—real or imagined—that is wrong with college basketball, UK is above it all in one very important and special way. It's tradition.

And Senior's Night at Rupp Arena last week was a perfect demonstration. What follows is a look back at some of the things that happened Thursday...

"And My Old Kentucky Home good night."

It was one of those occasions that come to Rupp Arena each roundball season. A night out that is relished by fans who breathe blue and live and die—well, sort of—with the big guys who wear white and blue shorts for four winters in central Kentucky.



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

Senior night is a time when displays of emotion and nostalgic recollections and wet hankies are as much a part of the evening as the game is.

Reporters on press row needle one another with offers of white handkerchiefs and there is lots of throat clearing.

In fact, Senior Night at Rupp has such an impact, one rival college recruiter was heard to grumble recently, "If I've got a kid I'm trying to outrecruit Kentucky for, I sure as hell don't want him in here for this one."

The recruiter—and Kentucky fans—will be interested to know, that on this Seniors Night, UK hosted Kenny Payne, a 6-7, 205-pound prize from Laurel, Miss. and 6-3 guard Greg Nared from Wilmington, Oh.

But those are frill items here.

Last night in Rupp Arena belonged to Brett Bearup and Troy McKinley, two nice fellows who had labored for Joe B. Hall for what seems to have been a very short time, five years for Bearup, four for McKinley. It was their turn to do the now familiar "run through paper hoop" routine and they did to thunderous applause. Bearup and McKinley took their places of honor at midcourt as the adoring 23,000+ fans demonstrated. The players waved good bye and Bearup was biting hard on his lip.

"To tell you the truth I was trying not to cry during warm-ups," he said later. "Troy's a stoneface, but hey, the Bear breaks down once in awhile. It happen to everybody, I'm human."

"But I've cried at every senior night since I've been at UK," Bearup added, "so I figured it would be all right if I cried at my own."

It is no soggy or maudlin display for Bearup, but genuine to a fault. For the stout 6-9, 230-pounder they call "Bear" is a cub too, sensitive and an unusually articulate and honest young man.

And then there was Happy.

Former Kentucky governor and baseball commissioner A.B. 'Happy' Chandler is as much a part of UK's Seniors Night as the applause and the NCAA championship banners hanging from the rafters.

Happy toddled out of the stands last night and up the sidelines to a chair near Don DeVoe's Tennessee bench.

It was time for some raw emotion. Time for Happy's song.

But UK's sweet old man did not sing *My Old Kentucky Home* last night, because some enterprising television upstart has had it put onto an album called, what else, *Happy*.

So they played *My Old Kentucky Home*, and Happy stood there stooped over by four score years, and pantomimed the words softly as the cameras clicked and clacked around him.

"We will sing one song for My Old Kentucky Home..."

Then Happy stared up into the lights and Bearup was trying very hard to hold onto his composure and he was not alone in it.

Happy Chandler. It was if he was letting us in on a thought, maybe a prayer even. For durable, loveable and lion-hearted old Happy is the last soldier at the front, the only one left from the old guard to sip the wine. Because Bernie and Adolph and Harry — they're all gone now.

"weep no more my lady, oh, weep no more today..."

One by one Joe B. Hall, Leonard Hamilton, Lake Kelly and the other team officials strode to center court for a (public) handshake with Bearup and McKinley.

Happy Chandler smiled and watched the goings on and continued to mouth the emotional words from his album.

"for My Old Kentucky Home good night..."

Then it was finished.

The fans were going nuts as Bearup and McKinley looked up and turned to acknowledge them all.

Bearup and McKinley moved toward Happy and they embraced for a moment. Heavy stuff.

"Boy," Kenny Walker would say later, "when Happy sings that song it really does something to me. I was sitting there on the bench while he was singing and I just got goose bumps all over."

Walker paused for a moment then smiled, "Brett gets real emotional on something like this. And all the fans do too. It just does something to our ball club. I love it."

Then Kentucky went out and shelled Tennessee 92-67.

Afterwards Tennessee coach Don DeVoe was asked if the pregame hype had

hurt his team? Would it have been better to keep the Vols in the locker room?

"No, no," DeVoe protested. "I think it's good for our team to see how the fans here feel about their team and their tradition. I think it's great. And Bearup played a real nice game tonight. I'm very pleased for him."

In turn, Bearup acknowledged DeVoe.

"He's one of the best coaches in the country," he said. "Tonight was great. To beat Tennessee like this in my last game here. It's the most satisfying win of my career."

And *"My Old Kentucky Home good night."*

Sky Jam

Good ideas, albeit profitable ones, come to those who have something hot for the marketplace and *Sky Jam* is a good one and the brain child of Brad Davis, assistant sports information director at the University of Kentucky.

A stop action of Kenny Walker—UK basketball's hottest celebrity since Kyle Macy—was a natural. Freeze Walker's gifts for flying onto color film and convert a three photo sequence into a promotion. An 18 by 22 inch poster.

"I'm not an advocate of gimmicks," Davis said last week, "but I just felt like, because of the season we're having, that Kenny wasn't getting the national attention he deserves. That's what prompted the idea."

Davis presented his idea to sports information director Russell Rice and coach Joe B. Hall. "They liked it and said 'do it,'" he said.

Davis had 5,000 posters made. "The idea was to get them into the hands 'of people in the media, those who vote on All-American teams. Maybe they would remember him."

There is nothing new about hype posters being mailed to sports writers of this All-American and that one. The last 10 days I have received "ballyhoo prints" or "tally-ho sheets" on Auburn's Chuck Person, Wichita State's Xavier McDaniels, Vanderbilt's Phil Cox, Ball State's Dan Palombizio and South Alabama's Terry Catledge.

It is unusual however for the University of Kentucky to do such things. Not even Macy or Sam Bowie rated such special treatment.

"We mailed about 1,000 of the Sky Jams to media-types," Davis said.

And then something happened. UK fans found out about the Sky Jam posters.

"We started getting flooded with requests," Davis said. "Bags of mail. I've even gotten some requests out of envelopes that had Louisville Cardinal logos on

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them. It's been tremendous."

The Sky Jam posters—if any are left—sell for \$3 and can be ordered by writing to the UK sports information office, Memorial Coliseum, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. 40506.

Profits go into something called (UK) sports publications fund.

That probably means there will be funding for more posters on future Wildcats. *Sky Jam*. Wish I'd thought of it first.

Coaching changes

Although his contract was extended only recently J.D. Barnett, coach at Virginia Commonwealth, is said to be the top candidate to replace Sonny Smith at Auburn.

If that's true wouldn't it be nice if Kentucky Wesleyan Coach Mike Pollio "got his shot" at Division I and replaced Barnett at VCU? Once upon a time Pollio was an assistant at VCU.

On another coaching front, Louisville's Wade Houston is said to be the top candidate to replace Ed Martin as head coach at Tennessee State.

Recruiting '86

The first "recruiting intrigue" for "next season" surfaced this week on the Kentuckiana roundball circuit. Rex Chapman, the 6-4, 190-pound junior at Owensboro Apollo could be headed to Kansas University...or Virginia...or Louisville...or Kentucky.

Kansas? Chapman's coach, (and father) Wayne Chapman is an old teammate of KU coach Larry Brown. They played together in the American Basketball Association (ABA).

Virginia? Wayne Chapman sent a star from another Apollo era, Jeff Jones, to the Cavaliers camp.

Louisville or Kentucky?

"It's not any great love for either school as much as it is a matter of location an Owensboro source said last week. "It's simple, his parents want to be able to watch him play."

Young Chapman attended the Kentucky-Georgia game at Rupp Arena last weekend.

Wayne Chapman is said to be "in the market" for a college coaching job. But, said the Owensboro source, "there's no way Wayne's going to 'deliver' Rex to get himself a job. He's not that kind of guy."

WHAS/Sweet 16

The familiar fare of play-by-play of every game in the boys State Tournament (Sweet 16) from Rupp Arena on WHAS-Radio has gone the way of Carr Creek and Cuba. Fond memories.

Because of a "change in direction" the 50,000 watt Louisville station will not

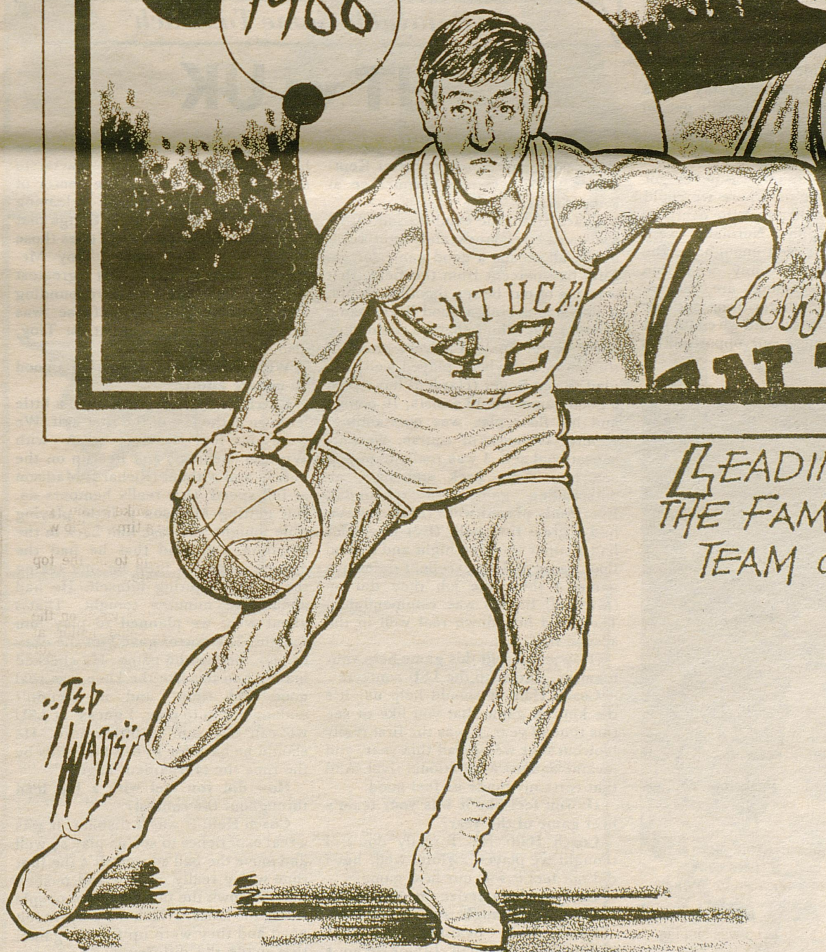
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Pat
Riley



UK All-American

1966



LEADING SCORER OF
THE FAMOUS "RUPP'S RUNTS"
TEAM OF 1965-66!

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WATTS

Joe B. Hall

UK Head Basketball Coach



UK vs LSU

The following are Coach Joe B. Hall's postgame comments after his team was defeated by LSU 67-61 last Saturday in Baton Rouge:

Coach Hall: We did not want to excite the crowd. The very first basket by (John) Williams was off the tip. William's man went in the backcourt after the ball and Williams ran out and got a lob pass and a stuff dunk, and the roof went off this place. We definitely did not want that to happen. We didn't want LSU to get out on the break. The first fourteen possessions we had, we had six turnovers. And the chance when it looked like LSU could have been beaten here at home, we couldn't convert. We were having turnovers and were letting them get the numbers on us early in the break, early in the game.

What about John Williams' play?

We did a very poor job defending him inside and getting help him for the man guarding him. He was very strong on the low post as he posted up well. But he went past us to the basket on three-foot moves, and that really hurt us. He had a great first half.

What about your mini-comebacks?

Coach Hall: We made one just before the half that was encouraging. We were not in bad shape being down by four at halftime and Winston Bennett able to come back in to start the second half. But then we just couldn't find the basket. We shot very poorly; after 33 percent shooting in the first half, and not being able to get the ball in to Kenny Walker, and not enough shooting from the outside to pull the defenses off him. We were just in deep

trouble. We had our chances. I think LSU was in a mood that we could have won the ballgame. But we couldn't shoot the ball very well and we did not play as spirited as we had been playing. This is a tough place to play. LSU is a fine ballclub. They just did more things right today than we did.

What about LSU's defense on Kenny Walker?

Coach Hall: They were dropping back in on him and slapping the ball out of his hands. They were stealing the ball from him inside. Kenny got a little frustrated with that; he walked with the ball a couple times. Those type of things hurt his confidence and his overall play.

How about the comeback toward the end of the game by your team?

Coach Hall: We did make a good strong comeback and did make the game respectable. I just wished we could have done that and played with that spirit earlier. But we were juggling our lineup. We were trying to find people inside that would give us an effort that we needed to stay in this game today. We just couldn't get on track.

What about the overall problems you were having?

Coach Hall: Our offense never got solid to the point to where we could see where we could attack the overplay they had on Kenny. Normally, we'll run our patterns well enough, as the defense adjusts to Kenny, we'll find out where the openings are, but we were a little bit scatter-brain and not settled in our offense and we could just not pick out where our opportunities were.



An Enjoyable Game To Coach

UT vs UK

The following are Coach Joe B. Hall's postgame comments after Kentucky's 92-67 win over Tennessee at Rupp Arena:

Coach Hall: The combination of: 20 assists, 44 rebounds and eight turnovers, all means a good game for us. Fifty-five percent from the field, that was one of our better shooting nights. It just was overall a good lively game for us. I don't think that we could have had a better finale. I'm very proud of the team. Everybody played well. I'm glad to see Roger (Harden) have such a good game--his 12 assists, 10 points and his floor play was outstanding. Kenny (Walker), of course, was his sensational self. I was really happy to see him come back and have an outstanding game (18 rebounds). Everybody played well. (Bret) Bearup had a great first half. (Ed) Davender had a super shooting night and a good floor game and an excellent defensive game. I think the job they did on (Michael) Brooks was commendable. They held him down real well in the second half.

[How much will this game help your team in relation to the LSU contest?

Coach Hall: It should help us. It's the kind of game that you like to see this time of year. It was the first really blowout that we've had this year, and it came against a traditional rival. And that certainly made us feel good.

Do you feel like it was your team's best game of the year?

Coach Hall: No, I really don't. I thought we played awfully well, but I did not feel it was our best game.

Can you characterize the play of the seniors, both tonight and this year?

Coach Hall: Bearup really took charge in the first half. I think he got a little tired in the second half. But his play was excellent; he was alert and taking the ball to the basket. He's always sound for us. We need him in there to have the continuity in our

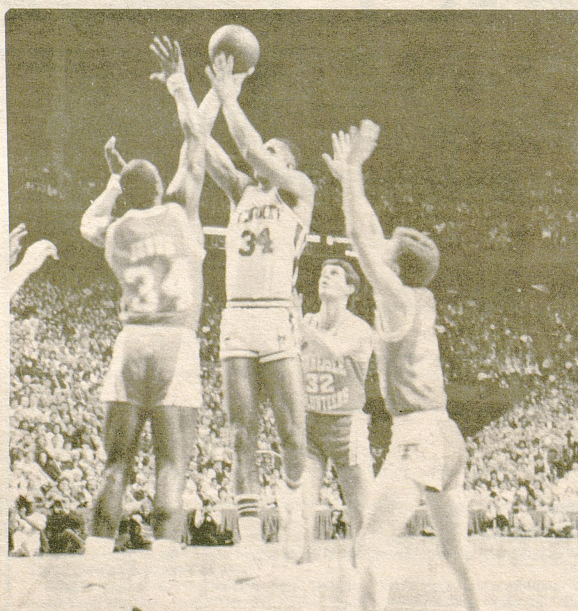
offenses and our defenses because he's intelligent and he reacts to situations. He's kind of the center of the 'hub' of our offense--relieving pressure and doing a lot of things that you have to have done. Bret does those things very, very well. Troy McKinley didn't have his greatest shooting night, but he was rebounding and hustling and his defense was better. It was a good night for Troy, also.

What about your team giving a good 40-minute effort?

Coach Hall: I thought we had a little letdown in the last of the first half. We were in foul trouble again with Winston (Bennett) and Bearup on the bench, and without (Richard) Madison at full speed, that really hampers us. But getting Madison a little playing time tonight will ease him back in the situation. I'm glad that he had the chance to play a little bit--not taking the chance injuring himself. He had about five minutes tonight. That's about what we planned to play him tonight. The doctor gave him the okay to play, before the game. He checked his leg and felt like the knee was real good and tight, and it wouldn't endanger him to play. I guess at LSU we can use him a little more. He should be back for 15 to 20 minutes by the time the tournament begins.

How did you feel with a big lead throughout the contest?

Coach Hall: It was a disbelief. It was a real experience to see us play so well and move the ball so well. It's the first time we've really got out and pushed the ball down the floor, and got people filling the lanes. I think the players felt good and they were up for the game; that made the difference. They were creating some things with their defense and that helped us also. The good board play really helped us too. They were going to the boards really well.



'Sky' Gets Revenge On Vols

Bret Bearup

Senior, 6-9 Center From Centerport, New York

[About his feelings before the game]

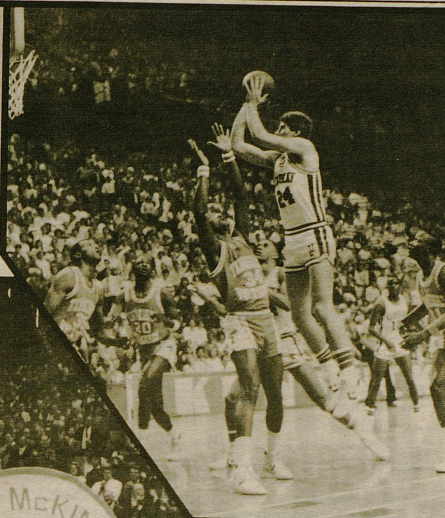
To tell you the truth, I was trying not to cry out there in warmups. But I'm an emotional kind of guy and Troy's a stoneface (Bearup laughs). You couldn't tell if it was his special day at all or anything. I kept trying to have Troy tell me jokes, which is absolutely impossible for Troy to tell a joke. So, we tried not to cry out there, but the Bear's got to break down, it happens to everybody.

[About his last regular season performance at Rupp Arena]

In the first half I felt it. I wanted to win, not only because this was my last game at Rupp as a senior, but I really wanted to beat Tennessee because it's such a big rivalry and the fans expect so much. There was a lot of reasons I wanted to go out and do well.

[About Happy Chandler singing "My Old Kentucky Home"]

I thought this was just fantastic. At first, I thought that since the band wasn't going to be playing, I felt a little bit slighted because other seniors had the band. But when I saw Happy Chandler actually there, I was thinking this was a great honor to have the former governor and commissioner of baseball to come, and to especially be here for us.



Troy McKinley

Senior, 6-5, Forward-Guard From Independence, Ky

[About his and Bret's pregame ceremonies]

I thought it was really nice. I think the crowd is great. They've been with me all through my career. It's really pleasing to me that the fans like me so much.

[About the feeling of putting on the blue and white for the last time before a regular season Rupp Arena crowd]

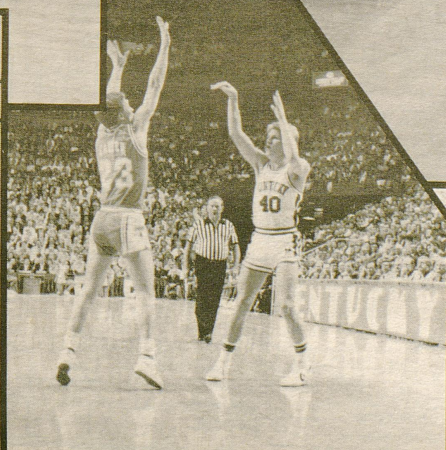
Well, we hope not -- we would like to get back here for the Final Four.

[About A. B. "Happy" Chandler singing "My Old Kentucky Home"]

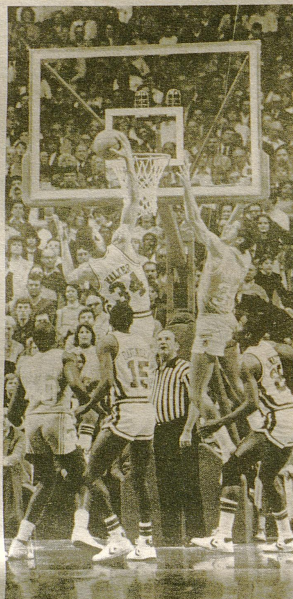
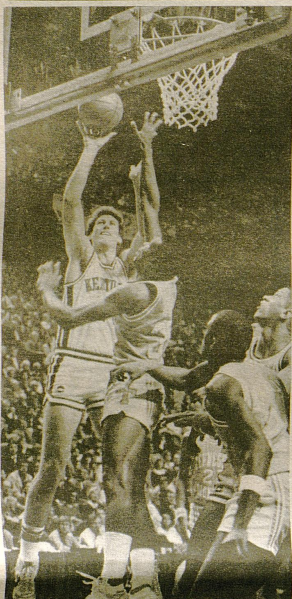
I always like it when he sings like that. I think that kind of put some tears in the eyes of the fans and everybody in Rupp Arena.

[About his thoughts when he and Bret were standing at midcourt for their final farewell to the Kentucky fans.]

I was thinking to myself, about halfway through it, man, this is a piece of cake (not crying). Then, all of a sudden, during one of those ending parts of the song when the coaches came out and I saw Bret lose it and then I had a couple tears in my eyes, too.



TENNESSEE vs KENTUCKY — TENNESSEE vs KENTUCKY —



The Bearup Eyes Two Walker Snares Board

UK Successfully Revenges Early Loss To UT

Kentucky, with the help of a 20-11 start, came out 'Sky' high against arch-rival Tennessee, blasting the Volunteers 92-67 at Rupp Arena. Kenny Walker paced the Wildcats' attack with 33 points and 18 rebounds. Bret Bearup had one of his finest nights as a Wildcat, scoring 13 points and eight rebounds. Freshman Ed Davender netted 15 points.

The win, which raised UK's SEC record to 11-6 (overall 16-10), avenged a 81-65 drubbing to the Vols early in Knoxville.

"It was a very pleasing win for us, especially after Tennessee had beaten Mississippi State soundly at home," said Coach Joe B. Hall. "We were really concerned going into the game, but our player were fired up."

Tennessee was led by Michael Brooks with 17 points. But Brooks was a far cry from his 34 points he scored in the earlier win over UK.

"We never got into the game," said UT Coach Don DeVoe. "They outplayed us and outthrustled us. They kept us from getting second shots and this was a very important factor in the game."

"Kentucky is a better team than we are right now."

Tennessee now falls to 16-13, 7-10 in the SEC race.

A Lot Of Things Pointed To A Kentucky Victory

The Wildcats had many reasons not to lose to the Volunteers this particular night.

It was . . . the final home game of the regular season for the Wildcats.

It was . . . the final regular season appearance for seniors Bearup and Troy McKinley.

It was . . . your basic 'get-even' contest as Kentucky was soundly beaten by UT earlier in the season.

And more importantly, it was . . . a must win.

Before the game some of the old news clippings taken from the UT loss were glaring out on the chalkboard in the Cats' dressing room. Remarks from some of the Vols' players saying how Kentucky had 'died' and had 'given up' in the first game sort of gave incentive to players like Walker, Bearup and the rest of the Blue and White contingent.

It also marked the pregame tribute for McKinley and Bearup. Both players broke down in tears at mid-court when former Governor and longtime Wildcat supporter A. B. Happy Chandler sang "My Old Kentucky Home."

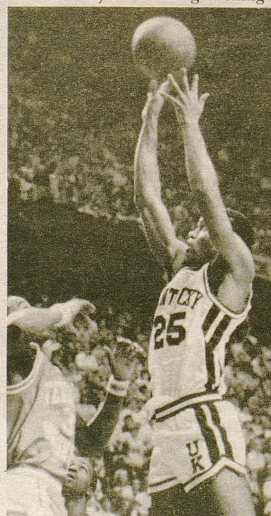
The win assures Kentucky of no worse than a tie for third place in the SEC. But a win was definitely needed if UK has any chance of earning a bid to the 1985 NCAA Tournament.

Said DeVoe, "I think Kentucky is in as far as an NCAA Tournament berth is concerned. This win assured them of a spot."

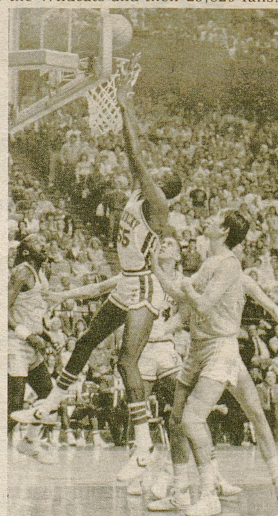
And with playing the Vols', one of the all-time great rivalries in college basketball, a Kentucky team can't help but be fired up.

It was truly an exciting evening for the Wildcats and their 23,820 fans.

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25	Winston Bennett	1	3	6	0	0	7	4	6	19	0	2	1	0																				
34	Kenny Walker	11	17	11	12	18	2	33	40	3	2	2	1	1																				
24	Bret Bearup	5	10	3	6	8	4	13	23	0	0	0	1	1																				
23	Roger Harden	5	10	0	1	1	3	10	32	12	0	0	0	0																				
40	Troy McKinley	3	8	0	0	2	2	6	24	0	0	0	0	0																				
15	Ed Davender	6	9	3	3	1	3	15	31	4	2	0	2	2																				
42	Richard Madison	0	2	1	2	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0																				
44	Robert Lock	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	13	0	1	0	0	0																				
10	James Blackmon	2	2	0	0	0	1	4	8	1	1	0	1	1																				
14	Paul Andrews	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0																				
55	Cedric Jenkins	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0																				
32	Todd Ziegler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0																				
00	Leroy Byrd	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0																				
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FT %: 1st Half 11/16-.688		2nd Half 7/10-.700		Game 18/26-.692																														
OFFICIALS:																																		
R. Copeland, R. Hartsfield, O. Brown																																		
SCORE BY PERIODS																																		
TENNESSEE		36		31		OT		OT		FINAL																								
KENTUCKY		49		43																														
Technical Fouls: None																																		
Attendance: 23,820																																		



Bennett Full-Steam



Jenkins To The Hoop

The Game Was Decided In The First Twenty Minutes

UK led from start to finish as Kenny Walker slid underneath for the first field goal as Kentucky grabbed the early 2-0 lead. Bearup kissed one off the glass following a rebound of a McKinley miss, making it 4-0.

Walker jammed home a pass from Roger Harden, giving the Cats a 10-4 advantage. The All-American candidate netted eight of the Wildcats' first 10 points. Harden played an excellent floor game as the junior dished out a season-high 12 assists, matching his career best.

Hall's squad upped the lead to 25-11 when Harden found guard Ed Davender for the open jumper.

The home team's biggest advantage of the half was 18 points, which the Cats held during five different occasions. Tennessee then cut the lead to 13 with three seconds remaining when Myron Carter made one of two free throws.

However, Davender rushed a jumper from 33 feet and the end result was string music. With Davender's field goal, UK had regained some of the momentum back, leading 49-36 at halftime.

After 12-0 Spurt In Second Half, Game Was Never In Doubt

With 14:56 left in the contest, Kentucky pulled out to a comfortable 61-36 lead. UT's first score in the second stanza came with 14:36 remaining when Carter connected from 16 feet.

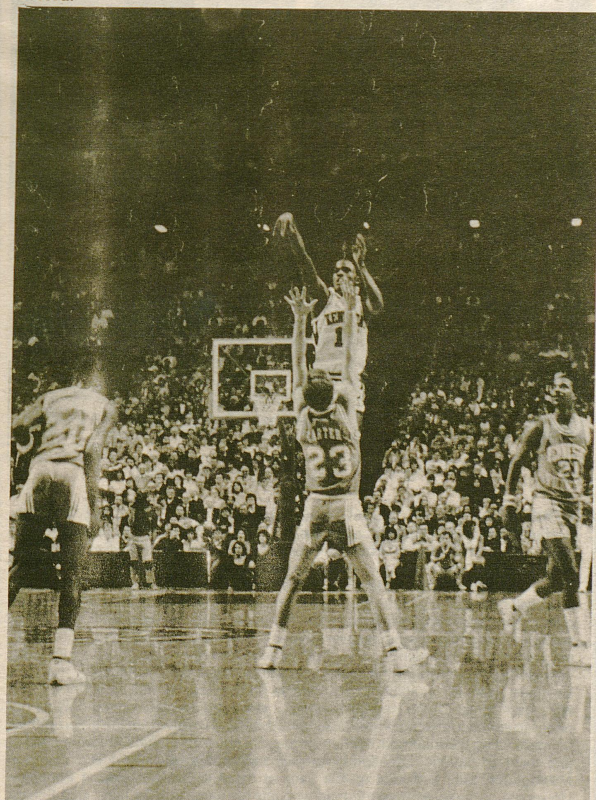
During the Wildcat run, Walker had six points, Harden contributed four, and Bennett added two. That particular sprint finished all hopes for the men from K-town.

The play of the night was when Walker, posted low, leaped to catch a pass from Davender and somehow twisted and scored -- all while in mid-air.

UT-UK Tidbits

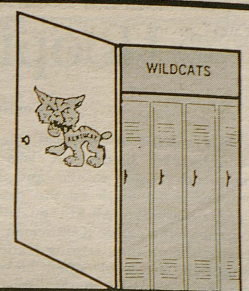
Kentucky's 55.2 percent from the field was its second best of the season. UK shot 55.4 percent against Georgia in Athens. The win marked the sixth straight over the Vols in Rupp Arena.

Richard Madison saw limited action as it was the freshman's first appearance since his knee injury against Auburn (Feb. 2). Junior guard Leroy Byrd scored his first points of the season on a fancy layup as time ran out. The only other UT player in double figures was junior walk-on Mike Johnson (starting at forward) with 11 points. It was only Johnson's second career start. His first start came in the Vols' previous game against Mississippi State . . . The ten SEC losses by Tennessee is the most since it recorded 12 (6-12) during the 1978 campaign . . . Kentucky finished the night hitting 37 of 67 shots from the field (55.2 percent), while Tennessee connected on 27 of 55 (49.1) . . . Harden's 12 assists was two short of a UK record.



"Eddie D" Strikes From 33 Feet

Inside The Locker Room



Kenny Walker

[About playing the game for Bret Bearup and Troy McKinley]

Let's say we played this game for them. I think they are deserving of that. They have been contributing to this team all year; Bearup with his great play inside-rebounding and defense, Troy McKinley who is our designated zonebuster. This was the only way to carry them out. I'm just glad that we went out and played hard and together. Everybody had a great time.

[About playing with intensity]

I think that there was a lot of stuff said by the media that really hyped the players up for this game. A lot of people have been talking about how bad we played down at Tennessee. Let's look at the other side of it; let's look at them coming up here. I think that the bottom line tonight was that we wanted it more than they did. I feel glad to say that because teams have been saying that to us all year-- that they wanted it more than we did. Tonight, we just came out and laid it on the line. We all gave a great effort. I was so fired up for the game. Just sitting on the sidelines and seeing the seniors out on the floor. Bret Bearup broke into some tears and a couple of tears came into my eyes because I know next year I'll be in the same situation. I just love the people here in Kentucky. I think that was the start (getting fired up) right there. Everybody got real emotional and they just wanted to go out and play hard. After I got into the game I kept remembering the things from the paper and everything that everybody was saying. I was extra hyped. I just wanted to do everything well.

[About the game]

I think this was the most fun I've had, by far, this year. It was emotional at the first and it made you want to go out and give 110 percent. We wanted to send the seniors out on a great note. We did. Once the game got going, I just got so caught up in the game and wanted to do even better every time down the court. My feelings took over for my physical reactions. I was hyped, I really was. I've never been on a natural high that high before.

Bret Bearup

[About being extra psyched]

We had on our bulletin board in our locker room a lot of the things that they said. Let's just say that Michael Brooks said down there after the game about Kentucky's excuses, and they could see it in our eyes and all that kind of stuff. That's not the type of thing you say if you're going to have to play a team later in the year. Let's just go ahead and say that UT hasn't beaten a team that I've been on at Rupp Arena. If the same thing is going to be reversed, let's lay it out on the line that way.

[About Don DeVoe's praises for Bearup]

I'm very pleased Coach DeVoe would say something like that. He's a class coach. He's one of the best coaches in the country. I'm happy to make him proud of me.

[About the game being one of Bearup's best college games ever]

Well, I have to say that the first half has got to rank right up there with the first half I played at Indiana earlier this year and in the NCAA in 1982 (at Knoxville). I came out fired up, that's for sure.

[About beating Tennessee]

Beating Tennessee by 25 is an immense satisfaction, probably one of the most satisfying things I've ever felt in my career.

[About his offense]

I came out looking for my shot. I have been looking for my shot in the last few games or so; and they have been going in. If I played as well in the second half as I have been in the first half recently, then I might have had a shot at making All-SEC.

[About Brooks' comments following the Tennessee game earlier in Knoxville]

I was very offended after the game that he would say something like that -- that we came out and 'die' and all that kind of garbage. All these excuses that we supposedly make for going down there, hey we don't play well down there. Is that an excuse or is that the fact--it's a fact. We don't play well down there. Tennessee doesn't play well up here, it's a fact. They're not making any excuses about it. Before the game, Kenny and I just sat and starred in front of the bulletin board; reading everything they said, over and over again. For about five minutes, Kenny and I just sat there and watched it.

Troy McKinley

[About the game having the 'playground' resemblance]

Definitely, in this game we got off and running at the beginning. We just kept fast-breaking and fast-breaking. It was definitely playground ball-type.

[About the second half]

We didn't get into the offense that much in the second half. We just kept on fast-breaking and looking for our early offense.

[About the size of margin--25-point victory over Tennessee]

I thought it would be closer than it really was. But, I didn't have any doubt that we would win.

[About the game being just another game]

I kind of kept my emotions to myself. In the second half, it really drained me because I was really tired in the second half. I guess because I sat down at halftime in the locker room and I came back out and I was really tired.

[About beating Tennessee]

It's always good to beat Tennessee. We've got some stuff they said about us -- when they beat us down there -- hanging on the wall in the locker room.

Hooping It Up

(Continued from Page 44)

Georgia was 5-3 on the road prior to the Tennessee battle, UK was 4-4 going into Baton Rouge and LSU compiled a 5-4 mark on the road. . . Congratulations to All-SEC guard Phil Cox, the young native Kentuckian who became the all-time scoring leader at Vanderbilt last week when he went over the 1,700-point mark surpassing Mike "Country Boy" Rhodes. Cox did it in grand form, the one-arm style. Despite wearing a cast for a broken finger on his left hand, Cox scored 18 points. The kid is a class youngster and proves "heart" can make up for a lot of talent. . . Pity poor Joe Paterno, the Penn State coach who admitted last week he inadvertently broke an NCAA rule by attending the signing of a prep football star to a national letter of intent. The incident was pointed out in a copyright story by the York Daily Record (Pa). Later, Paterno admitted the misdeed and phones the NCAA which said it intended to do nothing because it was an "isolated, minor or inadvertent variety." But sometimes you have to wonder. That rule was put into the books not so very long ago because the rules committee didn't believe head coaches should be in attendance to create a great deal of publicity. You would think one of the game's biggest names (Paterno) would know recent rule changes, wouldn't you? . . . Lake Kelly, the former head coach at Austin Peay and Oral Roberts who has played a key role in the Wildcats' success of the past two seasons, says he would like to get another crack on the big-time level. Kelly has proven himself as an excellent teacher and his knowledge of x and o's ranks with the best coaches in the country. Yet, Lake says he won't jump at just any job. With all the openings sprouting up around the country, Kelly might find himself back in the spotlight very soon. . . The same could be true for UK associate coach Leonard Hamilton who has proven himself as one of the game's top recruiters. Hamilton came close to getting the Cincinnati job a couple years ago when the Bearcats tapped

former UC star Tony Yates on the shoulder. Hamilton has certainly paid his dues on the road to bigtime and



Leonard Hamilton

most school will find it extremely hard to find a more qualified coach available this spring. . . Mark Whitworth, a former sports information director at Asbury College, has been named as assistant in the Tennessee sports information department, replacing Rick Redding who recently joined Host Communications in Lexington. Whitworth is a native of Louisville and will be joining one of the nation's best sports information departments in Knoxville. . . When was the last time that Indiana, Kentucky, Louisville, and Western Kentucky lost ten or more games in the single season? You can bet it was before the arrival of any of the current coaches and none of the four will probably be around when that feat is dumped upon the schools again. Isn't it ironic this occurs during a season when the Final Four is brought to Kentucky?

SEC Basketball Tournament

The annual Southeastern Conference basketball tournament, renewed in 1979 after a 26-year discontinuance, is scheduled for March 6-9, 1985 in Birmingham, Alabama. The winner will represent the SEC at the NCAA tournament. The SEC champion is decided by the regular season 18-game round-robin schedule.

The tournament returns to the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center after having been played at Vanderbilt's Memorial Gymnasium in 1984 before a complete sell-out crowd. Two of the nine games went into overtime periods and four more contests were decided by one or two points.

The tournament consists of five sessions. Pairings are based on the final regular season conference standings, the teams seeded by their order of finish.

The seventh through tenth seeds play in the first round Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 and 9:00 CST. The two winners advance to the second round, joining the other six teams Thursday, March 7. The second round includes an afternoon session with tipoffs at 12:00 and 2:00 and an evening session with games again at 7:00 and 9:00.

The four winners play in the semifinals Friday March 8 at 7:00 and 9:00. The finals will be Saturday, March 9, at 3:00.

The basketball tournament was the first championship event of the 52-year old Southeastern Conference. The first two were held in Atlanta, Kentucky winning the first and Alabama the second. No tourney was held in '35 but was renewed and hosted in Knoxville the next two years. It went to Baton Rouge in 1938 and back to Knoxville for two more years before moving to Louisville, where it stayed until '52.

Birmingham was the tournament site from 1979 to '81, Tennessee, LSU and Ole Miss taking the crowns. In 1982 the tournament was held in Lexington; Alabama captured the title. Georgia won the '83 affair in Birmingham and Kentucky took it last year in Nashville. In the six years since the renewal, there have been six different champions.

Overall, Kentucky has dominated, winning 14 titles; Tennessee has won four; Alabama two; Vanderbilt, Georgia Tech, LSU, Ole Miss and Georgia one each.

Metro Conference tournament

At Freedom Hall, Thursday through Saturday

MEMPHIS STATE

7 p.m. Thursday

SOUTHERN MISS.

SOUTH CAROLINA

9 p.m. Thursday

LOUISVILLE

TULANE

1 or 3 p.m. Thursday

CINCINNATI

FLORIDA STATE

1 or 3 p.m. Thursday

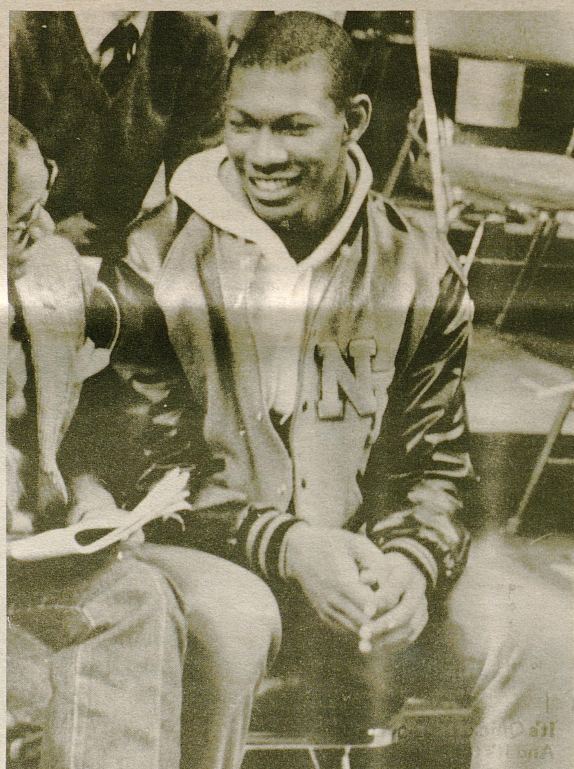
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9 p.m. Friday

2 p.m. Saturday

7 p.m. Friday



Payne On UK Want List

KENNY PAYNE, 6-7, 205 lbs., Senior, 24.0 ppg, 17.0 rpg, 4.0 apg, 3.0 blpg, Northeast Jones High School/Laurel, Ms. "Will be the most highly recruited player in the history of the state of Mississippi before it's all over," said Bill Spencer of the Jackson (MS) Clarion-Ledger ... took his team to a 34-3 record and the semi-finals of the state tournament ... unanimous first team All-Mississippi selection and his team will go into the year as the preseason No. 1 pick in the state ... marvelously gifted shooter and ball handler who has perimeter skills rare in one his size ... big, sturdy and can shoot his jumper over anyone ... definitely can shoot the light out and put points on the board in a hurry ... "all the athletic skills - highly mobile, runs like a deer and jumps through the roof," said super scout Bill Cronauer ... "Kenny's strongest asset is the ability to put the ball on the floor as well as shoot it," said Northeast Jones Coach Keith Robinson ... plays a great deal on the outside but needs to spend a little more time around the hoop ... "we give him the green light as far as shooting is concerned, but Kenny does not abuse it," Robinson commented ... first received national attention before his sophomore year at the B/C Camp in Milledgeville, Ga., and kept up the pace at the AFB/Nike Camp at Princeton University ... "a pleasant young man who lets his game talk for him," said Forrest Harris of AFB ... at last report Payne was impressed the most with Mississippi State, Louisville, Georgia and Kentucky.

"Sky Walker" Named Conference Player Of The Year

Kentucky star forward Kenny Walker continues to win top basketball honors as he was named the "SEC Player of the Year" by the Lorimar Sports Network during the network's final Thursday night telecast last week.

Walker was the No. 1 player on the five-member All-SEC team which includes Vanderbilt's Phil Cox and Tennessee's Michael Brooks as guards, Florida's Eugene McDowell as center and Auburn's Chuck Person as the other forward with Walker.

"He's (Walker) is one of the all-time great players in the Southeastern Conference," said Lorimar color analyst Joe Dean during the telecast. "He just has an incredible heart and plays so hard on both ends of the court."

Georgia freshman sensation Cedric Henderson was named "Freshman of the Year." An honor won by Walker two years ago.

Mississippi State's Bob Boyd was named the network's "Coach of the Year."



Kenny Walker

Year" with Hugh Durham of Georgia and Joe B. Hall of Kentucky "close behind."

Dean said the toughest decision was not being able to put Mississippi State star guard Ken Harvey on the five-man team. "He was just a eyelash back," commented Dean.

Help America's Young Men get the Point about Selective Service Registration

Young men born on or after January 1, 1980 are required to register with Selective Service within a month of their 18th birthday.

The registration process takes less than five minutes at the post office. A young man fills out a simple form asking only for his name, date of birth, address, telephone number and Social Security number.

Registration helps keep our country prepared with a pool of names to draw from in case of a national emergency... without interfering with people's lives. When you think about it, that's not a lot to ask.

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Nicknames

From Kentucky Coach Adolph "The Baron" Rupp to LSU's "Pistol Pete" Maravich to last year's "Twin Towers" Melvin Turpin and Sam Bowie, nicknames are popular among the SEC basketball elite. Following are some of the current favorites.

Eugene "The Dunking Machine" McDowell	Carey "Club" Holland
Bobby Lee "M&M" Hurt	David "Q-Tip" Quarles
Kenny "Sky" Walker	Richard "Master Blaster" Madison
Ricky "Hot Dog" Blanton	Vern "Blue" Strickland
Brett "Goose" Burrow	Eric "E" Laird
Mark "Tree" Farmer	Andre "Silk" Laird
Jerry "Ice" Reynolds	Nikita "Honey Bun" Wilson
Gerald "Webster" White	Anthony "Dealn" Wilson
Chuck "DeeBoo" Person	Joe "Jo-Jo" Ayers
LeRoy "Baby Magic" Byrd III	Terrance "Crow" Howard
Ron "Dr. Dribble" Abernathy	Kenny "Coach Mac" McCraney
Damon "Sir Slam" Vance	Jeff "Drano" Norwood
Roderick "Hot Rod" Barnes	Melvin "Hollywood" Howard
"Jumpin' Joe" Ward	

SEC Basketball Tournament Records (1933-52; 1979-82)

INDIVIDUAL

Single Game

Most Points	42 Cliff Hagan, Kentucky vs. Tennessee (81-66)	1952
Most FG Atts	42 Melvin Turpin, Kentucky vs. Georgia (92-79)	1984
Most FGs Made	18 Melvin Turpin, Kentucky vs. Georgia (80-59)	1952
Most FT Atts	18 Cecil Dowell, Ole Miss vs. Tennessee (82-71)	1984
Most FTs Made	18 Dirk Minnifield, Kentucky vs. Ole Miss (62-58)	1981
Most Rebounds	16 Cecil Dowell, Ole Miss vs. Tennessee (18 atts) (81-71)	1981
	17 Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama vs. Miss. State (51-50)	1983

Tournament

Most Points	110 Cliff Hagan, Kentucky (4 games)	1952
Most FG Atts	94 Cliff Hagan, Kentucky (4 games)	1952
Most FGs Made	31 Kyle Macy, Kentucky (60 atts., 4 games)	1979
Most FT Atts	26 Kyle Macy, Kentucky (23 made, 4 games)	1979
Most FTs Made	23 Kyle Macy, Kentucky (26 atts., 4 games)	1979
Most Rebounds	43 Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama (4 games)	1983

Finals Only

Most Points	37 Alex Groza, Kentucky vs. Tulane (68-52)	1949
Most FGs Made	37 Bill Spivey, Kentucky vs. Tennessee (95-58)	1950
Most FTs Made	15 Bill Spivey, Kentucky vs. Tennessee (95-58)	1950
Most Rebounds	12 Sam Bowie, Kentucky vs. LSU (78-80)	1980

TEAM

Single Game—One Team

Most Points	101 Kentucky vs. Alabama (100)	1979
Fewest Points	11 Georgia vs. Tennessee (35)	1937
Most FG Atts	115 Vanderbilt vs. Florida (63-66)	1952
Most FGs Made	44 Kentucky vs. Vanderbilt (98-29)	1947
Best FG Pct.	68.3 Kentucky (43 of 63) vs. Alabama (101-100)	1979
Fewest FG Atts	31 Auburn vs. Miss. State (made 14) (38-36-OT)	1982
Fewest FGs Made	3 Georgia vs. Tennessee (11-35)	1982
Most FT Atts	42 Kentucky vs. Ole Miss (made 24) (62-58)	1937
Fewest FTs Made	31 Ole Miss vs. Tennessee (38 atts.) (81-71)	1981
Most FTs Made	3 Auburn vs. Kentucky (49-51)	1984
Fewest FTs Made	1 Auburn vs. Kentucky (49-51)	1984
Most Rebounds	50 Alabama vs. Florida (81-64)	1979
Most Points by Losing Team	100 Alabama vs. Kentucky (101)	1979

Single Game—Both Teams

Most Points	201 Kentucky vs. Alabama (101-100)	1979
Fewest Points	39 Alabama vs. Tennessee (21-18)	1942
Most FG Atts	202 Tulane 103, Georgia 99 (92-62)	1949
Most FGs Made	84 Kentucky 43, Alabama 41 (101-100)	1979
Best FG Pct.	62.7 Kentucky (43 of 69), Alabama (41 of 71) (101-100)	1979
Fewest FG Atts	63 Auburn 31, Miss. State 32 (38-36-OT)	1982
Fewest FGs Made	13 Alabama 7, Tennessee 6 (21-18)	1942
Most FT Atts	67 Florida 40, Vanderbilt 27 (66-59)	1952
Most FTs Made	44 Kentucky 24, Ole Miss 20 (62-52)	1941
Fewest FT Atts	9 Kentucky 3, Auburn 6 (51-49)	1984
Fewest FTs Made	6 Kentucky 1, Auburn 5 (51-49)	1984

Tournament

Most Points	332 Kentucky (4 games: 82-101-80-69)	1979
Most FGs Made	137 Kentucky (4 games)	1947
Best FG Pct.	58.6 Kentucky (126 of 215, 4 games)	1979
Most FTs Made	80 Kentucky (109 atts., 4 games)	1979

Finals Only

Most Points	95 Kentucky vs. Tennessee (58)	1950
Fewest Points	25 Florida vs. Alabama (41)	1934
	25 Alabama vs. Tennessee (29)	1936
	25 Tennessee vs. Kentucky (39)	1937
Most Points (Both Teams)	158 LSU 80, Kentucky 78	1980
Fewest Points (Both Teams)	54 Tennessee 29, Alabama 25	1936

MISCELLANEOUS

Most Championships	14 Kentucky (1933, '37, '39, '40, '42, '44, '45, '46, '47, '48, '49, '50, '52, '84)
Consecutive Championships	7 Kentucky (1944-50)
Largest Victory Margin	69 Kentucky vs. Vanderbilt (98-29)
Most Overtimes	4 Auburn vs. Georgia (95-91)
Most All-Tourney Team Selections	4 Jack Tingle 1944-47, Wallace Jones 1946-49, Ralph Beard 1946-49, all of Kentucky
Players on All-Tourney Team	5 Kentucky (Jack Tingle, Joe Holland, Wallace Jones, Ken Rollins, Ralph Beard)
Single Game Attendance	21,688 Kentucky vs. Ole Miss (62-58)
Final Game Attendance	21,981 Alabama vs. Kentucky (48-46)

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR COMPOSITE SEC TOURNAMENT

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.	Tourney	NUMBER OF TIMES			
					Semis	Finals	Titles	
Kentucky	67	11	.859	25	21	20	14	
Tennessee	41	20	.672	24	17	8	4	
Alabama	25	22	.532	25	12	5	2	
LSU	25	24	.510	24	14	3	1	
Vanderbilt	16	22	.421	23	5	1	1	
Georgia	16	24	.400	25	5	3	1	
Auburn	10	23	.303	23	3	1	0	
Ole Miss	9	21	.300	22	4	2	1	
Florida	6	19	.240	19	3	1	0	
Miss. State	5	24	.172	24	3	1	0	
FORMER MEMBERS								
Ga. Tech	14	18	.437	19	8	2	1	
Tulane	12	16	.429	16	5	3	0	
Sewanee	0	2	.000	2	0	0	0	
Totals	246	246	.500	25	100	50	25	

SEC Tournament

If there was a tighter and more unpredictable race in the Southeastern Conference than this just concluded regular season, no one can remember. And balance? Well, the word just might have been perfected this season.

It was not until the final seconds of the final day that LSU was declared the sole champion of the SEC. Left behind were a string of disappointing teams.

At one time or another in the final half of the league race, at least five clubs figured to have a real shot at the title. It wasn't so long ago that Florida was in the driver's seat. Then there was Mississippi State, then Kentucky and then Georgia. But when all was said and done, Dale Brown and his Tigers stood at the top of the hill.

But all that is history now and the Tigers must prove themselves all over again this week. Not only is the event a second chance for the pretenders, but also a second opportunity for the have-nots of the league.

It's been a season of highs and lows, controversies and resignations, celebrations and tears. But that's the way it is in the SEC.

There was the inspirational play of Mississippi State early, the unfortunate departure of Ole Miss' Eric Laird, the stardom of John Williams and Cedric Henderson, the Don DeVoe-Hugh Durham fued and the wonderful season-long scoring race between Kentucky's Kenny Walker and Chuck Person which is still undecided.

All this comes to the surface this week in Birmingham as the ten schools battle out part two of this 1984-85 campaign. Following is a scouting report on what to expect.

Alabama (19-8, 11-7)

Probable starters- Mark Gottfried and Terry Coner at guard, Bobby Lee Hurt at center, Mark Farmer and Buck Johnson at forward. Top reserves - Jim Farmer, Darrell Neal and Derrick McKel.

After a slow start in the SEC, coach Wimp Sanderson's Crimson Tide came on strong at the end and made a strong bid at the upper three spots, finally tying Kentucky for this place on the final day of the season. Bama got hurt early when it was blown out at home by up-and-coming Mississippi State, neither Hurt nor Johnson have played as well as they were expected, but they are still two of the league's top players.

Strengths- Bama is extremely tough with the inside game, offensively. On the boards, the Tide is virtually unstoppable. No one plays more physical than Bobby Lee and Buck.

Weaknesses- All season, Bama has been inconsistent shooting from the outside. And unlike previous Bama teams, there is a lack of overall quickness.

Key to opponent - You've got to take away Bama's awesome inside game while stopping Hurt and Johnson from crashing the boards. Terry Conner can be very dangerous if he is permitted to penetrate. You must stay even with Bama on boards if you want to win.

Auburn (16-11, 8-10)

Probable starters - Frank Ford and Gerald White at guard with Jeff Moore in the middle and Chuck Person and Chris Morris at the forward posts. Top reserves - Terrance Howard, Carey Holland and Johnny Lynn.

Auburn was a very unpredictable team this winter. Many believed the Tigers would make a run for the top spot, even without All-American Charles Barkley who turned pro a year early. Person was expected to take over the leading role, and that he did but his supporting cast has not been very dependable. The guard play has had its ups and downs. While White and Ford were at the top of their games as freshmen, they weren't consistent this time around. Home court losses were a big blow. Sonny Smith's mid-season announcement that he would resign hasn't sparked the Tigers yet.

Strengths- Person is awesome and the Tigers have an excellent overall offense. Auburn can score with almost anyone. The Tigers love the transition game which has been very good to Auburn.

Weaknesses - A solid defense. While Auburn loves to motor up and down the court, the Tigers have had a tendency not to play the hard-nosed defense to keep the other team off the scoreboards.

Key to opponent - Stop Chuck Person and shut down the Auburn transition game. You do that and you've got an excellent chance of winning.

Florida (17-10, 9-9)

Probable starters - Andrew Moten and Vernon Maxwell at guards, Eugene "the Dunkin' Machine" McDowell at center with Randall Leath and Joe Lawrence at forward. Top reserves - Ronnie Montgomery, Danny Sheldon and Pat Lawrence.

Florida raced out front early and appeared to be making a strong run at the league championship before the Gators started free-lancing a great deal. Norm Sloan has two of the league's premier players in McDowell and Moten, perhaps the SEC's top guard. In a tailspin at the season's end, the Gators surprised Mississippi State on the road in the season finale.

Strengths - Overall quickness is as good as anyone in the league. The Gators' inside people have good shooting touch and Moten can destroy anyone.

Weaknesses - Does not always play the good "D". At times, the Gators have appeared to be playing out of control. Depth on club dwindled when star Darryl Gresham left the club at mid-season.

Key to opponent - Must stop the Gators' fast break. When they get rollin', Florida is very difficult to stop. They play very emotional, as must spurt teams do.

Georgia (20-7, 12-6)

Probable starters - Richard Corhen and Joe Ward at forward, freshmen

Cedric Henderson in middle with Gerald Crosby and Donald Harry at guard. Top reserves - Horace McMillan, Joe Ward, David Dunn, Melvin Howard and Chad Kessler.

Only LSU can match Georgia with depth. This is an all-star team which appears to be clicking at the right time. Have experienced unbelievable good luck in close games with "rabbit" tricks against LSU, Auburn and Kentucky, only to suffer a pair of one-point losses to Tennessee. Finished second in season but could be best.

Strengths - Quickness, shooting, depth and a defense which executes like its drawn on the chalkboard. Perhaps the most complete team in SEC.

Weaknesses - Size, but that is overcome by excellent jumpers who block out well.

Key to opponent - Must top the Bulldogs' blazing fast break while stopping the likes of McMillan, Ward, Harry and Crosby. And that's after you stop Henderson who does it all. In other words, a very tall assignment.

LSU (19-8, 13-5)

Probable starters - Derrick Taylor and Don Redden at guard, Nikita Wilson at center and Jerry Reynolds and John Williams at forward. Top reserves - Jose Vargas, Oliver Brown, Dennis Brown, Anthony Wilson and Ricky Blanton.

LSU sputtered a while during the middle part of the season and hit a low point when losing to Ole Miss at Oxford before the Tigers bounced back and reeled off six straight wins at the season's end to claim their third title in seven years. John Williams has lived up to his prepa All-American billing and has been the difference the past couple weeks. Still, the top man is Wilson who remains a force around the SEC.

Strengths - Depth, quickness and inside and outside shooting provide LSU with great weapons. LSU has always played good defense and this year's version is no exception.

Weaknesses - Tigers don't like a slow-temp game and their reaction shows. LSU's half-court game isn't to be confused with their all-court, run-and-gun attack.

Key to opponent - Stop the break, slow the temp down and if you've got a couple good ballhandling guards, put the game in the deep freeze as soon as you get the lead.

Mississippi (11-15, 5-13)

Probable starters - Joe Coleman and Andre Laird at guard with Derek Horne in the middle and Joe Ayers and Curtis Ritchwood at forward. Top reserves - Don Royster and Todd Robinson.

The Rebs struggled most of the season but improved so much under the capable Lee Hunt that Ole Miss popped several upsets down the stretch and most of them were without the services of Eric Laird, the only real star on the Ole Miss team who was suspended from the team. Ole Miss plays well in a slow temp game, but cannot afford to play race-horse basketball.

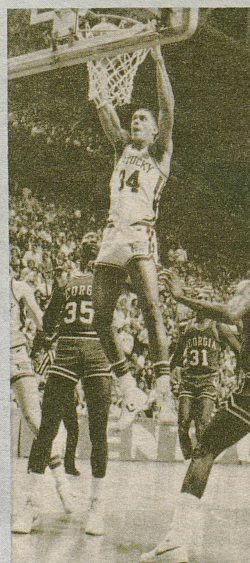
Strengths - Overall quickness.

Weaknesses - Not a very good up-and-down floor and doesn't possess a real strong offense.

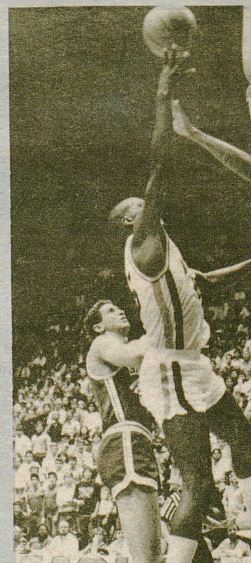
Key to opponent - Shut down Joe Ayers and Curtis Ritchwood. Keep an up tempo.

Mississippi State (13-13, 9-9)

Probable starters - Jeff Norwood and Ken Harvey at guard with Raymond Brown in the middle and Chauncey Robinson and Tony Robinson (if healthy) at forward. Top



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Scouting Report

and reserves - Tracy Taylor and Ervin Dillon.

State came out of the starting blocks like a house afire in the SEC race after struggling to a 4-5 non-conference record. Shocked the league by taking command of the SEC lead with a sound thrashing of Kentucky with just two weeks left in the season only to go on a four-game losing streak when Tony Robinson went out with an injury. The Dogs also lost their shooting touch and floor errors suddenly reappeared.

Strengths - Organization and execution, perhaps better than anyone else in the league.

Weaknesses - Lack of rebounding strength and overall size.

Key to opponent - Must stop State from executing its excellent offense and must not get behind in the second half or get down by a large margin early. Opponents are likely to see some time-consuming tactics if State gets lead without the 45-second clock.

Tennessee (17-13, 9-9)

Probable starters - Michael Brooks and Tony White at guards with Rob Jones in the middle and Fred Jenkins and Anthony Richard at forward. This could change since DeVoe has used several different line-ups late in the season. Top reserves - Myron Carter, Kirk Naler, and Stacey Thomas.

Tennessee went through a dippy-doodle campaign, playing well at times and then playing horrible on other occasions. Perhaps the final week of the season best described the Vols, first losing to Kentucky by more than 20, only to storm back and upset Georgia in the finale. Brooks is one of the greatest long-range bombers in SEC history and White can flat play the game. Jenkins has been somewhat of a disappointment, but the Vols can get "up" for a game against the best of them. Don DeVoe will have his

charges ready.

Strengths - Brooks, Brooks and more Brooks. He's an unbelievable one-on-one player. When he's hot, he's unstoppable.

Weaknesses - Lack of size hurts the Vols on the boards and Tennessee's inside defense is not among the world's leaders. Opponents fattened their statistics against the Vol defense throughout the SEC race.

Key to opponent - Stop Brooks and contain White, but don't let the Vols get a lead in post season play or you may never get another shot. In other words, it probably will be "milk the clock" time.

Vanderbilt (11-16, 4-14)

Probable starters - Phil Cox and Darrell Dulaney at guards, Bret Burrow at center with Steve Reece and Glen Clem at forward. Top reserves - Byron Ball, and Jeff Gary. Bobby Westbrook went out early with an injury.

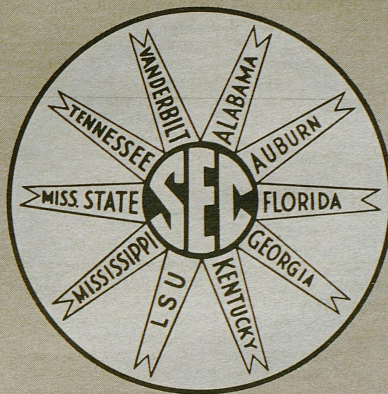
Vanderbilt has struggled all season long after a weak non-conference card gave the Commodores a 7-2 mark, but coach C.M. Newton just doesn't have the horses to play with the big boys. All-SEC Phil Cox has lived up to his billings and became the all-time leading scorer in Vandy history, despite a broken thumb. Burrow has improved by leaps and bounds, but Vandy did pull a couple of big upsets near the end.

Strengths - Shooting.

Weaknesses - Lack of overall quickness and weak defensively.

Key to opponent - Stop Phil Cox from filling it up from the outside and shut off the inside game of Burrow which has become very effective. Must rebound with Vandy which is a very good rebounding team because of good fundamentals in blocking out.

The Cats' Pause All SEC Selections



FIRST TEAM

PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	REB AVG	PTS AVG
Kenny Walker, Kentucky	F	6-8	190	10.5	23.0
Chuck Person, Auburn	F	6-8	215	9.3	22.4
Eugene McDowell, Florida	C	6-8	230	10.3	14.9
Michael Brooks, Tennessee	G	6-2	160	1.9	18.2
Andrew Moten, Florida	G	6-0	170	3.9	17.1

SECOND TEAM

Nikita Wilson, LSU	F	6-8	200	7.2	15.6
Buck Johnson, Alabama	F	6-7	190	9.2	16.7
Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama	C	6-9	240	8.6	16.1
Phil Cox, Vanderbilt	G	5-11	165	3.0	16.9
Ken Harvey, Miss. State	G	6-5	210	4.3	13.9

THIRD TEAM

Cedric Henderson, Georgia	F	6-8	210	6.9	15.1
John Williams, LSU	F	6-8	235	6.5	12.8
Brett Burrow, Vanderbilt	C	6-10	215	7.8	14.3
Tony White, Tennessee	G	6-2	160	2.8	16.1
Donald Hartry, Georgia	G	6-2	170	2.0	10.4

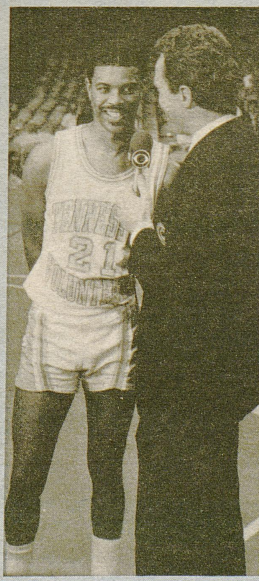
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FIRST TEAM

John Williams, LSU	F	6-8	235	6.5	12.8
Cedric Henderson, Georgia	F	6-8	210	6.9	15.1
Raymond Brown, Miss. State	C	6-8	215	5.3	7.4
Joe Coleman, Ole Miss	G	6-1	180	1.5	5.0
Ed Davender, Kentucky	G	6-1	165	1.2	8.1

SECOND TEAM

Derrick McKey, Alabama	F	6-9	190	3.8	5.3
Richard Madison, Kentucky	F	6-6	215	3.1	5.1
Jeff Moore, Auburn	C	6-7	220	7.4	8.9
Vernon Maxwell, Florida	G	6-4	180	2.6	13.2
Johnny Lynn, Auburn	G	6-2	170	0.5	1.1



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Letters To The Editor

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Bring Back Intro

Dear Sir:

Beard with me and let's go way back to whenever. Back when the misfortune of humans got entangled with comedy, as in today's traditional humor. Without going into detail, these traditions are easy to be made manifest, hopefully in the minds of your readers.

It is common today to hear bad, tasteless humor concerning Joe Hall. Why? Maybe I can explain, while making enemies. Not that I enjoy the thought of adversity. To keep from back seat riding, it is easier to "go with the flow." Which happens to be, in my opinion, the flow of simple ignorance of "round ball" and court tactics. Does that smart? This flow is in the air, and has become as traditional, almost as expectations of Wildcat stardom (which is another story, I hate to say.)

For instance the "boos" Joe frequently receives, at home games when he is introduced. Is this the real you, or childish men pleasers? No really, don't get mad. Just examine yourself. My four-year-old son is cautioned for like behavior. This human being may be feeling somewhat like the very little child in a strange neighborhood. It saddens me to see traditional, barbaric ways inflicted on anyone.

This letter is dedicated to the renevation of air that flows thru that great Kentucky arena during Mr. Joe B. Hall's introduction. Let's cheer him on for I truly, sincerely believe if the man is anything he is a class individual under control and a gentleman. Now bring the introduction back, please!

Sincerely,

Larry W. King

Larry W. King
Owensboro, Ky.

A Florida First

Dear Sir:

We were in Tampa, Florida for a short stay in February and it just happened to be at the time our Wildcats were playing Florida. We quickly moved up the highway to Gainesville and bought student tickets to the game.

Also, we just happened to stay at the same Holiday Inn as the Kentucky players and we let them know that we were from Kentucky and would be at the game to support their efforts. This was our first time to see the team "in person" though we watch on TV each time a game is televised.

We do want the team members to know that we think they have class.

They were very courteous to us and two even shook our hands. After reading the article in Sunday's Courier Journal about Joe B. Hall, I'm sure some of his efforts have paid off.

We had to go all the way to Florida to see a Kentucky game -- how about that. We will be in Birmingham March 6-9 to the tournament. Good luck to the Wildcats.

Sincerely,

George Saunders

George Saunders Family
Bowling Green, Ky.

A Guarded Tradition

Dear Sir:

My last letter lamented the 4 for 19 performance by Kentucky guards against Florida. Well, yesterday it was almost as bad against Georgia. They managed a 6 for 23 effort and Kentucky lost by two.

Whatever happened to the UK tradition of hot-shooting guards? This year's edition is the poorest we've had in the past 20 years.

Sincerely,

Gil Tillotson

Gil Tillotson
Chattanooga, Tn.

For Megabucks Sakes

Dear Sir:

This is the story of a forsaken people -- a forgotten people. Just for the record let's call them the "Evangelical Christian Wildcat Club."

In the era of unshadowed innocence, when college basketball was still an amateur sport, these people used to congregate wherever a radio could be found to cheer for Wah Wah Jones, Alex Groza, Ralph Beard and other Wildcat stars of that vintage. Ky. basketball was a way of life, and as a youngster it seemed that at church the sermons were always more "inspired," and our faith lifted a bit higher, during the times when our boys in blue had just blown out Georgia Tech or Tulane on the previous Saturday night.

Note that I said Saturday night. The years rolled by, golden years of unstinted glory for our great teams. Then a very sad thing happened. It started slowly at first; then the trickle became rushing stream. The siren song of megabucks and madness lured the SEC teams from the traditional campus gymnasiums to downtown arenas. The glitter and tinsel of Sunday television swallowed up coll-

ege basketball and the Christian Evangelicals were brutally sacrificed on the golden altar of E Pluribus Unum. They had to make a choice between circling the TV sets on the Sabbath or locking up the church doors and taking the denominational shingles down. To add to the frustration, a heartless SEC scheduling body changed the time - honored Monday night games to Wednesday night. Now, every urchin in the street knows that Wednesday is the traditional prayer meeting night for practically all churches, nationwide. Again a choice had to be made - go to church or stay at home and watch the game. I'm persuaded that the SEC is not ignorant as to the prayer meeting schedule throughout the south.

Our Evangelicals are not given to demonstrations nor raucous protests. This defeats the purpose of their lives and doctrine. Nevertheless, when they are cut, they bleed. And many of them bleed blue. And take it from me, they have been cut by the powers in the ivory palaces of the SEC, who have ignored their feelings and religious convictions.

Now I'm fully aware that the person who has a plush seat reserved for every Kentucky Wildcat game is not likely to shed many tears for the person who can't even watch the game on TV - for whatever reason. Be that as it may, I feel there are still men of honor, integrity and with a sense of fair play, connected with our great university. I believe these men can still turn things around, even at this late date, and vote for a fair and sensible return to a Saturday - Monday schedule.

Evangelical and True Blue,

Roy Mink

Roy Mink
Hendersonville, Tn.

Discipline And Class

Dear Sir:

To all the Joe Hall critics: It's not his fault if we don't end up winning the SEC. Blame it on the officials(?) at the UGA game Joe B. did a fantastic job coaching and getting the most out of his talent. And of course he and the assistants are still the absolute best recruiting team in the nation.

Also, to Coach Terry Hall. I think she was correct in benching her starting players for uninspired play. She said to the nation "we're building a championship program with the Lady Kats." Joe B. said it in the 1978 Florida State game when he started three freshmen in the second half and Jerry Claiborne said it his first year here by redshirting and insisting on quality gentlemen: and look at them

now - both at the top of their fields. And I think all three coaches have another ingredient - class. And that reflects so well for all of U.K. Something Bobby Knight and I.U. will never have.

Let's show our class and hospitality for the NCAA.

Sincerely,

S. Charles Hite

S. Charles Hite
Lexington, Ky.

Joe's Thoroughbreds

Dear Sir:

I'm sitting here in Florida watching the Cats beat the Gators with a bunch of wet behind the ears freshmen and sophomores and one All-American. They're going to win the SEC again. Truly Joe B.'s best coaching accomplishment of his career.

All you Joe B. critics please raise your hand. You're not so popular now. You never are at the end of the season. What else can a coach do to win your approval. Handicapped by the worst guards in Ky. history, Coach Hall again gets his quiet rebuttal to you in the win column.

Some of you fans make me vomit. Maybe you have to move out of the state to appreciate Joe B. and the Cats for what they are.

To Joe B.'s critics, well they're he same GQ's who go to Keeneland two Saturdays a year and tell everybody how great they are with the horses when their two-dollar 3-5 program picks come in. Joe B.'s critics are like most tips, to be ignored.

Read Coach Hall's past performances. A sure bet is that his thoroughbreds are coached to the distance, year after year, always stakes quality and always winners.

Sincerely

Tom Hurak

Tom Hurak
Clearwater, Florida



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Dick Parsons' Deeds Do His Talking For Him

"If I Leave This World Tomorrow, I'll Leave A Happy Man"

Dick Parsons is a man of many accomplishments. His resume is nearly four pages long.

But getting the former University of Kentucky athlete and coach to talk about what he has done is very difficult.

"I don't like talking about myself," said Parsons, 46, who nonetheless granted an interview in his office this week. "The last thing I want to do is brag about myself. I think you get satisfaction from it. But it's personal. I don't want to hear anyone else do it, either."



Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

Parsons is an extremely private person at an extremely public university. That's not the way he would describe himself, of course. He wouldn't describe himself, period.

When he dies, Parsons will be remembered for his deeds, not for his personality. But he doesn't base his happiness upon those trivial details, anyway.

"If I leave this world tomorrow, I'll leave a happy man," he says. "I've been involved in a lot of things I've received tremendous satisfaction from. I enjoy what I'm doing now as much as when I was teaching advanced biology years ago. Of course, you can't live on that kind of a salary. I believe in being happy no matter what I'm doing."

What Parsons is doing today is working as a director in the UK Office of Development. He's been there since leaving the basketball staff in August of 1980, when an NCAA ruling dictated that he, and other coaches like him, either become a full-time recruiter or a part-time coach. He wanted neither, so he left.

"This office has the responsibility of raising private funds for the enrichment of the university," Parsons explained. "It's actually deferred, or planned, giving."

Parsons would rather be raising money than travelling all over the country recruiting. He lives it, too. There is nothing in his office to remind people he used to be an assistant basketball coach, an ex-baseball mentor, an All-American baseball player, or an ex-basketball player.

There's just a few plants in the window and a few nature pictures. Behind his desk are volumes and volumes of books related to his current profession and, of course, pictures of his family.

"Life is a constant period of adjustment," said Parsons. "The most successful people are those who can adjust. Development work is a challenge. When I accepted this position, I thought, 'Well, I'll be back in coaching in two or three years.' It didn't turn out that way, but I've adjusted to it."



Former UK Assistant-Dick Parsons



An Outstanding Athlete

Not a word has been heard from Parsons since he left athletics. He didn't talk very much when he was involved in sports, either.

"The approach here is low key," he said. That suits Parsons perfectly. "But our work is very important. We operate quite well behind the scenes in a quiet way. Development is extremely important in higher education. We generate the funds to educate our youth and to do research. Now, tell me, what could be more important than that?"

Since 1969, more than \$95 million has been committed to UK through this program. And more than \$68 million has been received, with \$27 million for future years.

Parsons was noticed during his playing and coaching days. And his absence from the athletic department has been noticed, too. Some people say Kentucky's basketball program hasn't been the same since he left.

"I take that as quite a compliment," Parsons said. "I'm flattered someone would say that. I would like to think I made some contributions to the program."

Parsons came to UK from the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. At Harlan High School, he was a four-sports star, and scored 1,277 points during a three-year basketball career.

Even though he excelled in roundball, Parsons liked baseball better and was going to attend Georgia Southern, an excellent baseball school. But his basketball coach, Joe Gilly, had coached "Wah Wah" Jones at Harlan and knew Coaches Adolph Rupp and Harry Lancaster.

"I knew if I didn't go to UK I was going to regret it," Parsons explained. "This was a tremendous opportunity for me."

At Kentucky, he became known for his quickness and alert defensive play as well as a fine outside shooter. Even though he was only 5-10 and weighed 160 pounds — he's still the same weight as during his playing days — Parsons was a three-year starter at guard.

He was recipient of the coveted A.B. "Happy" Chandler award, given annually to the player best exemplifying the qualities of leadership, scholarship, character and ability, in 1960 and 1961.

Parsons served as captain on the baseball team, as well as basketball. Holding more Wildcats' baseball records than any other player at the time, he was an All-Southeastern Conference shortstop in 1959 and '61, All-NCAA District in '60 and '61, and All-American in '61. He hit .400 his senior year.

"Size is not so important in baseball," Parsons says. "In basketball, it's a different matter. I did play an awful lot, though. Sometimes, you'd get in the doghouse and have to get your job back. But I did what Coach Rupp wanted me to do, get the ball to the players who could score."

"It was difficult, being small," Parsons continued. "But you can make up for it. I had a certain degree of quickness. I felt like I could play good defense and run the offense. Coach Rupp did allow me to play. He'd say, 'You don't have to help us but don't hurt us, either. He wasn't really that critical of me. But, if he was, it would challenge me to prove he was wrong. I wanted to prove to him that I could fit in.'"

(Next week: Parsons talks about his coaching career and about how tough a recruiter's job can be)

The Top 100-Plus Seniors

By Rick Bolus, High Potential Recruiting Service

TOP 12				
TONY KIMBRO	6-8/F	N	Louisville Seneca/Glenn Collie	M+,JC
This versatile forward may not predict but Louisville, UNLV, DePaul and Kentucky stand awaiting just in case. 26 PPG and state's best ever.				
MICHAEL SCOTT	6-11/C	C	Greenup Onenup Co./Parly Ward	M
This strong insider will take his 19 PPG and 15 RPG to Wake Forest despite suspect speed and quicks.				
KEITH WILLIAMS	6-4/G	N	Louisville Seneca/Glenn Collie	M
A versatile guard who averages 15 PPG and he'll fit in nicely at Louisville where he'll attend.				
BARRY GOHEEN	6-4/G	C	Benton Marshall Co./Allan Hatcher	MM+
This wing guard can pass the ball and shoot the "J" which should please the folks at Vandy where he has signed. 27 PPG.				
SHANE BELCHER	6-8/C	C	Madisonville North Hopkins/Don Parson	MM
Not a bad talent for the inside position as he can rim and score inside but he needs more strength to insure midmajor success. 19 PPG.				
FRANK KORNET	6-6/C	C	Lexington Catholic/Tommy Starns	MM
A strong insider with a nice touch out to 15 ft. but he needs more intensity and handling skills to insure midmajor success. Eastern Kentucky, Canisius, and ISU-Evansville head his list. 19 PPG.				
TODD WEBB	6-7/F-C	C	Brownsville Edmonson Co./Gary Meredith	MM
This power forward can shoot the ball nicely for one his size and he'll predict but he's married. Indiana State-Evansville most interested.				
DERPICK WILSON	6-2 1/2/F	N	Lexington Bates Creek/Wolan Barger	MM
This inbetweenner can do it all except shoot but athletic ability gets him to midmajor.				
TERRY BRADLEY	6-4/G-F	N	Louisville Hale/Maurice Payne	JC
A lefty shooter who can play either wing forward or 2 guard but he needs to improve his GPA which is below a 2.0. 15 PPG.				
OWBRY GRITTON	6-5/F-G	C	Lawrenceburg Anderson Co./Larry Cheatham	MM
This versatile swingman can stroke the "J" but he'll need more strength in order to play higher up in college.				
GEORGE KIMBROUGH	6-4/F	N	Louisville Western/Bobby Jones	MM
An athletic inbetweenner who must prove that he can stroke the "J" in the backcourt but Morehead State is ready to take a chance. 16 PPG.				
JAMIE JOHNSON	6-6/F	N	Murray Clayway Co./Jack Pack	7MM
A diamond in the rough with strength and natural ability but not having the year expected out of him.				
TOP SLEEPER				
MIKE CHANEY	6-7/C-F	C	Jackson Breathitt Co./James Turner	LMM+
The Bluegrass State's "Rip Van Winkle" can play the game but he won't get the ink due to rural location of school.				
SECOND 12				
CHIP RUPP	6-6/F-G	C	Lexington Henry Clay/Al Prewitt	LMM+
The grandson of Adolph Rupp can shoot the ball and he should fit into the right low major backcourt once he gets strength. Vandy likes him.				
JOHN TISDALE	6-5/F	N	Russellville Logan Co./Gerald Sinclair	JC
The brother of Fred Tisdale (Western Kentucky) has all of the raw talent except a "J" and a 2.0 GPA.				
DANNY JOHNSON	6-3 1/2/G	C	Lexington Catholic/Tommy Starns	LMM+
A versatile guard who can shoot the "J" (despite an awkward form), pass, and handle. ISU-Evansville and Atlantic Christian are most interested. 15 PPG.				
BILLY WISE	6-5/F	C	Georgetown Scott Co./Everett Varney	LMM+
A versatile small forward who can go inside or outside to inflict offensive damage and having suspect speed and quicks keeps him at LMM+.				
DALE SPEARS	6-2/G	N	Richmond Madison/Phil Runyon	LMM+
This 2nd guard just needs to increase his range a few more feet in order to move up the collegiate ladder and Indiana State-Evansville has inquired.				
DESTER TERRY	6-6/C-F	C	Stearns McCreary Central/Jerry Stephens	LMM+
This forward has an excellent touch inside 18 ft. but he needs to get more aggressive on the boards to play higher.				
KIM CLAY	6-0/PG	N	Lexington Bryan Station/Ed Allin	LMM+
A jet-quick point guard who can shoot, pass and has quicks. Kentucky Wesleyan has got his signature.				
LOUIS MORRIS	6-6/G	C	Cumberland/Ralph Roberts	LMM+
East Tennessee State has already inked this big guard whose best days lie ahead in college.				
WENDELL CHARLES	6-2/G	N	Hopkinsville/Daryl Hallmark	LMM+
Check out the number two prospect in the 2nd region as he can light up the scoreboard.				
MAURICE JONES	6-3/F	N	Louisville Doss/Leon Mudd	LMM
This talented inbetweenner hits for 20 PPG and Tampa could have inside track on him and he'll predict with ease.				
DAVID JOHNSON	6-4/G-F	N	Bardstown/Tom Williams	JC
A strong player who plays inside and outside for team but having questionable grades will force him the JUCO ranks initially.				
DWAYNE HOGAN	6-3/G	C	Louisville Valley/Fred Copass	LMM
This 2nd guard can drill the "J" with range but lacking the strength gets him a LMM berth for now. 17 PPG.				
SECOND SLEEPER				
MIKE ROBERSON	6-3/G-F	N	Bowling Green/Gim Faulkner	LMM,JC
Ranks as the number two prospect in the 4th Region behind Todd Webb and Western Kentucky has inquired but this leaping shooter's grades are suspect.				
THIRD 12				
JOE HARRINGTON	6-2/F-G	N	Fern Creek/George Abernathy	LMM,JC
A shooting inbetweenner (19 PPG) with some athletic ability but grades point JUCO for now.				
GARY BAKER	6-3/F	C	Hazard M.C. Napier/Denny Fugate	LMM
Possesses the natural ability and shot to get him to the LMM ranks but his guard play and speed are 7ed.				
ALAN JENNINGS	6-3/C-F	N	Barnes Breckinridge Co./Dean Hobbs	LMM
One of the toughest offensive players in the state inside the 15 ft. marker but his handling and range are areas that need to be proven.				

STEVE BUTCHER	6-4/F	C	Newport Central Catholic/Gary Schulte	LMM
This small forward is dangerous in the paint area as he hits for 20 PPG and don't be surprised if Northern Kentucky signs him.				
DEMETRIUS FRANKLIN	6-1/G	N	Louisville Ballard/Don Salyer	LMM
Just a solid and sound guard who hails from an outstanding program and he's prime Division II material. 12 PPG.				
JEFF GRIFFIN	6-4/PG	C	Buckner Oldham Co./Bob Hoggard	LMM
A tough scoring point guard who is being recruited heavily by Wingate College.				
JESSE FRENCH	6-1/F	N	Elizabethtown/Gary French	LMM
This inbetweenner has really never improved like I anticipated that he would since his soph days.				
ERIC ANDERSON	6-3/F-G	N	Campbellsville/Sam Karr	LMM
He'll make a fine swingman in the LMM ranks due to his shot and physical style of play.				
TONY MASSEY	6-3/F-G	C	Somerset/Kirk Chiles	LMM
This strong small forward has a nice touch inside 15 ft. and he plays quite physical and it appears that he'll go the football route in college.				
BOB KIRKLEY	6-1/G	N	Danville/Donn Marston	LMM
A quick guard who'll need to develop more range if he expects to be eyeballed by more recruiters.				
SHAWN TANDY	6-7/C-F	C	Louisville DeSales/Mike Campbell	LMM
This big man has a nice touch out to 15 ft but he lacks the quicks for a higher elevation of play. 13 PPG and 11 RPG and North Dakota State School of Science is most interested.				
BRIAN OVERALL	6-3/F-G	N	Louisville Seneca/Glenn Collie	LMM
Some of the academies are most interested in his services but he has remained in the shadows of mates, Kimbro and Williams, for two years now.				

THIRD SLEEPER

DEE SMITH	6-2/G-F	N	Paducah Tilghman, 42001/Berny Miller	LMM
This versatile player can play swingman for his high school team and he's considered the number two player in the 1st Region behind Barry Goheen. (SP) 502/444-5650.				

FOURTH 12

WILLIE RAY	6-4/F	N	Louisville Central/Bob Graves	JC
This small forward lacks the handling tools to play guard and his grades lean towards the JUCO side. 18 PPG.				
EDDY MITCHELL	5-10/G	N	Greensburg Green Co./Carl Deaton	LMM,JC
A strong guard with quicks and shooting ability but lacks the PG skills and size while grades hover around 2.0.				
AKEL SCHUBERT	6-8/F-C	C	Hopkinsville Christian Co./Lyle Dunbar	LMM
This transfer student has a nice shooting touch for a foreigner and he has the meat to go along with his frame.				
CHARLES WARE	6-1 1/2/F-G	N	Bowling Green Warren Central/Curtis Turley	JC
A swingman who is a sleeper in the 4th Region but grades point towards the JUCO.				
LEE OSBORNE	6-5/F	C	Lexington Sayre/Jim Lankster	7LMM
This scoring forward hits for 19 PPG for squad that doesn't score a lot of points but he needs more strength to compete higher. Georgetown and Clinch Valley are most interested.				
WILLIAM TIDWELL	6-1/F	N	Nobo West Hopkins/Tim Beshear	JC
Possesses a lot of natural ability but having suspect grades will get him at a JUCO upon graduation.				
RODRICK ROBINSON	6-0/G	N	Harlan/Billy Hicks	7LMM
This guard does it all for team in the areas of scoring, rebounding, handling and passing but competition level is suspect.				
TERENCE BROOKS	6-2/G	N	Paris/Mark Crain	7LMM
A versatile guard who can play either PG or 2 guard due to his versatile style of play.				
JOHN DEVRIES	6-3/G	C	Brandenburg Weade Co./Larry Miller	7LMM
Excellent shooter with range but needs to improve his handling, speed and quicks more to play higher.				
TERANCE MOORMAN	5-9/PG	N	Louisville Doss/Leon Mudd	JC,7LMM
This Smurf point guard can drill the "J" from the top of the key and you'll like his jet-quicks but size and grades are 7ed.				
TROY KUHLE	6-3/F	C	Shelbyville Shelby Co./Tom Creamer	7LMM
Strokes the "J" but must prove that he can convert to the backcourt in order to be rated higher.				
MERLE KIDWELL	6-0/G	C	Vanceburg Lewis Co./Gary Kidwell	7LMM
This cerebral point guard hit for close to 20 PPG this season but lacks the speed, quicks and size for a higher ranking.				

FOURTH SLEEPER

TIM BROADY	5-11/PG	N	Madisonville North Hopkins, 42431/Don Parson	7LMM
A strong well-built stocky PG with speed, quicks and leaping ability but he needs more consistent scoring punch to play higher. (SP) 502/825-6017.				

THE NEXT BEST GROUPING OF 7LMM SENIORS

(Listed alphabetically)

CHRIS EAST	6-3/F	C	Irvine Estill Co./Bart Rison	7LMM
Gets a lot of results for you on the scoreboard and backboard in the paint area but he'll have to prove that he can play beyond that mark. (SP) 606/789-4690.				
MIKE HALL	5-11/G-F	C	Paintsville Johnson Central, 41240/Mike Castle	7LMM
Gets a lot of results for you on the scoreboard and backboard in the paint area but he'll have to prove that he can play beyond that mark. (SP) 606/789-4690.				
DEWAYNE HALL	6-3/F	N	Bardwell Carlisle Co./Steve Dreher	7LMM
Strong rebounder who plays "D" but can he convert to the backcourt?				
HENRY JONES	5-9/PG	N	Russellville Logan Co./Gerald Sinclair	7LMM
This lefty point guard is quick and can score on the "J" or the drive to the hoop but size will limit his selections.				
STAN MORRIS	5-9/G	C	Paducah Lone Oak/Steve Speed	7LMM
A super shooter and handler but you have to wonder about his size for a higher elevation.				

GRIG POPE	5-11/PG	C	Versailles Woodford Co./Gene Kirk	7LMM
A heady floor general who directs the show and shoots the "J" but size and lacking strength keeps him at 7MM.				
BRAD SKINNER	6-4/F	C	Murray Calloway Co./Jack Pack	7LMM
This small forward plays intelligently and is a leader out on the court but he'll need to improve his shot.				
BRIAN VAN HOOSE	6-6/C	C	Ashland Boyd Co./Roger Zornes	7LMM
Gets results inside for you on the scoreboard and backboard but he needs more strength and perimeter skills to compete higher.				
JOHN WALKER	6-5/C	N	Henderson Henderson Co./Bill Loney	7LMM
A powerful insider who commands the boards, outlets and scores near the hoop but having perimeter skills equals 7LMM.				
MIKE YATES	6-2/G	C	Louisville Trinity, 40207 The Thompson	7LMM
Leading team to one of its finest seasons in some time thanks to his 15 PPG and cerebral play. GPA is 3.0 and Washington & Lee is most interested. (SP) 502/895-9427.				

ROUNDING OUT THE STATE'S TOP 100 SENIORS

(Listed alphabetically and 7LMM to SC+)				
Mike Ballard	6-2/G	C	Berea/Steve Riddle/Shoots & handles	
Tony Barker	5-10/G	N	Bowling Green Jim Palkner/Quick team player	
Jeff Bates	6-1/G	C	Greenup Greenup Co./Randy Ward/Shoots but lacks	
Tony Baxter	6-5/F	C	Hopkinsville University Hts., 42240/Roy Woolam/	
			Shows signs	
Mike Beal	6-1/G	N	Covington Holmes/Reynolds Flynn/Dickie Beal's	
			brother	
Charles Blevins	6-6/C	C	Pineville Bell Co., 40977/J.D. Strange/Insider	
Jeff Campbell	6-0/G	C	Betsy Layne/William Newcome/Small school standout	
Terry Cooley	6-4/PG	C	Wheelwright/Danny Johnson/Hardier who shoots	
Don Crisp	6-3/P	N	Ft. Knox/Lee Bishop/Sleeper for 5th Region	
Phil Cunningham	6-1 1/2/G	C	Campbellsville Taylor Co., Fred Waddle/Camp-	
			bellsville in close	
Tony Denney	6-6/F-C	C	Albany Clinton Co., 72/Hasn't progressed enough	
Jens Doerner	6-8/C	C	Hopkinsville, 42240/Daryl Hillmark/Foreign	
Mike Donaldson	6-1 1/2/G	C	Nebel West Hopkins/Jim Bestbear/Signs with	
			187-Evansville	
Todd Franklin	6-2/P	C	Central City/Tony Hopper/Shooting inbetweeners	

Terry Hayes	6-4/F	C	Nortonville South Hopkins/Lonnie Burgett/A	
			scraper	
J.D. Hill	6-0/G	C	Greenville/Steve Barringer/Gets results	
Jerry Johnson	6-6/C-F	C	Ashland Blazer/Craynor Sloane/Among best for	
			10th Region	
Mike Jones	6-2/F	N	Hopkinsville Christian Co./Lyle Dunbar/Might	
			32 gridiron	
Paul Kasperbauer	6-7/C	C	Lexington Lafayette/Don Harville/Slow insider	
Gary Lile	5-11/G	C	Powderly Muhlenberg Central/Dale Todd/Shooter	
David Long	6-2/G	C	Louisville Southern/Steve Kinney/13 PPG	
Dion Masden	6-0/G	N	Shepherdsville Bell Co. Central/Bill Schott/Marksmen	
Marty Minix	6-5/F-C	C	Prestonsburg Jack Standford/Needs consistency	
Jeff Minnifield	5-10/G	N	Lexington Tates Creek/Holan Barger/Ultra-quick	
			but size & grades 7	
Chris O'Hearn	6-3/G-F	C	Maysville Mason Co./Allen Feldhaus/Shooting	
			swingman	
Dale Pack	6-1 1/2/F	C	Eastern Allen Central/Judy Eversole/Inbetweeners	
John Potts	6-1/PG	C	Murray Calloway Co./Jack Pack/A sleeper for PG	
Myron Roberts	6-3/F	N	Paris/Mark Crain/Small forward	
Keith Runyon	6-3/G-F	C	Pikeville Johns Creek/Jimmy Kerr/Swingman	
Robbie Russell	6-4/F	C	Salersville Maj. Iffin Co./Danny Adams/Just needs	
			strength	
Craig Smith	6-0/G	C	Phelps/Clifford Hunt/Steady guard	
Robbie Snyder	6-3 1/2/F	C	Lewisport Hancock Co., 42351/Don Unruh/10 PPG	
Joe Spencer	6-2/G	C	Booneville Owens Co./Charlie Turner/Dandy	
			maestro	
Terry Topley	6-0/PG	C	Stearns McCreary Central/Jerry Stephens/Runs the	
			show	
Jeremy Tarter	6-5 1/2/F	C	Danville/Donn Marston/Scores on court & class-	
			room	
Robbie Taylor	6-0/G	C	Hebron Conner/Bill Warfield/Shoots & passes;	
			10 PPG	
Tracey Thomas	6-2/F-G	N	Paris Bourbon Co./Russ Day/Probably will go	
			football	
Gary Turner	6-1/G	N	Fairdale/Stan Hardin/Hails from a good program	
Eddie Vinson	6-4/G	C	Louisa Lawrence Co./Jeff Riley/Shoots & handles	
Darwin Whitaker	6-1/G-F	C	Hazard M.C. Napier/Denny Puga/Among elite	
			for 14th Region	
Andy White	6-4/C-F	N	Morganfield Union Co./Tris Kingston/Grades 7ed	
Doug Winkler	5-11/G	C	Campbellsville Taylor Co./Fred Waddle/Among	
			best for 5th Region	

FINAL FOUR TICKETS

Everybody Wants 'Em, Few Have Got Them

Everybody wants them, but who's got 'em?

Tickets to the NCAA Final Four, that is. Even though there are 22,000 tickets, a person would be considered lucky to land one of the valuable reserved tickets.

Trying to get tickets to the 1985 NCAA Final Four, which will be held

in Lexington's Rupp Arena, have been tough to come by for anybody.

The prestigious event has been sold out for almost a year, when over 120,000 applications were mailed to the NCAA.

Tickets for the March 30 - April 1 tournament are distributed among the public, the host school, the competing

schools and various other outlets.

Here is the rundown of the ticket distribution for this year's tournament: participating schools, NCAA officials and basketball coaches -- about 14,000, general public (received by lottery last season) -- 6,000; host school (Kentucky) -- 1,600 and 1985 NCAA Host Committee -- 400.

Price of one book of tickets, which allows a person into both sessions, Saturday afternoon and Monday night, is \$43.

Anyone selling the tickets above actual cost is illegal in Kentucky. If a person is caught scalping tickets in Kentucky, then he or she could be fined and have the tickets taken away.

Kentucky's Top Prep Basketball Underclassmen

By Rick Bolus, High Potential Recruiting Service

KENTUCKY'S TOP 32 UNDERCLASSMEN

TOP 15				
Rex Chapman	6-3/G	C	Jr. Owensboro Apollo/John Whitmer/Big-time PG	
			ok 2 guard & 27 PPG	
Felton Spencer	7-0/C	N	Jr. Louisville Eastern/Bill Kercher/Louisville	
			in close & 24 PPG	
Reggie Hanson	6-7/C	N	Jr. Somerset Pulaski Co./Dave Fraley/Possesses	
			good bloodline	
Scott Draud	6-2 1/2/G	C	Jr. Ft. Thomas Highlands/Ken Shields/Lights	
			up the scoreboard-30+ PPG	
Frank Persley	6-4/C	N	Jr. Georgetown Scott Co./Everett Varney/Talented	
			inbetweeners	
Brian Joiner	6-8/C	N	Jr. Louisville Pleasure Ridge Park/Dale Mabrey/	
			Strong insider & 13 PPG	
David Hogg	6-3/G	N	Soph Owensboro/Randy Embry/State's top soph	
			hits for 16 PPG	
Shawn Pennington	6-5/P	N	Jr. Manchester Clay Co./Bobby Keith/Excels	
			in football too	
Dwight Turner	6-4/G	N	Jr. Bowling Green Warren East/Tommy Compton/	
			Nice big guard prospect	
Derrick Wilcox	6-0/PG	N	Jr. Louisville Pleasure Ridge Park/Dale Mabrey/	
			Just needs a "J"	
Chris Swarts	6-2 1/2/G-F	C	Jr. Owensville Bath Co./Roy Wright/Tough "O"	
Lawrence Buell	6-3/C	C	Jr. Middleboro/Larry Bruner/An athlete	
Mike Hall	6-1/G	N	Soph Jeffersonsonton/Don Hottman/Has the tools &	
			15 PPG	
Bobby Newton	6-6/C	N	Jr. Lexington Bryan Station/Ed Allin/Strong	
			muscle man	
Avery Taylor	6-5/C	N	Jr. Owensboro/Randy Embry/Leading team to	
			superb season & 18 PPG	
TOP SLEEPER				
Nick Sanford	6-5/F	N	Jr. Harlan Cawood/Mike Jones/27 PPG & 14 RPG	
			for this natural	
SECOND 15				
John Pelphey	6-5/P	C	Soph Paintsville/Bill Runyon/Can P-L-A-Y	
Bruce Wise	6-5/F	C	Jr. Lexington Lafayette/Don Harville/Coach	
			high on him	
Greg Baughn	5-10 1/2/PG	C	Jr. Owensboro Apollo/John Whitmer/Steady PG	
Scott Benton	6-7/C-F	C	Jr. Walton Walton-Verona/Rob Eades/Shoots &	
			rebounds	

Todd Bearup	6-4 1/2/F-G	C	Jr. London Laurel Co./Chuck Broughton/Brett's	
			brother	
Daryl Smalley	6-3/G	N	Jr. Danville Boyle Co./Tommy Mills/Solid 1MM	
			guard	
Myron DeVoe	6-7/C-F	N	Jr. Louisville Western/Bobby Jones/Has the	
			tools & 13 PPG	
Doug Gold	6-5/G-F	C	Jr. Flemingsburg Fleming Co., 41041/Martin	
Mike Sams	6-4/G-F	C	Jr. Bardwell Carlisle Co./Steve Braher/Great	
			potential	
Joey Couch	6-2/F	C	Soph Paintsville/Bill Runyon/Can score the pts.	
Carl Wallace	6-1/PG	N	Jr. Hazard/Roy McNamey/Ultra quick guard	
Matt Harrell	6-2 1/2/G	C	Jr. Bowling Green Warren East, 42101/Tommy	
			Compton/knows the game	
Mike Dickerson	6-5/F	C	Jr. Georgetown Scott Co./Everett Varney/in	
			shadow of Persley	
Mike Gray	6-4/F	N	Frosh Princeton Caldwell Co./Harry Byrd/Dandy	
			frosh	
Desmond Porter	6-2/F	N	Soph Louisville Pleasure Ridge Park/Dale Mabrey/	
			A talented inbetweeners	

SECOND SLEEPER

Devin Thomas	5-11/PG	N	Jr. Hopkinsville Christian Co./Lyle Dunbar/	
			Solid PG and best jr. in 2nd Region	

TOP UNDERCLASSMEN NEWCOMERS TO THE 84-85 ISSUES

(Listed alphabetically)

Shane Blevins	5-10/G	C	Soph Monticello, 42633/Wade Upchurch/Promising	
			gd.	
Jerry Bruce	6-2/F-G	C	Soph Dawson Springs, 42408/Phil Back/19PPG &	
			quick	
Todd Cline	6-7/C	C	Jr. Inez Sheldon Clark, 41224/John Williams/	
			Size will attract	
David Dinn	6-5/C	C	Jr. Florence Boone Co., 41042/Jay Mulcahy/20PPG	
			and 7LMM	
Brian Janocik	6-2/F	C	Jr. Louisville Moore, 40228/Joe Burks/Shooter	
John Perdue	5-10/PG	N	Soph Madisonville North Hopkins, 42431/Don	
			Parson/Quick PG	
Jeff Quarles	6-3/F	N	Jr. Hopkinsville, 42240/Daryl Hallmark/Seall	
			forward	
Mark Schumacher	6-2/G-F	C	Jr. Maysville St. Patrick, 41056/Lex Turner/	
			Has potential	
Greg Thurman	6-6/F-C	C	Soph Marion Crittenden Co., 42064/Hugh Highfill/	
			Can play for a soph	

COLLEGE BASKETBALL REPORT

SOUTHEASTERN

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-LSU	13	5	.722	19	8	.704
Georgia	12	6	.667	20	7	.741
Kentucky	11	7	.611	16	11	.593
Alabama	11	7	.611	19	8	.704
Florida	9	9	.500	17	10	.630
Mississippi St.	9	9	.500	13	14	.481
Auburn	8	10	.444	16	11	.593
Tennessee	8	10	.444	17	13	.567
Mississippi	5	13	.278	11	16	.407
Vanderbilt	4	14	.222	11	16	.407

METRO

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-Memphis St.	13	1	.929	24	3	.889
Virginia Tech	10	4	.714	20	7	.741
Cincinnati	8	6	.571	15	12	.556
S. Carolina	6	8	.429	15	12	.556
Tulane	6	8	.429	15	12	.556
Louisville	6	8	.429	15	15	.500
Florida St.	4	10	.286	12	15	.444
S. Mississippi	3	11	.214	7	20	.259

ATLANTIC COAST

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Georgia Tech	9	5	.643	21	7	.750
N. Carolina	9	5	.643	22	7	.759
N. Carolina St.	9	5	.643	19	8	.704
Duke	8	6	.571	21	6	.778
Maryland	8	6	.571	23	10	.696
Clemson	5	9	.357	16	11	.593
Wake Forest	5	9	.357	15	12	.556
Virginia	3	11	.214	14	14	.500

ATLANTIC 10

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-W. Virginia	16	2	.889	20	7	.741
Temple	15	3	.833	21	5	.808
St. Joseph's	13	5	.722	17	10	.630
Rutgers	9	9	.500	14	13	.519
G.Washington	9	9	.500	14	13	.519
Mass.	9	9	.500	13	14	.481
St. Bona.	7	11	.389	13	14	.481
Duquesne	6	12	.333	10	17	.370
Penn St.	4	14	.222	8	18	.308
Rhode Island	2	16	.111	8	19	.296

BIG EAST

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-St. John's	15	1	.938	25	2	.926
Georgetown	14	2	.875	27	2	.931
Syracuse	9	7	.563	20	7	.741
Villanova	9	7	.563	18	9	.667
Pittsburgh	8	8	.500	17	10	.630
Boston Coll.	7	9	.438	18	9	.667
Connecticut	6	10	.375	13	14	.481
Providence	3	13	.188	10	19	.345
Seton Hall	1	15	.063	10	17	.370

BIG EIGHT

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-Oklahoma	13	1	.929	25	5	.833
Kansas	11	3	.786	24	6	.800
Iowa St.	7	7	.500	19	11	.633
Missouri	7	7	.500	18	11	.621
Colorado	5	9	.357	11	16	.407
Kansas St.	5	9	.357	14	13	.519
Nebraska	5	9	.357	15	12	.556
Oklahoma St.	3	11	.214	12	15	.444

BIG SKY

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-Nev.-Reno	11	3	.786	18	9	.667
Montana	10	4	.714	22	6	.786
Weber St.	9	5	.643	20	8	.714
N. Arizona	8	6	.571	16	11	.593
Montana St.	7	7	.500	11	16	.407
Boise St.	5	9	.357	15	12	.556
Idaho St.	5	9	.357	13	17	.433
Idaho	1	13	.071	8	21	.276

BIG TEN

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L Pct.	W	L Pct.
x-Michigan	14	2 .875	23	3 .885
Illinois	10	6 .625	22	8 .733
Iowa	10	6 .625	21	8 .724
Ohio St.	10	6 .625	18	8 .692
Michigan St.	9	7 .563	18	8 .692
Purdue	9	7 .563	18	8 .692
Indiana	7	9 .438	15	11 .577
Minnesota	6	10 .375	13	13 .500
Wisconsin	4	13 .235	13	14 .481
Northwestern	2	15 .118	6	21 .222

EAST COAST

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-Bucknell	10	4	.714	18	9	.667

Lafayette	8 6 .571	15 13 .536
Drexel	8 6 .571	10 18 .357
Rider	7 7 .500	14 14 .500
Delaware	7 7 .500	12 16 .429
Lehigh	6 8 .429	10 18 .357
Hofstra	5 9 .357	14 14 .500
Towson St.	5 9 .357	7 21 .250

ECAC METRO

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-Marist	11	3	.786	17	11	.607
F. Dickinson	10	4	.714	19	9	.679
Long Island U.	9	5	.643	16	12	.571
Lovola, Md.	8	6	.571	15	13	.536
St. Fran., Pa.	6	8	.429	9	19	.321
Wagner	5	9	.357	11	18	.379
Robert Morris	4	10	.286	9	19	.321
St. Francis, NY	3	11	.214	7	21	.250
x-Monmouth	-	-	----	12	15	.444

ECAC NORTH

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Canisius	13	3	.813	19	8	.704
Northeastern	13	3	.813	19	8	.704
Siena	12	4	.750	21	6	.778
Niagara	11	5	.688	16	11	.593
Boston U.	9	7	.563	13	14	.481
Maine	5	11	.313	11	16	.407
Vermont	5	11	.313	9	18	.333
N. Hampshire	4	12	.250	6	21	.222
Colgate	0	16	.000	5	20	.200
z-Hartford	-	-	----	7	21	.250

ECAC SOUTH

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-Navy	11	3	.786	21	5	.808
Richmond	11	3	.786	18	9	.667
Geo. Mason	10	4	.714	17	10	.630
Wm. & Mary	9	5	.643	15	11	.577
J. Madison	7	7	.500	14	13	.519
N.C.-Wilm.	4	10	.286	12	15	.444
American	3	11	.214	9	18	.333
E. Carolina	1	12	.077	7	20	.259

GULF STAR

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
SE Louisiana	9	1	.900	18	9	.667
Nicholls St.	6	4	.600	17	10	.630
S. Houston	5	4	.556	16	12	.571
S.F. Austin	4	4	.444	16	10	.615
SW Tex. St.	2	8	.200	6	20	.231
NW La	2	8	.200	3	25	.107

IVY LEAGUE

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Pennsylvania	9	3	.750	12	12	.500
Cornell	7	5	.583	13	11	.542
Harvard	7	5	.583	15	7	.682
Columbia	7	5	.583	11	13	.458
Princeton	7	5	.583	11	13	.458
Yale	6	7	.462	13	12	.520
Brown	4	9	.308	8	18	.308
Dartmouth	3	11	.214	5	21	.192

METRO ATLANTIC

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-Iona	11	3	.786	25	4	.862
Fordham	9	5	.643	19	10	.655
La Salle	8	6	.571	15	13	.536
Holy Cross	8	6	.571	9	19	.321
Army	7	7	.500	15	13	.536
St. Peter's	5	9	.357	15	13	.536
Fairfield	4	10	.286	11	17	.393
Manhattan	4	10	.286	8	20	.286

MID AMERICAN

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-Ohio U.	14	4	.778	20	7	.741
Miami, Ohio	13	5	.722	18	9	.667
Kent St.	11	7	.611	16	11	.593
Toledo	11	7	.611	16	11	.593
E. Michigan	9	9	.500	15	12	.556
Ball St.	8	10	.444	12	15	.444
W. Michigan	7	11	.389	12	15	.444
N. Illinois	7	11	.389	11	16	.407
Bowling Green	6	12	.333	12	15	.444
C. Michigan	4	14	.222	9	18	.333

MID-CONTINENT

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Cleveland St.	11	3	.786	20	7	.741
W. Illinois	10	4	.714	13	12	.520
E. Illinois	8	5	.615	16	10	.615
SW Missouri	8	5	.615	13	13	.500
Ill.-Chicago	6	7	.462	13	13	.500
N. Iowa	6	8	.429	12	15	.444
Valparaiso	4	10	.286	8	18	.308
Wis.-Gr. Bay	1	12	.079	4	22	.154

MID-EASTERN

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-N.C. A&T	10	2	.833	17	9	.654
Howard	9	3	.750	15	11	.577
S. Carolina St.	7	4	.636	11	15	.423
Delaware St.	7	4	.636	10	16	.385
Beth.-Cook	4	6	.400	7	17	.292
Md.-E. Shore	2	10	.167	3	24	.111
Morgan St.	1	11	.083	3	25	.107

MIDWESTERN CITY

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-Loyola, Ill.	13	1	.929	22	5	.815
Butler	9	5	.643	18	8	.692
Oral Roberts	8	6	.571	13	14	.481
Detroit	8	6	.571	16	11	.593
Xavier, Ohio	7	7	.500	15	12	.556
St. Louis	6	8	.429	12	14	.462
Evansville	4	10	.286	14	13	.519
Ola. City	1	13	.071	6	19	.240

MISSOURI VALLEY

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-Tulsa	12	4	.750	21	6	.778
Illinois St.	11	5	.688	21	6	.778
Wichita St.	11	5	.688	15	12	.556
Creighton	9	7	.563	20	11	.645
Bradley	9	7	.563	16	11	.593
Indiana St.	6	10	.375	13	14	.481
S. Illinois	6	10	.375	14	13	.519
x-W. Tex. St.	4	12	.250	11	16	.407
Drake	4	12	.250	12	15	.444

OHIO VALLEY

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-Tenn. Tech	11	3	.786	19	8	.704
Y'ngstown St.	10	5	.667	20	11	.645
E. Kentucky	9	5	.643	16	13	.552
Murray St.	8	6	.571	19	9	.674
Middle Tenn.	7	7	.500	17	13	.567
Akron	6	8	.429	12	14	.462
Austin Peay	4	10	.286	8	19	.296
Morehead St.	2	13	.133	7	21	.250

PACIFIC COAST

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-UNLV	17	1	.944	24	3	.889
Fresno St.	15	3	.833	20	7	.741
Fullerton St.	11	7	.611	15	12	.556
Utah St.	10	8	.556	17	10	.630
San Jose St.	10	8	.556	15	12	.556
Cal-Irvine	8	10	.444	13	16	.448
Santa Barb	8	10	.444	12	15	.444
Pacific	5	13	.278	9	18	.333
N. Mexico St.	4	14	.222	7	20	.259
Long Beach St.	2	16	.111	4	23	.148

PACIFIC 10

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Southern Cal	12	4	.750	18	8	.692
Oregon St.	11	5	.688	21	7	.750
Washington	11	5	.688	20	9	.690
Arizona	11	6	.647	20	9	.690
UCLA	10	6	.625	14	12	.538
Oregon	8	8	.500	15	14	.517
Arizona St.	7	10	.412	12	15	.444
California	4	12	.250	12	14	.462
Washington St.	4	12	.250	12	14	.462
Stanford	3	13	.188	11	15	.423

Sunday's Result
Texas 71, Southern Cal 70
Notre Dame 57, Washington 50
Saturday's results
Oregon 68, Stanford 61

SOUTHERN

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-Tn.-Chatta	14	2	.875	22	7	.759
Marshall	12	4	.750	20	12	.625
Citadel	11	5	.688	18	11	.621
W. Carolina	8	8	.500	14	14	.500
VMI	7	9	.438	16	13	.552
Appalachian	7	9	.438	14	14	.500
Davidson	6	10	.375	10	20	.333
Furman	4	12	.250	7	21	.250
E. Tenn. St.	3	13	.188	9	18	.333

SOUTHLAND

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-La. Tech	11	1	.917	25	2	.926
McNeese St.	9	3	.750	17	9	.654
Lamar	8	4	.667	17	10	.630
Arkansas St.	6	6	.500	14	13	.519
NE Louisiana	4	8	.333	16	11	.593
Texas-Arl.	3	9	.250	12	15	.444
N. Texas St.	1	11	.083	5	22	.185

SOUTHWEST

	Conference	Overall
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	

	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
x-Tex. Tech	12 4 .750	20 7 .741
So. Methodist	10 6 .625	21 8 .724
Texas A&M	10 6 .625	18 9 .667
Arkansas	10 6 .625	19 11 .633
TCU	8 8 .500	16 11 .593
Houston	8 8 .500	16 12 .571
Texas	7 9 .438	15 12 .556
Baylor	4 12 .250	11 16 .407
Rice	3 13 .231	11 16 .407

SOUTHWESTERN

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x-Alcorn St.	13	1	.929	22	5	.815
Southern U.	9	5	.643	17	9	.654
Alabama St.	7	7	.500	11	16	.407
Miss. Valley	6	7	.462	14	10	.583
Tex. Southern	6	8	.429	11	16	.407
Jackson St.	6	8	.429	10	16	.385
Grambling	4	9	.308	8	18	.308
Prairie View	4	10	.286	5	22	.185

Wildcat Hoop Notes

Kentucky has extended its string of non-losing seasons to 57, the longest such string in college basketball. The last time UK suffered a losing season was in 1927, when the Cats were 3-13.

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Nearly a half-million fans watched the Wildcats in action in person this season. That breaks down as follows:

Home: 320,926 (22,923 avg.) Other: 173,556 (13,350 avg.) Total: 494,482 (18,314 avg.)

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Coach Joe B. Hall used nine different starting combinations this season, as compared to just five last year. Here are the records of the various combinations:

Walker (F), Bennett (F), Bearup (C), Blackmon (G), Harden (G) - 11 wins, 4 losses
Walker (F), Bennett (F), Bearup (C), Davender (G), Harden (G) - 2 wins, 2 losses
Walker (F), Bennett (F), Bearup (C), Andrews (G), Harden (G) - 1 win, 0 losses
Walker (F), Bennett (F), Bearup (C), McKinley (G), Harden (G) - 1 win, 0 losses
Walker (F), Bearup (F), Lock (C), Andrews (G), Harden (G) - 1 win, 1 loss
Walker (F), Bearup (F), Lock (C), Blackmon (G), Davender (G) - 0 wins, 1 loss
Walker (F), Bearup (F), Lock (C), Blackmon (G), Harden (G) - 0 wins, 1 loss
Walker (F), Bennett (F), Bearup (C), Andrews (G), Harden (G) - 0 wins, 1 loss
Walker (F), Bennett (F), Bearup (C), Blackmon (G), Davender (G) - 0 wins, 1 loss

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Kentucky closed out February with a 6-2 record in the "sweetheart" month. In Coach Joe Hall's tenure at Kentucky, the Wildcats have compiled a remarkable 84-21 record in February. That's an incredible winning percentage of 80.0.

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For the first time since Rupp Arena was opened in 1976-77, the Wildcats lost three regular-season games this year. Still, Kentucky enjoys one of the best home-court records in the country. In its nine years in the largest built-for-basketball arena in the country, the Wildcats have racked up a 123-14 record, for a winning percentage of 89.8.

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This year's edition of the Wildcats is on its way to becoming the worst field goal shooting team of Joe Hall's tenure at UK. Currently, the Wildcats are shooting 45.3 percent. The previous low for a season was in 1972-73, when UK shot 48.4 percent from the floor.

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Kentucky continues to be the winningest team in college basketball. Through the years, the Wildcats have won 1,374 games, while losing only 434. That's a winning percentage of 76.0. Next in line is North Carolina with a 1,339-499 record (72.9%). The only other SEC team in the Top 25 is Tennessee at 1,028-595 (63.3%).

Final Regular Season SEC Stats

Scoring (Top 15)				Rebounding (Top 10)			
Player, School	G	Pts.	Avg.	Player, School	G	Reb.	Avg.
Kenny Walker, F Kentucky	27	622	23.0	Kenny Walker, F Kentucky	27	283	10.5
Chuck Person, F Auburn	27	606	22.4	Eugene McDowell, C Florida	27	278	10.3
Michael Brooks, G Tennessee	30	546	18.2	Chuck Person, F Auburn	27	258	9.3
Andrew Moten, G Florida	27	456	16.9	Buck Johnson, F Alabama	27	248	9.2
Phil Cox, G Vanderbilt	26	437	16.8	Rob Jones, C Tennessee	30	264	8.8
Buck Johnson, F Alabama	27	451	16.7	Bobby Lee Hurt, C Alabama	27	236	8.7
Eric Laird, G Ole Miss	21	347	16.5	Brett Burrow, C Vanderbilt	27	216	8.0
Tony White, G Tennessee	29	468	16.1	Curtis Ritchwood, F Ole Miss	26	196	7.5
Nikita Wilson, C LSU	27	423	15.7	Jeff Moore, C Auburn	27	202	7.5
Cedric Henderson, F Georgia	24	372	15.5	Cedric Henderson, F Georgia	24	175	7.3
Eugene McDowell, C Florida	27	402	14.9	Free Throw Percentage (Top 10)			
Brett Burrow, C Vanderbilt	27	396	14.7	Player, School	FT	FTA	Pct.
Ken Harvey, G Miss. State	26	369	14.2	Michael Brooks, G Tennessee	126	139	90.6
Curtis Ritchwood, F Ole Miss	26	365	14.0	Don Redden, G LSU	62	71	87.3
John Williams, F LSU	27	362	13.4	Phil Cox, G Vanderbilt	109	125	87.2
Field Goal Percentage (Top 10)				Brett Burrow, C Vanderbilt	124	146	84.9
Player, School	FG	FGA	Pct.	Tony White, G Tennessee	106	128	82.8
Bobby Lee Hurt, C Alabama	131	210	62.4	Terry Coner, G Alabama	96	123	78.0
Tony Robinson, F Miss. State	103	166	62.0	Nikita Wilson, C LSU	67	86	77.9
Rob Jones, C Tennessee	145	240	60.4	Anthony Richardson, F Tennessee	98	126	77.8
Eugene McDowell, C Florida	168	283	59.4	Andrew Moten, G Florida	120	155	77.4
Nikita Wilson, C LSU	178	300	59.3	Kenny Walker, F Kentucky	194	254	76.4
Buck Johnson, F Alabama	181	320	56.6	Assists (Top 4)			
Chuck Person, F Auburn	273	483	56.5	Player, School	G	Ast.	Avg.
Ken Harvey, G Miss. State	154	275	56.0	Terry Coner, G Alabama	27	163	6.0
Cedric Henderson, F Georgia	143	258	55.4	Gerald White, G Auburn	27	149	5.5
Kenny Walker, F Kentucky	214	391	54.7	Roger Harden, G Kentucky	26	120	4.6
				Jeff Norwood, G Miss. State	27	124	4.6

Bob Watkins

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carry the annual tournament that fans call "The Greatest Show On Earth." "It's tough changing a tradition because it (play-by-play coverage of the Sweet 16) has been WHAS's gift to the state, but it's not good business," Denny Nugent, director of programming at WHAS, said last week. "We're going to have (play-by-play) coverage for the Saturday morning and evening sessions and we're leaning to covering games involving Louisville teams, especially on Friday."

The format for the tourney will include end-of-quarter summaries of each contest and another at game's end, Nugent said. The summaries will be done by Paul Rogers and Jock Sutherland.

"That will give us five breaks per game," Nugent explained.

"Basically, this is a programming decision based on serving our metro audience. It's a ratings thing," Nugent added. "A problem with covering every play of every game has been the departure from our regular format of music and drive time news. We just decided this is the way to go."

"It won't be a wire-to-wire thing, but we're going to cover the tournament."

And what about thousands of Kentucky prep fans who have relied on WHAS Radio for tournament coverage for a quarter-century?

"Our decision is based on serving the most people and 95 percent of our listeners are in the metropolitan area. It's hard to let five percent dictate what our direction our programming is going to take," Nugent replied. "We decided, from a business standpoint, this was the way to go."

Nugent added however, that "We're still making a big deal out of the state tournament in that we're going to be doing some special features throughout the week on the tournament's history, some of the classic games, things like that."

Then Nugent got in a plug for his station.

"The reason for our increased ratings the last two years, and they have been up immensely, is consistency. I think we've been consistent. And, you have to remember that three counties in our prime listening area are in Indiana—Floyd, Clark and Harrison—and they don't give a hoot about the Sweet 16."

Roundball tidbits

■ It is time for Indiana's Bobby Knight to retire from coaching? I recall an item from an Indiana newspaper five weeks ago... "What with the Olympics and this season, Bobby is mentally exhausted, maybe even burned out."

■ At one time Bucky Waters (NBC Sports) was the best analyst of college basketball games...until he began trying to be Al McGuire.

■ Sam Bowie is second in the NBA in blocked shots, 123 in 49 games, 2.5 per contest. Suddenly, "loud" critics of Portland's decision to pick Bowie over Michael Jordan in the NBA draft are distant echoes.

Letters

From Hopkinsville Joel Combs wanted to know the score and players from UCLA's 1975 team that beat UK in the NCAA finals.

The Bruins (28-3) beat the Kevin Grevey-led Wildcats 92-85 in San Diego in Coach John Wooden's last game in 1975.

The guard...

■ Andre McCarter is now an assistant to Walt Hazzard at UCLA.

The forwards...

■ David Meyers, who scored 24 against UK that day, was the only returning starter for Wooden. He retired from the NBA in 1980 and is in private business in California.

■ Richard Washington was a 6-11 sophomore who scored 28 against UK, retired from the NBA last year.

■ Marcus Johnson was also a 6-7 sophomore that year and is now with the NBA Los Angeles Clippers.

■ Ralph Drollinger was a 7-1 junior. He retired from the NBA in 1981 and is now a high school coach.

Top substitute...

■ Pete Trgovich, averaged 10.2 for the Bruins as a senior that season. As a high schooler he was one of Indiana's best, from East Chicago, Ind.

Rupp remembered

Trivia question — who shot the very first hoop at Rupp Arena?

Give up? The first attempt went up on Oct. 15, 1976.

Just before the University of Kentucky's first basketball practice in the 23,000-seat hall, Coach Joe B. Hall directed his Wildcats to "stand back" while Adolph Rupp took his grandson by the hand, led him onto the court and let him shoot the first basket.

"That was grandfather," Chip Rupp, now a senior at Lexington Henry Clay High School, told a Lexington reporter recently. "A lot of people thought he was a mean man who was extremely strict about everything and didn't care about other people's feelings. But that's not how I remember him. Behind closed doors, he was a real nice man."

Comment: Young Rupp's remarks reminded me of a couple of things.

■ Cheers to *Cats Pause* columnist Mel Holbrook for his interesting two part series on Herky Rupp and family.

■ Jeers to former coaches and Rupp associates and writers who have attempted to enhance the worthy contributions of others at the expense of Coach Adolph Rupp's reputation.

Examples.

● Few would challenge the worthiness of contributions made to UK sports by the late Harry Lancaster. But why did author Bert Nelli find it necessary to chronicle in his recent book on UK basketball that Lancaster, and not Rupp, ran the UK team during the last several seasons of Der Baron's career?

Whose interest is served? If it is Lancaster's, then his memory is soiled.

I believe Rupp's family should have been spared such cheap shots at the Coach's alleged eccentricities and human frailties. After all, the core of Kentucky's rich basketball heritage is set on a foundation put down and made firm over 42 winters by Adolph Frederick Rupp who was wise enough to surround himself with capable staff.

Those who genuinely care about the college game and its lofty popularity in the 1980s should recall also Rupp's contribution to it and keep it sacred.

Missing...

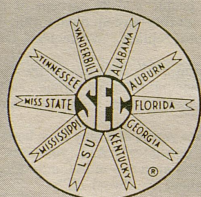
Whatever happened to basketballers Bob Tallent ('66) and Lucian 'Skipper' Whitaker ('52)?

And so it goes. ■



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MICHIGAN AT OHIO STATE		MICHIGAN	3	MICHIGAN	7	OHIO ST.	3	MICHIGAN	7	MICHIGAN	5	MICHIGAN	4
IOWA AT ILLINOIS		ILLINOIS	6	ILLINOIS	6	ILLINOIS	4	ILLINOIS	4	ILLINOIS	2	ILLINOIS	2
MICHIGAN ST. AT INDIANA		INDIANA	3	MICH ST.	7	INDIANA	6	MICH ST.	6	MICH ST.	3	INDIANA	4
MINNESOTA AT PURDUE		PURDUE	7	PURDUE	10	PURDUE	9	PURDUE	12	PURDUE	6	PURDUE	4
WASHINGTON AT CALIFORNIA		WASH	6	WASH	11	WASH	11	WASH	8	WASH	5	WASH	6
OREGON AT USC		USC	4	USC	1	USC	2	USC	5	USC	7	USC	2
OREGON ST. AT UCLA		UCLA	1	UCLA	2	UCLA	4	OREGON ST.	9	UCLA	3	UCLA	5
WASHINGTON ST. AT STANFORD		WASH ST.	4	WASH ST.	9	STANFORD	7	WASH ST.	13	STANFORD	3	STANFORD	1
HARVARD AT BROWN		HARVARD	1	HARVARD	7	HARVARD	3	HARVARD	4	HARVARD	2	BROWN	3
PRINCETON AT COLUMBIA		COLUMBIA	4	PRINCETON	10	PRINCETON	3	PRINCETON	8	COLUMBIA	5	COLUMBIA	2
PENN AT CORNELL		PENN	1	PENN	9	CORNELL	1	PENN	14	PENN	3	CORNELL	6
NOTRE DAME AT DAYTON		DAYTON	1	DAYTON	12	DAYTON	2	N DAME	5	DAYTON	4	N DAME	4
DEPAUL AT MARQUETTE		DEPAUL	6	MARQUETTE	1	DEPAUL	3	DEPAUL	4	MARQUETTE	5	DEPAUL	1
MINNESOTA AT ILLINOIS		ILLINOIS	4	ILLINOIS	10	ILLINOIS	8	ILLINOIS	13	ILLINOIS	4	ILLINOIS	4
IOWA AT PURDUE		PURDUE	1	PURDUE	3	IOWA	3	IOWA	4	PURDUE	3	PURDUE	1
MICHIGAN ST. AT OHIO STATE		OHIO ST.	1	MICH ST.	2	OHIO ST.	5	MICH ST.	2	OHIO ST.	4	OHIO ST.	6
NORTHWESTERN AT WISCONSIN		WISCONSIN	4	WISCONSIN	5	WISCONSIN	7	WISCONSIN	3	WISCONSIN	5	WISCONSIN	1
ARIZONA ST. AT ARIZONA		ARIZONA	6	ARIZ ST.	4	ARIZONA	8	ARIZ ST.	8	ARIZONA	6	ARIZ ST.	3
WASHINGTON ST. AT CALIFORNIA		WASH ST.	4	WASH ST.	1	WASH ST.	3	WASH ST.	17	WASH ST.	2	CALIFORNIA	4
UCLA AT OREGON		UCLA	1	OREGON	1	OREGON	4	UCLA	1	OREGON	3	UCLA	1
OREGON ST. AT USC		OREGON ST.	6	USC	1	OREGON ST.	3	OREGON ST.	4	USC	4	USC	3
WASHINGTON AT STANFORD		WASH	4	WASH	9	WASH	1	WASH	14	WASH	2	WASH	3
PRINCETON AT CORNELL		CORNELL	6	PRINCETON	10	CORNELL	3	PRINCETON	10	CORNELL	3	PRINCETON	3
HARVARD AT YALE		YALE	2	HARVARD	2	HARVARD	2	HARVARD	3	YALE	3	YALE	1
MICHIGAN AT INDIANA		MICHIGAN	4	MICHIGAN	15	INDIANA	4	MICHIGAN	11	INDIANA	5	MICHIGAN	2

'Cats Had Fine Year Despite Injuries, Schedule

No matter what happened this week in the Southeastern Conference Tournament this has been an interesting, and rewarding, season for Kentucky Coach Joe Hall.

This was supposed to be a rebuilding year for the Wildcats, who lost four starters off last season's Final Four team. To make matters worse, nothing seemed to go right for the Cats as they prepared to open the 1984-85 campaign.

First, 7-4 West German Gunther Behnke went home. He lasted only three days in school and left the Cats without a true center.

Then preseason injuries to Winston Bennett, James Blackmon and Richard Madison set the team back. Hall says, "I realized how far behind we were early. We were poorly organized in December due to the injuries and the more we lost the more we got down."



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

"Our miserable start (1-4) put more pressure on us. But our players never accepted losing."

Playing at Indiana, Purdue and Louisville to open the season didn't help the Cats. Hall says, "I have to believe that having an opportunity to have played a breather in there would have helped our players gain confidence. Starting out on the road against good teams isn't the way to build confidence, especially for freshmen."

"When we made our schedule and plans for this season we realized we would be inexperienced. But we also thought we had a 7-4 center to help overcome those disadvantages."

Without Behnke the Cats realized they had to concentrate more on defense and start going to junior forward Kenny Walker for scoring. The defense steadily improved and Walker responded by averaging 23 points and 10 rebounds per game, a performance that has already earned him All-American recognition in Basketball Weekly and UPI Player of the Year honors in the SEC.

But even as the team started to win problems continued. Roger Harden debated leaving the team. So did James Blackmon. Both received one-game suspensions.



Hall Noted That He Under Estimated Cats

Winston Bennett and Paul Andrews came close to leaving in January but both were persuaded to stay.

Poor shooting only added to the team's woes when it became obvious this would be Hall's worst shooting team. Kentucky's guards struggled from the field the entire SEC campaign. Teams gave UK the outside shot and clogged the middle to stop Walker, the SEC's dominant player.

Every game turned into a struggle for the Wildcats. Still, the team found a way to win.

"I underestimated this team's ability to find a way to win," says Hall. "I underestimated the heart and scrap in this team. They've done a great job. The year hasn't been as much fun as last year but it has been interesting and had its share of rewards."

"We've tried to play to the strengths of the players we've had. We've used different people in different situations. And our defense has been good. We don't have the intimidators or shot blockers we had last year but our defense has been good enough to keep us in most games."

Rebounding became a key for the Cats. Last season UK was often outrebounded despite having Sam Bowie and Melvin Turpin in the lineup. This season the Cats outrebounded the opposition.

Kentucky also became more protective of the basketball. The Cats quit forcing the tempo. Instead, UK patiently tried to get the ball inside to Walker.

Not everyone has liked the change of pace. But UK's late season surge silenced the critics.

"Without a great defensive effort we are not that good of a team," says Hall. "But when we play good defense and get some offensive support for Kenny we have played some good basketball."

Kentucky has played well enough that it deserves to receive a NCAA tourney bid Sunday. The players felt that was a realistic goal this season but few others felt Kentucky could return to the NCAA even with the 64-team field.

But a little patience, some solid defense and a lot of Kenny Walker kept alive Kentucky's winning tradition.

THREE OF the state's best juniors have watched the Wildcats play in Rupp Arena this season.

Scott Draud of Ft. Thomas Highlands, Felton Spencer of Louisville Eastern and Rex Chapman of Owensboro Apollo rate among Kentucky's best underclassmen.

Draud, a 6-2 guard, averages over 30 points per game to lead the state in scoring. He is already the all-time scoring leader at Ft. Thomas.

The 7-0 Spencer is considered one of the best, if not the best, junior centers in the country.

Chapman, though, could be the best player to come out of Kentucky in recent years. The 6-4 junior averages 27 points per game and has drawn rave reviews all season.

Chapman wants to stay close to home to play his college basketball. Both Louisville and Kentucky would love to accommodate him.

The Cards, though, appear to have the early edge with both Chapman and Spencer. Since both players will probably sign in November, Kentucky must make up for lost time during the next few months if it wants to sign either Spencer or Chapman.

HALL HAS charts kept each game showing how many calls each official makes against Kentucky versus the number against UK's opponent.

That way the UK staff can tell if something is out of balance. And it certainly looked out of balance recently when official Sonny Holmes made 13 calls against UK and three against Georgia.

"A situation like that can cause frustration for a coach," says Hall. "The coach has to remember that he is biased and sees things with blue-shaded glasses. He should take that into consideration when he is tempted to throw a chair."

Hall obviously was referring to the chair Indiana's Bobby Knight tossed during his team's recent loss to Purdue.

"That's never justified," says Hall.

Too bad Indiana and Big Ten officials don't understand that and take some disciplinary action against Knight before he puts another smudge on college basketball.

TENNESSEE HAS the best pair of guards in the conference in Michael Brooks and Tony White. In fact, Hall says he has not seen a better duo in the country this season.

Brooks, though, is the one that draws the highest praise from Hall.

"If you guard him tight he can penetrate around you," says the UK coach. "He can flat burn you if you get too tight. But if you give him a two-foot cushion he will hit from 30 feet."

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DANIEL PAUL ISSEL (Dan)

Born October 25, 1948 at Batavia, Ill. Height 6'09" Weight 240
High School—Batavia, Ill.
College—University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.
Drafted by Detroit on eighth round, 1970 (122nd pick)



Selected by Kentucky on first round of ABA draft, 1970.
Traded by Kentucky to Baltimore for Tom Owens and cash, September 19, 1975.
Traded by Baltimore to Denver for Dave Robisch and cash, October 8, 1975.
Entered NBA with Denver, 1976.

COLLEGIATE RECORD—												
Year	G	Min	FGA	FGM	Pct	FTA	FTM	Pct	Reb	Ass	Pts	Avg
66-67	20	332	332	168	506	111	80	721	355	416	20.8	
67-68	27	836	390	171	438	154	102	662	328	444	16.4	
68-69	28	1603	534	285	534	232	176	789	381	746	26.6	
69-70	28	1844	667	369	553	275	210	764	369	948	33.9	
Varsity Totals	83	2943	1591	825	519	661	488	2388	1078	2138	25.8	

ABA REGULAR SEASON RECORD															
			2-Point			3-Point									
Sea—Team	G	Min	FGM	FGA	Pct	FGM	FGA	Pct	FTM	FTA	Pct	Reb	Ass	Pts	Avg
70-71—Kentucky	83	3274	938	1989	472	0	5	0.000	604	748	807	1083	162	2480	29.9
71-72—Kentucky	83	3570	868	1980	487	3	11	273	591	734	785	931	195	2538	30.6
72-73—Kentucky	84	3531	899	1742	516	3	15	200	455	635	764	922	220	2292	27.3
73-74—Kentucky	83	3347	826	1709	483	3	17	176	457	581	787	847	137	2118	25.5
74-75—Kentucky	83	2864	614	1296	473	0	5	0.000	237	321	738	710	188	1465	17.7
75-76—Denver	84	2858	751	1468	512	1	4	250	425	521	816	923	201	1930	23.0
Totals	500	19444	4997	10196	490	10	57	175	2799	3559	787	5426	1103	12823	25.6

ABA PLAYOFF RECORD															
2-Point—															
Sea—Team	G	Min	FGA	FGM	Pct	FGA	FGM	Pct	FTA	FTM	Reb.	Ass.	Pts.	Avg.	
70-71—Kentucky	19	670	207	408	507	0	0	0.000	123	141	872	221	28	536	27.9
71-72—Kentucky	6	269	47	113	416	0	1	0.000	38	50	760	54	5	132	22.0
72-73—Kentucky	19	821	197	392	503	1	6	167	174	166	795	225	28	521	27.4
73-74—Kentucky	8	311	60	135	444	0	0	0.000	28	33	848	87	14	148	18.5
74-75—Kentucky	15	578	122	261	467	0	0	0.000	60	74	811	119	29	304	20.3
75-76—Denver	13	470	111	226	491	0	1	0.000	44	56	786	156	32	296	20.5
Totals	80	3119	744	1535	485	1	8	125	417	510	818	949	136	1907	23.8

ABA ALL-STAR GAME RECORD														
Sea—Team	2-Point—					3-Point—					Reb	Ass	Pts	Avg
	Min.	FGA	FGM	Pct	FGM	FGA	Pct	FTM	FTA	Pct				
1971—Kentucky	14	8	15	533	0	0	0.000	5	8	625	11	0	21	21.0
1972—Kentucky	23	9	13	692	0	0	0.000	3	4	750	9	5	21	21.0
1973—Kentucky	29	6	14	429	0	0	0.000	2	2	1,000	7	4	14	14.0
1974—Kentucky	26	10	15	867	0	0	0.000	1	1	1,000	4	1	21	21.0
1975—Kentucky	20	3	6	500	0	0	0.000	1	2	500	7	1	7	7.0
1976—Denver	31	6	16	275	0	0	0.000	7	9	778	9	5	19	19.0
Totals	163	42	79	532	0	0	0.000	19	26	731	41	16	103	17.2

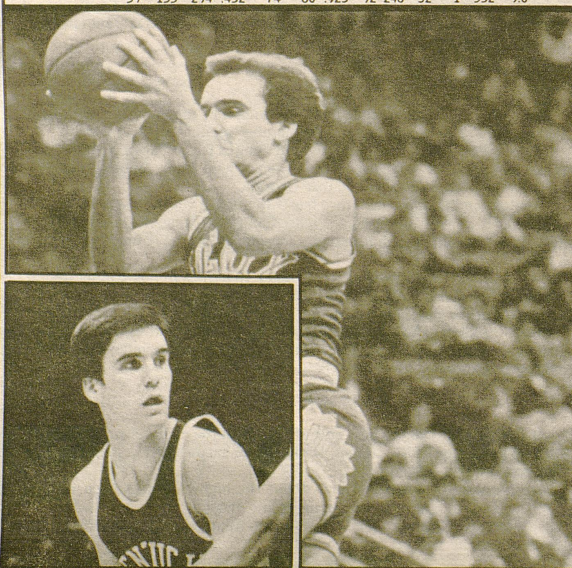
NBA REGULAR SEASON RECORD																		
Rebounds—																		
Sea—Team	G	Min	FGA	FGM	Pct	FTA	FTM	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Pts	Blk	Pts Avg				
76-77—Denver	79	2507	892	615	688	445	287	211	485	896	1374	791	28	1765	22.3			
77-78—Denver	82	2851	1287	659	512	547	428	782	253	577	830	304	279	5	1746	21.3		
78-79—Denver	81	2742	1030	532	517	419	316	754	240	498	738	255	233	6	81	46	1380	17.0
79-80—Denver	82	2938	1416	715	505	667	517	775	236	483	719	188	180	1	88	54	1951	23.8
80-81—Denver	80	2641	1220	614	503	684	519	759	229	447	676	158	249	6	83	53	1749	21.9
81-82—Denver	81	2472	1236	651	527	655	546	834	174	434	608	179	245	4	67	55	1852	22.9
82-83—Denver	80	2431	1296	661	510	678	400	835	151	445	596	222	227	0	83	45	1726	21.6
83-84—Denver	76	2076	1152	569	493	428	364	850	112	401	513	173	182	2	60	44	1506	19.8
Totals	641	20658	9920	5061	510	4437	3535	797	1606	3770	5376	1667	1851	31	633	365	13875	21.3
Three-Point Field Goals 1976-80: 4-for-12 (33%) 1980-81, 2-for-12 (16.7%) 1981-82 4-for-6 (66.7%) 1982-83 4-for-9 (22.1%)																		

Three-Point Field Goals: 1979-80, 4-for-12 (.333), 1980-81, 2-for-12 (.167), 1981-82, 4-for-6 (.667), 1982-83, 4-for-19 (.211), 1983-84, 4-for-19 (.211). Totals: 18-for-68 (.265).

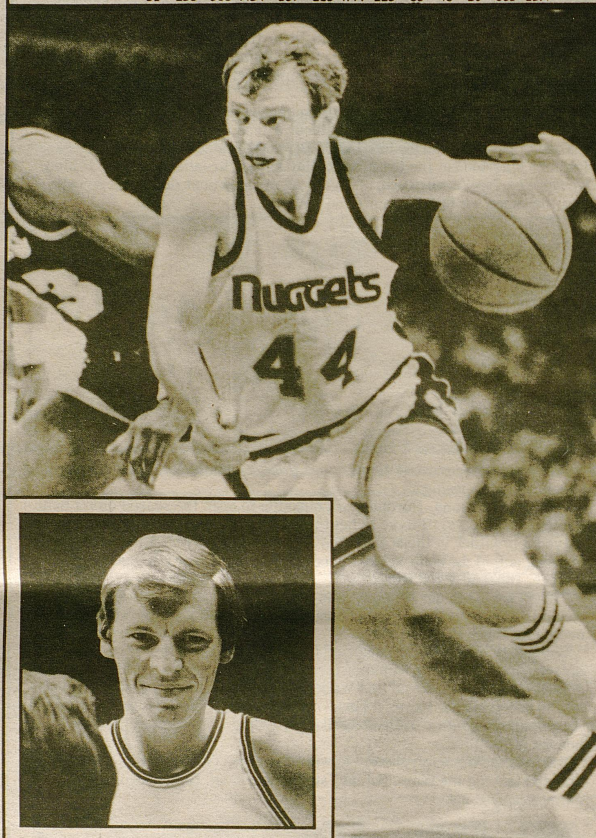
NBA PLAYOFF RECORD																	
Rebounds—																	
Sea—Team	G	Min	FGA	FGM	Pct	FTA	FTM	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Ass	Pf	Qd	Sh	Pts	Avg
76-77—Denver	6	222	96	49	510	45	34	756	18	40	58	17	20	0	5	4	132.0
77-78—Denver	13	460	212	103	486	65	56	862	41	93	134	53	43	1	7	3	262.0
78-79—Denver	3	109	45	24	533	31	25	806	7	21	28	10	15	0	0	73	24.3
81-82—Denver	3	103	60	32	533	12	12	1000	8	13	21	5	10	0	3	1	76.0
82-83—Denver	8	227	136	69	507	29	25	862	13	45	58	25	18	0	9	5	163.0
83-84—Denver	5	153	102	52	510	39	32	821	10	30	40	8	15	0	6	6	137.4
Totals	38	1274	651	329	505	221	184	833	97	242	338	118	121	1	30	19	643.2
Three-Point Field Goals: 1983, 1483,																	

Three-Point Field Goals: 1982-83, 0-for-1, 1983-84, 1-for-2 (.500). Totals: 1-for-3 (.333).

1984-85 G. FGM FGA Pct. FTM FTA Pct. Reb. Ast. Stl. Blk. Pts. Avg.
39 133 294 452 74 80 925 92 246 52 1 352 9.0



1984-85 G. FGM FGA Pct. FTM FTA Pct. Reb. Ast. Stl. Blk. Pts. Avg.
51 258 568 454 167 215 777 225 85 48 20 683 13.4



KYLE ROBERT MACY

Born April 9, 1957 at Fort Wayne, Ind. Height 6'03" Weight 190
High School—Peru, Ind.
Colleges—Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., and
University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.
Drafted by Phoenix on first round as junior eligible, 1979 (22nd pick).



COLLEGIATE RECORD—												
Purdue												
Year	G	Min	FGA	FGM	Pct	FTA	FTM	Pct	Reb	Ass	Pts	Avg
75-76	27	833	293	144	491	99	85	859	75	373	373	13.8
Kentucky												
Year	G	Min	FGA	FGM	Pct	FTA	FTM	Pct	Reb	Ass	Pts	Avg
76-77	32	1097	267	143	536	129	115	891	76	401	12.5	
77-78	31	1111	355	179	504	129	112	868	82	470	15.2	
78-79	25	1182	415	218	525	114	104	912	85	540	15.4	
Ky Totals	88	3390	1037	540	521	372	331	890	243	1411	14.4	
College Totals	125	4223	1330	684	514	471	416	883	318	1784	14.3	

NBA REGULAR SEASON RECORD																		
Rebounds—																		
Sea—Team	G	Min	FGA	FGM	Pct	FTA	FTM	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Ass	Pf	Dq	Bk	Pts	PPG	
80-81—Phoenix	82	1469	532	272	511	119	107	899	44	88	132	160	120	0	76	5	663	8.1
81-82—Phoenix	82	2845	945	486	514	169	152	899	78	183	261	384	185	1	143	9	1163	14.2
82-83—Phoenix	82	1836	634	328	517	148	128	872	41	124	185	278	138	0	64	8	808	9.9
83-84—Phoenix	82	2402	713	357	501	114	95	833	49	137	198	353	181	0	123	6	832	10.1
Totals	328	8552	2824	1443	511	550	483	878	212	532	744	1175	624	1	406	28	3466	10.6
Three-Point Field Goals	1980-81, 12-for-51	(23%)	1981-82, 36-for-100	(36%)	1982-83, 23-for-76	(30%)	1983-84, 23-for-76	(30%)	1983-84, 23-for-76	(30%)	1983-84, 23-for-76	(30%)	1983-84, 23-for-76	(30%)	1983-84, 23-for-76	(30%)	1983-84, 23-for-76	(30%)
Totals	1980-81, 12-for-51	(23%)	1981-82, 36-for-100	(36%)	1982-83, 23-for-76	(30%)	1983-84, 23-for-76	(30%)	1983-84, 23-for-76	(30%)	1983-84, 23-for-76	(30%)	1983-84, 23-for-76	(30%)	1983-84, 23-for-76	(30%)	1983-84, 23-for-76	(30%)

Three-Point Field Goals: 1980-81, 12-for-51 (.235), 1981-82, 39-for-100 (.390), 1982-83, 23-for-76 (.303), 1983-84, 23-for-70 (.329). Totals: 97-for-297 (.327).

NBA PLAYOFF RECORD																	
—Rebounds—																	
Sea—Team	G	Min	FGA	FGM	Pct	FTA	FTM	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Ass	Pf	Pd	Stk	Bkts	Pts
80-81—Phoenix	7	102	36	19	526	7	7	1000	2	11	13	11	8	0	5	9	48
81-82—Phoenix	7	243	89	38	427	16	15	938	11	11	22	28	21	0	7	1	95
82-83—Phoenix	3	72	35	15	429	7	3	714	2	6	8	9	6	0	1	0	36
83-84—Phoenix	17	620	157	75	476	16	12	750	14	54	68	43	0	22	2	176	104
Totals.....	34	1037	317	149	470	45	39	848	29	87	116	78	0	35	2	355	104
Three-Point Field Goals	1981-80, 4-for-11	(.360)	1980-81, 4-for-11	(.364)	1982-83, 0-for-3	1983-84, 10-for-22	(.455)	Totals,	18-for-44	(.409)							



KEVIN MICHAEL GREVEY

Born May 12, 1953 at Hamilton, O. Height 6'05. Weight 210.
High School—Hamilton, O. Taft.
College—University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.
Drafted by Washington on first round, 1975 (18th pick).

Traded by Washington to Milwaukee for a 1984 2nd round draft choice, September 30, 1983.

COLLEGIATE RECORD—												
Year	G.	Min.	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Reb.	Pts.	Avg.	
71-72	21		363	174	47.9	149	118	79.2	192	456	22.2	
72-73	28		919	441	236	535	76	52	684	168	524	18.7
73-74	25		843	437	232	508	190	83	830	180	547	21.9
74-75	31		1023	522	363	512	157	124	790	199	730	23.5
Varsity Totals	84		2785	1490	771	517	333	259	778	547	1861	21.4

NBA REGULAR SEASON RECORD

—Rebounds—												
Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Off.	Def.	Tot.	Pts.
75-76—Washington	56	544	213	79	371	58	52	897	24	36	60	27
76-77—Washington	76	1304	530	224	423	119	79	664	73	105	178	68
77-78—Washington	81	2121	1128	505	448	308	243	789	124	166	290	155
78-79—Washington	65	1856	922	418	453	224	173	772	90	142	232	153
79-80—Washington	65	1818	904	331	412	249	216	867	80	107	187	177
80-81—Washington	75	2618	1103	500	453	290	244	841	67	152	219	300
81-82—Washington	71	2164	857	376	439	193	165	855	57	138	195	149
82-83—Washington	41	756	284	114	358	69	54	783	18	31	49	49
83-84—Milwaukee	64	923	395	178	451	84	75	883	30	51	81	75
Totals	564	14064	6246	2725	436	1594	1301	816	563	928	1491	1153

Three-Point Field Goals: 1979-80, 24-for-92 (.270); 1980-81, 45-for-136 (.331); 1981-82, 28-for-82 (.341); 1982-83, 15-for-38 (.395); 1983-84, 15-for-53 (.283). Totals, 137-for-401 (.342).

NBA PLAYOFF RECORD

—Rebounds—												
Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Off.	Def.	Tot.	Pts.
75-76—Washington	2	3	2	1	50.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	2
76-77—Washington	9	225	88	30	40.9	22	15	68.2	10	6	16	8
77-78—Washington	21	584	284	126	444	90	73	811	26	36	61	42
78-79—Washington	19	527	256	102	398	53	40	755	26	22	48	30
79-80—Washington	2	72	30	15	50.0	4	4	100.0	1	5	6	8
81-82—Washington	7	159	56	23	411	19	16	842	2	10	11	12
83-84—Milwaukee	27	9	2	2	100.0	0	0	0.0	2	2	4	0
Totals	65	1597	725	306	422	195	152	779	64	79	143	100

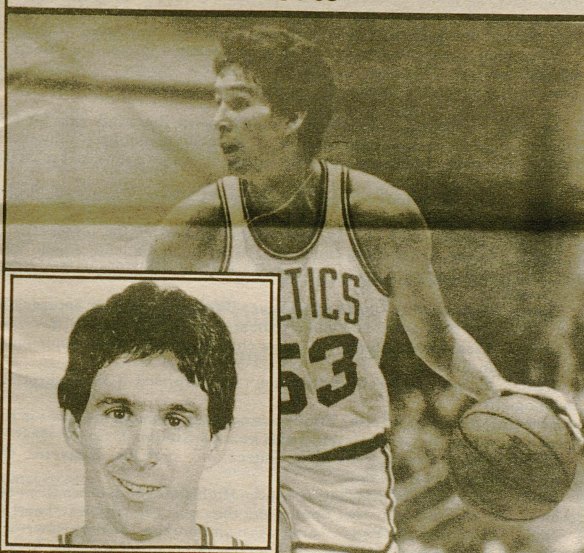
Three-Point Field Goals: 1979-80, 5-for-10 (.500); 1981-82, 4-for-8 (.500). Totals, 9-for-18 (.500).
Member of NBA championship team, 1978... Named to THE SPORTING NEWS All-America Second Team, 1975.

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G.	FGM	FGA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	Blk.	Pts.	Avg.
54	135	303	.446	55	67	.821	72	66	22	2	331	6.1



1984-85

FREDRICK ROBERT ROBEY
(Rick)

Born January 30, 1956 at Coral Gables, Fla. Height 6'11. Weight 230.
High School—New Orleans, La., Brother Martin.
College—University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.
Drafted by Indiana on first round, 1978 (3rd pick).

Traded by Indiana to Boston for Billy Knight, January 18, 1979.

Traded by Boston with two 1983 2nd round draft choices to Phoenix for Dennis Johnson and 1983 1st and 3rd round draft choices, June 27, 1983.

COLLEGIATE RECORD—												
Year	G.	Min.	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Reb.	Pts.	Avg.	
74-75	31		616	248	135	544	63	51	810	214	321	10.4
75-76	12		357	130	73	562	56	41	732	90	187	15.6
76-77	30		823	276	158	572	161	111	889	273	427	14.2
77-78	32		915	263	167	635	175	126	720	261	460	14.4
Totals	105		2711	917	533	581	455	329	723	838	1395	13.3

NBA REGULAR SEASON RECORD

—Rebounds—												
Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Off.	Def.	Tot.	Pts.
78-79—Ind-Bos	79	1763	673	322	478	224	174	777	168	345	513	132
79-80—Boston	82	1918	727	379	521	269	184	684	209	321	530	92
80-81—Boston	82	1569	547	298	345	231	144	574	132	258	390	136
81-82—Boston	80	1186	375	185	493	157	84	535	114	181	295	183
82-83—Boston	59	855	214	100	467	78	45	577	79	140	219	65
83-84—Phoenix	61	856	257	140	345	88	61	683	80	119	198	65
Totals	443	8147	2793	1424	510	1067	692	649	782	1363	2145	548

Three-Point Field Goals: 1979-80, 0-for-1. 1980-81, 0-for-1. 1981-82, 0-for-2. 1983-84, 1-for-1 (1.000). Totals, 1-for-5 (.200).

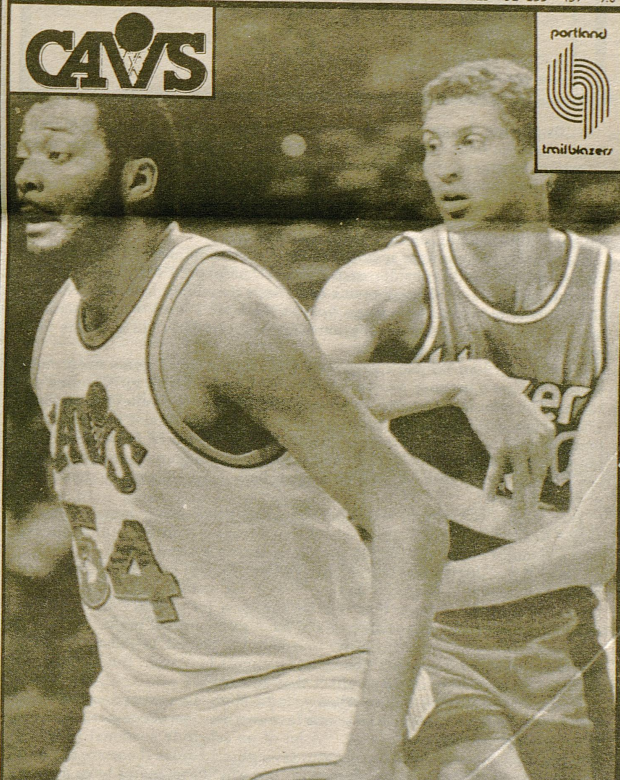
NBA PLAYOFF RECORD

—Rebounds—												
Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Off.	Def.	Tot.	Pts.
78-80—Boston	9	151	53	24	453	14	7	500	13	19	32	10
80-81—Boston	17	265	81	35	432	35	16	457	19	41	60	12
81-82—Boston	12	122	40	21	525	17	13	765	13	16	29	4
82-83—Boston	5	29	4	0	0.0	4	2	50.0	3	5	8	1
83-84—Phoenix	10	45	16	7	438	8	4	500	7	3	10	2
Totals	53	610	194	87	448	78	42	538	55	84	139	29

Three-Point Field Goals: 1979-80, 0-for-1. 1982-83, 0-for-1. 1983-84, 0-for-1. Totals, 0-for-3.
Member of NBA championship team, 1981... Named to THE SPORTING NEWS All-America Second Team, 1978... Member of NCAA championship team, 1978.

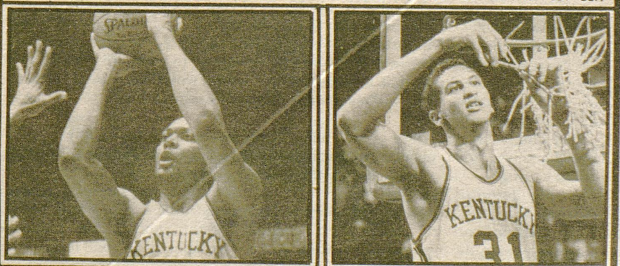
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G.	FGM	FGA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	Blk.	Pts.	Avg.
51	175	337	.519	107	144	.743	436	125	32	133	457	9.0



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G.	FGM	FGA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	Blk.	Pts.	Avg.
55	285	565	.504	87	109	.798	350	29	25	73	657	11.9



Will Kentucky Basketball Copy The Hoosiers?

Owensboro Principal Sees Need For Change

A proposal made to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association by Owensboro High School principal Bill Van Winkle would, if passed, force the state's girls' basketball teams to "go Indiana."

Van Winkle proposed that girls' basketball postseason tournaments be held during the month of February, while the corresponding boys' tournaments remain during the month of March. Such a setup has been employed in Indiana since the advent of girls' basketball in that state in 1975.

In a column by Earl Cox in the Feb. 22 *Courier-Journal*, Van Winkle outlined the three accomplishments that, in his opinion, would be realized by the adoption of such a system. They are:

... (The setup would) Solve the problem of gym availability for early-season practice. Many schools are extending practices to late hours at night in order to give all teams (girls, boys, junior-varsity) equal opportunities. If the girls start their season before the boys start practicing on Nov. 1, much of this problem would be solved.



The Dumas Report

Scouting The Kentucky Prep Scene

With J. C. Dumas

Cats' Pause Columnist

... "By playing the girls' tournaments in February and the boys' in March, both would get better coverage by the media. The girls would receive more attention than they presently do while playing at the same time as the boys. It would give additional emphasis to girls' basketball."

... "This would completely eliminate the problem of either the boys' or the girls' regional championship team waiting an extra week before playing in the State Tournament, as they do in alternate years."

Van Winkle's arguments may sound valid. In the opinion of this reporter, they're all wet. Let's consider each proposal, numbered 1 through 3:

1. Indiana girls' basketball teams don't start their seasons before Nov. 1. They generally begin at the same time as the state's boys teams -- usually around Nov. 10-15. Because their tournaments start early, girls' teams only play 18 regular season games.

If anything, Van Winkle's proposals will make a lot of gyms even more crowded. That's because an overlap would be created with girls' volleyball teams. The month of October represents the meat of the volleyball season. That means that, during October, gym time must be allotted for volleyball matches and practices, plus girls' basketball practices. In November, add boys' basketball practices to that, and you've got a logjam on your hands. It can't be assumed, after all, that all schools have more than one gymnasium at their disposal.

Joan Mazzaro has won six state volleyball titles at Covington's Notre Dame Academy. That's a girls' school, but Mazzaro said she still shudders at the thought of the scheduling problems such a system would create.

"We've got three volleyball teams (varsity, JV and freshman) and three basketball teams," Mazzaro said. "That's six teams, plus the theater groups and choral groups that require the gym for practice fairly often. Scheduling would be impossible. We'd have girls here all night."

2. It's true that, were the girls' tournaments played in February, they wouldn't have to compete with boys' tournaments in March. But in Indiana, another problem has served to offset that advantage.

Coach Ron Hutchens of New Albany (Ind.) High, located across the Ohio River from Louisville, said girls' teams face another type of competition from boys' programs during February. "A lot of us schedule sectional (district) and regional games on Friday and Saturday nights, because those are the best nights to draw crowds," Hutchens said. "But what boys' teams have done is continued to schedule games on those nights. They refuse to let us have those nights exclusively."

"Over here (Indiana), almost all boys' teams draw very well. Boys' basketball always has been a big money-maker, even in the more rural areas. It's true that we (girls) get a certain amount of media exposure. But we don't get crowds because we're made, in effect, to compete with boys' teams. I seriously doubt that Kentucky boys' teams would be willing to give up weekend dates, either. They generally don't seem to make the money they do in Indiana."

3. Frankly, in my years of following high school basketball, I've never heard a single boys' or girls' basketball coach or player complain seriously about having to wait a week after the regional to start the state tournament. The only dissenter I've ever come across on this subject has been ... Alice McDonald, the state's Superintendent of Public Instruction. She wants both state tournaments to retain their current format, but to be played simultaneously during spring vacation week. I've spoken to that issue on

these pages before. It's not desirable or advantageous to anybody -- except McDonald, perhaps.

Some closing points:

Hutchens said the problem of scheduling games exists for Indiana girls' teams during the regular season, too. "Boys' coaches get the prime nights of Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. We have to play practically all our games on Mondays and Thursdays," he said. "Those just aren't good nights to draw crowds. Plus, if you make a road trip of any length, the girls don't get home till after midnight on a weeknight. We've never appreciated that."

Hutchens also said that during the years, more girls have become "specialized"; that is, girls have begun playing either volleyball or basketball, but not both. Mazzaro said such a choice would be unfair for Kentucky girls to have to make. "A lot of girls up here play both, and it doesn't inconvenience the basketball team for very long," Mazzaro said. "An athlete shouldn't have to make that choice. He or she should be free to do what they want."

Mazzaro said Van Winkle's proposals represent another move to make boys' basketball more prominent in Kentucky. "People in power have always made moves to benefit boys' basketball," she said. "Why don't they move boys' basketball back a month, or alternate years doing that? We have volleyball that would be affected; they have football. What's wrong with that?"

The 67-member KHSAA Delegate Assembly will meet April 19 in Lexington to consider Van Winkle's proposal, among others. Bunny Daugherty, longtime basketball and volleyball coach at Louisville's Sacred Heart Academy, told Cox that if the proposal passes, she would institute a suit to make the boys' and girls' basketball seasons alternate.

What chance such a suit would have is anyone's guess. One thing is certain, however: The logic behind Van Winkle's arguments -- assuming, that is, that logic was employed -- is pretty flimsy and nonsensical.

And now, ... Let's go out on a limb -- and hope we don't fall: Just for fun (no nasty letters, please, from coaches of spurned teams), here's my picks for the 16 region champions that will appear in Rupp Arena at the State Tournament Mar. 20-23:

First -- Marshall County (though district rival Calloway County could pull an upset in the region final)

Second -- Hopkinsville (if only because they're hosting the regional)

Third -- Apollo (Owensboro lately can't seem to hold a lead; Apollo won two very close games during the season, one of which went into triple overtime)

Fourth -- Warren East (its 55-44 win over Bowling Green last Saturday in the 14th District championship game cemented its role as regional favorite)

Fifth -- Washington County (... and a child shall lead them; sophomore center Kevin Ellery)

Sixth -- Pleasure Ridge Park (but don't be surprised if Doss surprises them again)

Seventh -- Seneca (who else? Trinity has one of the sharpest coaches in the business, but hardly as much talent this year as Kimbro & Co.)

Eighth -- Scott County (outside of Seneca and, perhaps, Lafayette, the state's most consistent team)

Ninth -- Campbell County (they've beaten Highlands three times this year prior to last Saturday's district final -- and they host the region to boot)

Tenth -- Mason County (Paris' district win over Bourbon County last week -- its third in as many tries this year -- ruined one of my upset specials; Mason has sputtered the last month, especially when it won by only three at Harrison County; but, they host the region; look to Bath County as a possible spoiler)

Eleventh -- Bates Creek (Nolan Barger's team will use the momentum it gained from its 43rd District upset of Lafayette to claim its first-ever State Tournament berth and, Lexington Catholic only beat Sayre by four in the 42nd District final)

Twelfth -- Pulaski County (only surprise could come if up-and-down Somerset gets up; still, the Hanson brothers may be too tough for anybody)

Thirteenth -- Clay County (Harlan's 52nd District semi-final win eliminated Cawood and its high-scoring junior, Nick Sanford ... and cleared the way for another region title for the Manchester school)

Fourteenth -- M.C. Napier (its coach, Denny Fugate, has promised to settle down, which is good -- because his team is loaded with talent)

Fifteenth -- Betsy Layne (Johnson Central helped its cause by knocking off region favorite Sheldon Clark in the 57th District tourney. JC hurt its cause by losing to Paintsville in the district final)

Sixteenth -- Greenup County (in a stronger region Mike Scott and friends would be in trouble; this region should get Greenup's game back together)

And this year's state champion? No question: Seneca. It's a team with superior talent. With the slump suffered recently by Fern Creek (whose coach, George Abernathy, announced his resignation last week), Seneca should feel little pressure in the Seventh Region tournament. And, if it needed any more help, Seneca got a superb draw in the State Tournament. (See the tournament bracket elsewhere on these pages.) It will play one of the Wednesday afternoon first-round games. That means Seneca's players will get adequate rest between all its games -- and for my money, the only

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Draud's Making A Name For Himself

UK Has Been Eying The Highland Star

Coaches throughout Kentucky must be wishing that all their players could improve over one season as much as Scott Draud has this year.

Draud, a guard for Fort Thomas Highlands, had the type of season last year that most players would covet. He started every game as a sophomore and averaged 19.5 points a game.

This season, Draud has eclipsed those figures significantly. The 6-foot-2 junior finished the regular season with an average of 30.5 points a game, and led the state in scoring most of the year.

And he's got another season left. "I don't know what to expect from Scott next year," said Fort Thomas Highlands coach Ken Shields, chuckling. "He worked hard to improve himself, but it was hard for me to conceive ever having a player scoring 30 points a game. He's having a better year than I ever anticipated."

"But he's earned it. Scott's a true athlete. He's strong, he's agile, and he's got exceptional quickness. To me, he's the most prolific offensive player I've ever seen."

And, Shields said, he's been extremely valuable. After all, Highlands averaged 71.5 points as a team in posting an 18-8 regular-season record. "We go as he goes, no doubt about it," Shields said.

Draud also has shown such consistency that his low scoring output of the

regular season was -- are you ready? -- 20 points, in a game against Newport. "Other than that, he's never been under 25 this year," Shields said. His season high of 47 points came against Newport Central Catholic.

Even Draud's "mere" 25-point output paid big dividends for Highlands. It came against one of the favorites to win this month's State Tournament, Scott County. Draud's last two points against Scott County came at the buzzer, and gave Highlands a 64-62 upset of the Eighth Region Power last January in the Famous Recipe Tournament.

As one might expect, college scouts already are courting Draud vigorously. Shields said that, to date, the University of Kentucky has paid Draud the most attention. "Coach Hatfield (UK assistant Jim Hatfield) has been up here three or four times, and he said UK's sincerely interested in him," Shields said.

Draud already has received, in Shields' estimation, "over 200 letters" from colleges. Among those schools that Shields said have either visited or phoned regarding Draud are Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Cincinnati, Miami (Ohio), Notre Dame, Iowa, Michigan and Indiana.

Some "pure shooters," such as the legendary Ervin Stepp of Phelps, had trouble adapting to college ball. Stepp, who averaged over 50 points a game as

a senior in 1980, never became a solid offensive weapon at Eastern Kentucky University, and wound up transferring to Alice Lloyd, a small college in Pippa Passes.

Shields said that, despite Draud's newfound reputation as a scorer, Draud shouldn't suffer a similar fate. "He won't be like Ervin Stepp," Shields said. "You won't suddenly read that he's going to Alice Lloyd. Scott can play major-college ball. He's quick, and he can do more than shoot."

Shields called Draud a "better-than-average" defensive player, and said Draud's rebounding effort and efficiency has improved.

Still, it's Draud's shooting that captures people's interest.

The first indication that Draud was about to blossom offensively to such a degree came last summer at the Five-Star Basketball Camp in Pittsburgh. Though many better-known "blue-chip" players were in attendance, Draud was the highest scorer among juniors-to-be.

"Scott went there specifically to work on his defense and ballhandling," Shields said. "But he showed what he can do shooting, and all of a sudden all the college people (scouts) who were there realized who he was."

Partly due to that experience, Draud came out shooting this season with added resolve, though he may not have needed much. "Scott's not cocky, but he's always been extremely confident," Shields said. "He's the kind of guy who believes he could get up and shoot as well at 2:30 in the morning as at 2:30 in the afternoon. He always finds a way to get good shots and play under control."

Draud's control, or patience, has been tested this season. Opposing teams often have resorted to using unconventional defensive alignments to stop Draud.

"We've faced a lot of 'chicanery' defenses," Shields said. "We've seen a diamond-and-one, a box-and-one, and triangle-and-two. But nothing stops Scott. He always finds a way to get open."

That's because part of Draud's work ethic drives him to move constantly

when he doesn't have the ball. In that respect, Shields said, Draud may rank now above such past standout players as, say, Oscar Robertson.

"I'm not saying Scott's better than Oscar," Shields said. "But I saw Oscar both in high school (at Crispus Attucks High in Indianapolis) and college (at Cincinnati). As great a shooter as he was, Oscar never did much without the ball. Scott will work as hard as he has to to get the ball, and he has super offensive instincts."

Not to mention super range, Shields said. "This year, he's comfortable from 28 feet in," Shields said of Draud. "Last year, his good range maybe was 15 feet."

The strength necessary to improve that range so greatly, Shields said, probably comes from Draud's participation in another high school sport -- tennis. Last season, Draud advanced to the semifinal round of the state tennis tournament in Lexington. "Scott works hard to be conditioned, and tennis is a part of that," Shields said. "He has nothing but muscle in his body, and he's very resilient and durable. Playing tennis so much has developed his muscle tone very well."

Shields said he's hoping for a big month from Draud this month in the post-season tournaments. If Draud comes through, Shields said, Highlands should again find itself at or near the top of the Ninth Region.

Highlands has enjoyed such a position for several years. It played in the State Tournament in 1979, '82 and '83. Highlands was runner-up in the region in 1980 (to Covington Holmes and Dicky Beal) and last season (to the state's top-rated team at the time, d Newport Central Catholic).

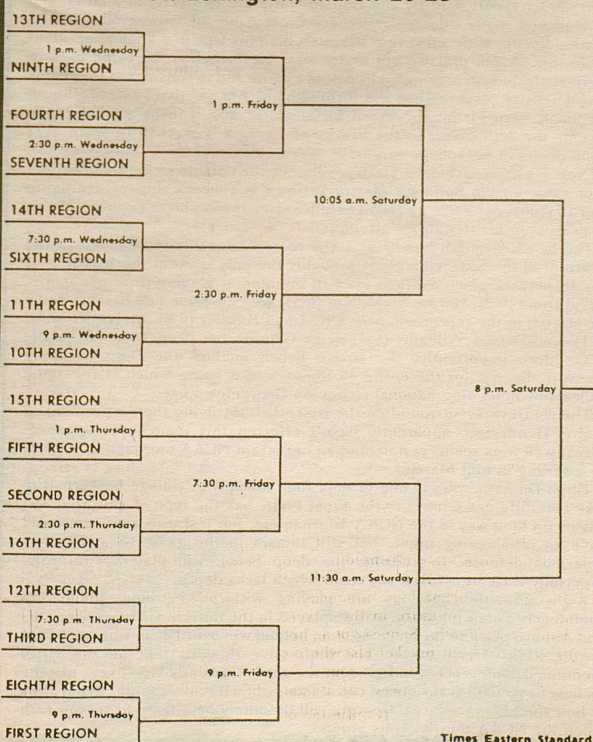
Another trip to the state will have to come the hard way for Highlands this year. Last week, both Highlands and the region's top-rated team, Campbell County, qualified for the regional out of the 36th District. But, the regional -- which begins this week and ends next Tuesday -- will be played at Campbell County.

Still, with Draud on his side, Shields likes Highlands' chances.

"If Scott will be Scott, and play to his capabilities, our team can do about anything," Shields said.

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Durham's Dogs Surge To SEC Prominence

Before the season began, many of the SEC pollsters expected LSU and Alabama to be the primary contenders for the conference championship. Well, many of those pollsters forgot about the Georgia Bulldogs after James Banks and Vern Fleming graduated.

After getting off to a horrendous 0-3 start in the early going of the SEC campaign, Georgia was playing where some thought they would, in the second division. But that was before the Dogs got on a roll and finished second in the SEC, one game behind league champ LSU when the Dogs were upset by Tennessee in Knoxville.

When Hugh Durham inserted freshman sensation Cedric Henderson, Joe Ward, and Gerald Crosby into the starting lineup with the latter two coming off injuries, the Bulldogs have won 11 of 13 contests going into their final home games against a faltering Ole Miss team. (Feb. 27). Also, Georgia has already been assured a winning SEC road record by upsetting Kentucky in Rupp Arena for the first time ever and it has been a pivotal factor as to why the Dogs have climbed out from the cellar of the SEC.

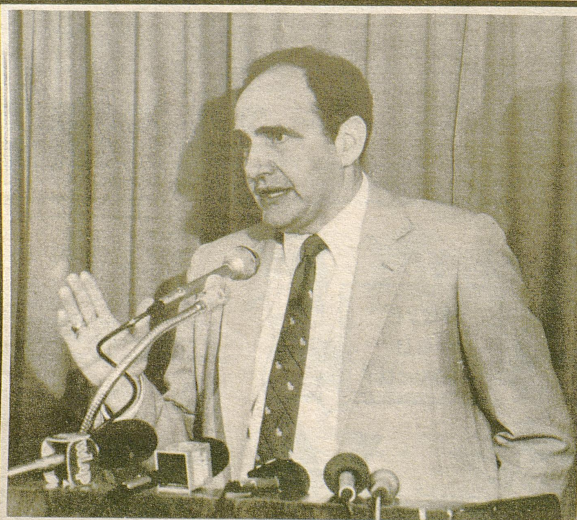


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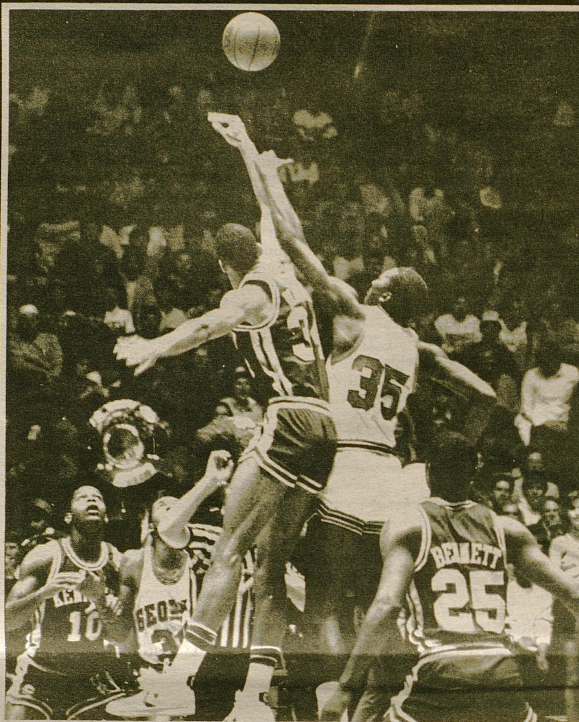
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Traditionally, Georgia had teams with outstanding athletes especially at the guard and small forward positions but were lacking an inside game. That problem is solved with the emergence of Henderson in the middle. Now, Georgia's inside play is a strength as Henderson leads the team in scoring (15.7) and rebounding (7.6). It's also interesting to note that the 6-9 freshman only averages 28 minutes a game under Durham's effective substitution system. With the season Henderson is enjoying, the Marietta, Ga., native definitely will be the odds on favorite to capture SEC freshman-of-the-year honors. Furthermore, Henderson has David Dunn as a backup who adds size and stability to the front line. Dunn, a transfer from Georgetown, had a season high 12 points in Georgia's victory over Kentucky in Lexington which hasn't happened since 1923.

Forwards Joe Ward and Richard Corhen have complemented each other well on both ends of the court with Ward being the scorer and Corhen the rebounder. Ward was inconsistent last season due to playing out of position at the power forward slot and has been moved back to his original small forward spot. Currently Ward is second on the team in scoring, averaging over 11 points a game. Corhen can be described as a garbage-type player, picking up loose rebounds and putting them back in the basket and relentlessly crashing the offensive boards. Corhen has been a solidifying force for the Dogs this season.



Hugh Durham



Henderson Up Against Walker

In the backcourt, Crosby and Donald Harty are two veteran guards who have played many minutes together. Crosby, one of two seniors in the starting lineup, suffered severe burns on both his legs in a kitchen accident before pre-season practice got under way. Nevertheless, he came back in adequate fashion averaging eight points a game and is considered the teams best defensive player. Also, the Birmingham, Ala., native is closing in on Olympian Vern Fleming's record for steals of 205. Crosby should easily become the 20th player in the history of Georgia basketball to score over 1,000 points in his college career.

Crosby's backcourt mate, Harty, supplies the outside scoring and overall floor game for the Bulldogs. Harty at times is a streak shooter, averaging over 10 points per game and is an excellent free throw shooter-connecting on 77 percent of his free throw attempts.

The bench strength has been a key reason why this team came to the forefront of the SEC. Georgia is probably the only team in the league that has 10 players which average over 10 minutes of playing time per game. David Dunn (6-8), Horace McMillian (6-5), who hit some key baskets down the stretch in the recent win over UK, Chad Kessler (6-8), Melvin Howard (6-1), and Dennis Williams (6-4) gives Georgia the deepest bench in the SEC. More importantly, the strong bench enables the Dogs to apply pressure defense for the entire 40 minutes of a game which is the same philosophy defending national champion Georgetown uses.

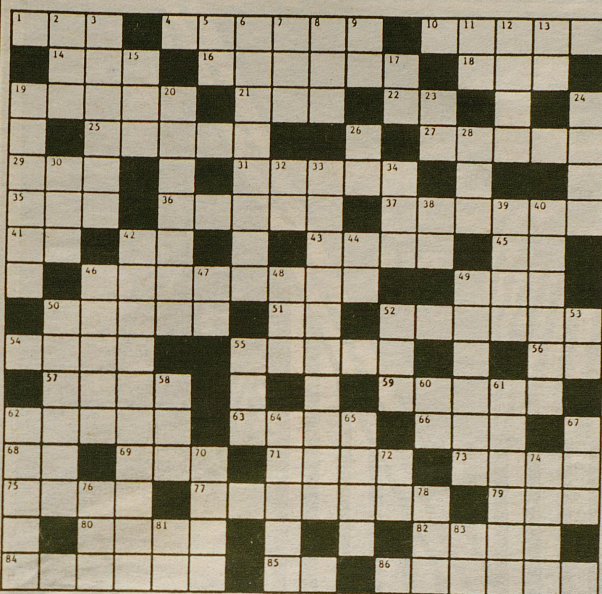
The controversy surrounding the basketball involving the recruitment of Cedric Henderson, apparently hasn't effected this team's performance. Already 20 wins seems certain and an important NCAA tournament bid will be awaiting in mid March.

Hugh Durham, who is one of only four coaches in college basketball to take two different schools to the Final Four, has the type of club that can advance a long way in the NCAA Tournament. For instance, the team could have an off shooting night, but still remain in the game because of its tenacious defense. In addition the deep bench will play a vital role, especially if Georgia faces any team which lacks depth.

Right now the Bulldogs are playing with an extreme amount of confidence. That confidence was displayed in the miracle victories over LSU and Auburn plus the recent come from behind win over UK in front of a very hostile Rupp Arena crowd. The impressive thing is that all the latter mentioned conference wins came on the road. Currently Georgia is playing its best basketball at the end of the season, when it really counts. Regardless of how the SEC race fares, Georgia will definitely be a team to reckon with when the NCAA tourney rolls around.

The Cats' Pause Crossword

By Dan Krueckeberg



THE COMMONWEALTH & THE FINAL FOUR

ACROSS

- 1 Cats finished on ____ in '48 and '49
- 4 Has been to Final Four twice
- 10 Guard on '80 and '82 Final Four Cards
- 14 April 15th folks
- 16 Sharpshooter of '75 Final Four Cats
- 18 # of Final Four trips for Cardinals
- 19 Narrow cuts
- 21 Suffix for "resident"
- 22 Initials of Watson of '51 Cats
- 25 Barker of '49 National Champions
- 27 A tower of '84 Cats
- 29 # of Final Four Hilltopper teams
- 31 lat name of soph. guard of '51 Cats
- 35 Short for first name of Cox of a Final Four Commonwealth squad
- 36 Cards finished ____ in '75
- 37 Member of '58 National Champions
- 41 Popular movie title
- 42 Initials of 10 Across
- 43 UK ____ the most National Championships
- 45 Metro and SEC state abbr.
- 46 Going for his 4th Final Four
- 49 Western's McDaniels of '71 Final Four
- 50 Final Four Cat Crigler and Card Turner
- 51 Initials of Mike of '78 Cats
- 52 The Commonwealth's Final Four domination has not ____
- 54 Forward Jerry of '71 Hilltoppers
- 55 In last 10 yrs, no ____ state has as many Final Four appearances as KY
- 56 Initials of Larry of '66 Final Four Cats
- 57 A gas
- 59 Commonwealth squads have missed only two Final Fours in last seven ____
- 62 Arena passageway
- 63 Took 5 squads to Final Four
- 64 Vernon Hutton was the scoring ____ of the '58 Cats
- 68 Abbr. for "post office"
- 69 Goldstein of '59 Final Four Cards
- 71 Colorful gem
- 73 A defense
- 75 On most free throws ____ of notwithstanding
- 77 Goes with ice cream
- 80 Direction
- 82 Masculine name
- 84 Ron of '72 Final Four Cards
- 85 Initials of Shelby of '51 Cats
- 86 First name of player on three Final Four squads

DOWN

- 2 Arab barrels
- 3 Jim ____ play helped Cards to '72
- 5 Final Four ____
- 5 Initials of a '48 and '49 top Cat
- 6 Main man of '80 National Champions
- 7 Rim partner
- 8 Adam's gal
- 9 Abbr. for "with regard to"
- 11 Initials of a Final Four Smith
- 12 Observe
- 13 Former spouse
- 15 Abbr. for city where '78 Cats became National Champions
- 17 Abbr. for "yearbook"
- 19 '75 ____ bluegrass dominance when two squads made the Final Four
- 20 # of Commonwealth squads in Final Four
- 23 Initials of Brown of '80 Cards
- 24 " ____ Hickman took Cards to their first Final Four in '59
- 26 Metro and SEC state abbr.
- 28 Celestial body
- 30 See 7 Down
- 32 Initials of Rick of two Final Four Cat squads
- 33 Took six squads to Final Four
- 34 ____ ny: first name of an '84 Cat
- 38 Initials of a Final Four Smith
- 39 Yale's nickname
- 40 Asian mammals
- 42 Coach of Hilltoppers' Final Four team
- 44 Abbr. for "wavelength"
- 46 "Wah Wah" of '48 and '49 Cats
- 47 Initials of tall Bill of '51 Cats
- 48 Abbr. for "amount"
- 49 One of "Rupp's Runts" of '66
- 50 Bridgeman of '75 Final Four Cards
- 52 Sob
- 53 Initials of a Final Four bluegrass coach
- 55 Abbr. for conference of Western during their Final Four season
- 58 Prefix for "new"
- 60 Initials of Allen of '42 Final Four Cats
- 61 Give access again
- 62 Aside
- 64 Jim and family; of '71 Hilltoppers
- 65 Principal
- 67 James of '78 Cats
- 70 ____ are nice, but NCAAs are better
- 72 Initials of '51 Cat Tsioropoulos
- 74 # of Final Four trips for Cats
- 76 Abbr. for "Chief Executive Officer"
- 78 The self
- 81 Continent abbr.
- 83 Initials of Louie of "Rupp's Runts"

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Coach Don DeVoe's Postgame Comments

The following are Coach Don DeVoe's postgame comments after his team was defeated by Kentucky 92-67 at Rupp Arena:

Coach DeVoe: I thought the key, was their ability, as they started against LSU here, was to control the tempo and to make the big plays to win that game. That win against LSU allowed them to do that at Auburn, and win at a real tough place. Since then they've played really fine basketball.

What about the league race?

Coach DeVoe: There's no doubt that Georgia and LSU have the depth. They're going to be the teams that are probably going to do well. I shouldn't leave out Alabama. Alabama has played quite well, recently. Alabama's a mighty impressive basketball team. As far as the SEC tournament is concerned, I think Georgia, LSU and Alabama have the most momentum.

Did you see anything positive in tonight's performance for your team?

Coach DeVoe: No. Kentucky just completely outplayed us. I don't want to elaborate on our shortcomings because it's obvious that we're not as good as we need to be at this point in the season. Kentucky made us look bad. Kentucky is a fine basketball team. They've had to come back from a losing record in December, where they fell below .500. I think they've done a very commendable job, but we didn't perform well.

Would you be disappointed if you didn't have to face [Kenny] Walker ever again?

Coach DeVoe: I think Walker is a good basketball player. They do a fine job like they do against all teams . . . against all teams they get the ball to him. They threw the ball up in the air and it's difficult to keep the ball from going to him. He knows where the basket is. It's great to have an

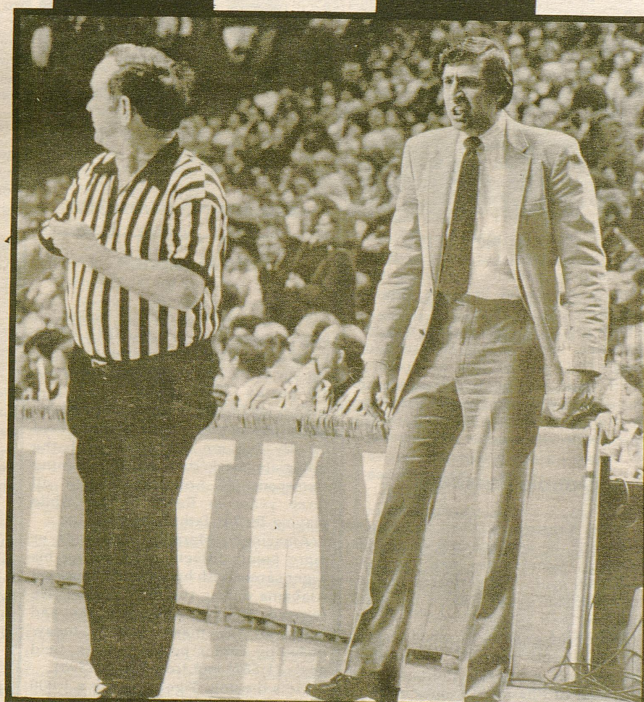
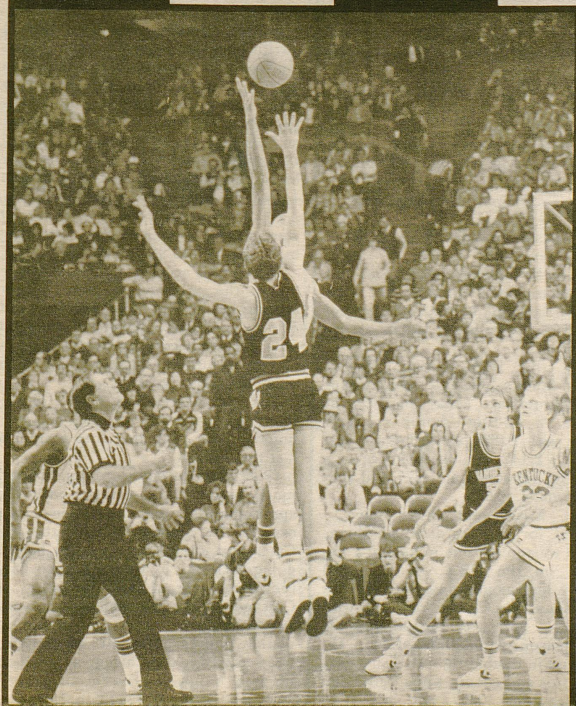
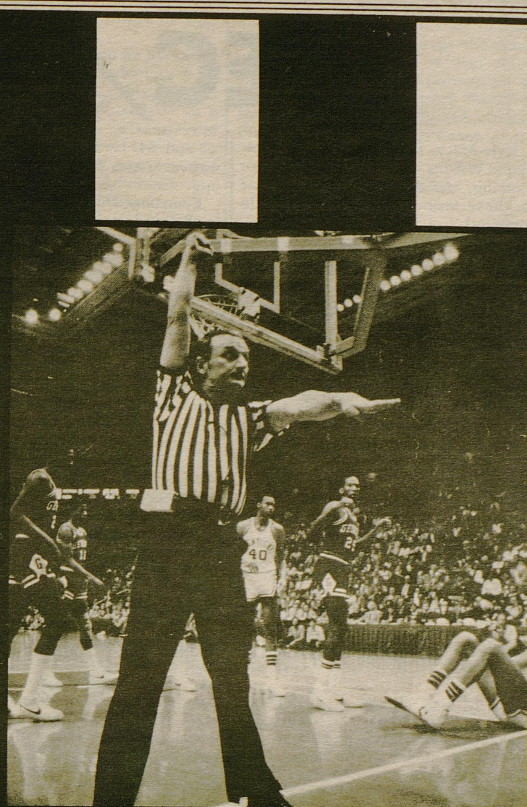
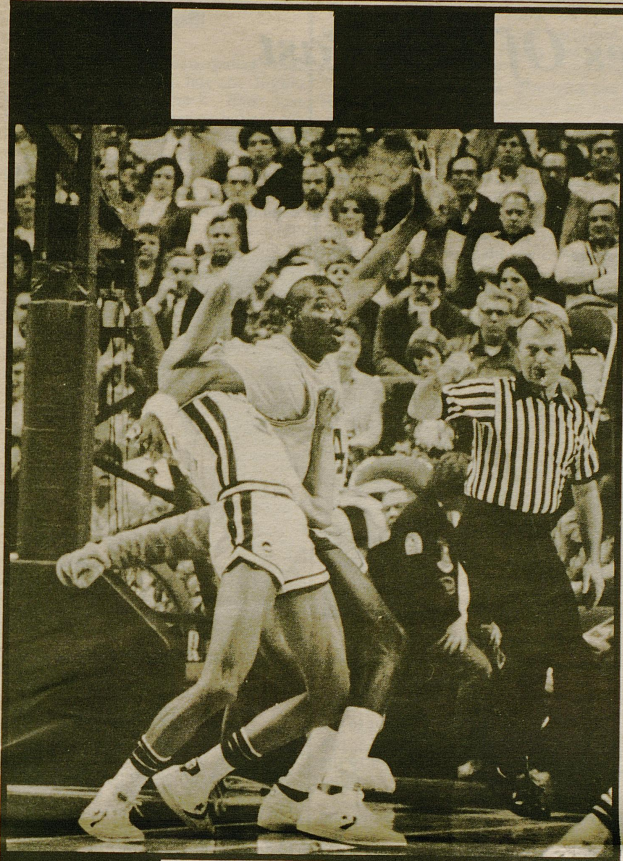
offensive player like that, and they've built their basketball team around that. I thought (Bret) Bearup had a fine game. I thought he did a magnificent job. I'm pleased to see him do well. (Roger) Harden played with a lot of confidence. I think this game probably will help Kentucky an awful lot. They're going to need a lot of help going to LSU on Saturday. LSU is a very, very fine team.

Coach, do you think Kentucky will get invited to the NCAA Tournament this March?

Coach DeVoe: I'd say if there are six to seven games over .500, then they'll get in. They've played a tough schedule. Nobody really played a more difficult December schedule than Kentucky. I think tonight's win certainly allowed that opportunity (NCAA bid); 64 teams really waters the tournament pretty good. Not that Kentucky is a weak team, but they're certainly a lot stronger team with maybe five or six wins over .500 than a lot of the most recently established Division I conferences, where somebody has 19 of 21 wins. I think Kentucky's in. . . I felt if we could have won tonight, then we would have had a pretty good chance. Kentucky will be in the NCAA. This win tonight assured them of that. The most they can have now is two more losses. Even at 16-12, I think Kentucky will get in because they played a very fine schedule in December. They had a great win over Kansas, and Kansas is going (NCAA). Kentucky's beaten a lot of tough teams: they won at Florida, at Auburn and played Alabama close on the road. Their losses have all been good losses; they haven't lost to a really weak team all season. I hope they get in. I think they deserve to get in. They've had some tough breaks this year, and they're certainly one of the top 64 teams in the country.



Don DeVoe



SEC / Heroes Of The Past

Kyle Macy, DeWayne Scales, Dominique Wilkins, Dirk Minniefield, Vern Fleming, and Charles Barkley. What do these former SEC stars share in common?

Bailey Howell, Charles Davis, Pete Maravich, Jimmy Dan Conner, T.R. Dunn, Don Kessinger, Neal Walk, Johnny Mengelt, A.W. Davis and Jack Dorsey. What do these ex-SEC stars own in common?

If you say both answers have something to do with the post season SEC Basketball Tournament, you deserve to "pass Go and collect \$200 for your knowledge of the SEC."

The first group of young men are all former MVPs of the post season tourney which was renewed back in 1979 when Tennessee outlasted 75-69 in overtime for the championship title.

Unfortunately for the second group of players, all but one never enjoyed the opportunity of playing in a post season conference tourney. All ten players (many of them All-Americans) played during the era (1953-78) when the league disbanded the tourney due to lack of interest from fans throughout the South.

But memory of those superb players will live forever in the hearts of basketball fans from Florida in the south to Kentucky in the north, from Georgia in the east to Louisiana in the west.

Who will ever forget the awesome Pete Maravich and the beginning of the great LSU program? Or how about the marvelous All-American Bailey Howell who helped the late Babe McCarthy bring Mississippi State to the front of the SEC, only to decline an invitation to the NCAA in 1959?

And what about cool Donnie Kessinger who cut his path through the SEC and then went on to professional baseball stardom with the Chicago Cubs?

Then there are such ex-players as Johnny Mengelt and A.W. Davis who turned their athletic talents into the communications field and are very successful as color commentators. Today, this group is ample evidence that athletics as well as their academic careers have enabled many young men to enter successful business careers after their playing days.

With the arrival of the SEC tourney this week, here's a look back at nine former SEC players who never knew the thrill of playing in a conference tournament and one who did and what they've achieved since their college days.

Donnie Kessinger

When Kessinger arrived on campus at Oxford, he was counted on for his baseball talents as well as the roundball sport. He perfected both to All-American status before he graduated in 1964.

One of the greatest baseball players to ever come out of Mississippi, Donnie was a superb shortstop and attracted pro baseball scouts early in his career.

On the basketball court, Donnie was always a "fingered" target, thanks to his great skills on a team which never finished .500 during his career. Despite records of 12-13, 7-17 and 10-12, Kessinger still was the big spark, earning All-SEC honors in 1962,

'63 and '64. He led his team in scoring with averages of 21.4, 21.8 and 23.5 ppg.

Even now, Donnie stands as the No. 5 all-time scoring leader with 1,553 points behind John Stroud, Carlos Clark, Elston Turner and Joe Gibbon. Stroud has 2,328 points.

Despite his marked number, Kessinger was a prolific scorer, scoring over 45 points twice during his career. In 1962, he poured home 48 points in a 98-81 victory over Tennessee. His best outing was a 49-point explosion in 1963 when the Rebels battled Tulane.

In the spring, Donnie trotted over to the baseball diamond where he starred for coach Tom Swayze and attracted pro scouts by the pairs while earning All-American honors at the same time.

(Post Ole Miss days - Kessinger concentrated on pro baseball, signing with the Chicago Cubs and was named to the National League All-Star team six times.

For a brief time, he managed the Chicago White Sox and then became a sports broadcaster where he was part of the SEC telecast team a few years ago. Currently, he is the color analyst for the Ole Miss Radio Network and was just recently voted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.)



Donnie Kessinger

Pete Maravich

Perhaps the most colorful basketball player in the history of the SEC. When Pistol Pete visited campuses throughout the SEC, ticket offices automatically posted "SRO" signs.

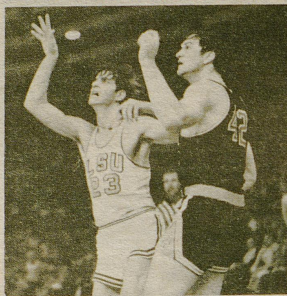
Famous for his floppy socks and his patented jumps shots, Pistol Pete quickly became the darling of the collegiate basketball world, earning consensus All-American honors all three years in Baton Rouge, while playing for his father, Press.

Amazingly, Maravich scored 54 or more points fifteen times during his Tiger career with his high of 69 against Alabama during the 1970 season. He rewrote the LSU record books and holds all the major records today, including career points (3,667), field goals (1,387) and free throws (893).

He's the only Tiger to score a 1,000 points in a single season and he turned that feat all three years. Despite his enormous success, the best LSU could finish in the SEC during his three years was a second place finish at 13-5 to Kentucky's 17-1 mark in 1970.

(Post LSU days - Pistol Pete took his show to the NBA where he was drafted

in the first round as the third pick by Atlanta. He spent four seasons with the Hawks and then five with New Orleans before his last campaign with Utah and Boston. He averaged 24.2 ppg in the pros and was a five-time All-Star. Since his retirement in 1980, he has been operating a year-around basketball camp for kids in Florida. He still lives in Metairie, Louisiana.)



Pete Maravich

Bailey Howell

What Herschel Walker meant to the Georgia Bulldogs in football, a few years ago, Bailey Howell meant to the Mississippi State Bulldogs, in other words a championship.

When Howell signed with State and the late James "Babe" McCarthy, the Bulldogs struggled to escape the lower spots of the SEC. Once he put his uniform on for keeps, the Dogs began to growl.

By his sophomore year when he averaged 25.8 ppg, the Bulldogs had caulked all the way to a third place tie with Georgia Tech at 9-5 in the league race and an overall record of 17-8.

The best was yet to come.

Although finishing in third place the next season with an identical 9-5 league mark, the season record improved to 20-5 and set the stage for his final season.

That year, the Bulldogs almost pulled off a perfect record, going 24-1, winning the SEC title with a 13-1 record to better Kentucky and Auburn at 12-2. Teaming with Howell on that great team were Jerry Keeton and Kermit Davis who later coached at State.

The season included a Sugar Bowl Tournament title, a No. 3 rating nationally by the Associated Press and an automatic berth to the NCAA. That bid was declined because the school refused to play against blacks at the time.

After the 1959 season, Howell became State's first and only consensus All-American. Today, he ranks at the No. 2 all-time scorer in State history with 2,030 points behind Jeff Malone's 2,142. He also holds State's record for rebounds at 1,277 and free throws made at 682.

(Post Mississippi State days - Ticketed for pro stardom all along, Howell wasted no time in having a big impact on the NBA. At 6-7, 220 pounds, he was an immediate star for 12 seasons, five with Detroit, two with Baltimore, four with Boston and his final season with Philadelphia. He averaged in double figures every year in the pros and got out when he was on top, averaging 10.7 ppg, his final

campaign. He averaged over 20 ppg four times in the pros. Today, he is a regional sales supervisor for the Converse Rubber Company and is responsible for several southern states.)



Bailey Howell

Johnny Mengelt

Auburn is the only member of the Southeastern Conference which hasn't produced a basketball All-American, but one must wonder where the voters were when a young man by the name of Johnny Mengelt hit the hardwoods at Auburn in the late sixties.

All Johnny did for the Tigers was to plaster points on the scoreboard like no Auburn player before or after him.

Mengelt played his first year of varsity ball in 1969 and promptly led the club in scoring with a 19.4 ppg average. During his next two seasons, his production blossomed to 26.8 ppg and 28.6 ppg, a record which still stands.

In fact, Mengelt scored at such a terrific pace that he is the owner of the top six single game point exhibitions in Auburn history. His greatest scoring spree was a whopping 60 points in a 121-78 victory over arch-rival Alabama on February 14, 1970. He once scored 48 against Vanderbilt, 47 against Ole Miss, 45 against N.C. State and 42 and 41 points against Kentucky.

Of his top six scoring games, all were wins except losses to Kentucky by scores of 105-93 and 84-83.

Despite his scoring ability (he's No. 3 on the Auburn all-time career scoring list behind Mike Mitchell and Eddie Johnson), Auburn managed only a 41-36 record during Mengelt's career, including a disappointing 11-15 mark his senior year.

For his outstanding play, Johnny made second team All-SEC his sophomore year, and then first team his last two seasons.

(Post Auburn days - Mengelt fared much better in recognition with the pros than he did the college vote casters. He signed on with the old Cincinnati Royals for a season before going to Detroit by way of Kansas City the next year. Later, he went to Chicago where he enjoyed a very successful pro career, averaging in double figures. After his retirement, he remained in the Chicago area where he is a highly successful basketball color analyst for WGN-TV in Chicago.)

Neal Walk

Little did Norm Sloan realize what he was about to do, but the highly successful Gator coach had just recruited a lanky center to bolster his Florida program, yet he would never enjoy the day his young star would play for him.

Neal Walk joined the Gators in the fall of 1965 but by the time his first varsity season of 1966-67 arrived, Sloan had left to take the head job at North Carolina State.

Never let it be said that Sloan left the kitchen bare in Gainesville. All he left was a brilliant All-American-to-be in Walk and a host of other talent that would enable his successor, Tommy Bartlett, to go 21-4 in his first try.

Walk was the main ingredient. He averaged 11.5 ppg and 8.3 rpg right off the bat and continued to get better and better. His junior season saw his rebounding average explode to 19.8 rpg and his scoring soared to 26.5 ppg. His senior campaign consisted of 24.0 ppg and 17.8 rpg.

With his flashy arrival, Florida zoomed high in the first division in 1967 and finished just a game behind league champion Kentucky. After that, the Gators dropped off the pace the last two seasons, finishing in a tie for fourth place his junior season and third his senior season.

(Post Florida days - His pro days did him well as he became a dominating force early in his career at Phoenix where he averaged 20.2 ppg by his fourth year. He concluded his pro career in the NBA with the New York Knicks in 1977, with a career average of 12.6 ppg in eight seasons. He now operates a physical fitness center in Florida.

Charles Davis

Young and leaping Charles Davis, one of the most exciting players to ever wear the gold and black of the tradition-rich Vanderbilt Commodores, was one of the few players to play five seasons in SEC basketball.

When Davis arrived in Music City, he became an instant success. His leaping ability and his offensive scoring punch made opposing teams take notice immediately in the SEC.

In his rookie season, he averaged 15.3 ppg and 7.0 rpg as the Commodores struggled to rebuild its program under first-year coach Wayne Dobbs.

By year two of the rebuilding game, Vanderbilt's effort stalled although David did more than his share with Mike "Country Boy" Rhodes in leading the 'Dores to a 11-16 mark as Davis' stats improved to 16.8 ppg.

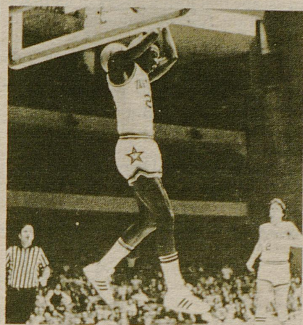
Davis' junior year was remarkable. He scored 18.6 ppg, increased his rebounding average to 8.6 and Vanderbilt exploded to an 18-9 mark and a third place finish in the SEC, as Rhodes matched Davis almost point-for-point.

Most observers felt 1980 would be Vandy's big year as well as Davis' but an injury sidelined him after one game and he was redshirted as Vandy fell back to 13-13 under first year coach Richard Schmidt who was hired to replace the departed Dobbs.

Davis' senior year was controversial, to say the least, as he never fully recovered his old form and averaged only 13.4 ppg. Neither he nor Rhodes enjoyed the kind of offensive point production which was expected of them and after the two departed following the 15-14 season, so did second-year coach Schmidt.

For his yeoman's work on the boards, Davis won three straight rebounding awards at Vandy and was named All-SEC in 1979.

(Post Vanderbilt days - The NBA has been kinder to Davis although he has never reached the stardom many expected of him. He is now in his fourth season with the NBA, having been drafted by the Washington Bullets out of Vanderbilt. During his first three seasons, he averaged 5.7 ppg.)



Charles Davis

T. R. Dunn

The time was the mid-seventies, a time when Alabama basketball made a name for itself across the nation. It was also a time when T.R. Dunn became a household word along with the Joe Namaths of Crimson Tide Country.

It was a period when C.M. Newton brought basketball out of the grave. The Tide had quickly moved up the SEC ladder, but they were still a step behind, usually to Kentucky.

Little time was required for Dunn's impact to be felt. In his freshman year, the Tide tied Vanderbilt for the league title, Bama's first in eighteen years. That first season, Dunn shocked the SEC with impressive stats of 9.4 ppg and 19.9 rebounds.

His consistent play over the next three seasons when he engineered the Tide offense allowed Alabama to win or share three titles in a row and a third-place tie his senior year.

He was All-SEC in 1977 and one of those who brought Bama to the front.

(Post Alabama days - His basketball talents really blossomed on the pro level where he is in his eighth season of play. He first went to Portland and was traded to Denver in 1980. In seven seasons, he's averaging just over six points per game but his real value is quarterbacking the club.

Dan Issel

Perhaps no player in the history of Kentucky basketball has had a greater impact on professional basketball than All-American Dan Issel, a 15-year pro veteran who spearheaded three SEC championships for the late Adolph Rupp.

Issel came out of the gate firing his sophomore year at UK in 1967-68 and it came just after the Wildcats suffered through a rare 13-13 season. At the time, Rupp said Issel would make a very distinct difference in the Wildcats' record.

That, he did. Issel averaged 16.4 ppg and almost 15 rebounds as the Cats bounced back with a 22-5 mark and a first-place finish in the SEC before losing to Ohio State in the NCAA.

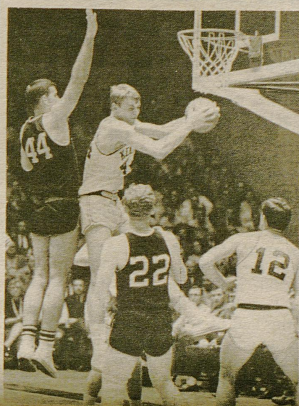
His next two years would be even better as Kentucky fought its way to

two more titles with records of 23-5 and 26-2.

His final season, when he averaged 33.9 ppg, the Cats were dueling for a fourth NCAA crown only to be sidelined by Jacksonville 106-100 in a hotly contested and controversial NCAA game.

He collected almost every award possible, including All-American honors, the last year being consensus.

(Post Kentucky days - There were some who said Issel wasn't good enough for the pros. Some said he was too slow and the talk grew louder when he signed with the old ABA Kentucky Colonels instead of joining the NBA. He proved them all wrong. He has played his last eight seasons with Denver in NBA after six years in ABA. Issel is one of the top pro scorers in history an announced recently that he will retire at the season's end.)



Dan Issel

A.W. Davis

Crew-cut A.W. Davis, the rawbone homestate product of the Tennessee Vols, arrived on the Knoxville campus the same season as a fella by the name of Ray Mears. The two combined to make the beginning of a basketball dynasty in Big Orange Country. Coming off back-to-back sub .500 seasons, Mears and Davis put the Vols back on track with the first of fifteen consecutive winning years for the Vols, which matched the length of Mears' stay in Knoxville.

Although Davis actually arrived a year earlier (freshmen were not eligible to play varsity back then), his first year of play came in 1963 when he averaged 14.9 ppg and 8.2 rpg as the Vols improved to a 13-11 work-sheet.

The next two years produced records of 16-8 and 20-5 respectively as Davis' statistics improved likewise, to 17.3 ppg and 19.6 ppg his senior year when he was elected the team's captain.

Although not noted for his field goal accuracy (45.8 percent for his career), he was deadly at the charity strip where he hit a red-hot 80.5 percent for his career.

From last place in the SEC in 1962, Davis and Mears vaulted the Vols to the second spot in both 1964 and 1965, finishing behind Kentucky in 1964 and just behind Vanderbilt in 1965.

For his contributions, A.W. won All-American honors from Helms and BWAS in 1965 and All-SEC awards in both 1964 and 1965. In a Knoxville Journal All-Star ballot, he was voted to the Vols' first team of the modern era from 1963-83.

(Post Tennessee days - Following

his UT days, A.W. now resides in East Tennessee where he is in the food services business. He is also color analyst for Tennessee replays on a statewide television network. Both he and Mears have been inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

Mark Slonaker

It was a long way from Rahway, New Jersey, to Athens, Georgia, but that's the route popular Mark Slonaker, a heady Bulldog playmaker took to play his collegiate basketball in the SEC.

Known for his ability to get the ball to the right players, Slonaker ranks No. 9 on the all-time assists charts at Georgia with 211.

Mark's big moment at Georgia came during his junior season when he scored seven points in a crucial 68-64 win over arch-rival Georgia Tech in Athens.

In high school, he was praised by his high school coach, Dave Arnold, as "the best All-Around backcourt player" Arnold had ever coached.

Although Slonaker's career wasn't among the brighter days for Georgia basketball, he was a part of the beginning of great success as the Bulldogs got to the .500 level at 14-14 his senior year. It was Georgia's first break-even year after six straight losing seasons.

(Post Georgia days - the ever-likeable Slonaker is now head basketball coach at Georgia State College in Atlanta.)



Mark Slonaker

Young men born on or after January 1, 1960 are required to register with Selective Service within a month of their 18th birthday.

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Help America's Young Men get the Point about Selective Service Registration

Oscar Combs

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For Florida to whip Kentucky, the Gators must stop SEC Player of the Year Kenny Walker. About the only time that's been done this season is when four players guard him. UK must slow down Eugene McDowell.

This should be one of the finest quarter-final games in the tourney, but **Kentucky will prevail by four.**

If Tennessee beats Vandy and hooks up with Georgia, look for a real barn-burner. This should go right down to the wire just like the other two. It's awfully difficult for a team to beat another one three straight times, especially when you consider all the side attractions to this one. This one

could be decided by the fans. Will the tourney fans support DeVoe or Durham? In a toss-up, go with the 'Dogs. They have the look of the Georgia team which went to the Final Four in 1983. **Georgia by one.**

In the other quarter-final game it will be Auburn versus LSU. Auburn will be the Cinderella team of sorts with Smith bowing out.

But Dale Brown wants to return to the big-time. He's been shackled with some very disturbing defeats in recent years during post season play.

LSU has lost eight consecutive post season games since his team won the Midwest Regional in 1981. The

disaster started with a pair of losses at the Final Four, to Indiana and Virginia in overtime. In fact, LSU holds the distinction of having lost the last Final Four consolation games.

Since then, LSU is 0-3 in SEC tournaments and 0-3 in NCAA and NIT play. The big question is if the Tigers can escape that losing streak in its first action of the SEC on Thursday.

Another question is if LSU can regroup and be ready after being so high for its title-clinching win over Kentucky last week in Baton Rouge. Only time will tell. But here is your upset special. **Auburn by five as Person goes wild.**

Friday's semi-final between Georgia and Alabama will be one of the highest scoring and best games in SEC

history. It may even rival Kentucky's 101-100 victory over the Crimson Tide back in 1979. The Tide will win this one because the Dogs won't be able to stop Bobby Lee and Buck inside and Henderson will get into early foul trouble. **Alabama by three.**

Fighting for the spot to play Alabama in the championship game will be Auburn and Kentucky. This might be a game where UK might be a slight favorite, but **Cinderella will stay alive with a low-scoring, 50-47 victory.**

In the finals, well Sonny Smith will go out in glory, the Tigers will become the seventh team in seven years to win the SEC Tournament, and Auburn's top officials will be wishing for something which will not happen. And you know what that is.

Dale Brown's Postgame Comments

The following are Coach Dale Brown's postgame comments after his team beat Kentucky 67-61 at the Assembly Center last Sunday:

Coach Brown: I guess the three finest moments I've had as a coach in my 13 years at LSU was when we beat Kentucky when all (LSU) five starters had fouled out and we won the game by one point. (Second finest moment) when we beat Alabama to win our first title. (Third) And you have to be in a coma not to enjoy the Superdome (Midwest Regionals in 1981). Those were three of the greatest moments, but I'm not sure today didn't top it. We've had closed practices since the Georgia loss (February 2). We've prepared two days on the defense that we hadn't used all year -- the diamond-and-one. It's a very difficult defense to figure. The first few times

down the court, to confuse Kentucky we started a 2-1-1 zone. We haven't used a 2-1-1 zone all year. We've used the 2-3 zone this season. Then after the first two trips down the court we switched to the diamond-and-one (one-two-one zone with Jerry Reynolds guarding Kenny Walker). I just hate Jerry Reynolds for the job he did on Kenny Walker. I thought Kenny was unstoppable, but Jerry changed my mind today. He did a brilliant job, plus his team helped him. At halftime, when Kenny had only one basket, that was an indication we were a pretty good team. It was a great victory. This is the end of season one. We are the champions. And if the entire communist block countries want to share it with us, I really don't care right now. (About LSU's defense) Kentucky really didn't figure out what we're doing.

Bat Cats Drop 3 To Gators

After winning three of their first five contests, Coach Keith Madison's baseball team has currently hit the skids. The Bat Kats dropped three straight to Southeastern Conference rival Florida last weekend in Gainesville. During the three game series the Gators outscored their opponents, 30-4. The losses dropped UK to 0-3 in the SEC, 3-6 overall.

Florida's improved its slate to 14-3, 3-0 in the SEC.

Kentucky lost a double-header to the Gators last Saturday, 3-0 and 12-1,

while falling 15-3 on Sunday.

On Sunday, Florida produced five runs in the first inning, aided by Rodney Brewer's two-run double.

Senior starter Jeff Hellman was the losing pitcher as it was his first loss of the young season, falling to 2-1.

After a five-game homestand (March 5-10) the Bat Kats will go to Louisville for one contest, March 12. The following day Kentucky will then return home to face Georgetown College at 3:00 p.m.

J.C. Dumas

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two-game June series. Day's assistants at Bourbon County, Lyle Eads and Seneca team that could lose now is a tired one. . . .

Congratulations go to **Russ Day** of Bourbon County, named last week to coach the **boys' Kentucky All-Stars** against the Indiana stars in the annual **Mike Reitz**, will serve in similar capacities with the All-Star team.

One of Day's archrivals, coach **Mark Crain** of Paris, said the choice of Day was an excellent one. "He's coached in two states, he has college experience, and he has a good perspective on talent," Crain said. "He'll use the talent he has to compete well on any level."

Day, who has won over 500 games in his coaching career, has coached in **Dayton, Ohio** and **Franklin, Ohio**, as well as Lafayette and Bourbon County. Last season, he led Bourbon County to the state championship game, where it lost to Logan County. Day also coached for two years at **Cumberland (Tenn.) College**.

Crain, it is assumed, meant those words of praise sincerely. Last Tuesday night, Crain could afford to be even more magnanimous; his Paris club beat Bourbon County 53-52 in the first round of the 37th District Tournament at Harrison County. . . .

The dates for the **Kentucky-Indiana All-Star** games, by the way: June 15 at **Rupp Arena**, June 22 at **Market Square Arena** in Indianapolis.

Item last: **My blushing face**. . . is offered to **Campbell County High School**. Two weeks ago on these pages, I said the school was located in **Highland Heights**. The school actually is located in the adjacent community of **Alexandria**.

I could have looked that up. Sometimes, however, your logic gets clouded by fond memories. To wit: One of my best friends in college all those years ago was named **Rosann Viel**. She was warm, witty and kind to squirrels. She went to Campbell County. And, she was from Highland Heights. She had a mind like a steel trap. My trap obviously has gotten a bit rusty.

So my apologies to Campbell County and the Camels. Best of luck to you in the regional. And if anybody there knows **Rosie** (who's now **Rosann Sharon**, math teacher extraordinaire somewhere). . . uh, care to give her **The Cats' Pause**'s address?

Larry Vaught

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THE SEC says farewell to a class man this week. Auburn Coach Sonny Smith recently announced his resignation and he will be missed around the league.

Smith made Auburn a legitimate basketball contender and brought quality players in to play for the Tigers.

Chances are star forward Chuck Person may also leave. Last year teammate Charles Barkley went to the NBA after his junior season and Person could do the same thing.

If he does, the SEC will have lost another star. And UK's Walker has to be thinking about trying the draft himself.

My money, though, still says Walker will stay at UK.

STEVE TOWNSEND, SEC public relations director, expected around 178 media members at this week's SEC tourney. That was a slight increase from the total that viewed the 1984 tourney in Nashville.

"We've got a lot of outlets in Tennessee, Kentucky and Mississippi coming," said Townsend before the tourney opened. "The number from

Mississippi is up significantly, probably because of the year Mississippi State had.

"Our worst areas are Georgia, Florida and Louisiana. Florida has the least coverage, then Georgia and Louisiana. Of course, we have a lot of requests from Alabama because of the tourney being in Birmingham. But Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi are the strongest out-of-state areas."

Townsend feels at least four SEC teams should receive NCAA tourney bids Sunday. He says, "We had four in last year and I'm looking for that same number this time based on rumors I've heard. And depending on who wins the tourney we could have five teams in the NCAA."

"Other conferences don't have teams with records much better than the SEC. And having a 10-team conference makes it tougher for SEC teams to pick up easy wins."

UK's Hall feels the SEC can't be overlooked in a 64-team field. He says, "The SEC has to have six or seven teams rated in the top 64. Our record versus outside foes is too good to ignore. I think the NCAA selection committee knows that we play good basketball in the SEC."

"Still, there is a lot of pressure on the selection committee to take teams based on records. Regardless of what you say it looks better to have an 18-10 team in the tourney than it does one 14-14 even if the second team has played a much tougher schedule."

Georgia and LSU should be locks for NCAA tourney bids. Kentucky should be in the field, too, along with at least one other SEC team.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

FIVE YEARS AGO

*Some costly turnovers in the final minutes, and 19 turnovers during the game, allowed LSU to defeat Kentucky 80-78 in Birmingham in the finals of the SEC tournament. The Cats had defeated the Tigers just one week earlier for the regular season SEC crown. LSU led by three at the half but UK came back to take the lead. Then UK made crucial turnovers in the final two minutes when the teams were virtually trading baskets. DeWayne Scales was spectacular for LSU, hitting 13 of 19 shots and scoring 26 points, many coming down the stretch. Sam Bowie and Kyle Macy had great nights for UK. Macy fought an earlier-tournament illness to hit seven straight second half shots, nine of 12 for the game, and scored 20 points. Bowie hit nine of 13 shots and scored 20 points

while getting 12 rebounds. Dirk Minniefield hit five of six shots for 12 points.

*Despite 29 points from forward John Stroud, UK was able to down Ole Miss 70-67 and advanced to the SEC tourney finals. Ole Miss led by six points with 6 minutes into the 2nd half and trailed by only one with 2:18 left. Chuck Verderber hit the front end of a bonus situation and Dirk Minniefield and an ailing Kyle Macy both sank two foul shots to seal the win. Freshman Sam Bowie led UK with a career-high 27 points. Minniefield added 10 points.

*Led by Sam Bowie, who played the second half with a bandage on his leg after a first half injury, UK defeated Auburn 69-61 in the first round of the SEC tourney. UK took the lead at 6-4 and never trailed, although they could never blow the Tigers out. Bowie scored 19 points and had 10 rebounds.

Fred Cowan scored 11 points and Kyle Macy 10.

*Kentucky was bested by Auburn in the SEC wrestling tournament. Auburn finished with 81½ points, Kentucky second with 75. However, UK's Ricky Dellagatta was voted the SEC's Outstanding Wrestler by the coaches.

TEN YEARS AGO

*Tennessee's Bernard King was chosen the SEC's outstanding freshman. Rick Robey and Jack Givens of UK were named to the first team.

*Mike Phillips came off the bench to score 26 points and lead UK to 118-80 win over Mississippi State in the season finale at Starkville. Combined with Auburn's 76-60 upset of Alabama, the win enabled UK to tie the Tide for the SEC championship. It was UK's 29th title. It also enabled UK to qualify as the SEC's number one

representative in the NCAA, where they will meet Marquette.

Kentucky finished the regular season with a 22-4 record. Phillips hit 11 of 13 shots in the finale and Kevin Grevey led all UK scorers with 30 points.

*UK was rated fourth in the final UPI ratings and sixth in the final AP ratings. Unbeaten Indiana heads both polls.

*The UK baseball team opened its season splitting a doubleheader with Louisville. UK won the opener 7-0 and bowed in the second game 1-0 after 13 innings. Ed McCaw blanked Louisville for five innings in the first game before being relieved. Michael Howard held Louisville hitless for seven innings in the nightcap before being relieved.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

*UK ended the regular season 25-1 by downing Tennessee 86-69. Dan Issel and Tom Parker each scored 21 points.

*UK's Tom Parker was named Sophomore-of-the-Year by SEC coaches. Stan Key was on the second team.

*With UCLA being upset by Southern Cal, Kentucky finished the season atop the rankings in the final AP and UPI polls. It was the sixth time UK finished first in the AP and fourth in UPI.

*After trailing 53-48 at the half, Kentucky went a zone defense and rallied to defeat Notre Dame 109-99 in the NCAA Midwest Regional in Columbus, Ohio. In foul trouble, UK trailed the entire first half and finally took the lead with 18:07 to go behind a 1-3-1 trapping defense. UK outscored the Irish 21-12 in the final five minutes. Dan Issel scored 44 points, Mike Pratt 14, Terry Mills 13, Tom Parker 12 and Jim Dinwiddie 11. All-American Austin Carr scored 52 points for Notre Dame.

*Chattanooga handed the UK baseball team a 2-1 loss in their opener. UK sophomore Larry Bannon yielded but seven hits and Derek Bryant had two hits for UK.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

*UK captain Billy Evans will not be eligible for the NCAA play. NCAA rules state a player can take as long as he wants to graduate and still be eligible. A five-year student with a straight A average, Evans holds a college degree. Evans is in only his third year of basketball, but went along with the regular course of study rather than spread his classes out.

*San Francisco, led by Bill Russell, finished number one in the AP and UPI polls with a 23-1 record. Kentucky was second with 22-2 record.

*Before 9,000 partisan basketball fans at Northwestern's McGaw Memorial Hall, Marquette upset Kentucky 79-71 in the opening round of the Midwest Regional. The game was tied 16 times and the lead changed hands 18 times in the first 33 minutes, before Coach Ed Nagle's team pulled out the victory. Kentucky was minus three starters it opened the year with and lost two more by personal fouls. Pacing UK was Gayle Rose with 20 points. Bob Burrow tallied 19 and John Brewer 16.

Wildcat Quiz

1. Who won last year's SEC Tournament?

- a) Alabama
- b) Tennessee
- c) Auburn
- d) Kentucky

2. What player was the MVP of last year's SEC tourney?

- a) Kenny Walker (Kentucky)
- b) Charles Barkley (Auburn)
- c) Tony White (Tennessee)
- d) Melvin Turpin (Kentucky)

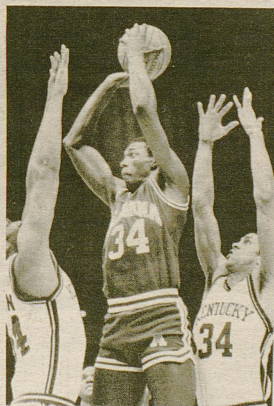
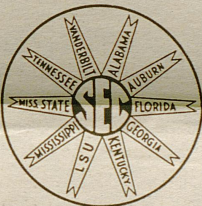
3. True or False? Sam Bowie never made the All-SEC Tournament team.

4. What player was the leading scorer in last season's conference tournament?

- a) Melvin Turpin (Kentucky)
- b) Vern Fleming (Georgia)
- c) Chuck Person (Auburn)
- d) Bobby Lee Hurt (Alabama)

5. What ex-Wildcat holds the SEC Tournament record for most field goal attempts in one game with 33?

- a) Kyle Macy
- b) Bill Spivey
- c) Alex Groza
- d) Cliff Hagan



Bobby Lee Hurt

Answers

1. Kentucky
2. Charles Barkley (Auburn)
3. False (1980 tourney team)
4. Melvin Turpin (Kentucky)
5. Cliff Hagan
6. Alabama (101 points 1979)
7. 14
8. Yes
9. Auburn vs. Georgia
10. 1983

7. Against what team did UK set a tournament record for scoring the most points in one game?

- a) LSU
- b) Alabama
- c) Vanderbilt
- d) Tennessee

7. How many SEC Tournament championships has Kentucky accumulated?

- a) 12
- b) 13
- c) 14
- d) 15

8. Dirk Minniefield was the 1982 MVP of the SEC Tournament.

Yes or No.

9. back in 1979, what SEC tourney contest went into four overtimes?

- a) Auburn vs. Georgia
- b) Kentucky vs. LSU
- c) Alabama vs. Florida
- d) Auburn vs. Vanderbilt

10. When was the first time the SEC Tournament was held?

- a) 1933
- b) 1938
- c) 1979
- d) 1980



Hooping It Up

By Oscar Combs

Despite all the efforts in promoting basketball throughout the Southeastern Conference, it's still difficult to see if any progress is being made to attract more fans. Take Auburn and Mississippi State for instance. Auburn, under Sonny Smith, has put some excellent basketball on the floor in recent years, yet one of the big reasons why Smith called it quits at Auburn is because the Tigers haven't been able to attract fans to home games, other than against arch-rival Alabama and Tennessee. I wonder what Sonny's feelings were Thursday night when only 5,037 fans turned out to watch his Tigers try to derail league-leading LSU. And what about Mississippi State which put a packed house inside Humphrey Coliseum two weeks earlier when UK came to town and first place riding on the outcome. A couple losses later and a paltry 4,667 show up for Vanderbilt. You have to wonder what SEC Coach of the Year Bob Boyd thought about that. You have to believe if the State players' performance was affected, taking into consideration that the Bulldogs lost 81-71 to the league's last place team. And it was the first home court SEC loss for State. . . With that in mind, could Boyd be looking for greener pastures? Friends close to him say he was very happy with State and living in Starkville. Still, Boyd went from his SEC "emotional high" in beating UK before a packed house to his "emotional low" of losing to last place Vandy by 10 with less than half the house full two weeks later. Crowds at the SEC this week could become very important to the future life of this post season event. While the league's television announcers were promoting it as an "expected" sell-out, over 3,000 tickets remained unsold. Don't be surprised if there are several sub-10,000 games like the first couple years when the attendance marks appeared to be greatly inflated. With SEC attendance dwindling during the season, one can expect similar results in the tourney as some of the powerhouses are in the rebuilding stage. Even UK returned a substantial number of tourney tickets this year. Several administrators at SEC schools are very concerned about the future of the sport, and they should be. . . One of the biggest questions around the SEC is whether or not Tennessee will be able to fill up its new 25,000-seat arena once it is completed. Two weeks ago, there appeared to be at least 4,000 or so empty seats in the 12,700-seat Stokely Athletics Center when the Vols lost to LSU. What's so disturbing about the recent small crowds involving LSU as the visiting team is that the Tigers are usually one of the season's biggest draws in years past. . . The feud between Tennessee's Don DeVoe and Georgia's Hugh Durham hasn't diminished any. The way accusations of "cheating" have ballooned the last couple years, don't be surprised if more coaches become more acquainted with flight schedules into Shawnee Mission, Kansas. . . Indiana coach Bobby Knight says he's sorry he threw a chair on the floor during the IU-Purdue game last month, but that he believes that he was precipitated by poor officiating. I bet Bobby's never heard of the word "intimidation." That would best des-

cribe his actions toward the game officials. It's a shame IU officials, including the university president, do understand the meaning of the word, because that's exactly what they are - "intimidated," or they would have taken action against Knight. . . When Louisville took the floor against Tulane last week in New Orleans, WHAS-TV's announcers were shocked to see a line-up which did not include normal starters Manuel Forrest and Billy Thompson. The two were put into the game when it was about four minutes old and the Cardinals down 10-0. After intermission color analyst Jerry Eaves (a former Cardinal under Denny Crum) said the two were benched because they had missed curfew, Eaves went on to say that they were benched for only the first four minutes because

they missed curfew only by two minutes. Humm! Tulane went on to a 12-point victory, the first over UL in the school's history. . . UL may have violated an NCAA recruiting rule during the telecast when Eaves did a special report on UL signees during the halftime intermission. Eaves featured high school players who had signed with the Cardinals in November, but also included a piece on prep phenom Tony Kimbro who hasn't signed. Also carried was an interview with UL assistant Wade Houston who suggested that hometown players should stay at home and noted that Kimbro lived in Louisville. NCAA rules permits coaches to describe only a high school player's talents in interviews with the media. NCAA strictly forbids a coach from indicating

in any way that his school is recruiting the player. Plus, rules prohibit a school from participating or arranging for the publicity of a prep player. Since the games on WHAS-TV are contracted with UL, it would appear the University would be considered a part of any portion which would appear during the game's telecast. . . When Vanderbilt upset Mississippi State Wednesday in Starkville, the last perfect home season was eliminated in the SEC. Up to that point, State was a perfect 7-0 at home in SEC play. Alabama, which had won only two road games heading into the week's final season, had an impressive 8-1 home mark and LSU was 7-1 going into the Kentucky game. . . Meanwhile,

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