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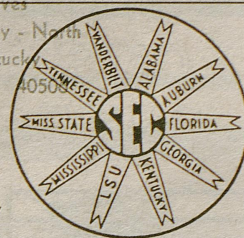


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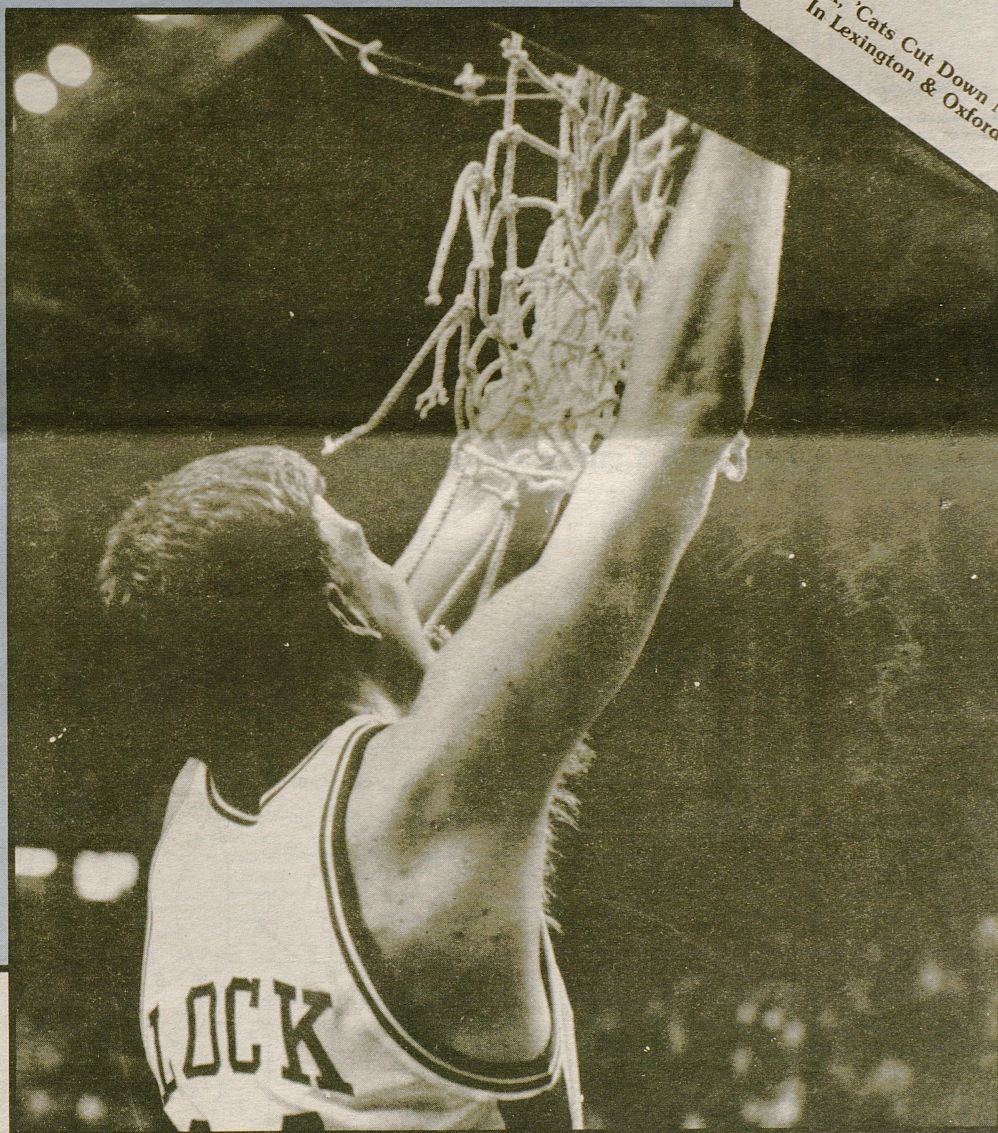


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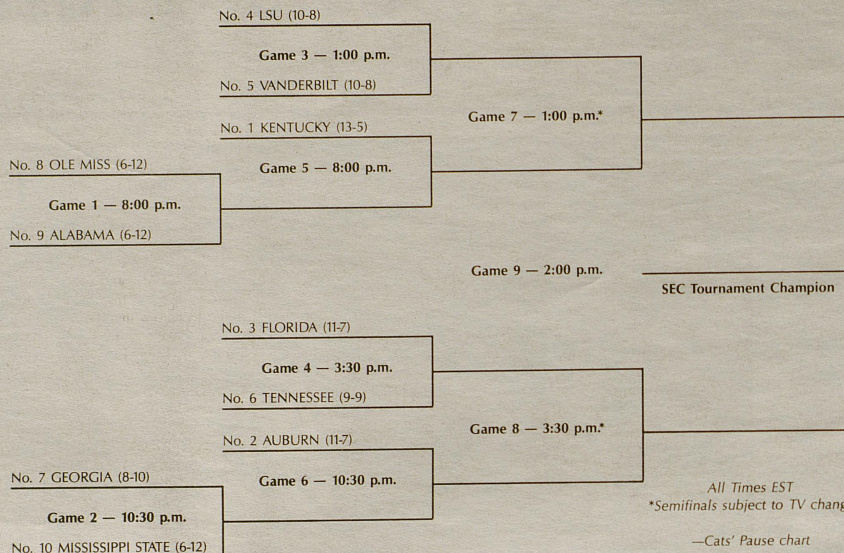
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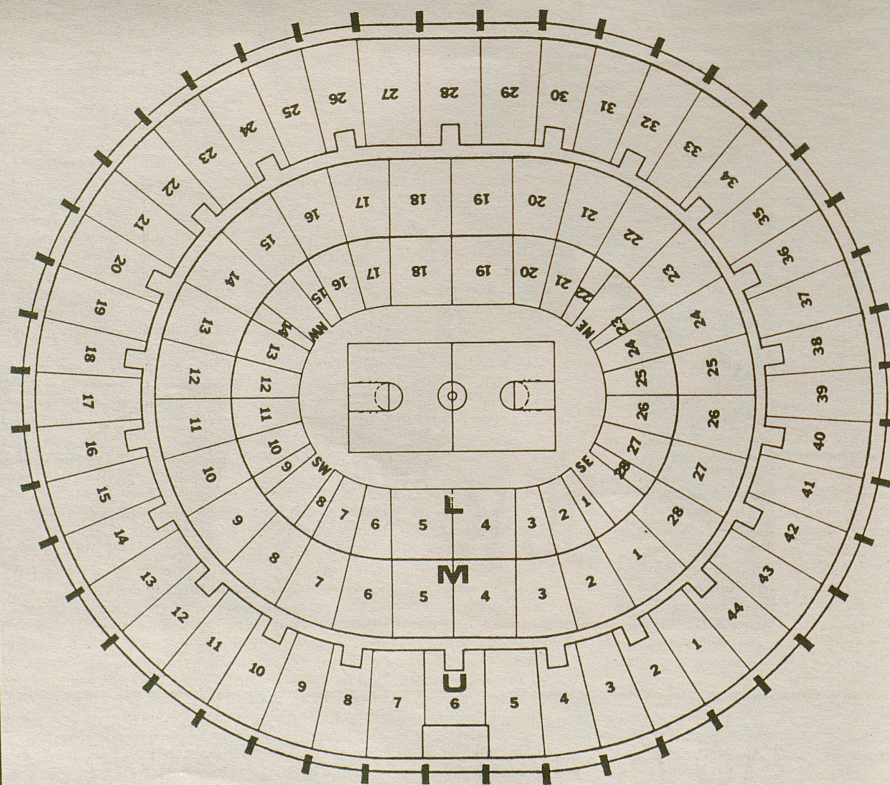
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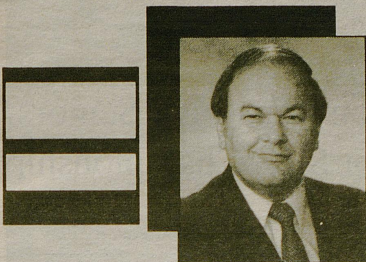
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'Cats Peaking As Tournament Time Rolls Around

Thanks to a five-game winning streak, coach Eddie Sutton and his Kentucky Wildcats have primed themselves as one of the hottest teams entering postseason play this week as the Southeastern Conference tournament begins in Baton Rouge, La.

Kentucky, which has not lost since back-to-back road defeats at Tennessee and Florida, righted its ship by claiming its 37th league title last week.

The Wildcats first claimed a piece of the title by holding off Georgia 80-72 on Wednesday and then left no doubt with a thrilling 78-71 victory over Ole Miss in Oxford on Saturday.

Playing its best offensive basketball of the season in Oxford, Kentucky rode the coattails of a red-hot Rex Chapman who scored a career high 29 points and left little doubt of his availability to the club for the postseason tournaments.

Kentucky's first game in the SEC tournament will come on Friday when the 'Cats play the winner of the Alabama-Ole Miss game in one quarterfinal game. Should Kentucky win that game, the 'Cats would meet the winner of the LSU-Vanderbilt game in one semifinal contest on Saturday afternoon.

The SEC championship contest will be played at 2 p.m. EST and will be nationally televised live over the ABC-TV network. One of the two semifinal games (yet to be decided) will be televised live nationally by NBC-TV. All other games in the tourney will be televised live over the Jefferson-Pilot Network.

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The 78-71 victory over Ole Miss did much more for the 'Cats than just give them sole possession of the regular-season title.

First of all, it assured Kentucky of moving up in the national rankings this week and will play a big role in just how high the 'Cats will be seeded in the NCAA tournament field on Sunday.

Secondly, it could provide Kentucky with the final evidence it needed to assure itself of staying in the NCAA Southeast Regional and perhaps having the opportunity to play in the first round at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum.

Sutton, following the win over Ole Miss, said he prefers to stay in the Southeast, and in particular Cincinnati, since so many Kentucky fans would have the opportunity to follow the 'Cats.

"I just don't know how much this will mean to the selection process, but I would hope we might get to say in the Southeast," said Sutton. "But our immediate goal is to get ready for the SEC tournament in Baton Rouge. It should be a great tournament."

Usually, the NCAA allows a conference's regular-season champion (when it is also the highest-rated team in the conference) to remain in its natural geographic region. If that should be the case, one of the next two conference teams would like also stay in the Southeast Region.

No more than two SEC teams can be placed in the Southeast Region. Usually, the league's second-rated team goes outside the region and the third remains. If that be true, the other team likely to remain in the region would be either Auburn or Florida, and that might not be settled until the conclusion of the SEC tourney since both are so evenly rated.

Regardless, it would appear only natural that whichever is seated in the Southeast would go to the Atlanta first round and UK to the Cincinnati site.

All this could be wrong, however, if there should be a shocking shake-up in the final NCAA computer rankings.

As it now stands, Temple, Arizona and Purdue appear to be locks for first-round seeds. The fourth member could be most anyone. At one time or another, it could have come from the following: Oklahoma, Pittsburgh, North Carolina, Duke, Kentucky, UNLV or Michigan.

But after a rash of upsets last week, Kentucky's chances of moving up seem as good as anyone.

Pittsburgh was beaten but came back and defeated Syracuse at the Carrier Dome for the Big East title on Sunday.

North Carolina (22-5) appeared to be a lock two weeks ago, but the Tar Heels were not just beaten twice last week, but bombarded. First, it was Temple, and then this weekend Duke beat Dean Smith's club by 17.

UNLV was beaten for the second time this season by Long Beach while Michigan was thrashed by Purdue and Duke (21-6) lost twice in the last 10 days. Oklahoma (27-3) lost at Missouri, but some believe the Sooners will be the final No. 1 regional seed.

So, Kentucky will probably have to nudge out Oklahoma if it wants a top seed. If not, UK figures to have the first No. 2 seed in the regionals.

Most observers feel Temple will go to the East, Purdue (so it will finally get to stay home at nearby South Bend) to the Midwest with Arizona in the West and Oklahoma or Kentucky in the Southeast.

Should UK luck into the No. 1 seed in the Southeast, it could allow Oklahoma to remain at home in the Midwest as the No. 2 seed. If that should happen, look for even more shakeups. The easiest thing for the selection committee would probably be to leave Oklahoma as a No. 1 seed with Kentucky the first No. 2 seed, in the Southeast. Although Kentucky has been more impressive of late, Oklahoma still has a better record at 27-3 to UK's 22-5.

Here's a look at some possible entries to the NCAA field from around the country:

Atlantic Coast: Four teams appear to have locks with only Maryland on the fence. North Carolina, N.C. State, Duke and Georgia Tech should have to trouble in earning invitations.

Atlantic 10: West Virginia, 17-12 going into last weekend's action, is definitely on the fence at best. Temple and Rhode Island are automatics and those two could be the evidence to justify the Mount-

taineers' bid.

Big East: Somewhat down over the past few years, but still one of the country's four best conferences. Pittsburgh a definite threat for the Final Four and national title. Syracuse is only a step behind while St. John's and Seton Hall will be in the field. Villanova may have to depend on its national title fame of three years ago to get an invitation and although the selection committee isn't suppose to consider such outside fanfare, there have been stranger criteria before.

Big Eight: Oklahoma, Kansas State and Iowa State should be in. Kansas (20-10) will also be in even if its record wouldn't merit it because the NCAA won't want All-American Danny Manning playing in the NIT. Iowa State (19-10 before the regular season finale) could be one of those 15 schools in the battle for the last five spots next Sunday. A strong showing in the Big Eight postseason tourney could prove beneficial.

Big Ten: Count Purdue, Michigan, Iowa, Indiana and Illinois in and all the others out since there is no postseason conference tourney here. Both Indiana and Illinois could be borderline in some conferences, but not here. The names alone are enough and both could be impact teams in the March madness.

Metro: Both Louisville and Southern Miss will get bids from the conference which produced zero last year. Louisville reeled off a number of wins late in the season, but most of them were at home. The Cats' disappointing loss to DePaul in Chicago on national television will probably make the Metro Conference champions face a rather tough first-round foe. Southern Miss played well in spots, but had a losing record in conference play.

Missouri Valley: Bradley and Wichita State will get nods, Bradley because it is a very good team and State because coach Eddie Fogler has the right connections to go with his record of 19-8 when the Shockers entered conference tourney competition last week.

Pac-10: No question about it, Arizona is the odds-on favorite to give the West new respectability in the NCAAs.

Whether this league gets two or three reps depends on just how many teams remain on the fence come Sunday. Both Stanford and Oregon State can present a case, but it will be close.

Pacific Coast Athletic: UNLV has slipped a bit in the last couple weeks but is still one of the nation's 10 best. UC-Santa Barbara, given renewed life by Jerry Pimm, will also get a bid.

Southeastern: No one knows just how many this league deserves. Count Kentucky, Florida, Auburn and Vanderbilt in. All but Auburn cannot be denied. The Tigers continue to flirt with disaster, but the Tigers' wins over Kentucky, Vanderbilt and Florida (twice) will be more than enough to convince the committee. On the bubble are both LSU and Tennessee. What would an NCAA be without the flamboyant Dale Brown? And he has the SEC tourney in his backyard this week so don't count them out. Tennessee is 10-11

and it may take a pair of wins in the SEC tourney this week, not just to earn an NCAA bid, but also to enable Don DeVoe to keep his job in Big Orange Country.

Southwest: This is the conference which is sinking fast and there appears to be no immediate signs of revival. SMU will get one bid and either Arkansas or Baylor. It probably doesn't deserve more than three so the Baylor had better hope there are no upsets in the tourney.

Sun Belt: UNCC and Virginia Commonwealth are the class as UAB experiences an off-season this winter.

Western Athletic: Brigham Young, Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico and UTEP all have impressive credentials, but again, the NCAA may not be in the mood of giving this western league five bids. Utah doesn't have the magical 20 wins yet, so the Utes had better cross their fingers.

Independents: DePaul sewed up its bid with the impressive win over Louisville on Saturday to go with its 20-7 mark.

Notre Dame probably doesn't deserve one at 19-7 (going into last weekend) because of a weak schedule, but since the Irish are hosting a first round, they not only be invited, but allowed to play at home.

Other leagues which will get at least one bid and the leading contender are: Association of Mid-Continent (Southwest Missouri State), Big Sky (Boise State), Colonial (Richmond), East Coast (Lafayette, Lehigh, Delaware and Drexel), ECAC Metro (Fairleigh-Dickinson), ECAC North Atlantic (Siena, Boston College), Ivy (Cornell), Metro Atlantic Athletic (LaSalle), Mid-American (Eastern Michigan), Mid-Eastern Athletic (N.C. A&T), Midwestern Collegiate (Xavier although this league probably deserves to also have Evansville invited), Ohio Valley (Murray is the favorite as it hosts the tourney this week), Southern (UT-Chattanooga won this by upsetting Marshall although the Thundering Herd still hope for an at-large bid), Southland (North Texas State or NE Louisiana), SWAC (Southern), Trans America Athletic (Arkansas-Little Rock or Georgia Southern) and West Coast Athletic (Loyola Marymount).

Some of these may have changed over the weekend since the column was first written and you can bet it'll change even more by the time the NCAA selection committee's pairings are announced on Sunday.

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HITS AND MISSES . . . Kentucky coaches are going all-out for a run at this March's NCAA championships, but it isn't keeping them from bird-dogging for the future. UK assistant **James Dickey** arrived at the Oxford, Miss. *Holiday Inn* about 10 a.m. Saturday for the showdown with Ole Miss. He flew into Memphis, Tenn., grabbed a rental car and drove to Oxford after watching Indiana junior sharpshooter **Pat Graham** pour home 28 points Friday night. And he was quick to note that Clay County's **Richie Farmer**

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Senior Sendoff

Wildcats Recover From Emotional Farewell Ceremony For Five Seniors, Turn Back Stubborn Bulldogs 70-62 To Clinch Tie For SEC Championship

By TCP Staff Writer Jim Easterwood

It was hard to discern if it was a basketball game Wednesday night at Rupp Arena or the latest episode of a noontime soap opera. There were more tears shed before the UK-Georgia tipoff than in the last scene of *Casablanca*. Emotions ran higher than Ferdinand Marcos' Swiss bank account.

The obvious question: Could five young men from all walks of life find happiness in the last home game of their college careers? Or, would too much emotion leave them drained and unable to accomplish two goals: One, a tie for the Southeastern Conference crown, Kentucky's 37th. Two, keeping a 24-year streak alive of never losing the last home game of the season.

For a while, the 'Cats remained on a nostalgic high from the pregame hoopla surrounding the five seniors.

Rob Lock, Winston Bennett, Richard Madison, Cedric Jenkins and Ed Davender looked around, listened to the lyrics of "My Old Kentucky Home" sung by Happy Chandler, and shed a tear. . . or two.

And then they turned the lights out in Georgia, 80-72. Kentucky elevated its season record to 21-5 and 12-5 in the SEC. With difficulty, however.

It was, in fact, a matter of triumph over emotion.

"I'm sure, myself, I was still thinking what had taken place. . . I wasn't into the game when the ball was thrown up," said Bennett. Bennett quickly covered his emotions. He had to. The Bulldogs stuck around all night like a bad dream that wouldn't end.

UK's 6-11 Center 'Locked' It Up With Final Dunk

Ironically, it was the man 'Cat fans had loved to hate who locked it up.

Lock, who couldn't hit the side of Rupp Arena with a free throw last year, sank two with 23 seconds to play. Kentucky led 78-72.

Then, with about 10 seconds remaining, Bennett got the ball in open court. He saw Rob streaking up the floor and threw him the ball.

Slam, bam, thank you fans.

After his dunk, seven seconds remained for Lock to savor how sweet it finally was.

"It was a nice way to end my career here. . . with the thing I like to do most. . . slam," said Lock, his face creased in a big grin.

The ending, he said, made up for an error in judgement a few seconds earlier when Kentucky led 76-69. He let opposing center Alec Kessler get inside for a layup and then fouled him. Kessler converted to cut the lead to 76-72.

"That was a bad play on my part," said Lock. "But I can learn from my mistakes. I won't do it again."

Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton, standing to one side in the post-game media convention, said, smiling, "Good."

All Five Wildcat Seniors Went Out In Style

It was a great night for curtain calls.

Lock finished with 19 points, hitting six of seven shots, three blocked shots and one steal.

And, of course, four turnovers just to keep his "fans" happy. Bennett, the cool one, bowed out with a fine game for his mom.

It was the first time Shirley Bennett, who suffers from severe arthritis, had seen her son play this year.

It was typical Bennett—10 points, five rebounds, three assists and only one turnover.

"It meant a lot to me," said Bennett, spaking softly, "to clinch a tie for the SEC with my mom there."

Madison, the "Master Blaster" from Memphis, turned in a workmanlike 18 minutes: six points, three boards, and only one mistake.

Jenkins, playing well of late, had four points and some solid defense in 14 minutes.

And Davender, whose cage exploits were nurtured in Brooklyn and took root in Kentucky, turned in a masterful game.

He had 20 points to go with eight assists. He became the only player in UK basketball history to total 1,500 points and 400 assists.

Davender, taking control of the 'Cats as they entered the home stretch, now has 1,539 points and 405 assists.

Ed bowed out by improvising on a gimmick Red Auerbach used with the Boston Celtics. Red would light his cigar when the Celtics had a game wrapped up.

Ed, however, looked over at media row, smiled and nodded his head with 59 seconds to play and Kentucky ahead, 74-66.

It seemed his way of saying, "That's it, folks."

But Georgia succumbed slowly. Red Cole cut the margin to 74-69 with a three-point goal 11 seconds later. But Davender sank a pair of free throws to let 'Cat fans breathe easier.

It was Davender who took charge in the final five minutes.

With Kentucky ahead 66-61, Davender scored six of UK's next eight points. He also penetrated and deftly fed Madison for a layup as the 'Cats took a 10-point lead (74-64) with 1:42 left.

Hugh Durham's 'Dogs Refused To Roll Over

But Georgia hung on like a Bulldog on a mailman's pants' leg. "You've got to give Georgia credit," said Sutton. "They are a good basketball team. They hung in there and fought us all the way to the wire."

The return of Rex Chapman from a back injury helped the 'Cats shake their attack of "senioritis."

Chapman had 15 points, including three buckets from three-point range. He also had three assists and, more importantly, five steals.

"Kentucky's defense was the key," said Georgia coach Hugh Durham. "Chapman got 15 but hurt us just as much or more on defense."

"He's a very heady player who anticipates and reads offense well. He hurt us at critical times with a couple of steals."

Sutton thought his star sophomore played well.

Chapman Played Well After 1-Game Layoff

"He looked a little sluggish but he made some big plays. . . and some big shots for us," said Sutton.

One of the biggest was a three-pointer with seven seconds to go in the first half. It gave the 'Cats a 39-33 halftime lead after a see-saw affair. The teams had exchanged the lead 12 times with seven ties.

"(Kentucky football coach Jerry) Claiborne ought to think about getting the guy who set the block over there for Chapman," said Durham. "If (Mark) Higgs had the guy blocking for him he might have made more yards than he did."

Chapman also had a big hand in a Kentucky spurt that gave the 'Cats the lead for good about midway of the second half.

With the score tied 50-50, Eric Manuel hit a short jumper, Chapman a three-pointer and Manuel a free throw to make it 56-50.

Georgia's Neville Austin then threw a lazy pass to Willie Anderson and Chapman stole the ball and went in for a slam to make it 58-50, Kentucky, with 10:04 to play.

"We made some good defensive plays and turned them into baskets," said Sutton of this eight-point spurt. "I thought that was important. It usually is."

Sutton acknowledged that the pregame festivities might have taken something out of the 'Cats.

Each senior broke through his own hoop and was then surrounded by family members for the traditional song by the 89-year-old former governor.

"It looked like the activities had taken something out of them emotionally," said Sutton. "They looked drained. . . tired. I know how much these guys love their families. They had to make sure Mom and Dad and relatives were there and everything was taken care of. And they did a lot of worrying."

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VICTORY LAST NAME (FNU)														
DATE: MARCH 2/88 SITE: Lexington, Ky.														
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21	MACC, Tony	1	4	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	4	9	4	2
22	COLE, Ron	1	4	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	4	9	4	2
33	KESSLER, Alec	6	4	10	0	8	3	6	3	3	7	2	0	4
44	HAMILTON, Brent	1	4	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	9	2	3	0
50	ANDERSON, Willie	9	6	15	0	2	0	1	0	5	5	4	12	8
10	BLARNEY, Matt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	PATTON, Jerry	2	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	HARRISON, Mike	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	1
39	AUSTIN, Neville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)														
TOTALS 27 56 6 11 19 9 17 27 22 72														
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 13-24 (54%) 2nd Half 14-30 (46%) Game 27-56 (48%) Double Rebounds 3														
3PT FG %: 1st Half 3-8 (37%) 2nd Half 3-7 (43%) Game 6-15 (40%) Rebounds 3														
FT %: 1st Half 4-4 (100%) 2nd Half 4-5 (80%) Game 8-9 (89%)														
HOME (Last Name, FNU)														
NO.	NAME	PTS	REB	AST	BLK	STL	FT	FTA	3PT	3PTA	PF	TP	A	TO
11	KENTUCKY (21-5, 12-5 SEC)	1	2	3	0	4	5	1	4	5	2	10	3	1
25	BENNETT, Winston	1	2	3	0	4	5	1	4	5	2	10	3	1
55	JENKINS, Cedric	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	0	0
44	LOCK, Rob	6	7	0	0	7	6	1	2	3	4	19	1	4
18	DAVENDER, Ed	9	7	11	0	0	6	6	0	1	1	2	8	2
42	MADISON, Richard	2	2	0	0	2	3	0	3	3	0	6	0	1
3	CHAPMAN, Rex	6	12	3	5	0	0	0	0	2	15	3	2	0
20	SUTTON, Sean	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
13	MANUEL, Eric	2	8	1	2	4	3	1	4	1	6	4	0	1
24	ELLIS, LeRon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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3PT FG %: 1st Half 3-8 (37%) 2nd Half 2-3 (67%) Game 5-11 (45%) Rebounds 2														
FT %: 1st Half 8-8 (100%) 2nd Half 18-18 (100%) Game 26-26 (100%)														
OFFICIALS: JUDY, THOMAS, CHALVIN														
SCORE BY PERIOD: 1st 14-12 2nd 14-12 3rd 10-10 4th 10-10														
TECHNICAL Fouls: KENTUCKY 39 41														
Attendance: 23,269														

UK-Georgia Play-By-Play				
Time	Kentucky	Score	Georgia	
19:44	Bennett layup	2-0		
19:25		2-3	Hamilton 20 ft.	
18:32		2-5	Cole 18 ft.	
17:21	Davender 9 ft.	4-5		
16:46		4-8	Mack 21 ft.	
16:12	Lock layup	6-8		
15:38	Bennett 12 ft., FT	9-8		
15:05	Davender 18 ft.	11-8		
14:45		11-10	Hamilton layup	
14:02		11-12	Mack dunk	
13:41		11-14	Kessler FT, FT	
13:25	Manuel 16 ft.	13-14		
12:49	Lock FT, FT	15-14		
12:14		15-16	Anderson 12 ft.	
11:54	Lock 8 ft. turnaround	17-16		
11:39		17-18	Kessler tip-in	
11:26	Chapman 18 ft.	19-18		
9:44		19-20	Hamilton 15 ft.	
8:16	Lock 6 ft. turnaround	21-20		
7:51	Chapman layup	23-20		
6:59		23-23	Mack 20 ft.	
6:49	Madison FT, FT	25-23		
6:14		25-25	Hamilton 12 ft.	
5:40		25-27	Mack 8 ft.	
5:02	Davender 10 ft.	27-27		
4:29	Madison 4 ft.	29-27		
4:06		29-29	Mack 12 ft. follow	
3:42	Bennett FT, FT	31-29		
3:30		31-31	Mack alley-oop layup	
2:55	Bennett 4 ft., FT	34-31		
2:32		34-33	Kessler FT, FT	
1:40	Jenkins layup	36-33		
0:09	Chapman 20 ft.	39-33		
HALF 39-33				
19:51		39-35	Anderson 18 ft.	
19:01	Manuel FTA, FT	40-35		
18:36		40-37	Anderson dunk	
18:18	Lock FT, FT	42-37		
18:02		42-39	Kessler FT, FT	
17:19		42-41	Anderson 12 ft.	
16:16	Davender 8 ft.	44-41		
15:44		44-44	Kessler layup, FT	
15:17	Jenkins layup	46-44		
15:03		46-46	Mack reverse layup	
14:54	Davender 4a ft.	48-46		
14:04		48-48	Cole 4 ft.	
13:56	Davender FT, FT	50-48		
13:01		50-50	Mack 8 ft. turnaround	
12:06	Manuel 4 ft. follow	52-50		
11:35	Chapman 20 ft.	55-50		
10:21	Manuel FT, FTA	56-50		
10:03	Chapman dunk	58-50		
8:59		58-52	Patton layup	
8:39	Lock dunk	60-52		
8:05		60-55	Patton 20 ft.	
8:00	Lock layup	62-55		
7:19		62-57	Kessler 6 ft.	
6:49	Lock FT, FTA	63-57		
6:32		63-59	Anderson 18 ft.	
6:11	Chapman 21 ft.	66-59		
5:50		66-61	Cole 18 ft.	
4:33	Davender FT, FT	68-61		
4:17	Davender 5 ft.	70-61		
4:01		70-64	Mack 21 ft.	
2:39	Madison layup	72-64		
1:44	Davender layup	74-64		
1:01		74-66	Anderson 4 ft.	
0:47		74-69	Cole 21 ft.	
0:38	Davender FT, FT	76-69		
0:24		76-72	Kessler layup, FT	
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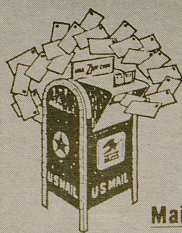
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Whip Those Doggies

(Top Left, Clockwise) Georgia's Durham Stalks The Sidelines; Eddie Sutton Tells It Like It Is; Four Of Five Wildcat Seniors Interviewed Following 70-62 Conquest Of Georgia Bulldogs; Rex Chapman Returned After Missing Syracuse Game To Score 15 Points, Cut Down SEC Title-Clinching Cords

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VIEWPOINT

Letters To The Editor

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What's Wrong, 'Cats?

Dear Sir:

As Popeye says: "That's all I can stand, I can't stand no more." What am I saying? I'll give you a clue... the Kentucky-Florida game, what else?

I've just watched the ball come down and roll off of (Rob) Lock's fingers, right back to big Dwayne Shin-something or other (Schintzius).

Hey, we need every rebound, every possession, we're down by 11 points and getting down further. Al McGuire says, "How did Florida lose eight games, they seem to be playing exceptionally well. Well howdy, what a profound revelation. No kidding, do you really mean that other teams really try a little harder against Kentucky?"

Lock just missed two very important free throws. Winston (Bennett) now has fouled out. LeRon Ellis is back in now.

Kentucky's down by 13 points—nothing's going Kentucky's way now. The crowd's going bananas.

It's the same old, same old, same old story. Kentucky has to play very, very hard because every bricklayer, every janitor, every farmer turns into an All-American when Kentucky comes to town.

Now Florida comes into a new feeling, they've beaten Kentucky twice in a year.

I thought Kentucky gave Florida the game in Lexington, played lethargic and very cumbersome.

The Tennessee game was another game where we all knew that somehow, someday, Kentucky would lose. Now begins the hype of the Thompson-Boling jinx.

Rex Chapman was cold as the South Pole and (Eric) Manuel played a great game.

Why don't we just forfeit the game each year at Knoxville, we always get into a psychological mess of coldness.

Don DeVoe brings a benchwarmer off the pines, he comes in and is the hero—Mark Griffin. Tennessee will probably get back in to their graves and return to the dead.

Well, I'm disappointed, frustrated, mad, sad, etc.

What has happened to the 'Cats? Come on, let's go, let's get our heads into the game. Let's give 150 percent because we're the winningest college basketball tradition in the country.

Charles E. Shepherd
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Give 'em Some Room

Dear Sir:

These comments may be unnecessary since the LSU and Syracuse games will be history by the time this is published. However, I'd like to comment about this year's What's-wrong-with-the-Cats? hysteria.

The main comment is: "How does the UK basketball team get anything done?" There is not another program in the country upon which such intense interest is focused. When those guys breathe, everyone knows about it, or thinks they have to know about it. From Midnight Madness to whenever the season ends, everything these 18- to 21-year-olds do

is scrutinized. How they cope with the college classes, travel, practice, games and everyone watching their every move is beyond me. If all the fans who ask "What's wrong?" every time the 'Cats stumble had their every move watched all day long for even a week, they might not fare as well. At some point, all this interest in what a bunch of college kids in short pants are doing all the time has to reach a stopping point.

When is enough, enough?

I'll bet a dollar to a doughnut that people in North Carolina weren't all walking around after being beaten by Temple saying: "What's wrong with the Heels?" It would be my guess that losses by Purdue, or Duke or Syracuse or any other top program are not treated the way UK losses are. It seems to me that everyone should just back off and give these guys a chance to draw a breath once in a while. Let's give them credit for their successes and give them credit for what they are: A bunch of college kids who have to try to win ballgames in a pressure-cooker situation.

I say these things as a fan—an interested fan. I like wins as much as the next guy. I'm fortunate enough to have season tickets and love going to games. When the Blue plays in Rupp Arena and I can't be there, I'm mad!! So let's back off of these guys, we might all be surprised at how far they'd go if we would just give them room to get there!

Mr. Combs, et al, keep up the good work with *The Cats' Pause*, it's the greatest.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Gray
Brooksville, Kentucky

Time To Clean House

Dear Sir:

I have followed Kentucky basketball since 1950. Even in their two .500 seasons, I have never seen a Kentucky team play with so little interest and pride. The team is not mentally prepared. And if Kentucky is not up and mentally prepared to play, the blame has to fall on the coaching staff. It's like they are playing not to lose, instead of going out and playing to put a team away.

Just in yesterday's paper I read where (Paintsville High School guard) Keith Adkins verbally committed to Notre Dame. How Kentucky can let a kid with a 32-point average go to another major university and not even try to recruit him is beyond me, plus the fact that he is a good three-point shooter. Kentucky has been killed by the three-point shot all year, because we haven't got anybody who can shoot the three-pointer with consistency.

Last year, (Eddie) Sutton didn't have enough people to play the way he wanted to. Well, this year he had so many he had to red-shirt three players. What's his excuse now? It wouldn't matter if he had 15 All-Americans if you don't play and develop them, they are no good to you. I used to be proud to tell people I was from Kentucky, but anymore after a Kentucky ballgame I hate to face the people I work with. I think it is time to clean house in the coaching ranks, with the exception of Dwane Casey. Bring someone in that understands Kentucky basketball, like Pat

Riley or Dan Issel.

Sincerely yours,

Clayton Brown
Portage, Indiana

It's NCAA, Not NBA

Dear Sir:

I feel I'm as avid a Big Blue fan as most. My mother sends me all the games on tape that we don't get here in south Florida and I read these issues cover to cover as soon as they arrive. I bleed Blue with every loss.

Despite this obvious fanaticism, I feel my perspective on the game is a lot healthier than most. I refer first to Bill Hench's Feb. 14 letter in which he evaluates the present UK team as to their potential and mourns the program's non-production of top-notch pro players.

Who cares?

Few players out of high school play major college basketball. Even fewer are able to make that adjustment and reach their full potential. An incredibly smaller group goes on to the pro ranks, and how many of those are stars?

So many players not well-known or not expected to make it in the pros do make it, and vice versa. Mr. Hench, your priorities are off line. Ever heard of Larry Steele?

True fans of the game should be happy if their team is winning, entertaining and competitive. They should be ecstatic if the players graduate and are quality individuals who represent the university proudly. We fans expect too much of the players. So many of us are armchair jocks that can only dream of the things these young athletes do, and yet we are so quick to criticize and become frustrated when by their play. Absurd.

And to Tom Hawkins, who in the same issue accused Rob Lock of not hustling: Mr. Hawkins obviously has never had a floor burn. Sure, you couldn't slide a piece of paper under his vertical leap, but the big redhead has given his body up all season long.

Jeff Smith
West Palm Beach, Florida

'Cats On Video?

Dear Sir:

I can appreciate the fine articles in *The Cats' Pause* recalling the great teams of the past. Let's go one step further. If there are videotapes remaining of "Rupp's Runts," why not release select games from these periods on video? For example, the upset of IU in the Midwest Regional in 1975 or the UK-Arkansas national semifinal in 1978 (I'm sure Eddie wouldn't mind) would be fascinating. As a fan of the late Pete Maravich, I'd give anything to see the incredible confrontations between LSU and the Dan Issel-led 'Cats of the late '60s. (There are countless young basketball fans who've never seen Maravich play, and that is a shame. One would see amazing similarities to Rex Chapman, although Rex doesn't have the complete creative freedom Pete had, but that is another subject altogether.)

This is just an idea, but there are thousands

of UK fans who would enjoy these games, preferably play-by-play, rather than five-minute highlight reels. Perhaps the "Cats*Combs" tandem could come up with something for cable.

If something comes up, let us know!

Thank you,

Chris Woods
Louisville, Kentucky

Keeping In Touch

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a check for \$25. Would you please renew my son's subscription to *The Cats' Pause*? He dearly loves the Kentucky Wildcats and lives for *The Cats' Pause* to come. This is ACC country, and TCP really keeps him in touch with the Wildcats. We lived in Louisville for eight years, and that's where his devotion began—and has never stopped. Thanks for such a great paper!

Sincerely,

Martha McElveen
Marion, North Carolina

Bigger, But Not Better

Dear Sir:

Recent comments in *TCP* about the new UT-Knoxville basketball arena may be somewhat misleading to those who are not fortunate (?) enough to live in Big Orange Land.

First, *Knoxville News-Sentinel* writer Mike Strange apparently has observed the new structure only from outside. I can assure you that there are a lot more "bad" seats in Thompson-Boling than in Rupp Arena. While it is true that most of the UT seats are (plastic) theater-type, it is also true that fans sitting in 25-50 of the highest end-zone bleacher seats cannot see the entire floor (some can't see both baskets!). Also, many viewers in lower-row seats in the upper deck must peer between/around/through railings which crisscross the entire upper deck. My guess is that at least 1,000 seats do not afford an unobstructed view.

Regarding attendance, UT has sold some 13,000 season tickets. Counting student tickets, the 20,000 average sold is about right. However, the actual attendance averages about 14,800 (before the Kentucky game), only 2,000 more than the capacity of the old Stokely Center. This average was inflated more than a little by the opening-game packed house and a 20,000-plus crowd for Vanderbilt. They didn't even fill it for the Wildcats, in spite of what John Ward (Vols play-by-play) bragged about after the game. The Knoxville paper called it about 4,000 under capacity—I saw a lot of empty seats, including quite a few in the lower arena.

Some other personal observations: 1) Exterior architecture is very nice, although I found it much more difficult to actually get inside the building from the outside than is the case with Rupp; 2) The highest upper-

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The Evolution Of The SEC Tournament

Neither Rupp, Hall Cared Much For The Event

The sophisticated Southeastern Conference basketball tournament of today is a sharp contrast to those pioneer days of the early 1930s, when the University of Kentucky's Adolph Rupp criticized loud and often the event that he felt was designed to accommodate football and not basketball.

Rupp was beginning his third season as Wildcat coach when 13 members of the



Russell Rice

Cats' Pause Columnist



23-member Southern Conference reorganized as the SEC in December 1932. His first Wildcat team had won 12 of 14 regular-season games and three tournament games before losing to Maryland in the championship game of the Southern Conference tournament. The following year, the Wildcats won 13 of 14 regular season games, defeated Tulane and lost 43-42 to North Carolina in the tournament.

Before journeying to Atlanta for the inaugural SEC tournament in late February of 1933, the Wildcats were 16-3, losing to Ohio State, Creighton and South Carolina as Rupp sought to widen the scope of UK basketball. That was an era when basketball was a poor stepchild to football in the South, where cage teams consisted mostly of football players, and as a rule were coached by assistant football coaches. The games were played in rickety old structures that were a far cry from such modern arenas as LSU's Assembly Center, where the 29th SEC tournament is being played this weekend.

ALTHOUGH RUPP HAD BEEN HIRED PRIMARILY as UK's head basketball coach, he also served as an assistant football coach in the fall of 1930, assisting with the freshmen and charting the opponents' formations during home varsity games. All the basketball coaches who had preceded him, with the exception of Walter Mustaine, the reluctant "father" of UK basketball who really wasn't a coach, also were assistant football coaches.

While Rupp sought games against the top teams in the nation, especially those north of the Ohio River, the South still considered basketball a means of conditioning football players during the wintertime. The Southern tournament was held in such low regard then that participating teams had to pay their own way in order to compete, a practice that was continued when the new league was formed.

Rupp took to that first SEC tournament a Wildcat team led by multi-sport star Ellis Johnson and non-football players Aggie Sale and Frenchy DeMoisey, each destined for All-American honors. They easily disposed of Mississippi, Florida, LSU and Mississippi State and returned home as champions of the first SEC tournament.

Rupp's opposition to the tournament increased when his heavily favored Wildcats,



Adolph Rupp Wasn't Particularly Fond Of The SEC Tournament

undefeated in 15 games, lost to Florida, 38-32, in the opening game of the 1934 tournament. The Gators, who had been invited only because some Ole Miss players were ill, had lost to some of the weakest teams in the conference. After Florida scored the first six points, the crowd got behind the Gators, booing each time a foul was called on a Florida player and roaring when a Wildcat went to the foul line. The 'Cats cut an 18-8 Gator lead to 33-31, but could get no closer.

When the tournament was disbanded the following year, Rupp was blasted by writers throughout the South. He quickly let them know that he had scheduled a game in Madison Square Garden and the South had better start paying more attention to basketball.

THE TOURNAMENT WAS REINSTITUTED IN 1936 and held two years in Knoxville, one year in Baton Rouge and then back to Knoxville for two years before moving to Louisville, where it was held from 1941 until 1952.

"During those early years," Rupp said, "the football guys would wait up every night until the gate receipts were counted, then they would take the money, buy some good Georgia corn likker and have some tremendous parties."



His Successor, Joe B. Hall, Didn't Like The Idea Much, Either

He recollected being invited to one of those parties about his third year at UK and sitting around while everybody wine and dined in style, talking about football and looking forward to the end of basketball.

"There we were in the middle of a basketball tournament," he said, "and all of those guys, including the press, were talking about such 'important' things as whether the Georgia football coach was going to move some center to fullback or some fullback to center."

"Then when they moved the tournament to Louisville and started drawing crowds, the bookkeepers stepped in and put a stop to those football coaches and athletic directors taking the gate receipts and using them for entertainment. Then when they got their heads together and decided they could make money in basketball, the game started to grow in the South."

THE WILDCATS LOST ONLY TWO OF 12 TOURNAMENTS held in Louisville before the event was cancelled after the 1952 event. The university and coach Joe B. Hall, following in the footsteps of his old coach and boss Rupp, was one of two coaches casting a negative vote when the tournament was renewed in 1979, as Hall preferred the traditional round-robin schedule as a means of selecting the SEC's official representative to the NCAA tournament.

However, that 1979 tournament proved a godsend for the defending NCAA champion Wildcats, who finished the season 16-10 overall and 8-8 in the conference. They beat Ole Miss 82-77 in the opening game, and then defeated Alabama 101-100 in overtime on two free throws by Dwight Anderson in what veteran observers described as the most exciting game in SEC tournament history. Reggie King scored 38 points and Robert Scott 25 for the Tide while all five UK starters were in double figures. Tournament records were set for most points scored in one game and most points by both teams. The 'Cats defeated LSU 86-67 and then lost to Tennessee 75-69 in overtime. Kyle Macy, named the tournament's MVP, was carried off the floor by his UK teammates.

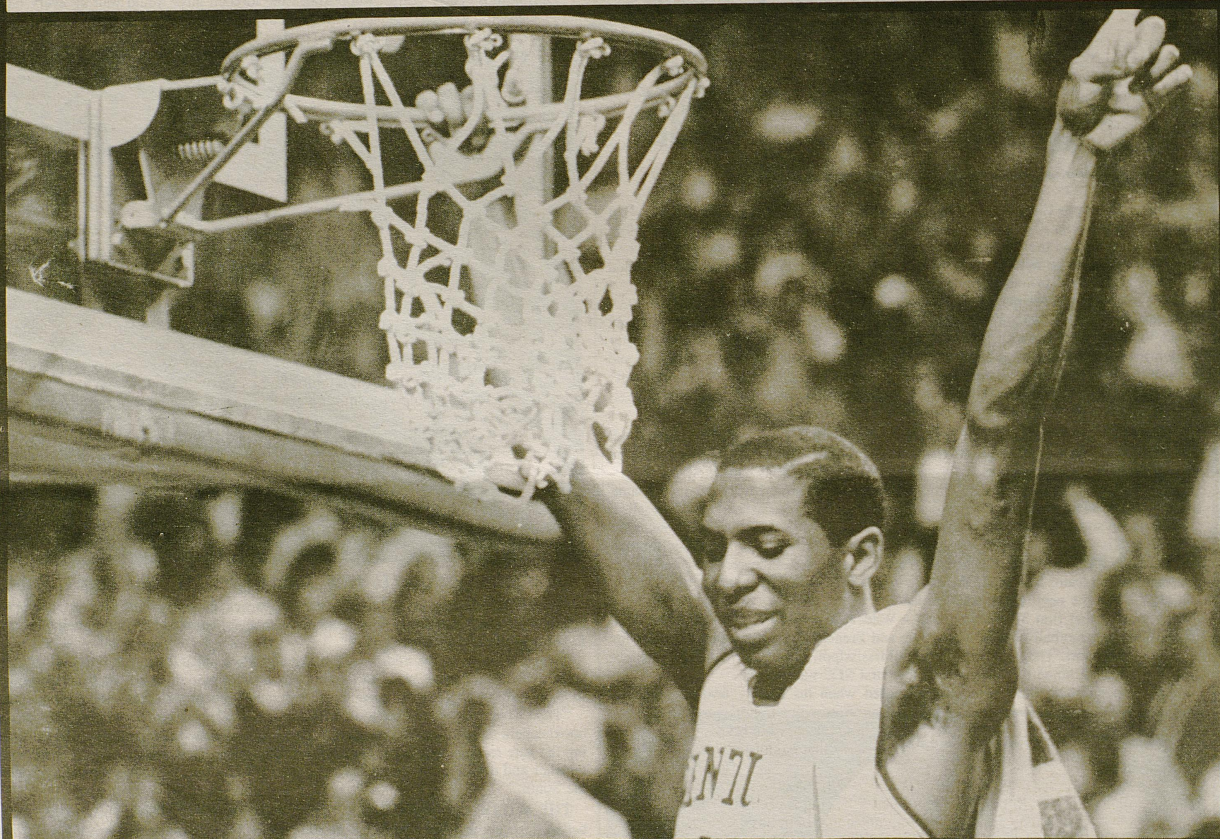
On the strength of their tournament performance, the Wildcats received an NCAA bid, losing to Clemson 68-67 in overtime in Memorial Coliseum.

The Wildcats lost to LSU 80-78 in the 1980 final; lost to Vanderbilt 60-55 in 1981; lost to Alabama 48-46 in 1982; lost to Alabama 69-64 in 1983; defeated Auburn 51-49 in 1984 in the championship game at Nashville; lost to Florida 58-55 in the second round in 1985; defeated Alabama 83-72 in the championship game in 1986 and lost to Auburn 79-72 in the second round last year.

My favorite SEC tournament story took place in the conference hospitality suite at a downtown Louisville Hotel in the mid-1940s and was told to me by none other than the "victim" himself, a newspaper friend from Knoxville.

The writer was giving Rupp holy you-know-what and receiving some harsh words from Rupp in return when the Baron's rugged assistant Harry Lancaster grabbed the Knoxville scribe, bodily carried him to the bathroom and unceremoniously dumped him into a bathtub filled with beer. Slapping his palms together, Lancaster said, "There, maybe that'll cool you off for a while."

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What Would Bluegrass Be Without Farmer?

Look For The All-Stater To Wear Blue

Richie Farmer of Clay County has been a fixture in Kentucky high school basketball the last five years. He's led his team to one state championship, four regional titles and is considered the leading contender to be named Mr. Basketball next month.



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist



The 6-0 guard has averaged 25 points per game and no one has been able to stop him. Still, Kentucky has not decided whether or not to make an all-out effort to sign him despite his impressive high school credentials.

Recently he had 35 points as UK Coach Eddie Sutton and assistants Dwane Casey and James Dickey watched. But some college coaches question whether he has all the tools it takes to be a great college scorer. Some scouts question his quickness, size and shooting range.

"Farmer is a good high school player and could be a solid role player for a lot of colleges," said one college coach. "He won't get the same points in college he does in high school. He's not a great three-point shooter and he won't be the scorer that Barry Goheen or Scott Draud are at Vanderbilt."

Goheen and Draud are both Kentucky natives now playing for Vanderbilt. Kentucky did not offer a scholarship to either player.

One state player who could be a scorer in college is Paintsville's Keith Adkins, the state's top scorer and best three-point shooter. He has hit 57 percent from three-point range. "He can knock it down from three-point range even if the line is moved back next year," said the college coach. "He will be a better scorer in college than Farmer because he is a pure shooter."

So why didn't Kentucky make a stronger, more sincere effort to recruit Adkins?

The Cats need a pure three-point shooter. Sutton has admitted that the three-point shot has changed the college game and that he will look for pure shooters. That would have been Adkins.

Farmer, though, is the more visible player. He's been a fixture in the state tourney and many fans across the state feel Kentucky owes a home-state product a chance to play. Sutton is sensitive to public sentiment. That gives an edge to Farmer.

"Farmer has a lot of intangible qualities that you have to consider," said one UK source. "He does a lot of things to help a team win."

Farmer and Adkins will have to accept designated roles in college. Adkins will be a zone buster while Farmer would have to quarterback his team. Both should be able to accept that but Adkins might be able to adjust easier because he has not received the publicity Farmer has.

UK already has a playmaker in freshman Sean Sutton and another on the way in recruit Sean Woods. It will be difficult to justify having three point guards on the same team, especially when Sutton and Farmer could both have trouble guarding quicker, bigger players like LaBradford Smith of Louisville.

Kentucky is also interested in 6-4 junior Pat Graham of Floyd Central, Ind.. "Graham can do everything Farmer or Adkins can except he is bigger," said the college coach. "He's going to be a big-time player and is a great shooter. That puts Kentucky in a difficult situation."

If Kentucky signs Farmer it might not have the luxury of taking Graham, who is projected as a better college player because of his size, next year.

Adkins would probably have helped UK more next year than Farmer. But if Kentucky had signed Adkins and not Farmer it would have caused an uproar across the state, especially if Farmer signed with a rival college and had a successful career.

Sutton has indicated that he wants to sign some players who are not high school All-Americans. He wants players who will work hard to improve and listen to the UK coaching staff.

"High school All-Americans have a tendency to think they have already arrived and get complacent," said Sutton. "A corral full of talented athletes won't make you a great team. We need people who will listen and work hard."

But UK has already signed prep All-Americans Shawn Kemp and Chris Mills for next season and is still recruiting 6-10 Don MacLean, another highly-touted prep player.

"You can't win the Kentucky Derby with a jackass," said Sutton. "We are still going to bring in the best players possible. But we need other players who will blend in well."

My hunch is Sutton thinks Farmer is one of those players and also realizes signing him would be a popular decision across the state. That's why I think Farmer will be offered a chance to wear the blue and white next year.

ONE BIG change in the SEC Tournament format this year gives the league round robin winner a break it deserves.

No longer will the regular season champion be forced to play the final first round game. Instead, the league champion will play the first game Friday night and then return for the first game Saturday. In the past the league champion had been forced to play the late game Friday.

"When you play that last game there is no way you can get your players in fed and in bed before 1 a.m.," said Sutton. "It just wasn't fair. I talked to the SEC office about it the last two years and finally they decided to change it this year. Before the league champion was being penalized for being successful. That just wasn't right."

EVEN LSU Coach Dale Brown admits that having the SEC Tournament in Baton Rouge this week gives his Tigers an advantage.

"Any time you get to play at home it is nice," said Brown. "You have more of a natural routine. Look at anybody's record and the won-loss percentage is far superior when they are playing at home."

"The last time we had the NCAA Tournament playoffs here (1986) we beat Memphis State and Purdue. But we cannot go in thinking we automatically have the tournament won. You can relax at home and get beat."

Brown won't let his Tigers relax this week, not with a possible NCAA tourney berth at stake.

The colorful coach didn't even let the recent lopsided loss to Kentucky when the SEC lead was at stake change his feelings about post-season play.

"The game at Kentucky really was not that important," said Brown. "We came into the season with no visions of winning the conference championship. We were pointing for the conference tournament and NCAA. That hasn't changed."

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—LSU's Dale Brown

NCAA PAIRINGS will be made Sunday. Don't be shocked to see Kentucky in the Southeast Region no matter how it fares in the SEC Tournament.

Rupp Arena will host the 1989 NCAA Tournament Southeast Region semifinals and final. That means Kentucky *cannot* play in its natural region next year because of a NCAA rule that prohibits any team from playing on its home floor in the regional semifinals or final. A team can play at home during the first two games but not for the regional semifinals.

When Kentucky applied for the 1989 tourney, the policy had not been established. Now it is and Kentucky will be sent packing next year.

That's why I feel the NCAA will keep Kentucky in the Southeast this year. The Cats would play at either Cincinnati or Atlanta and then go to Birmingham if they won two games.

"That sounds good but I don't think the guys on the tournament selection committee pay attention to any of that stuff," said Sutton recently.

Right. And they wouldn't pair Kentucky and Louisville to suit CBS-TV, either.

SEC COACHES don't think the overall balance of the league will keep it from landing at least four schools in the NCAA Tournament. Many league coaches feel five or even six SEC clubs could make the 64-team tourney.

"I believe we will have five teams invited," said Auburn Coach Sonny Smith. "It could possibly go to six like last year. Because of the strength of our schedule I think we will get in."

"I think the SEC will get five but I don't think we will get the sixth one," said Ole Miss Coach Ed Murphy.

"With the strength of this league no fewer than four and possibly five or six teams will be invited," said Georgia Coach Hugh Durham. "A lot will depend on what happened the last week."

Sutton feels Vandy's recent win at Notre Dame and Kentucky's victory over Syracuse only enhanced the SEC's tourney chances.

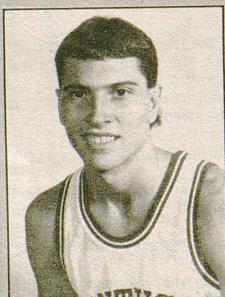
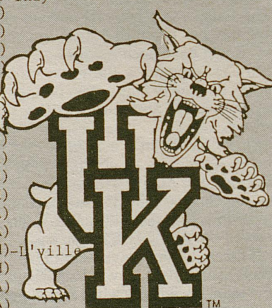
"Our league is one of the toughest in the country and what happened over the weekend should impress the tournament committee," said Sutton. "This is a good league. There is not a team in the SEC that can't jump up and grab you on a given night. People don't always understand that. That's why teams have so many losses this year."

WILDCAT BASKETBALL STATISTICS

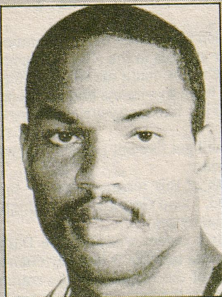
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LOCK, ROB	27	27	719	26.6	101	183	55.2	-	-	-	103	132	78.0	185	6.9	91	5	22	56	28	25	305	11.3
MANUEL, ERIC	26	4	485	18.7	66	126	52.4	1	2	50.0	30	37	81.1	71	2.7	20	-	50	18	2	28	163	6.3
ELLIS, LERON	22	8	301	13.7	39	84	46.4	-	-	-	19	36	52.8	61	2.8	36	1	12	16	14	11	97	4.4
JENKINS, CEDRIC	26	12	432	16.6	32	74	43.2	-	-	-	34	43	79.1	97	3.7	50	1	21	22	18	8	98	3.8
MADISON, RICHARD	25	5	416	16.6	35	81	43.2	-	1	-	16	28	57.1	89	3.6	27	-	17	22	1	6	86	3.4
SCOTT, MIKE	13	-	67	5.2	10	21	47.6	-	-	-	3	4	75.0	22	1.7	8	-	3	6	5	5	23	1.8
MILLER, DERRICK	15	-	81	5.4	8	36	22.2	3	23	13.0	2	3	66.7	11	.7	8	-	3	8	-	1	21	1.4
SUTTON, SEAN	20	-	140	7.0	4	12	33.3	-	1	-	19	31	61.3	8	.4	6	-	34	10	1	4	27	1.4
HANSON, REGGIE	14	-	74	5.3	4	14	28.6	-	-	-	7	8	87.5	15	1.1	11	-	1	4	1	2	15	1.1
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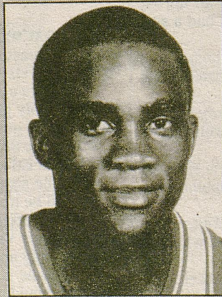
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Dec. 01	2-0	101	77	Cincinnati	24	22 CHAPMAN, REX	13 LOCK, ROB	22,865 (H)
Dec. 05	3-0	82	76	Indiana	6	22 DAVENDER, ED	10 JENKINS, CEDRIC	43,601 (N)-Indy
Dec. 12	4-0	76	75	Louisville	1	21 CHAPMAN, REX	11 JENKINS, CEDRIC	23,489 (H)
Dec. 18	5-0	85	71	Miami (Ohio)	14	28 BENNETT, W.	10 BENNETT, W.	23,995 (H)
Dec. 19	6-0	84	81	North Carolina-Charl	3	24 CHAPMAN, REX	16 MADISON, RICHARD	23,995 (H)
Dec. 28	7-0	100	58	Alaska	42	24 BENNETT, W.	11 JENKINS, CEDRIC	23,169 (H)
Dec. 31	8-0	81	74	Vanderbilt	7	24 DAVENDER, ED	17 BENNETT, W.	23,104 (H)
Jan. 02	9-0	84	77	Georgia	7	26 CHAPMAN, REX	10 BENNETT, W.	13,666 (H)
Jan. 06	10-0	93	52	Mississippi State	41	17 BENNETT, W.	8 JENKINS, CEDRIC	23,047 (H)
Jan. 09	10-1	52	53	Auburn	-1	20 BENNETT, W.	10 BENNETT, W.	23,379 (H)
Jan. 13	11-1	63	55	Alabama	8	17 DAVENDER, ED	5 LOCK, ROB	12,391 (A)
Jan. 16	12-1	83	65	Tennessee	18	23 CHAPMAN, REX	9 BENNETT, W.	23,819 (H)
Jan. 20	12-2	56	58	Florida	-2	20 BENNETT, W.	11 BENNETT, W.	23,433 (H)
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Jan. 27	13-3	66	83	Vanderbilt	-17	18 DAVENDER, ED	8 BENNETT, W.	15,646 (A)
Jan. 31	14-3	78	69	Notre Dame	9	23 DAVENDER, ED	7 LOCK, ROB	19,502 (H)-L'ville
Feb. 03	15-3	94	65	Ole Miss	29	16 BENNETT, W.	11 BENNETT, W.	23,133 (H)
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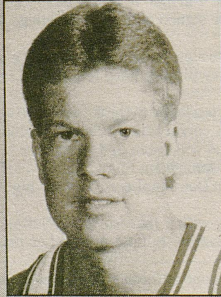
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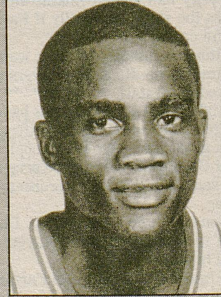
Leading Rebounder:
Winston Bennett—7.9



Assist Leader:
Ed Davender—10.4



***Best FG Percentage:**
Rob Lock—55.2



***Best FT Percentage:**
Ed Davender—85.6

*minimum of 2 FG attempts per game.

*minimum of 2 FT attempts per game.

SEC Tournament Brings Back Memories

Do You Remember. . .

Here are some flashback memories of the SEC basketball tournament dating back to 1979, when the event was renewed after a 26-year discontinuance. Do you remember. . .

•When Florida head coach Norm Sloan created quite a stir among the regional TV audience in 1981, as he cursed and used foul language at his players during a timeout while



Jamie Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist



a live microphone was placed near his team's bench?

His blue language went something like: "G--d-- it. You are all giving up too many layups." He was very upset with his team's performance against Auburn in a first-round game, but his Gators came out on top, winning 50-48 in overtime.

Moments after the foul language came through the TV airwaves in the Southeast, TVS network commentator Joe Dean apologized, adding that Sloan and the other coaches were not informed about the live microphone.

Later, Sloan said he "regretted" the remark, that he didn't know about the live pickup. . .

•When Ole Miss mentor Bob Weltlich blasted officials in 1982 before he broke down and cried at a press conference following the Rebels' 62-58 setback to Kentucky in Lexington?

The Rebels fought back from an 18-point deficit in the final 10 minutes of the semifinal game to get within two points of Kentucky, but fell short. An emotionally-drained Weltlich—who is now head coach at Texas—made the following statement before his voice cracked, and then he walked out of the press conference:

"Let me tell you something. I always try to reserve my comments on officiating until we win, because I think people have a tendency to listen to you. People who know me know I don't gripe much. But I think it is a g--d-- shame when you come to this level of competition in a league that is supposed to be as good as this and you can't find better officials to do games than those guys out there. It is just absolutely unbelievable to me that you can come in here as the defending (tournament) champions and not get a g--d-- chance to win the game.

"I think it is a tragedy and I don't give a damn if they suspend me from this league from time in memoriam. Those guys in the striped shirts aren't in my locker room now with our kids crying their eyes out because we thought we could win the thing and because we should have been able to win the damn thing, and now I have to go face them. What do you have to do around here? Dammit!"

Kentucky's Joe B. Hall said, "I would rather not comment on the officiating. It was a physical game. I thought Mississippi was really trapping us hard and the referees were calling a lot of fouls and they can't call all of them."

The officials for that game were Don Rutledge, Wally Tanner and Ormand Brown. . .

•Kenny Walker's winning basket at the buzzer, which gave Kentucky a thrilling 51-49 win over Auburn and enabled the 'Cats to capture the 1984 tournament in Nashville?

•Kentucky's 101-100 victory over Alabama in a 1979 classic shootout in Birmingham? It was probably the best game I have ever seen in person (and maybe on TV as well).

In that game, freshman Dwight Anderson sank two crucial free throws with eight seconds left to give the hot-shooting 'Cats a come-from-behind victory over coach C.M. Newton's Crimson Tide squad. Kentucky, which shot an unbelievable 68.3 percent as compared to Alabama's 57.7 percent, was down by eight points in the second half before senior Truman Claytor sparked the 'Cat comeback. Claytor had a season-high 25 points, hitting 11 of 14 from the field. Alabama's Reggie King poured in a game-high 38 points before fouling out with 90 crucial seconds remaining. . .

•Auburn's 95-91 victory over Georgia in 1979 which went four overtimes? Georgia head coach Hugh Durham said, "The fans got their money's worth. In fact, they got 20 more minutes than they bought!"

•Kentucky's embarrassing setbacks in its tournament openers—60-55 to Vanderbilt in 1981, 69-64 to Alabama in 1983, 58-55 to Florida in 1985 and 79-72 to Auburn last year? . .

•The 1985 championship game between the two Alabama schools, which saw Gerald White calmly sink two free throws with 10 seconds left in overtime to defeat Alabama 53-49, giving Auburn its first SEC tournament crown?

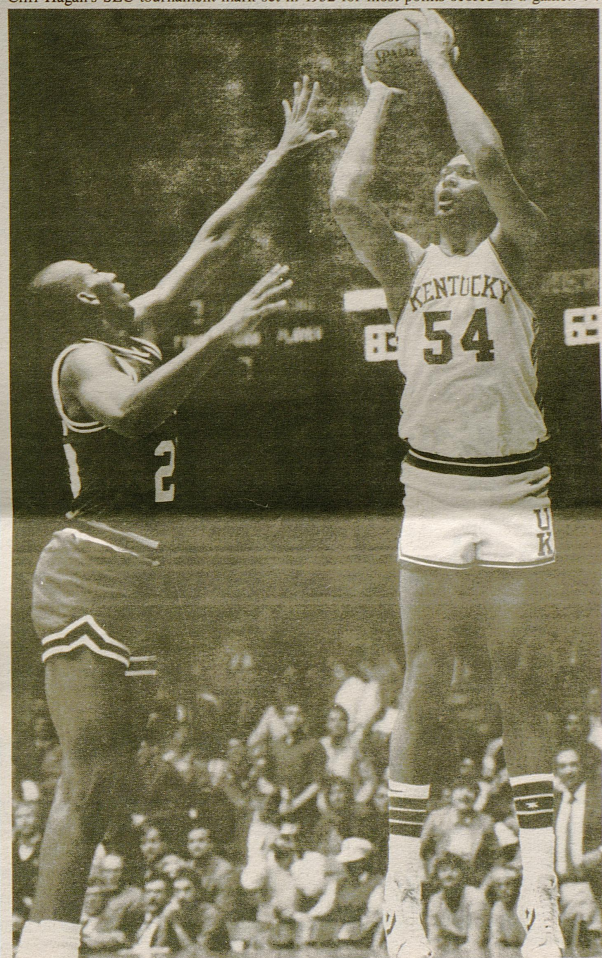
The Tigers became the first team to play four straight nights and win the title since the renewal of the postseason format in 1979. Frank Ford punctuated Auburn's upset win with a slam dunk at the buzzer. . .

•Last year when No. 7 seed LSU (which only had an 8-10 mark in regular-season SEC play) surprisingly advanced all the way to the championship game in Atlanta, losing to Alabama by seven points?

It was only the third time since '79 that a team advanced to the finals after having to play a first-round game. Of course, LSU went on to the NCAA tournament where the Tigers made it to the final eight, beating three higher-seeded teams—No. 7 Georgia Tech, No. 2 Temple and No. 3 DePaul. LSU was seeded 10th in the NCAA Midwest Regional. . .

•LSU's dramatic 89-88 victory over Georgia in double overtime in the semifinal's last season? . .

•Melvin Turpin's 42 points in Kentucky's 92-79 win over Georgia in 1984, which tied Cliff Hagan's SEC tournament mark set in 1952 for most points scored in a game? . .



Turpin Going For Two Of His 42 Points Against Georgia In '84 Tourney

•And, finally, who could forget Kentucky's tourney championship at Rupp Arena in 1986 during coach Eddie Sutton's first campaign in the Bluegrass?

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WHO WAS THAT BLONDE? No, this has nothing to do with the SEC tournament, but you might be interested to read about the following incident that was first reported in the *Atlanta Journal & Constitution* and later in the College Football Association's newsletter.

A funny thing happened to South Carolina sports information director Kerry Tharp when the football Gamecocks played Clemson last November.

While minding his own business in the press box, Tharp noticed a beautiful blonde with a familiar face. Lo and behold, the woman approached the unsuspecting sports information director and asked, "Excuse me, are you Kerry Tharp? I was told to see you for directions to the photo deck." A little flustered, Tharp checked her press pass and gave her directions, but wouldn't let her proceed until asking her a question that was irking him.

"Excuse me," Tharp said, "but aren't you Leeza Gibbons?" Gibbons is a part-time TV host of "Entertainment Tonight" and is a native of Columbia, S.C.

"No," replied the blonde. "My name's Donna Rice."

"You sure are," Tharp said.

Rice is a former South Carolina cheerleader whose relationship with presidential candidate Garry Hart has made her famous.



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Circus Atmosphere Dampens Senior Night

Here's Two Solutions Which That Will Help

THE FIRST VERSE belonged to "Happy" and then the rest of us joined in at the chorus.

It was, of course, Senior Night at the University of Kentucky last Wednesday and amid the media circus was found a little bit of basketball.



Dan Brandenburg

Cats' Pause Columnist



The Wildcats, in the end, surged past Georgia 80-72 to clinch at least a tie for their 37th Southeastern Conference crown but not after a few tears were shed. It started with the traditional paper hoops — held up by family and friends — that each of the five UK seniors ran through as they were introduced.

Then the families joined Winston Bennett, Ed Davender, Cedric Jenkins, Rob Lock and Richard Madison at midcourt for a standing ovation from the 23,000-plus that seemed like it would never die down.

Then, it was Happy's turn. Although public address announcer Jim Engle obliged, no introduction was necessary.

The former governor, senator and baseball commissioner, who watched the game from his wheelchair at court-side, walked to centerstage and sang his inspiring version of "My Old Kentucky Home" with a vigor belying his 89 years. **WHEN CHANDLER HAD** finished, dry eyes were few and far between.

It was a rendition that moved even the stiffest sportsman, including Georgia coach Hugh Durham who wouldn't allow his team to watch the ceremonies. The Dawgs retreated to the dressing room just beforehand and then got five more minutes to warm up after the hoopla subsided.

I'm just glad that the sound system was working properly because I barely saw Happy or any of the five seniors after they ran through the hoops. And that goes for everyone else on press row and much of the lower arena.

The swarming herd of photographers, each wanting to get that one unique shot for his or her employer, obscured everything else. It didn't even help much when the Committee of 101 roped-off the section of the court surrounding the seniors.

The media stampede was on and I just wanted to be out of the way. I hope everyone who wanted to get a look at the seniors and Chandler had their VCR programmed. That's the only way I got to see them.

ALTHOUGH THE CIRCUS atmosphere was even worse in the past, it is still a long way from being sensible. An occasion that should be heartwarming and sentimental has been turned into an almost ridiculous situation.

It's not the photographers' fault, however. They are just doing their job and an enterprising photog will take advantage of almost every available opportunity.

If UK wants this event to return to its proper perspective, it needs to place more stringent controls on the photographers. Sure, the reins have been tightened some, but not as much as is needed.

Two solutions:

1. Make all photographers shoot from their station along the sidelines as they do during the game. All of them get there early enough to stake out a choice position for the basketball action and could do the same for the senior festivities. With today's fast, telephoto lenses, the photographers don't need to be right on top of their subjects to come away with quality photos.

2. **ALLOW ONE** of the university's still photographers and videographers to record the moment up close, while everyone else stays at ringside. I'm sure an arrangement could be formulated that would allow all of the other TV stations to broadcast some of the footage and the still photos could easily be processed, printed and distributed by the end of the game.

Using one of these suggestions would not only be fair to all those involved, but would also rid the ceremonies of the pushing, shoving and jockeying for position by photographers. Everyone would still get their pictures and it would also allow most of the Rupp ticket-holders a chance at seeing the event.

Now is also an especially good time to make the switch since there is going to be some changes in the UK athletics department anyway because sports information director Brad Davis has accepted a position with the SEC. A new UK SID is expected to be named next month.

On that same note, let me cast my vote to UK assistant SID Joey Howard. In his first year on the job last season, Joey did a wonderful job with football and I see no reason for him to perform any other way should be named SID.

He may not be the most experienced choice, but he surely knows the ins-and-outs of the UK program better than someone from another school.

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AND NOW ON to the game. But first, a few observations.

—It was a class move by a class person when coach Eddie Sutton started all five of the seniors. The best part of getting to see Richard Madison, all 6-foot, 7-inches and 230 pounds of him, playing guard along with Ed Davender.

Although the quintet lasted only slightly more than four minutes, I was a little surprised that Durham did not try to take advantage of the situation with a full-court press.

—I'm sure few people realized that there was a Winchester, Ky., native sitting on the Georgia bench — assistant coach Larry Gay. Gay played for Durham at Florida State after garnering all-state honors at George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester. He was the first coach hired by Durham when he took over at Georgia and Gay is now in his 10th season there.

Gay's son, Dwain, also starred at Clark and is now playing for Lagrange College in Lagrange, Ga.

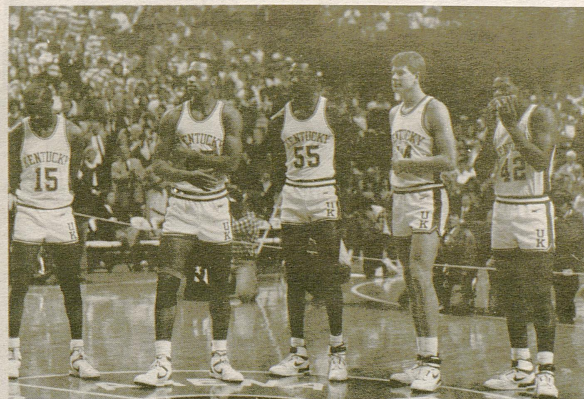
—It was great to see Ed "No Respect" Davender leading the charge in his final home game. Although he didn't get the dunk he wanted — a first-half opportunity was wiped out by a quick foul — he still scored 20 points and dished out eight assists.

—**JUST LIKE TAKING** a charge, for which no official SEC statistics are kept, I think I may have discovered another overlooked stat while at the Georgia game. From the conference action I've seen, the Bulldogs, I believe, would have to be leading the league in moving picks.

Although illegal, I don't think Georgia was ever whistled for a foul because of a pick. If you've got a tape of the game, rewind it to the start and keep your eye on top Dawg Willie Anderson and see how he manages to get open so much.

—Let's hope that Rob Lock has finally put all of the UK boo-birds behind him with his sparkling 19-point performance against the Dawgs, which included a thunderous dunk in the closing seconds.

Although everyone expected Lock to be at this stage of progress two years ago, he has really rounded into a nice asset for the Cats. Besides a bone-headed foul in the final minute which gave Georgia a three-point play, his was a good all-around effort. His play against Rony Seikaly and Syracuse wasn't too shabby, either.



One Last Rupp Arena Introduction For Five 'Cats

I'M SURE THAT there had to be a headline somewhere last week that read, "Rex's Back!"

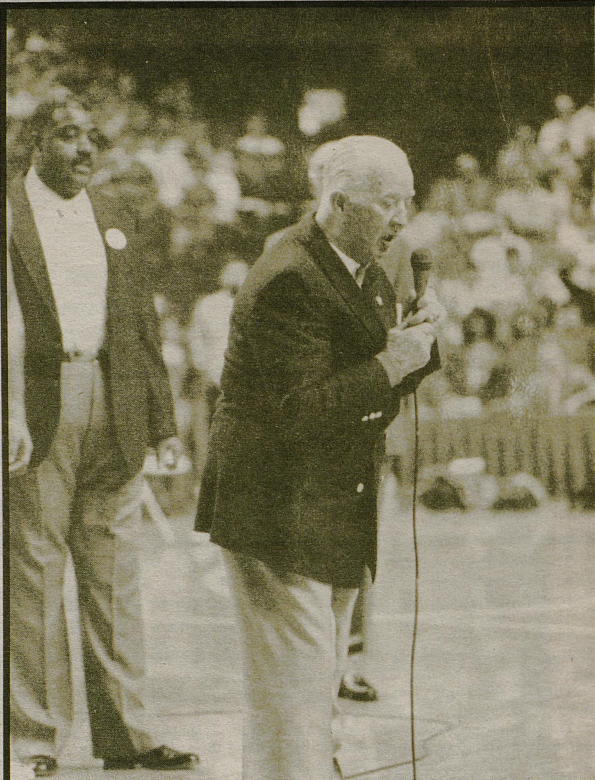
Chapman's broken transverse process was supposed to have kept him sidelined for two to three weeks, but it was more like one week, although it still wasn't quite the same old Rex.

Chapman, a fuzzy-faced sophomore who plays like seasoned senior, made his debut four minutes into the Georgia game and ended up staying on the court for 32 minutes. Only Davender and Bennett played more.

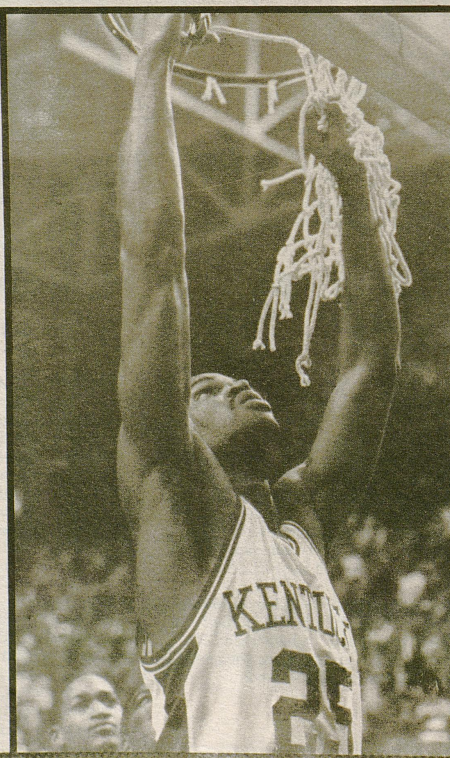
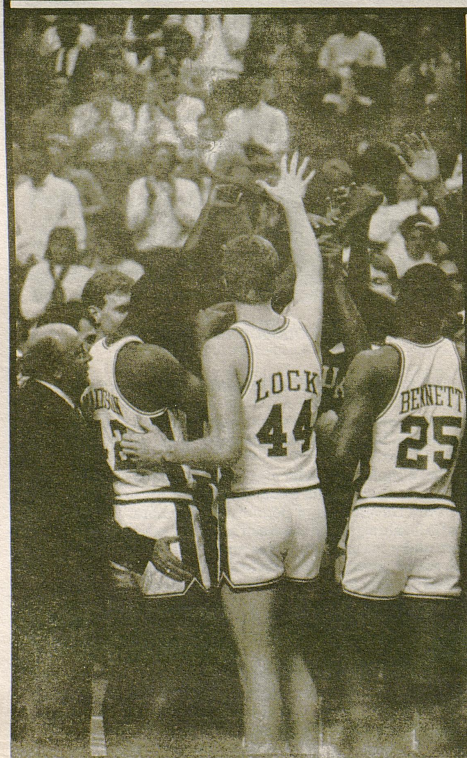
There were plenty of tell-tale signs that he wasn't nearly back to 100 percent. He wore a padded brace under his uniform and seemed to have lost a little of his conditioning. Once, he got out ahead on the fast break and chose to just lay the ball in the basket instead of going for a potentially-injurious slam with a defender closing in.

He did get a slam, however, in the second half. After missing his first shot since his return, Chapman canned a pair of three-pointers in the first half and finished 6 of 12 from the field for 15 points.

Barring — heaven forbid — a re-injury of his back, Rex should be good for the rest of the season. Although he looked a little sore and stiff last week, that will subside more and more with each game. And as for UK's upcoming opponents, you can wipe that smile off your face. Rex is back.



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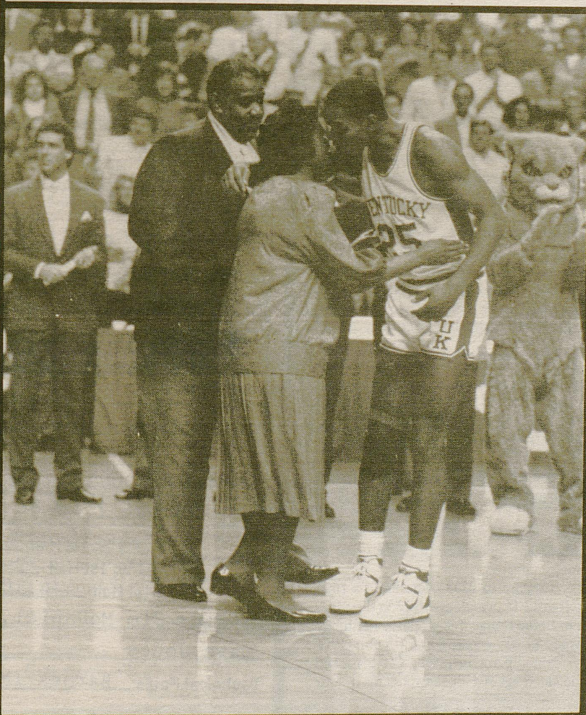
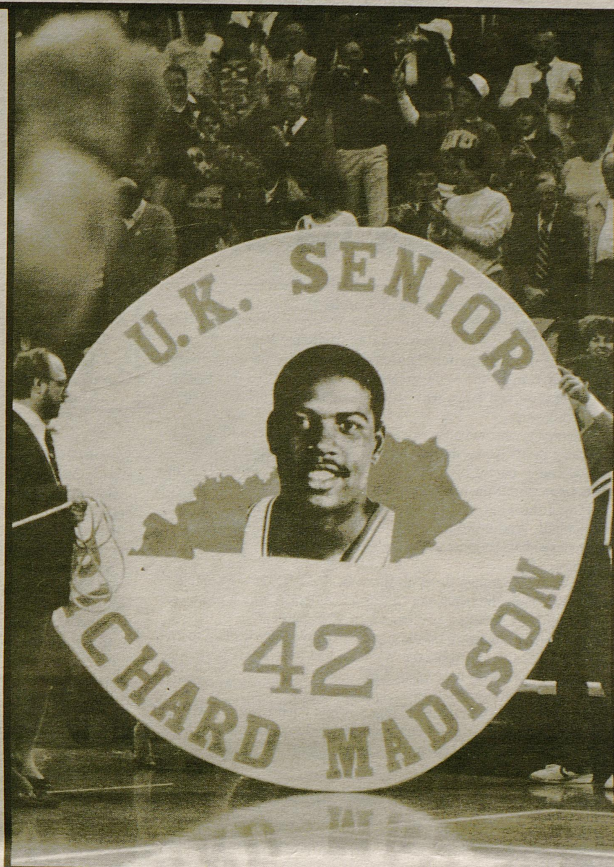
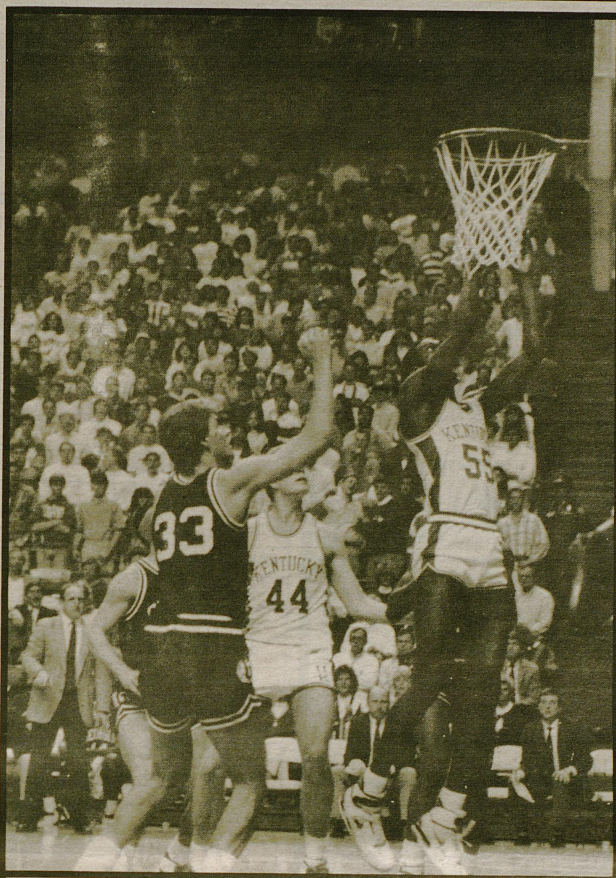


SENIOR TRIBUTE

(Top Left, Clockwise) Ed Davender Lets Loose His Happy Emotions; No One Can Sing 'My Old Kentucky Home' Like Happy Chandler; Snip, Snip, Snip; Wildcats Celebrate Southeastern Conference Championship With High-Five Celebrations

Photos By Gary Cromwell





SENIOR TRIBUTE

(Top Left, Clockwise) Here, Cedric Jenkins Escapes 'Dog Pressure And Scores Two Of His Four Points; Richard Madison's Hoop Ready To Be Broken; Rob Lock Breaks Through; Senior Winston Bennett Gives Mom, Shirley, A Kiss

Photos By Gary Cromwell

Hot 'Cats Hang On To

Chapman, Accuracy From Field Help UK Win Shootout At Tad Smith Arena, 37th SEC Crown

By TCP Editor/Publisher Oscar Combs

OXFORD, Miss. — A sizzling Rex Chapman began launching bombs at the opening tap Saturday night and by the time smoke had cleared from one of the greatest shooting matches this season, Kentucky walked away with a 78-71 victory and its 37th league championship.

Chapman, who had been sidelined seven days earlier with a cracked bone in his back, showed no ill effects this particular night as he scored a career-high 29 points to offset a brilliant 31-point shooting exhibition from Ole Miss' Rod Barnes.

It was the kind of shootout which attracts sellouts in college basketball. And it did just that in a town which is known for college basketball sellouts about as often as snowballs are found in Florida.

Although Chapman stole the show for the 2,500 or so Kentucky fans who made the trip south, it was a team effort which produced a season-high shooting percentage of 62.5 percent.

All the marbles were on the line and if Kentucky wanted to enjoy the SEC title outright, the Wildcats had to win this particular game or depend on help from LSU a day later.

Eddie Sutton agreed. "We wanted to win the SEC title outright," said Sutton after the game. "Ole Miss is a good ball team and had won six straight SEC home games and could have won eight straight. We knew it would be a hard game and it was."

Chapman, Barnes Waged Offensive Battle

In a game which produced phenomenal offensive explosions, it was evident early that scorers would have opportunities to show their stuff.

Despite the torrid shooting percentage, Sutton was less than pleased with his team's defensive board work.

"We did not do a good job on the defensive boards," said Sutton, referring to the fact that Ole Miss recorded 21 offensive rebounds during the contest, "and we gave up too many second shots."

But the night belonged to Chapman, the sophomore whiz from Owensboro who tickled the nets for 29 points on 12 of 17 from the field (including three of five from the three-point range) and two of two from the charity strip.

Kentucky raced out to an early seven-point lead (15-8) at 15:05 of the first half when Rob Lock hit a driving shot and converted a free throw into a three-point play.

That's when Rod Barnes went into his scoring act. He rattled off 11 of his club's next 13 points, but it couldn't withstand the onslaught of Chapman & Company.

Chapman countered with an 18-footer, Ed Davender cashed in on three free throws (two coming at the expense of an Ed Murphy technical foul), Winston Bennett hit a jumper and Chapman came back with a 16-footer and UK sprinted out to a 24-12 lead at 10:53.

Ed Murphy's Rebels Just Wouldn't Retreat

But Ole Miss refused to wilt.

Barnes scored and hit a free throw to narrow the deficit to five and then the clubs traded baskets before Chapman ripped off five points within a minute to give UK a 33-23 lead at 4:13.

Ole Miss got back in the game when Eddie Sutton was tagged with his first technical foul of the season at 1:54 and UK leading 35-26 at the time.

Barnes hit two free throws, then came back with a long-range three-pointer after LeRon Ellis hit one of two free throws, Charles Prater brought the crowd to its feet with another three-pointer and suddenly Ole Miss had closed the gap to 36-34 at 0:33.

Ellis put a missed shot back in at 0:14 to give the 'Cats a 38-34 halftime lead.

With 20 minutes in the books, Barnes and Chapman had given the fans more than their money's worth. Barnes had 16 points and Chapman 15. Barnes was six of 12 from the field while Rex was sizzling at six of eight.

The second half proved to be more of the same.

Chapman immediately put the 'Cats up 40-34 on an 18-footer before Ole Miss narrowed the score to 48-45 with 15:09 left on another three-pointer by Prater.

Chapman Took Over With Second-Half Spurt

That's when Chapman took over once again.

During the next 3:58, it was Chapman this and Chapman that. First, Chapman for a 17-footer. A minute and half later, Ole Miss



crept within 52-50 when Tim Jumper drove the paint and converted a three-point play.

But Chapman rose to the occasion. A three-pointer put the 'Cats back up by five, but Barnes hit a jumper from two-point range. Chapman another three-pointer, Barnes another jumper. Chapman another jumper, this time two points. Time out, Ole Miss. Kentucky leading 60-54 with 10:52 left.

Ed Murphy had seen enough of Chapman against the Ole Miss zone so he went man-to-man. Forty-two seconds later, UK gets the ball inside to Lock and Rob hits a layup for an eight-point lead. A free throw by Bennett sends UK up by nine.

But it isn't over just yet.

Barnes and Prater put three-pointers back to back and Ole Miss is back with three at 63-60 at 7:32.

UK's Inside Attack Finally Put Rebels Away

Kentucky, working its inside game hard against the man defense, gets a bucket from Bennett and free throw from Bennett after Chapman sneaks the baseline for a score. Suddenly, Kentucky leads by eight 68-60.

The margin goes to 10 (72-62) when Lock slams one home and Eric Manuel connects on a pair of free throws at 4:15. Ole Miss got no closer than five the remainder of the way.

After the contest, Rebel coach Ed Murphy could only shake his head.

"I really don't know if we could play much better," said the Ole Miss boss. "I thought we had a real good defensive effort. We cut the lead to two points and kept it there for four or five minutes, but then Chapman buried four perimeter jump shots."

How about the defense on Chapman, coach?

"Tim Jumper was hanging all over him," said Murphy, "and he (Chapman) buried the shots. We couldn't play any better defense. Jumper did a great job on him. He challenged every one of those shots. He stayed on top of him the whole night."

And just how good is Kentucky?

"They are a great team," explained Murphy. "They had a championship in front of them and they went out and got it."

And Eddie, how about this game?

"I thought we played with great enthusiasm. We really wanted this game," said Sutton. "We shot really well and we're playing well right now. We need this type of enthusiasm and play as we head into the tournament."

"I was concerned when the lead was cut to two in the second half, but Rex answered and Ole Miss could not get over the hump."

Behind Chapman's 29, Bennett finished with 17 and Lock added 13. LeRon Ellis and Ed Davender contributed seven points each and the 'Cats got eight points from Eric Manuel coming off the bench.

Kentucky hit 30 of 48 from the field for 62.5 percent. That included three of six from the ozone. The 'Cats were 15 of 18 from the free throw line.

Ole Miss hit 30 of 70 from the field for 42.9 percent and six of 18 from the three-point line. The Rebels were a perfect five of five from the free throw line.

The win boosted Kentucky's record to 22-5 overall and a final 13-5 in the SEC. Ole Miss fell to 12-15 overall and 6-12 in the SEC.

There could be a rematch in Baton Rouge this week, as Kentucky opens plays in the SEC tourney Friday evening at 8:05 p.m. EST against the winner of the first-round game involving Ole Miss and Alabama. The 'Cats are undefeated against those two teams in four games this season.

Kentucky earlier defeated Ole Miss 94-65 in Rupp. UK whipped Alabama 63-55 in Tuscaloosa and the upended the Tide 82-68 in Lexington.

The game will be televised over the Jefferson-Pilot Network in the Southeast. All SEC tournament games will be televised in the region by JP except one semifinal game (which will be televised by NBC-TV nationally) and the championship game which will be televised nationally by ABC-TV. The semifinals will be played Saturday afternoon with the title game set for 2 p.m. EST Sunday.

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE

VISITORS (Last Name, First)

No.	KENTUCKY	FG	FGA	FG %	3-point
24	Ellis, LeRon	3	5	0	0
25	Bennett, Winston	5	7	0	0
44	Lock, Rob	6	10	0	0
3	Chapman, Rex	12	17	3	5
15	Davender, Ed	9	1	5	0
20	Sutton, Sean	0	0	0	0
23	Manuel, Eric	3	4	0	0
42	Madison, Richard	0	0	0	0
55	Jenkins, Cedric	0	0	0	0

TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)

TOTALS	30	48	3	6
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TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 15-23, 65.2% 2nd Half

3-Pt. FG %: 1st Half 1-2, 50.0% 2nd Half

FT %: 1st Half 7-9, 77.8% 2nd Half

HOME (Last Name, First)

No.	MISSISSIPPI	FG	FGA	FG %	3-point
34	Prater, Charles	7	18	3	9
40	Paul, Mike	0	0	0	0
21	Murphy, Sean	4	7	0	0
12	Barnes, Rod	13	25	2	5
22	Jumper, Tim	5	15	0	0
23	Miller, Ronnie	1	4	1	4
31	Turner, Greg	0	0	0	0
35	Ward, Edgar	0	1	0	0
42	Wilson, Marc	0	0	0	0

TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)

TOTALS	30	70	6	6
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TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 14-33, 42.4% 2nd Half

3-Pt. FG %: 1st Half 2-7, 28.6% 2nd Half

FT %: 1st Half 4-4, 100.0% 2nd Half

OFFICIALS: Jim McDaniel, Andre Patillo

Dave Jones

Technical Fouls: Barnes (M); Murphy (M);

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Edge Ole Miss 78-71

X SCORE

Date 3/5/88 Site Oxford, Mississippi

Total FG	FGA	3-point	FT	FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
					Off	Def	Tot							
5	10	0	1	2	2	3	5	1	7	1	1	0	0	24
5	7	0	4	5	0	6	6	3	14	2	0	1	1	37
5	10	0	1	1	4	2	6	3	13	1	3	2	0	27
2	17	3	2	2	0	5	5	1	29	3	1	0	0	37
1	5	0	5	5	1	1	2	3	7	4	2	0	0	29
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
3	4	0	2	2	0	2	2	1	8	1	2	0	0	27
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0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	13

Totals 30 48 3 6 15 18 7 21 30 12 78 13 10 3 1 200

65.2% 2nd Half 15-25, 60.0% Game 30-48, 62.5%
 0.0% 2nd Half 2-4, 50.0% Game 3-6, 60.0%
 0.0% 2nd Half 8-9, 88.9% Game 15-18, 83.3%

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FG	FGA	FG	FGA			Off	Def	Tot							
7	18	3	9	1	1	5	1	6	3	18	3	2	0	1	40
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	13
4	7	0	0	0	0	4	3	7	1	8	0	0	0	1	30
13	25	2	5	3	3	3	4	7	0	31	3	1	0	1	40
5	15	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	11	0	0	0	1	29
1	4	1	4	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	3	0	0	0	15
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Totals 30 70 6 18 5 5 15 11 29 16 71 10 4 0 4 200

33.4% 2nd Half 16-37, 43.2% Game 30-70, 42.9%
 28.6% 2nd Half 4-11, 36.4% Game 6-18, 33.3%
 0% 2nd Half 1-1, 100.0% Game 5-5, 100.0%

Andre Patillo and

Murphy (M); Sutton (K)

SCORE BY PERIODS 1st H. 2nd H. OT OT FINAL

KENTUCKY	38	40	--	--	78
OLE MISS	34	37	--	--	71

'Cat Fans Can't Get Tickets On The Road, Either

By TCP Editor/Publisher Oscar Combs

Some notes, quotes and thoughts:

The Kentucky-Ole Miss game was to be the first sellout of the season for the Rebels at home and it was that, but there were still some 700 or so no-shows. You can bet your bottom dollar they weren't Kentucky Wildcat fans. At least 2,000 Big Blue faithful made their way down from western Kentucky and dozens were seen outside the Tad Smith Coliseum before the game trying to latch onto tickets right before tip-off. The official count for the game was 8,386. The major reasons for the large crowd can be attributed to two factors outside Ole Miss basketball. First, was the annual onslaught of Kentucky fans. The other was the fact that Ole Miss and Mississippi State hooked up in a baseball doubleheader on the Ole Miss campus and that twin-bill reportedly drew almost 5,000. The two teams split the doubleheader.

This was also senior night for the Ole Miss Rebels as a trio of Rebels—**Rod Barnes**, **Ronnie Miller** and **Charles Prater**—were honored before the game. The Rebs even honored the team's senior manager and senior members of the Rebel football team.

While Rebel fans were generous in their salute to the Ole Miss players, it wasn't anywhere near the send-off the Wildcats received a couple days earlier at Rupp Arena.

And the Wildcats know it because **Eddie Sutton** (unlike Georgia's **Hugh Durham**) allowed his players to sit on the sidelines and watch the festivities right before tipoff.

Of course there is good reason for the two coaches differing in the philosophy of allowing their players to watch such an event. The Bulldog players probably would have got caught up in the emotion while Sutton, perhaps, wanted to let his Wildcats know that not every senior group gets the sendoff the Wildcats do on Senior Night.

Payback time!

That's what some called it Saturday night when the 'Cats won the SEC regular-season title outright and got revenge for a loss in Oxford last season. In addition, the 'Cats halted the Rebels' six-game homecourt winning streak that began some six weeks earlier.

"It was nice today to win the SEC championship here in Oxford because they beat us here last year," said a jubilant **Rob Lock**, who wanted to take home a piece of the nets only to be denied by an Ole Miss manager when he approached one of the coliseum goals after the game. That was the end of what had been a nasty scene at the conclusion of the contest when the Wildcats cut down the nets from a goal on one end of the floor as evidence of their championship. They were pelted with paper cups, ice and booze from the Ole Miss crowd which was as fired up as any I can remember over the past decade. Perhaps that can be partially attributed to the earlier baseball doubleheader where the fans have been known to sneak a keg or two of beer in the ballpark. One final note: As the team departed the coliseum almost an hour after the game, security people were still standing guard around the one goal, making sure no one made off with the net.

Prior to 1982, no SEC team had ever won the regular-season title with five losses. That

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UK-Ole Miss Play-By-Play

Time	Kentucky	Score	Ole Miss
19:41	Manuel 16 ft.	2-0	
19:15	Davender 18 ft.	4-0	
18:58		4-2	Prater layup
18:18		4-4	Jumper layup
17:56	Chapman FT, FT	6-4	
17:40	Chapman layup	8-4	
17:26		8-6	Murphy dunk
16:24	Bennett 5 ft.	10-6	
15:57	Lock layup	12-6	
15:32		12-8	Prater layup
15:05	Lock layup, FT	15-8	
14:33		15-10	Barnes 15 ft.
13:37	Chapman 18 ft.	17-10	
12:26		17-12	Barnes 14 ft.
11:50	Davender FT	18-12	Technical—Barnes
11:48	Davender FT, FT	20-12	Technical—Murphy
11:28	Bennett 8 ft.	22-12	
10:53	Chapman 16 ft.	24-12	
10:37		24-15	Barnes 12 ft., FT
9:19	Ellis 7 ft.	26-15	
8:48		26-17	Barnes layup
7:37		26-19	Murphy 19 ft.
7:00	Chapman 12 ft.	28-19	
6:38		28-21	Barnes 8 ft. follow
5:49		28-23	Jumper 14 ft.
5:07	Chapman 21 ft.	31-23	
4:13	Chapman layup	33-23	
3:03		33-26	Prater layup, FT
1:54	Technical—E. Sutton	33-28	Barnes FT, FT
1:28		35-31	Barnes 20 ft.
0:57	Ellis FT, FTA	36-31	
0:33		36-34	Prater 21 ft.
0:14	Ellis follow layup	38-34	
HALF 38-34			
19:48	Chapman 18 ft.	40-34	
18:56		40-36	Jumper 12
18:31	Lock 5 ft.	42-36	
18:11		42-38	Barnes 14 ft.
17:53	Bennett 6 ft.	44-38	
17:34		44-40	Prater follow layup
17:18	Bennett FT, FT	46-40	
16:13		46-42	Murphy follow layup
15:54	Lock tip-in	48-42	
15:09		48-45	Prater 20 ft.
14:44	Chapman 17 ft.	50-45	
14:30		50-47	Barnes layup
13:44	Ellis layup	52-47	
13:06		52-50	Jumper layup, FT
12:40	Chapman 21 ft.	55-50	
12:23		55-52	Barnes 14 ft.
11:51	Chapman 20 ft.	58-52	
11:27		58-54	Barnes 15 ft.
11:07	Chapman 17 ft.	60-54	
10:10	Lock layup	62-54	
9:30	Bennett FTA, FT	63-54	
9:10		63-57	Barnes 21 ft.
8:26		63-60	Prater 20 ft.
7:20	Chapman layup	65-60	
6:41	Bennett layup, FT	68-60	
6:23		68-62	Barnes 19 ft.
6:01	Lock dunk	70-62	
5:21	Manuel FT, FT	72-62	
3:29		72-65	Miller 21 ft.
2:18		72-67	Jumper 18 ft.
1:32	Davender FT, FT	74-67	
1:10	Manuel dunk	76-67	
0:54	Manuel dunk	78-67	
0:22		78-69	Barnes 19 ft.
0:06		78-71	Murphy tip-in
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—Cats' Pause chart



NCAA Releases Report On UK Investigation; No Substantial Penalties Imposed On Program

MISSION, Kan. — This report is organized as follows:

- I. Introduction.
- II. Finding of violation, as determined by committee.
- III. Committee on Infractions penalty.

I. Introduction.

At the request of the NCAA Committee on Infractions, the University of Kentucky submitted a May 19, 1987, written report of its findings and conclusions regarding its investigation of allegations of NCAA violations that appeared in a Lexington, Kentucky, newspaper on October 27, 1985. The university's report acknowledged violations the university was able to substantiate, and identified corrective and disciplinary actions to be taken. The NCAA enforcement staff conducted independent inquiries primarily concerning possible violations occurring within the NCAA's four-year statute of limitations and failed to develop information substantially different than that of the university. In this regard, representatives of the newspaper that printed the original article refused to assist either the university or the NCAA in efforts to verify or support statements concerning violations of NCAA rules that it published. The enforcement staff recommended to the Committee on Infractions that the university's findings be adopted, and that the corrective and disciplinary actions be accepted in lieu of a penalty to be imposed by the committee.

The committee, however, determined that university representatives should be requested to appear before the committee for the purpose of reviewing the information developed concerning the men's basketball program. An appearance was scheduled for June 4, 1987, during which the university's written report identifying the allegations and findings, detailing the scope of the university's inquiries, stating the university's position as to the probable truth or falsity of the allegations and identifying the corrective or disciplinary actions taken would be discussed. The university's report had been submitted under the provisions of Section 7(g) of the NCAA enforcement procedures, and the university renewed a standing request for the committee to accept its findings as sufficient and to take no further action in the case.

At the June hearing, the university reported that although some violations occurred prior to 1981, no violation could be confirmed within the NCAA's four-year statute of limitations (i.e., October 1981 to October 1985). The university also reported that corrective actions had been implemented in an effort to prevent future violations. The committee was concerned, however, that complete information had not been developed in the case, and determined that the university again should be requested to appear before the committee to discuss both the specific allegations and the university's investigative techniques and policies. This request was made pursuant to NCAA Constitution 4-2-(a), Bylaw 9-5-(e) and the Preamble to the Official Procedure Governing the Enforcement Program, which provides in part that the university is obligated to cooperate fully with the NCAA Committee on Infractions in the conduct of relevant inquiries into the university's intercollegiate athletics program. The committee requested the institution to be prepared to discuss its responses to the following specific questions:

A. Did the university's investigative techniques hinder or reduce the opportunity to obtain complete and correct information in this case?

B. Has the university taken all reasonable steps to develop information and to confirm information initially reported in a local newspaper?

C. Has the university taken adequate steps to interview all potential sources of information?

D. Should additional action be taken by the university against outside representatives or former student-athletes who have refused to cooperate in its investigation?

E. Does the university contend that the newspaper accounts are substantially incorrect and, if so, why?

Subsequent to the committee's request, the university's new president, David P. Roselle, met with NCAA enforcement staff members to discuss the committee's concerns and then directed the university's investigators to renew efforts to interview several individuals prior to the university's hearing before the committee. Questions relating to the university's investigation, as well as the specific allegations regarding the basketball program, were discussed in detail at the university's appearance on February 6, 1988. Allegations concerning extra benefits to enrolled student-athletes, including "cash handshakes," excessive remuneration for speaking engagements, discounts for clothing purchases, free meals and improper sales of

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complimentary tickets, were considered. Concerning each of these categories, the university asserted either that it was unable to develop sufficient information to conclude that a violation had occurred, or concluded that any proven violation was outside the NCAA's four-year statute of limitations. The NCAA enforcement staff also was unable in its investigation to develop substantial information (either from individuals identified in the newspaper article or from other possible sources) to confirm violations occurring within the four-year statute of limitations.

After the February hearing, the committee concluded that the university conducted an inadequate investigation on these matters that were within the NCAA's four-year statute of limitations. General denials of involvement by principals were accepted with little, if any, follow-up questioning as to specifics or independent investigation of facts. For example, although statements by former student-athletes included information indicating that there may have been rules violations regarding the sale of complimentary tickets and the impermissible receipt of money for speeches by student-athletes, the university did not pursue these statements with other

UK's Official Comment:

UK president David P. Roselle made these comments after considering the NCAA's findings March 3:

"We do not fully agree with the findings of the NCAA Infractions Committee, but it is our desire to move forward. We will therefore not appeal. The report calls for the university to cooperate with the NCAA in some

monitoring activities, and we intend to do so. Indeed, the university has already developed a monitoring process, and we have earlier invited the NCAA Compliance Services staff to visit the university and audit our compliance program. With this resolution, we look forward to a good, cooperative relationship with the NCAA."

possible sources. In addition, the committee found that inadequate efforts were made to induce former student-athletes and representatives of the university's athletics interests to cooperate in the investigation, despite the continued enrollment of some former student-athletes in professional schools at the university and the fact that these student-athletes and representatives had talked with the newspaper reporters. For example, in its letters to former student-athletes who were not reached by telephone, the university seemed

cedure Governing the NCAA Enforcement Program).

The committee finds that the University of Kentucky failed to satisfy its obligation to cooperate fully with the NCAA Committee on Infractions in the conduct of relevant inquiries into the allegations described as having been reported by former student-athletes in an October 27, 1985, newspaper article. Specifically: (1) the university's investigative techniques reduced the opportunity to obtain complete information from the principals in this case; (2) the university did not take all reasonable steps to develop full information and to confirm information initially reported in the newspaper; and (3) the university did not take adequate steps to interview all potential sources of information.

III. Committee on Infractions penalty.

A. The University of Kentucky shall be publicly reprimanded.

B. The university shall be required to report periodically to the NCAA enforcement staff in writing concerning the results of a comprehensive institutional monitoring program in men's basketball, which shall include economic audits of student-athletes' employment earnings and expenses for speaking engagements (whether during the academic year or vacation periods), and the use of complimentary tickets. This monitoring program also shall include periodic in-person inspection by the NCAA enforcement personnel, as well as the submission of written reports by the university at the end of the 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 academic years.

(NOTE: Should the university appeal either the finding of violation or proposed penalty in this case to the NCAA Council subcommittee of Division I members, the Committee on Infractions will submit an expanded infractions report to the members of the Council who will consider the appeal. The expanded report will include additional information in accordance with Section 6 of the Official Procedure Governing the NCAA Enforcement Program. A copy of the committee's report will be provided to you prior to the university's appearance before the Council and, as required by NCAA procedures, will be released to the public.)

Also, the Committee on Infractions wishes to advise the university that when the committee's action in this case becomes effective, the institution should take every precaution to ensure that the requirements of the committee are observed. Further, any action contrary to the terms of any of the committee's requirements shall be considered grounds for extending the monitoring requirements, as well as consider imposing more severe sanctions in this case).

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The committee's finding concerning this case is set forth in Part II of this report, and the committee's action in the case is set forth in Part III.

II. Finding of violation, as determined by committee.

A. (NCAA Constitution 4-2-(a), Bylaw 9-5-(e) and the Preamble to the Official Pro-

Stars Come Out For Madison's Bat Cats As UK Baseballers Take Two Of Three From Visiting Florida

By TCP Columnist Nick Nicholas

If coach Keith Madison ever wondered about his team lacking character, he doesn't have to worry any more.

In Sunday's nightcap at Shively Field, UK trailed Florida 10-5 entering the bottom of the sixth inning. Kentucky, 7-1 winners in the opener, had blown a 4-0 lead. Even worse, nighttime was starting to set as temperatures trickled in the mid-30's. But under the new lights installed at UK's park, a few stars dressed in Blue appeared.

★Senior catcher Robbie Buchanan came through with a clutch two-out, two-strike single, which sent the tying and winning runs across the plate in a wild eighth inning. It also gave what remained of the 127 in attendance something to warm up their blood, too.

After a Sam Taylor's infield hit and a walk by Chris Estep, Vince Castaldo's sliced UF's lead to one in the eighth with an RBI single, with Estep sliding head-first into third. But UF coach Joe Arnold countered with lefty reliever Todd Dourma with nobody out, as both Darin Rieman and John Marshall were out on strikes.

Buchanan, meanwhile, used his experience to his advantage.

With Estep at third and Castaldo at second, Buchanan connected on a 3-2 pitch from Douma that found its way past a diving second baseman.

"I was kinda expecting an off-speed pitch, because he had a base open," said Buchanan, who got his second game-winning hit of the day off of a changeup. "He kinda hung it a little bit. All I was trying to do was put it in play and it went through the infield. That was an unbelievable feeling. Awesome."

★Estep. His three-run homer over the left-field fence, better than a 340-foot poke, lit a fire into the Bat Cats' hearts in the bottom of the sixth inning. Estep's fourth homer of the year pulled his club to within two, 10-8.

"That was a big, big lift for us when Chris came through with the home run," said Madison afterward. "That really got the team back in the game because we were down a little bit at that time, blowing an early lead and getting down by five runs. That hit really fired us up and got the whole team back into the game. From that point on we had the momentum."

★Dave Voit. The 6-foot-2 senior reliever worked the final two and two-third innings, keeping the Gators' bats silent. Voit, 1-0, was superb in the last frame, striking out Ned Brigham and Steve Zerr to end the game. He allowed no hits and struck out three batters, while walking none.

"He was really throwing well and really had his rhythm," said Madison of his right-handed pitcher. "He was hitting his spots. He and Robbie (Buchanan) have been playing together for years. . . and they know each other very well. It looked like Robbie was just putting down the target and Dave was hitting it everytime. He really was in a groove."

★Castaldo. In the second game, the junior college transfer went three for four and scored the winning run. It was his successful steal with one out in the pivotal inning which put UK ahead for good.

A risky play, coach?

"It was a gamble, but I think those are the kind of gambles you have to make in baseball," Madison said. "That was coach (John) Butler's call. Castaldo (three stolen bases) has good speed for a cleanup man and I don't think they were expecting him to run."

"It really wasn't that close, but it was a gamble. Those are the things in baseball you have to do, otherwise you become a predictable ballclub. And it's easier to lose, and it's

easier for the other team to figure you out."

Florida looked like it was on the verge of taking two of three from the nation's No. 23 team. The Gators bounced back in the third after UK put a pair of twos on the board in the first couple of innings.

The visitors scored five runs in the third, highlighted by Brigham's two-run double. Senior Bat Cat starter Vince Tyra ran into control problems in the third, hitting a batter and tossing a wild pitch. Also, an error by second baseman Roger Gum aided the Gators' cause.

thought it was fair. It was close. No more than two or three feet."

While Estep and Buchanan were the hitting stars, pitcher Doug Sutton yielded only one run, that being a home run in the fifth by Florida's Allen Rutledge. Overall, he gave up four hits, struck out four and walked just two in seven innings.

"Doug pitched an outstanding game," Madison said. "That's the best control he's ever had in a game that he's played for me. He was throwing his curveball for strikes and he was getting ahead of the hitters in the

play for a left-hander to use in most situations but the runner kinda got in between the first baseman and the ball."

Madison said there was no interference. Steve Zerr's sacrifice fly added an insurance run. It wasn't needed, however, because reliever Todd Douma retired the side in the 10th.

UK jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first when Roger Gum and Sam Taylor led off with base hits. Gum later scored on Vince Castaldo's ground out.

Florida tied the score in the third. Julio

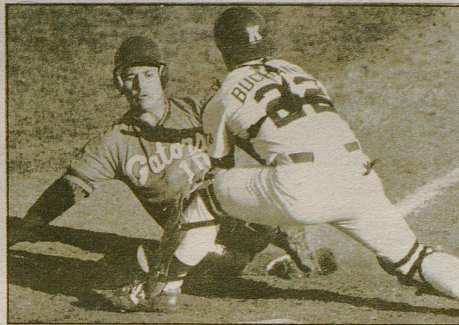


Photo By David Sterling



Although UK's Robbie Buchanan cut down Julio Mendez at the plate Saturday, left, Florida took the first game of the series 3-1. But as the fan at the right shows, the Bat Cats came back to 'hang' a pair of losses on the Gators Sunday.

Both Florida and UK picked up a single run in their respective at bats in the fourth. Things looked grim for the hosts as Florida built a 10-5 lead in the top of the sixth, sending Tyra to the dugout for an early shower.

Starting with Estep's smash and ending with Zerr swinging and missing, Kentucky came up with a victory it will long remember.

"Our team showed a lot of character and a lot of pride with the way they came back, especially with the way we lost yesterday," said Madison, whose team lost to Florida 3-1 in 10 innings the day before. "We played a great game yesterday and lost it."

"It would have been very easy for this group to be down. But they came back in the first game today and really showed some character. In the second game we got behind and never gave up."

The two wins improved UK's record to 6-2, 2-1 in the SEC. Florida falls to 12-7-1 and 1-2.

Madison said he had a heart-to-heart discussion with his club after losing the series opener.

"The thing we talked about was when you get two runs down, we're too good of a ballclub to throw in the towel. We've got to be a team that's going to battle back and win some of those games. I was really proud of the way the team responded to that."

Kentucky came out of the gates in Sunday's first game with two runs in the second and two more in the third. With the bases loaded in the second, Buchanan, the hero of the second game, lifted a game-winning sacrifice fly to left field, scoring Castaldo. Mark Blythe then lined one over the shortstop's head, as UK bolted out in front 2-0.

The Bat Cats upped their advantage to four when Estep drilled a Johnny Wiggs' pitch over the fence, just inside the left-field foul pole. And in the fifth of a scheduled seven-inning affair, Buchanan lashed a high shot in almost the identical spot. However, more than one member in the press box thought his three-run homer was foul.

"Gollie, I didn't know," Buchanan recalled. "That's why I stood there. A lot of times when someone hits a home run they'll stand and watch it—cocky players—but I told the catcher that I didn't mean to stand there. I just thought it was foul. It was out but I didn't know if it was fair or foul. So, I thought it was fair and the catcher and the umpire both

count. That's a big plus for him because his curve is his 'out' pitch."

"If he can get ahead of in the count then he can throw his curve ball more."

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"The game nobody wanted to win," Florida coach Joe Arnold said of his club's 3-1 extra-inning victory on Saturday. Contrary to the coach's comments, Florida did win with two runs in the 10th inning off of reliever Jon Hudson, 1-2.

UF's rally was started when Hudson hit Brian Reinsnyder on a 2-2 pitch. Mario Linares, the Gators' cleanup swinger, drilled one to centerfielder Estep, who couldn't hold on.

After Florida's first out of the inning, Hudson tried a pickoff attempt at first. He shouldn't have. Linares and UK first baseman John Marshall got tangled up, allowing the ball to roll free. Reinsnyder scored from second ahead of Buchanan's tag and Linares moved to third.

"That's a good play but it just didn't work at that time," said Madison. "That's a good

Mendez, who extended his 19-game hitting streak, drove in Florida's first run. On the day he went four-for-five. However, in Sunday's opener is streak would end with an 0-for-3 effort.

Florida had a chance to win the game in the ninth, but left-fielder Sam Taylor's throw nailed Mendez at the plate.

Kentucky had its chances to pull out the win, too.

With runners at first and third in the seventh, pitcher Jeff Gidcumb came off the mound. Madison thought a balk should have been called.

"It was a balk," said Madison. "There's absolutely no doubt about it. It was a situation where the umpires were either asleep or they didn't want to make the big call."

Starting pitchers Gidcumb (Florida) and Matt Coleman (UK) gave up nine and seven hits respectively, but kept both teams from denting the plate just one time apiece. Gidcumb went seven and two-thirds while Coleman lasted six and one-third innings.

The scheduled doubleheader on Saturday was limited to a seven-inning game because of the rain the night before.

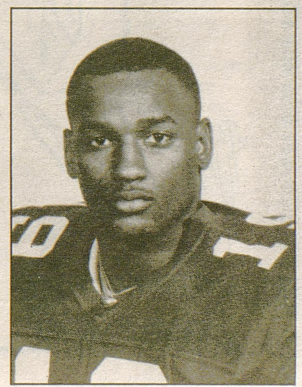
Claiborne Suspends Dee Smith

University of Kentucky head football coach Jerry Claiborne announced Monday that flanker Dee Smith has been temporarily suspended from the Wildcat football squad after meeting with the sophomore flanker at the Commonwealth Stadium football offices.

Smith, a sophomore from Paducah, was arrested on two counts of drug trafficking in Cincinnati Feb. 26.

"Dee Smith has been placed on temporary suspension from the University of Kentucky football team," Claiborne said in a release from the UK sports information department. "We will wait for the complete results from the judicial proceedings before any further action is taken. Until then, Dee will remain in school and continue working toward his degree."

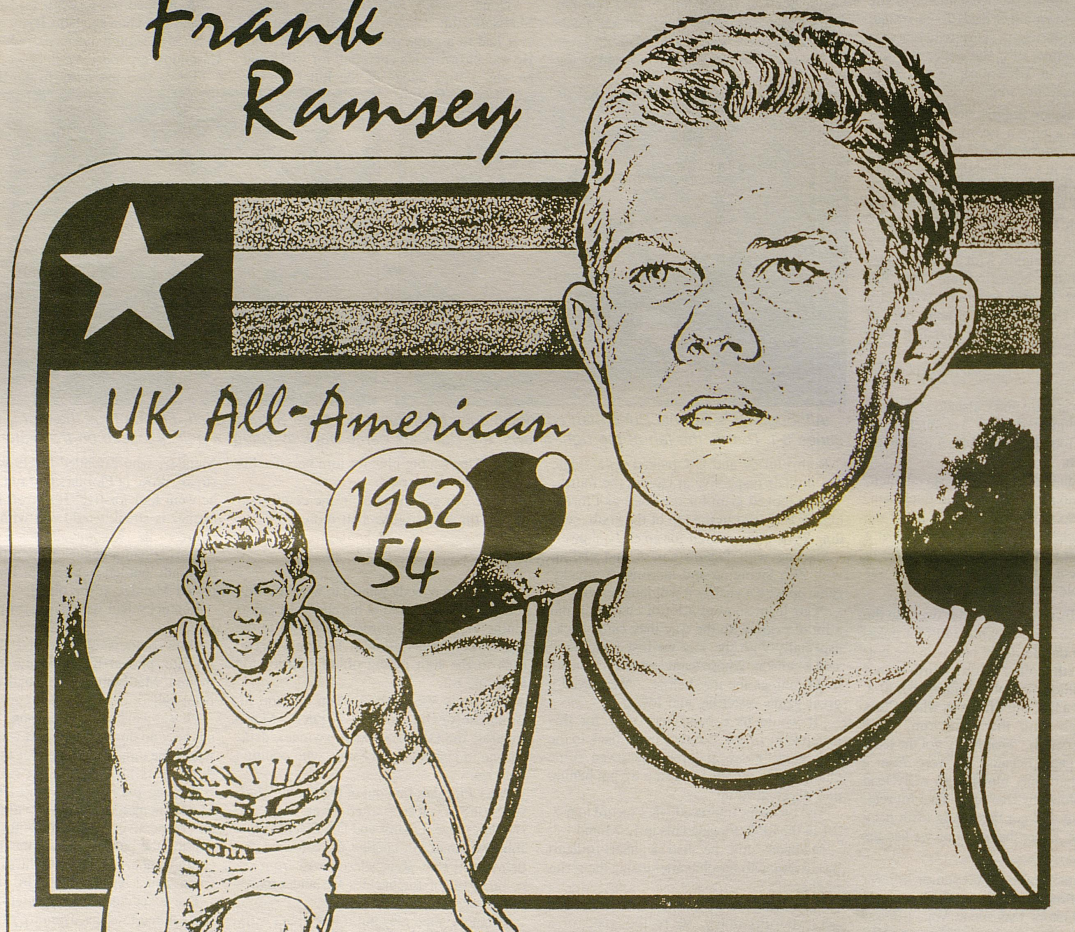
Smith, along with two other Lexington men, allegedly attempted to sell four ounces of cocaine to undercover police officers for \$5,600.



Smith Temporarily Suspended

Flash From The Past

Frank
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UK All-American

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A FABLED "DRIVING LAYUP" WAS
THE HALLMARK OF HIS AGGRESSIVE GAME!

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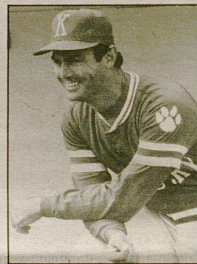
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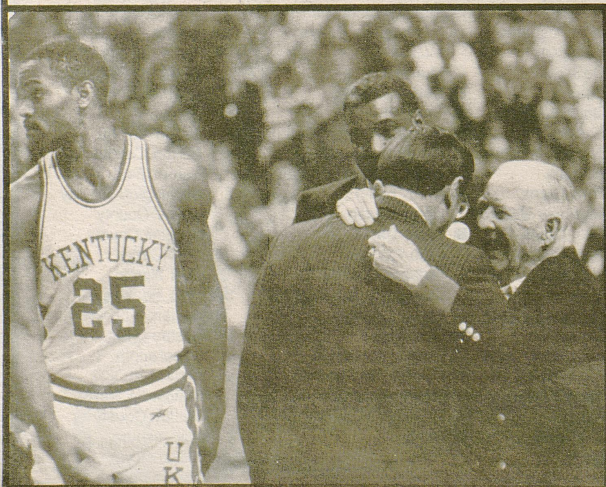
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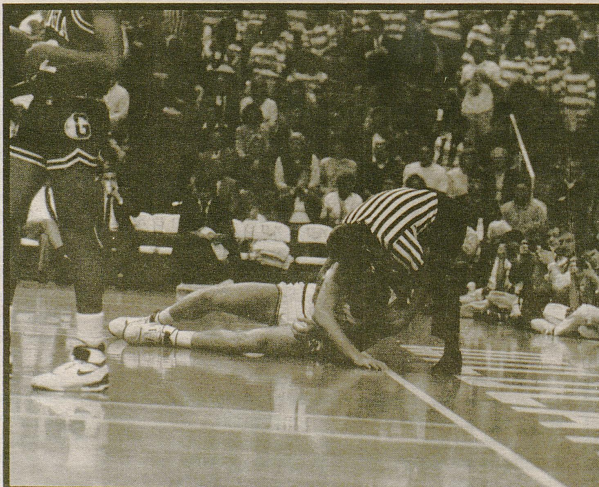
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KENTUCKY WILDCATS



UK Basketball—Joe Hall, Happy, Winston Jr. and Winston III



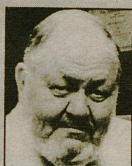
Lock Gets Helping Hand From An Official

Vandy Should Roll Out Of Baton Rouge In Style

Tourney To Be The Most Exciting In Years

The 1945 World Series between the Detroit Tigers and Chicago Cubs was a battle of the inept. Both were war-time teams made up from players who physically did not qualify for the armed service, or who were too old to be accepted into the military.

Sportswriter Warren Brown, in his series preview, wrote these now famous words:



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist



"Frankly," said Brown, "I don't think either one of them can win it."

That's the way I feel about the upcoming Southeastern Conference Basketball tournament. Frankly, I don't think any of them can win it.

This is not an "up" year for the SEC. It is a year in which there are four very good teams, three that are better than average, and three that are below par. There are no great teams in the league.

Sure, you've read that Who-Shot-John about the SEC winning nearly 75 percent of its games against non-league opponents.

But take out the pushovers, the Division I-AA or Division II and even Division III competition and what have you got?

You've got a league that as of mid-February was 2-5 against the ACC, 2-2 against the Big East, 2-1 facing the Big Eight, 3-3 in competition with the Big 10, 5-3 against the Metro Conference, 2-1 in games with the Pac-10 and 1-3 when playing Southwest Conference teams.

THAT ADDS UP TO 17 WINS AND 18 LOSSES when playing other big guys—hardly the mark of a dominant year.

The truth is that in 1988 SEC schools are very average and that means the conference tournament should be the most exciting in years.

There are only three teams that positively cannot win it. They are Alabama, Mississippi State and Ole Miss.

These three will be in the lower group of the standings. They will have to play, and win, four straight games, and they simply do not have the talent or the depth to do it.

Both Tennessee and Georgia are iffy. One of these two also will have to play four times and whichever one that is also will find it difficult, if not impossible to reach the finals.

The other team will finish the regular season in the top six and will, therefore, only play three times. It's possible the Vols or the 'Dogs could slip through—remember Ole Miss in '81 finishing sixth with an 8-10 record and coming on to win the tournament, but they'd be long shots at best.

Any of the others could be the tournament champion. There's not much to choose between Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Florida, LSU and Auburn. Most of them have looked like a Lincoln Continental one night and an Edsel the next.

LSU has the edge since the tournament is being played in the Tigers' gym. Saying that I am reminded that Kentucky beat the Tigers by 15 in Baton Rouge and Mississippi State, far down in the conference basement, reached up and tripped Dale Brown's kids in front of the LSU home folks.

I saw LSU against Alabama and, frankly, I don't think it is good enough to go all the way. On the other hand, there is no one better than Daddy Dale at inspiring a group of youngsters to play over their heads.

Kentucky and Florida are like the girl with the little curl. When they are good they are very good and when they are bad they are horrid.

THE WILDCATS HAVE THE DEPTH, THE TALENT and the coaching to be in a short tournament. What they don't have, seemingly, is the ability to play to their full capacity night after night.

That, too, is Florida's problem. They play yo-yo basketball—up one time, down the next. That is particularly true of center Dwayne Schintzius, who should be the SEC's dominant big man, but isn't. If he should decide to play all-out for three consecutive games the Gators could win it all.

Auburn and Sonny Smith are fully capable of earning the NCAA bid that goes with the tournament title. Sonny is second only to Dale Brown as an inspirational leader and he's got talented players. Injuries have wracked his club all year, but everybody will be healthy the week of March 10 and it would not be an upset to see the Tigers come through.

But if there has to be a favorite, Vanderbilt is a logical choice. Will Perdue is the SEC's most consistent big man. The Commodores have the league's best outside shooters, a pretty good bench, and wise coaching from C.M. Newton. This is a good, solid basketball team that can play three in a row at top form. Letdowns are what get you beat in tournament play. Vandy has never reached the finals. This should be the year.

If Warren Brown's philosophy is right, we could put team names in a hat and just draw one to determine the winner.

They'll play, however, and someone will take home the trophy.

But who?

Not For Broadcast

The tournament was revived in 1979 and no one has yet figured out how to solve the

problem of a half-empty hall for the championship. Since tickets are sold in season books rather than on an individual game basis, people go home after their team is knocked out and they take their ticket books with them. That leaves their seats empty for the remaining sessions. By the time the championship game is played there are only two teams left of the original 10. That means there is a lot of unoccupied space, but you can't sell specific seats that still might be occupied and you can't sell general admission because all seats were reserved prior to the start of the tournament. Is there an answer? Apparently not.

Mississippi State's recent win over Ole Miss on ESPN snapped the 'Dogs' string of nine consecutive losses on TV. The last time State won a TV game was its 65-63 victory over Auburn during the 1986 tournament in Lexington, Ky. . . By the way, the Bulldog victory also marked the fourth straight year the 'Dogs and the Rebels have split their season series, the home team winning every time. . . Again, if anyone can explain why Florida played a non-conference game against Miami at Miami on Monday before going to Oxford to play Ole Miss on Wednesday, I'd like them to tell me. Playing a nothing game in the middle of a hot race for the conference championship defies logic. It wasn't money. The game only drew 5,000. There is no doubt in my mind that this Monday trip following a Saturday game contributed to the Gators' 82-75 loss to the 3-9 Rebels. Three games in five days, two of them on the road, is ridiculous scheduling if you want to win an SEC



Who Says Gator Center Dwayne Schintzius Is Moody? Sean Murphy

championship. . . There still are shock waves around money-hungry SEC schools with the announcement that LSU has raised football ticket prices from \$14 and \$15 to \$22. That's \$18 plus a \$4 surcharge. Interestingly enough, visiting teams will pay only \$18 on tickets bought through their own schools. The surcharge will not apply to the visitors. There's always big league pressure to win at LSU, but now more than ever. Fans won't pay \$22 to watch a mediocre or even an average team in action. Witness 1983 when Jerry Stovall's club went 4-7 overall and 0-6 in the conference. Attendance fell dramatically and at the end of the season Stovall was out of a job. . . At the start of the season we predicted this would be the year of the big man in the SEC. Boy, were we wrong! The top five individual scoring games have been turned in by two guards and three forwards. Rod Barnes, Ole Miss, 34; Charles Prater, Ole Miss, 33; Alvin Lee, Alabama, 33; Toney Mack, Georgia, 32 and Mike Jones, Auburn, 32. Only Vanderbilt's Will Perdue has been a consistent performer among the league's big men. . . Kentucky is one tough team in February! In the last decade the 'Cats have won 70 and lost only 15 in February for a winning percentage of 82.4. . . Why do teams score so much more in the second half than they do in the first? Tennessee, for example, has scored 715 first-half points and 828 in the second. It doesn't seem to matter whether they're at home or on the road. In home games the Vols have 453 first-half points against 532 in the final period. On the road it's 262 and 296.

The Last Word: Ole Miss center Sean Murphy after the Rebels upset Florida and held Dwayne Schintzius to 12 points and two rebounds:

"He's a moody type (Schintzius). When they get down he has a tendency to get out of his game. When things aren't going well, he starts worrying more about the officials and teammates throwing up the ball than the game."

Truly A Night For My Old Kentucky Home

Thanks For Senior Night, Joe B.

Parting is such sweet sorrow. Isn't it?
Five University of Kentucky seniors who, for the most part, entertained us, fascinated us, and frustrated us the last four years, dressed out one last time for the home folks Mar. 2 in Rupp Arena. But it was the parting ceremony that pulled



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist



at the heart strings.

And, to me the farewell ceremony and A.B. 'Happy' Chandler, is is the true essence of basketball in Kentucky. It is at the core of why we lionize the players, but more, it is a tribute to how we feel about *The Game* here in Kentucky.

The last home game is an embrace, an acknowledgement of a kinship we feel but do not or cannot explain. The "My Old Kentucky Home" ritual is a moment that beckons a tear, makes all right a display of mutual and genuine appreciation, fan to player and back again. It is necessary.

For a few exquisite moments all the caring and kindness and good feelings fans gave to their favorite players, gush forth. And it's all right because the man or lady next to you is sniffing into a hanky too. Everything sort of bubbles to the surface. These moments are at the heart of what many of us proudly call A Dream Game in Kentucky.

The regrettable thing is, I believe, is that the moment is too soon gone, whisked away. For some reason all the good feelings must be tucked back into the trunk of our minds. Time to get back to the game and white knuckles. Who will be the next kid to throw up a jump shot.

But on the way home tonight, we can reflect in the dark, and decide for ourselves about Bill Shakespeare's remark Parting can be such sweet sorrow. Sometimes it is.

Joe B and Happy

"Boy, can that old guy sing or what?" someone whispered as Albert "we-love-him-as-Happy" Chandler thundered out the last few bars of My Old Kentucky Home at UK's Seniors Night Mar. 2.

Happy will be 90 years old in July and he is frail, stooped over. But three things have not surrendered to time. His voice, his smile, his sensibilities.

Beginning in 1977, then coach Joe B. Hall introduced the idea of seniors running through the paper covered hoops.

"Joe B. deserves credit for making Seniors Night what it is now," Russell Rice, UK sports information director said. "It's more a show, but it's a good thing for the (players') parents. And it's one helluva recruiting tool."

But Happy Chandler galvanizes the special feelings between fans and players. And he was in good form on both counts last Wednesday.

CLASS ACT. After the players were introduced and their families had joined them at midcourt, UK director of athletics Cliff Hagan did something nice. He waved Joe Hall out of the stands to come join the troupe as Jim Ingles said that the five seniors were the last of Hall's recruits for Kentucky.

Reluctantly, Hall complied, moving to shake each player's hands as well as his parents.

After Chandler sang My Old Kentucky Home, each player embraced the old man. Rob Lock wanted to talk about his dunk shot at game's end. His steal and run out slam against Syracuse on Sunday, coupled with the dunk against Georgia, summed up typically enough, Lock's years at UK.

"When I made the steal I felt like Magic Johnson," he said. "When I started dribbling the ball I thought about (pause), who in the NBA can't dribble, ah, Kenny Walker, yeah. But when I got to the basket I remembered I was still Rob Lock."

Of his driving dunk shot off a pass from Bennett at :07, Lock said, "What a nice way to end a career here. I owe this guy (Bennett) a steak dinner for that pass."

"I loved it," he added. "I want to do it again ... in Kansas City."

'Hail, Roderick!'

Lots of All-American "will you vote for our kid" glossy flyers have come across the desk the last few weeks. Examples: Danny Ferry (Duke), Hersey Hawkins (Bradley), Tom Hammonds (Georgia Tech) and Ricky Berry (San Jose St.).

But, some of us have our own ideas about what an All-American college basketball player is. In this case, I have some ideas about what they look like and none of the guys I enjoy bear the slightest resemblance to Handsome Dan Ferry or Flashy Hersey Hawkins. Allow me to present the *I Ain't Pretty But Watch My Smoke, All-Roderick Barnes Team*. This one is in honor of a youngster of whom LSU Coach Dale Brown says, "looks like Minnie Pearl, but plays like Miss America." Ole Miss's 6-1 senior guard Roderick Barnes.

Nuff said. The team:

Center — Ramon Rivas, Temple.

Forward — Perry McDonald, Georgetown.

Forward — Alaa Abdelnaby, Duke.

Guard — Barry Goheen, Vanderbilt.

Guard — Byron Dinkins, UNC-Charlotte.

Super sub — Paul Durkee, Holy Cross.

Coach — John Chaney (who also gets my vote for best "Old Mother Hubbard" sweater).

Comment I'll take Roderick Barnes as seventh man and play anybody you got.

McDonald's Derby Classic

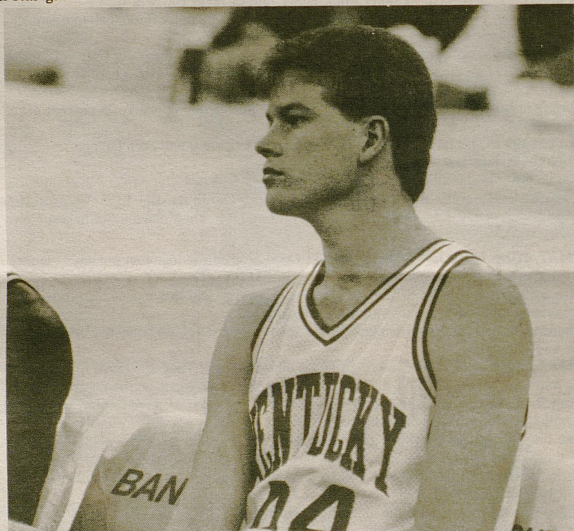
The rosters glitter with talent for the 15th annual McDonald's Derby Classic basketball all-star game April 1 in Louisville's Freedom Hall. But two hot drawing card players are missing. University of Kentucky signees Shawn Kemp, 6-11 of Elkhart, Ind. and 6-7 Chris Mills of Los Angeles.

Kemp and Mills have already committed to play in the Dapper Dan Classic in Pittsburgh and the McDonald's Classic in Chicago this summer. And under NCAA rules a high school senior may participate in only two all-star games.

"We probably worked harder on those two than anybody we have," Derby Classic game director Dave Snowden said last week. "Kemp's coach (Jim Hahn) was offered the coaching job in the Dapper Dan Classic before we could offer him the coaching job in our game. And Kemp's going with him."

Snowden still has a chance of getting Mills. "I would say about a 25-75 chance," he said. "So, we're not 100 percent out of it."

Snowden indicated that his committee, along with those representing the Dapper Dan and McDonald's Classic, will meet with NCAA officials in April to try and reach an accommodation where, starting next year, high school seniors may play in all three all-star games.



In One Instance UK's Rob Lock Was Magic Johnson

It's March!

If you're still reading this, it's March, a time of season to get a little crazy, leave logic and reason to Al Gore, George Bush and the others, and get on to some more earthy matters that touch our lives here in Kentucky.

Kollig baas-kit-bawl!

I think the Associated Press college poll in the first week in March starts to tell us some very important things about the upcoming NCAA Tournament. Who is playing best, most consistent, who isn't, and who is being overlooked, left "out there" in space. A Black Hole.

When the AP college poll came out Mar. 1 Louisville was nowhere to be found in the Top 20. Temple was there, likewise Purdue, Arizona, Oklahoma and North Carolina State, all teams that are playing very well at the right time of year. The soft spots in each of them have hardened a bit along the way.

Next, there were what I call the middle range teams, ones that still have soft spots, are unpredictable, but are improving, even while doubts remain. Naturally, it is the largest group — North Carolina, Kentucky, Duke, Pittsburgh, Michigan, Syracuse, Wyoming, Iowa, Georgia Tech and Nevada-Las Vegas.

And, there was the Black Hole. In astronomical jargon, a black hole is matter that is there, we simply cannot see it ... yet.

The Louisville Cardinals are *there* it's just that folks haven't seen them yet. But I believe we're going to see lots of Denny Crum's team this month.

Louisville's Cardinals, 20-9 at this writing, have clinched the top seed in the Metro Conference Tournament. And Crum has his team headed for the NCAA Tournament again.

And, for those of you who believe in trends, maybe even destiny, there is this: UofL's victory over Memphis State Monday night pushed the Cards record in February to 9-1. The single loss was to North Carolina State back on Feb. 13.

History. The last time Louisville lost one game in February was 1986, also to North Carolina State. From that point the Cardinals won 17 in a row including a 72-69 victory over Duke for the NCAA championship.

Yes, folks, it's March again in Kentucky. Time for "kollig baas-kit-bawl." Wonderful isn't it?

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Marquette And The MCC—It's About Time

Looks Like UT's Don DeVoe Is A Goner

Now that Marquette University has announced its intention to join the Midwestern Collegiate Conference just one question remains: What took 'em so long?

The most obvious solution to the mounting woes at the Milwaukee school has been to get into a league and forgo the traditional role as an independent. Such a move figured



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to touch every phase of the basketball operation from scheduling to recruiting. At last, with the basketball team limping home, the administration moved.

Many blame Marquette's downfall on the decay in the years after Al McGuire's departure, but I think the situation may have been more a creature of the administration's failure here to understand the rules of the game were changing. The Big East closed down McGuire's familiar New York recruiting turf. The rise of Illinois and DePaul had the same effect on Marquette's market in Chicago. But mostly the expanded tournament really ended the viability of life as an independent.

For the MCC, Marquette's arrival is a plus. There's probably still enough glamour attached to the Warriors' name for the program to be an instant headliner. But like Dayton, another new member, the MCC is inheriting two tired old ladies. It will be interesting to see if league membership is a winning remedy for either or both.

The fallout from Bobby Knight's decision to remove his team from the floor against the Russians continues. Knight recently resigned as a member of the Olympic Basketball Selection committee and privately delivered, to his friends, a blistering diatribe about ABA/USA executive director Bill Wall. On the night of the Russian incident Knight was seen in the hallway berating Wall. And that's a bit amusing since Wall sat at press row every night during Indiana's run to last year's NCAA championship wearing a bright red baseball hat and made no secret of the fact he was rooting for the Hoosiers. At halftime he would depart his seat and assume a standing position near the area where Indiana's team would run back onto the floor, apparently to make sure that Knight knew he was present.

The Supreme Court's decision to hear the NCAA v. Tarkanian case is, I believe, the most potentially-devastating story in the years I've covered college basketball. What's at stake here is the NCAA's right to mandate UNLV's firing of Jerry Tarkanian for his involvement of alleged rule breaking during the mid 1970s. Usually content with with having an institution serve a period of probation (meaning essentially no NCAA tournament invite), this time the Boys of Shawnee Mission went all the way.

In a pair of landmark lawsuits, Tarkanian managed victory over the NCAA and the right to stay on as the Rebels' coach. But the NCAA pressed on and now will have its day before the highest court of law in the land. And though I don't pretend to be a legal mind, just the fact the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case doesn't bode well for Tarkanian.

And if they find in favor of the NCAA, I'd like everyone to understand that before a college can participate in the world of sport it must first join an organization which would have complete license to run a very tight and very socialistic operation.

One of the big stories coming down toward tournament time was the run of Georgia Tech. Struggling at midseason, the Yellow Jackets caught fire behind the inspired play of guard Craig "Noodles" Neal. The senior, regarded previously as a streak shooter who often played out of control, suddenly found his niche as a play-making guard. With an up tempo game Neal began setting assist marks nearly every time out, and those who watched had to confess the youngster not only saw the court well, but showed a knack of delivering the basketball. Asked what had changed Neal, Tech coach Bobby Cremins shook his head and said he didn't know. "And," he added, "I'm afraid to ask."

Well, it's a nice story, but my suspicion is that Neal doesn't have the toughness of personality to survive the "Noodles Phenomenon" into tournament play.

While Tech was soaring, Duke was falling apart. What's happened is the overall lack of talent, plus the failure of talented Kevin Strickland to emerge as a star-quality performer has finally caught up. Two big inside players are on the way for next year and that should help. But coach Mike Krzyzewski also needs to find a point guard.

Miami coach Bill Foster finishes the fifth year of his basketball building plan next season, and there's speculation he may be asked to move on. At a school where football and baseball not only a big time, but dynamic, the basketball is a pale stepchild. I predict Miami will put together a big-money package to hire a headline coach.

Like Marquette, however, the Hurricanes need to find a conference.

One of the most touching pieces of basketball journalism recently appeared under Frank Deford's by-line in Sports Illustrated. The subject is Nolan Richardson, head coach at Arkansas, and if you read nothing else about hoops this winter, don't miss that essay.

All-American teams have begun to surface and three players—Kansas' Danny Manning, Bradley's Hersey Hawkins and North Carolina's J.R. Reid—seem to be headed for consensus selection. Michigan's Gary Grant won't be far behind. Surprisingly, two agencies, Basketball Times and The U.S. Basketball Writers Association, have chosen Hawkins over Manning as Player of the Year. Not a bad windup to a career which began in virtual obscurity. After prepping in Chicago, Hawkins had just one major college offer,

Bradley, and took it. The Braves are glad he did.

Coach of the Year honors seem to be headed toward Philadelphia for delivery to Temple's John Chaney. Lute Olson will get one or two awards and someone might salute Oklahoma's Billy Tubbs, but Chaney looks like a runaway winner.

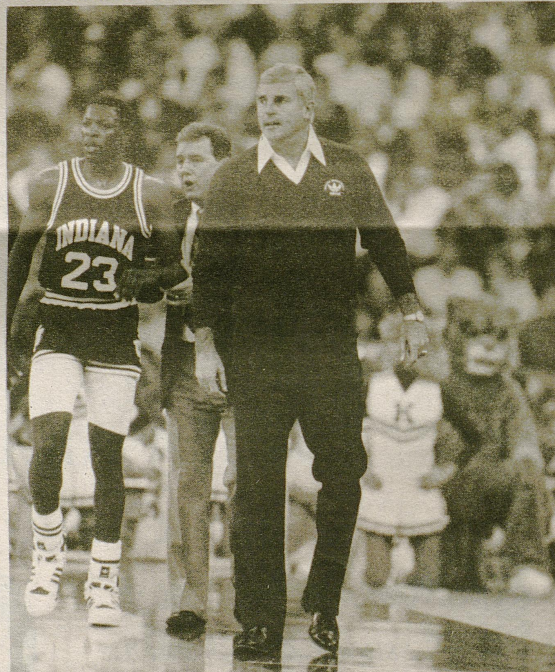
Temple freshman Mark Macon will sweep the top rookie awards, and in my view, belongs with Hawkins in the All-American backcourt. He's the best newcomer to the college world since Michael Jordan arrived at North Carolina.

DePaul's grand old man, Ray Meyer, says he thinks the Blue Demons' Rod Strickland is comparable with any backcourter in America. Then the knowing Meyer adds, "If only he'd get his head screwed on right."

There seems little doubt Strickland will go the hardship route this spring.

I'm told it won't matter what happens at Tennessee this year (or how many times the Vols beat Kentucky), coach Don DeVoe is a goner. And that doesn't surprise me. Two years ago when the move into the new arena was being contemplated, I felt it spelled doom for DeVoe. After all, when a school thinks big enough to put up a 25,000-seat arena, it figures the administrators will next turn attention to finding a showcase coach to help fill up the building. DeVoe, a solid tactician, probably lost his chance to stay on simply because he's not the world's most charismatic man. Amazing, but undoubtedly true.

I can't believe the Western Athletic Conference really has five teams which merit being in the NCAA tournament.



Knight Lets His Feelings Be Known About Executive Director Wall

North Carolina writer Art Chansky predicts that if the Tar Heels are given the home court ticket in this year's NCAA, that will be the incident which leads to a rule prohibiting host schools from playing in their own building. Chansky points out this is a tradition which has gone on for some time, but when it comes to Carolina, the outcry will be so great the committee will have to make a change. I suspect he's probably right.

Back to Tarkanian. "Tark the Shark" suggested to his booster club that in order for Billy Owens to pass his SAT test and become eligible, Syracuse had to use an old baseball trick, the designated hitter. Responded Orange coach Jim Boheim: "He's got to be kidding, doesn't he?"

Lovely world.

I think Fairfield ought to be outraged about the technical foul called at game's end against coach Mitch Buonaguro for dancing around on the floor outside the coaching box. First, the officials had to determine whether or not Buonaguro was outside of the box before or after the St. Peter's player signalled for time out following the Fairfield basket which put the Stags up by a point with two seconds to go. Second, what about the St. Peter's coach being outside his own coaching box pointing at Buonaguro? Geez, the coaching box has a purpose, but even in a New York City-based league, officials ought to have more common sense than that.

The recent rash of fights will probably lead the rules committee to seriously consider widening the lane, perhaps to the same dimensions as the international lane. If not this year, I predict they'll make such a move a year from now.

Looking At Possible NCAA Tourney Teams

SEC Should Get 5, Maybe 6, In 64-Team Field

March Madness—CBS Sports has been promoting it during every college basketball game since February. It's certainly the type of inspiration any college hoop junkie relishes. As usual, the NCAA loves it because of all the tremendous revenue and growing popularity it brings every season.

This season will be especially appealing because of the advent of parity that has in-



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filtrated college basketball. Since the middle of February, the pre-tournament favorites have already come to the forefront. Temple, Arizona, Purdue and Oklahoma have been installed as the favorites to make the journey to Kansas City in April. However, keep in mind that conference tournaments have yet to be completed and none of these teams has ever had much success in the NCAA tournament. In fact, of the foursome, only Oklahoma has ever reached the tournament's final eight since the year 1981.

Who will reach the Final Four is anybody's guess. However, one thing is for certain: Anybody who enters the office pools around the country for the NCAA tournament will certainly be getting his money's worth this year. So without further notice, let's take a peek at who might or might not be invited to this season's tournament with a breakdown of the eligible candidates from every major conference in the country. Keep in mind a short cut will be taken for the token bids given out to the representatives of the smaller conferences, because despite the parity, they don't stand much of a chance anyway.

SOUTHEASTERN:

If all goes well, barring an upset in the SEC tourney, five, if not six, league school's will be participating in the NCAA's this season. UK, Vandy, Florida, Auburn and probably LSU will make it. Tennessee definitely slit its own throat this season—it could have played better at home. One possible sleeper team who Notre Dame coach Digger Phelps likes to make some noise in the tourney is Vanderbilt. Phelps said after his team lost to Vandy in South Bend that the 'Dores have an excellent chance this season of finishing in the final eight.

ATLANTIC COAST:

No more than five representatives will reach the NCAA's this season. North Carolina, Duke, N.C. State and Georgia Tech are solid locks, while Maryland is on the bubble. However, keep in mind that the Terps have played one of the tougher schedules in the country and have beaten Arkansas and South Carolina. Also, close losses on the road to North Carolina and LSU will play very heavily on the minds of the members of the selection committee. The team to watch, however, is N.C. State. Jimmy Valvano seems to always have the Wolfpack clicking at the right time—during the NCAA tournament—and his team is playing its best ball of the season at this time. The front line of Charles Shackleford and Chuckie Brown has improved tremendously over the course of the season, and Chris Corchiani and Vinny Del Negro give the Wolfpack the type of backcourt that can play well under the tournament atmosphere.

BIG TEN:

In January, this conference looked to be a sure bet to send six representatives. However, both Ohio State and Indiana have struggled of late. Indiana will more than likely get in while the door has just about been slammed for Gary Williams' squad at Ohio State. Purdue, Illinois, Michigan and Iowa should be spread to each of the four regions by the selection committee. Purdue appears to be the best team to represent the Big Ten, however, Gene Keady's squad must get over the preliminary-round jinx which has been haunting it. Two years ago LSU upset Purdue in Baton Rouge, while last year it was Florida. With four senior starters, I'm sure Keady is definitely looking for that to change.

BIG EAST:

This conference seems to be the only league in the country that is worthy of sending at least six teams to the tournament. Pitt, Syracuse, Villanova, Georgetown, St. John's and Seton Hall should make it. Though Pitt and Syracuse will get most of the publicity when the tourney gets underway March 17, I've got a feeling Villanova might make some noise and possibly bring back memories of the 1985 championship team. 'Nova doesn't have overpowering size but has the type of team that can do well under tournament pressure and the much-experienced coach in Rollie Massimino. With any luck of the draw, don't be too surprised if 'Nova makes a regional final somewhere.

BIG EIGHT:

Five teams should be invited this season in what has been one of the conference's better balanced races it's had in years. Of course, Oklahoma has all the horses to reach Kansas City, but consistency has always been a problem for any Billy Tubbs-coached club. For some reason, the Sooners can become a completely different club while not playing games at home. Meanwhile, Kansas State, Kansas, Iowa State and Missouri should round out the rest of the league's representatives. One team to keep an eye out for is Iowa State. Though Johnny Orr's club has struggled with a losing streak midway through the season, this team has also lost a lot of close games. Orr's clubs have played well in the past during NCAA play, and this season might be no different behind the dynamic play of All-American Jeff Gray.

METRO:

Denny Crum can throw away the crying towel this season as the Cardinals earned their way this season by winning the Metro regular-season title. Probation ruins the chances of Virginia Tech and South Carolina, while Memphis State, Southern Miss and Florida State are teams on the bubble.

WESTERN ATHLETIC:

The most improved conference in the nation should have at least four, if not five, reps this season. BYU, New Mexico, Wyoming and UTEP have already earned 20 victories. Utah, on the other hand, is on the bubble. Colorado State has a slim chance. Why do I get the feeling no WAC team will do well in the tournament this season? Sure, BYU has had its moments this season, but the Cougars did lose to Hawaii. Wyoming has been a minor disappointment and UTEP's schedule is not very tough.

SOUTHWEST:

Arkansas, SMU and Baylor are the only three teams that can really be considered. Both Arkansas and SMU will probably receive bids. Baylor will probably win 20 games, but its schedule is just so-so. Texas and Houston are long shots at best. From the looks of things, don't be surprised to see some more early eliminations from this conference again this year.

MISSOURI VALLEY:

Bradley and "The Hersey Hawkins Show" will be in full force this March. Meanwhile, Wichita State should get the league's second bid.

SUN BELT:

UNC Charlotte and Virginia Commonwealth have good chances. Old Dominion has to be considered. With 14 losses, UAB has to win the postseason tournament.

PACIFIC COAST:

UNLV and UC-Santa Barbara will get in. Utah State and Long Beach State are on the bubble. Keep an eye out for the Gauchos from Santa Barbara. Coach Jerry Pimm has previous NCAA coaching experience and his team has gone relatively unnoticed this season, despite beating UNLV twice. Pimm worked wonders with a Cinderella Utah team a couple of years ago in the West Regional.

PAC-10:

Arizona. However, Oregon State and Stanford have to be given a look by the committee. However, only Arizona is capable of winning over two games in the tourney.

INDEPENDENTS:

DePaul, and probably Notre Dame, should receive invitations. Akron has already won 20 games, but has a nothing schedule.

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UK NOTEBOOK: One player the UK coaching staff might regret redshirting is 6-7 forward **Deron Feldhaus** from Mason County. Feldhaus has developed his skills much faster than the staff anticipated. Feldhaus has worked extremely hard in improving his game



UK Redshirt Freshman Deron Feldhaus Impresses Vandy's Newton

both during the offseason and in practice. In fact, Vandy coach C.M. Newton has indicated that he probably would be a starter for the Commodores this season, had he chosen to play in Nashville rather than Lexington. Some reports from former UK players who have played against the UK freshman during pickup games reveal that he has the body and shooting touch to be a key contributor for the rest of his Wildcat career. . . Former Wildcat guards

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Even On Road, 'Cat Fans Can't Get Tickets

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year, Kentucky won the title with a 13-5 mark. In the 1980s, four teams have now won the title with 13-5 marks and three (1982, '83 and '88) of those teams have belonged to Kentucky. LSU also won the crown with a 13-5 mark in 1985.

Perhaps the better indication of balance in the SEC, though, is the fact that three teams tied for last place with identical 6-12 marks.

It is the first time in SEC history that the last place team has recorded more than five league victories in a season. Prior to this year, three teams (Georgia in '71, Ole Miss in '78 and Florida in '83) enjoyed five wins while occupying the league cellar.

Had Kentucky lost to Ole Miss on Saturday, it would have marked the first time in league history that the champion survived with just a 12-6 mark.

Balance has definitely arrived, but nothing has changed at the top. Kentucky is the SEC

champion for a record 37th time.

A few weeks ago when Kentucky's chances for reclaiming the title appeared very dim, *TCP* noted that it would have marked the first time in 25 years that Kentucky would have gone two straight seasons without a piece of the title.

Fear no more, the 'Cats are back!

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WORTH NOTING . . . The Oxford Holiday Inn, the team headquarters for the Wildcats, was overrun by Wildcat fans all day Saturday as folks from western Kentucky came to get a glimpse of their Wildcat heroes. When the 'Cats raced onto the coliseum floor in pregame warmups, it sounded as though the Wildcats were at home . . . One of the first All-SEC teams was released in the Deep South prior to the game. The *UPI* All-SEC team had **Rex Chapman** on the first team and

Ed Davender on the second five-man squad . . . It was, as teammate **Derrick Miller** noted, Chapman's finest game ever as a Wildcat. "He was right," beamed Miller in the Wildcat dressing room. "It's by far the best he's played since we've been here, better than his game against Louisville." Miller, who has accepted his team role with class, approached one reporter and offered the observation . . . Kentucky won the title because it did what most true champions do, win all the games with teams at the bottom of the league. Kentucky went 6-0 against Ole Miss, Alabama and Mississippi State. Unfortunately, the 'Cats will have to face either Alabama or Ole Miss in their first SEC tournament battle Friday evening in Baton Rouge. As a rule, you'd think Kentucky would rather play Ole Miss, given past history, etc., but Ole Miss is different this season. In fact, Kentucky shot a blistering 62.5 percent from the field and still won by only seven points.

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deck seats seem to further from the floor than Rupp; 3) Parking is unbelievably bad—those who are not big contributors must walk at least a mile (assuming they can find a spot at all), or take a shuttle from downtown, adding several bucks and lots of time to the experience. I attended the UK-UT game with a UT fan who has a reserved spot, and even that was a good half-mile walk. I think UT will have a tough time filling the arena consistently, even with a competitive team.

To sum up, a friend's daughter from Knoxville recently saw her first game in Rupp and came home raving about the entire downtown complex; nobody talks that way about Thompson-Boling.

A 'Cat fan in Orange Land,

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Knoxville, Tennessee

Oscar Combs

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had scored 51 points in a district tournament game Friday night. At the same time, UK assistant **Dwayne Casey** was some 3,000 miles away in southern California where he was watching super blue-chipper **Don MacLean** play . . . The *Southeastern Conference* will soon be moving its headquarters to a location which has more space in Birmingham, but rumors have it that it will be only a matter of time before the conference offices will be moved to Atlanta, where it will get more visibility in the South's largest city . . . While the NCAA's findings of an investigation into the Kentucky basketball program was the hot topic in the Bluegrass State last week, there was little talk among

fans in Mississippi. Three of the major newspapers in the region gave the story the major play of the day, but the headline writers were "kind" to say the least. Said *The Jackson Clarion-Ledger*: "NCAA: No proof of Kentucky basketball wrongdoing." The *Memphis, Tenn. Commercial Appeal* said: "Kentucky exonerated by NCAA probe." And the local *Oxford Eagle* headlined: "NCAA exonerates UK." And UK radio color analyst **Ralph Hacker** said *Lexington Herald* sportswriter **Jerry Tip-ton** offered to participate on the Kentucky Network's pregame phone-in show to answer questions about the story. Said Hacker, "We didn't get one single call on the NCAA. Nobody cares about it anymore."

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Leroy Byrd and **James Blackmon** will be making another attempt at professional basketball. Apparently, both players are seriously considering trying out for a Vancouver franchise of the International Basketball Association, which is for players 6-foot-4 and under. Blackmon was recently released by the Savannah franchise of the CBA. . . Former UK forward **Derrick Hord** is doing well with his career off the basketball court. Hord is leaving Lexington for an insurance job in Pittsburgh. . . **Sean Sutton** has been suffering from a shooting slump from the free throw line. Heading into UK's regular-season finale at Ole Miss, Sutton was 19 of 31 from the stripe for 61.3 percent, ahead of only Richard Madison (57.1 percent) and LeRon Ellis (52.9 percent). Sutton converted 17 of his first 22 freebies for the year, but has missed seven of his last nine. "Yes, it does bother me," he said after UK's 95-69 victory over LSU. "Ever since I missed some free throws against Auburn I have lost a little confidence. I'm still having trouble getting used to the big crowd background in Rupp Arena, but that's no excuse." . . . Did you ever wonder why UK guard **Ed Davender** mysteriously wore his socks stretched all the way up to his knees during UK's loss at Florida? According to Davender, there was a private bet with UK assistant **Jimmy Dykes** that he wouldn't wear them that way before a national-television audience. It must have been a bad omen as the 'Cats got whitewashed 73-66. . . Say what you want about LSU coach **Dale Brown**, but he made an excellent point about his team after the Tigers were drubbed 95-69 in Rupp Arena. Brown said the Tigers have been playing shorthanded because of various reasons. Foreign transfers **Zoran Jovanovich** and **Hernan Montenegro**, both in the seven-foot range, could have bolstered the Tiger front line but have since left the squad. Jovanovich had an injury-prone career and Montenegro had to go back to his native country because of financial reasons. And former All-American forward **John Williams**, who went hardship to the NBA after his sophomore year, would have been a senior this season, while much-traveled **Tito Horford** transferred to Miami before ever playing for LSU. "It's a miracle where we are at because of our lack of talent," Brown said. "Wisdom can only carry you so far and really doesn't mean anything against a much more talented team like Kentucky. However, we might knock heads again and meet when it counts—in the tournament. Then we will roll the dice for the NCAA." . . . Former UK offensive coordinator **Perry Moss** has resigned from his post as the defensive coordinator at Central Florida. He left the college ranks to become the coach of the Chicago Bruisers of the Arena Football League. . . Ex-Wildcat receiver **Larry Seiple** has been named the receivers coach for his old NFL club, the Miami Dolphins. The 43-year-old Seiple had previously been the receivers coach for the Detroit Lions and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. . . Former UK offensive lineman **Dermontti Dawson** keeps receiving good reviews from NFL scouts. Before the college all-star games his draft status ranged from anywhere from a solid second- to fourth-round draft pick. Now, because he played extremely well at the center position, Dawson in all likelihood will be no worse than a second-round selection. Pro scouts love his outstanding speed and quickness, and his ability to play either guard or center.

Seniors Win Finale At Home

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Defense, as it usually is, was the difference. Both teams shot well. Kentucky hit on 58.3 percent of their shots. Georgia connected for a 51.8 percentage.

The Bulldogs, as Sutton admitted, "kicked the 'Cats' tails" on the boards (29-19).

So it came down to the 19 'Dog miscues versus 10 'Cat mistakes. Or nine baskets, according to Durham's basketball math.

"If we don't turn the ball over nine more times than Kentucky we're looking at nine more baskets," said Durham. "When we don't

turn it over we're operating at high efficiency."

One of those efficient players was forward **Toney Mack**, who had a game-high 21 points.

The "Mack-attack" helped offset a subpar offensive showing by high-scoring guard **Willie Anderson**. Anderson was held to 12 points after encountering early foul problems.

Although Georgia was highly efficient in some respects Kentucky's "senior high" managed to carry the 'Cats through to the final home win of the season.

For at least five of the players it was better than peaches and cream.

Wildcats Continue To Climb Up Poll, End Regular Season In No. 6 Spot

On the strength of a pair of wins over Georgia and Ole Miss, and with some indirect help from Long Beach and Duke, the Kentucky Wildcats ended up the regular season as the No. 6 team in the *Associated Press* Top Twenty Poll.

The top four teams from last week—Temple, Purdue, Arizona and Oklahoma—remained the same. Pitt, which split a pair of Big East games but defeated previously No. 12 Syracuse, moved up from No. 7 to No. 5.

With the two wins, Kentucky moved up two spots, jumping over UNLV, which was beaten at home by Long Beach, and North Carolina, which lost on the road at Duke. UNLV dropped from No. 5 to No. 7. North Carolina slipped from No. 6 to No. 9.

The Wildcats are now the only Southeastern Conference team remaining in the poll. Vanderbilt, which has been slumping of late, was 19th last week. But the Commodores, who lost conference games to Auburn and Mississippi State, dropped out of the rankings.

AP Top Twenty

	Previous Week
1. Temple	1
2. Purdue	2
3. Arizona	3
4. Oklahoma	4
5. Pitt	7
6. Kentucky	8
7. UNLV	5
8. Duke	9
9. North Carolina	10
10. Michigan	10
11. N.C. State	16
12. Bradley	14
13. Syracuse	12
14. Wyoming	12
15. Iowa	11
16. Loyola, Calif.	17
17. Brigham Young	15
18. Georgia Tech	13
19. Illinois	20
20. Xavier	20

Three Kentucky Players Named To All-SEC Teams; Vandy's Newton Coach of the Year

Two All-SEC teams were released last week, and three UK players were listed.

Rex Chapman was a first-team selection by both AP and the SEC coaches. Winston Bennett was a second-team pick by AP and was also on the coaches' team. Ed Davender was named to AP's third team.

Vanderbilt's C.M. Newton was voted as AP's Coach of the Year.

AP First Team:

Will Perdue (C)	Vanderbilt
Dyron Nix (F)	Tennessee
Chris Morris (F)	Auburn
Rex Chapman (G)	Kentucky
Vernon Maxwell (G)	Florida

AP Second Team:

Ricky Blanton (F)	LSU
Winston Bennett (F)	Kentucky

Michael Ansley (F)	Alabama
Roderick Barnes (G)	Ole Miss
Willie Anderson (G)	Georgia

AP Third Team:

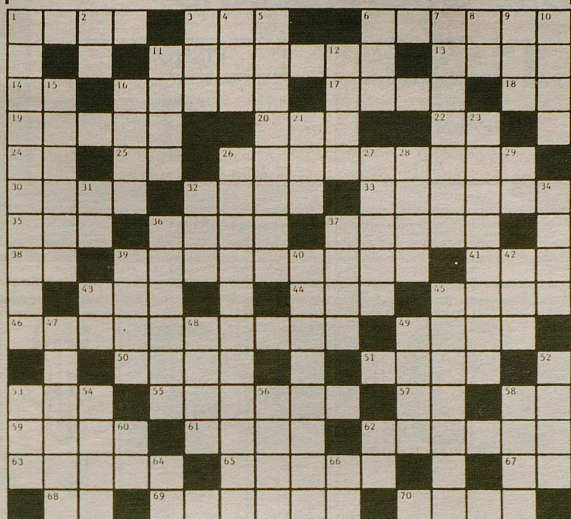
Dwayne Schintzius (C)	Florida
Jose Vargas (C)	LSU
Ed Davender (G)	Kentucky
Barry Goheen (G)	Vanderbilt
Charles Prater (F)	Ole Miss

SEC Coaches:

Dyron Nix (F)	Tennessee
Michael Ansley (F)	Alabama
Chris Morris (F)	Auburn
Ricky Blanton (F)	LSU
Winston Bennett (F)	Kentucky
Rex Chapman (G)	Kentucky
Willie Anderson (G)	Georgia
Roderick Barnes (G)	Ole Miss
Vernon Maxwell (G)	Florida
Will Perdue (C)	Vanderbilt

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SEC REGULAR SEASON CHAMPS THROUGH THE YEARS

ACROSS

- 1 Winningest SEC title coach
- 2 Medicine man
- 6 Star of Mississippi State's first SEC champs
- 11 1st name of star of '49 SEC champs
- 13 Namesakes of coach of 3-time SEC champ Vols
- 14 Initials of 6 Across
- 16 Won first SEC title in '65
- 17 Against
- 18 Symbol for "europium"
- 19 Coach of '60 SEC champions, Auburn
- 20 DeVoe took Vols to tie for SEC title in '82
- 22 Initials of Iowa's Heisman winner Nile
- 24 Abbr. for "National Guard"
- 25 Initials of '60s Duke star Heyman
- 26 SEC record includes thirty-six titles
- 30 Won 8 SEC titles
- 32 Heavy blow
- 33 The '86 Cats _____ to a 17-1 SEC title
- 35 SEC titles for Auburn
- 36 SEC titles for Ole Miss
- 37 All _____ Rupp was the SEC's best
- 38 Initials of coach Skinner of 16 Across
- 39 Won or tied for 7 SEC titles
- 41 Abbr. for a Bible book
- 43 Cats won 6 SEC titles in a _____ from '68-'73
- 44 "_____ the season to be jolly"
- 45 Coach McCarthy of MSU's '59 champs
- 46 The _____ led Cats to SEC title in '84
- 49 "In your _____"
- 50 Club
- 51 Compassion
- 53 They dress in white
- 55 Former White Sox Fox
- 57 Abbr. for "left"
- 58 Ted _____ of '64 champion Cats
- 59 Blair Guillon's Vols won SEC title _____
- 61 Heroin
- 62 Honor for Johnny Cox of '58 SEC champs
- 63 A Cat of period of 47 Down
- 65 Flammable liquid
- 67 Initials of '30s Cat letterman Elmo
- 68 Initials of 13 Across
- 69 Round caps
- 70 Fruit drinks

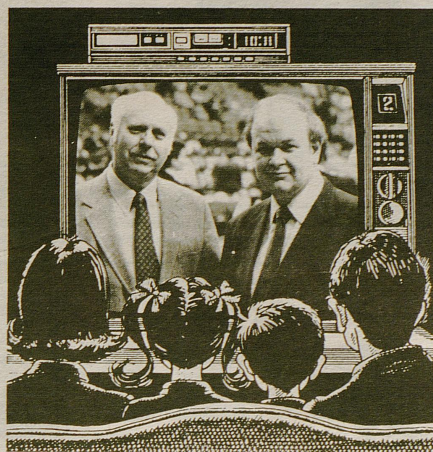
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- 1 Coached LSU to first SEC title
- 2 Initials of '68, '69 and '70 All-American/SEC star
- 3 _____ led Cats to 17-1 title in '70
- 4 _____ time coach Henry Crisp led 'Bama to '34 co-title
- 5 Star of 16 Across in '65
- 6 Farn animal
- 7 Crease
- 8 Initials of Allen of '42 SEC champion Cats
- 9 Alkaline substance
- 10 _____ last title came in '85
- 11 Final
- 12 Can not
- 15 _____ scoring led '54 Cats to SEC title
- 16 Calf flesh
- 21 Abbr. for a Canadian province
- 23 Captain of '80 SEC champs
- 26 Star of Cats' last SEC champs
- 27 Persuades
- 28 Essence
- 29 Compass abbr.
- 31 'Bama _____ SEC in '87
- 32 John Mauer's '41 and '43 Vols _____ SEC titles
- 34 First name of 64 Down
- 36 Coach of 'Bama's champs in '74, '75 and '76
- 37 Sale conditions
- 39 Heavy weights
- 40 Cats won _____ SEC titles
- 42 Saperstein of the Globetrotters
- 43 NE state abbr.
- 45 "He _____ under the boards"
- 47 Rupp's Cats were a big _____ in '47-'49 period, going undefeated in SEC
- 48 Poems
- 49 "_____ it up!"
- 52 Georgia _____ won sole SEC title in '38
- 53 First name of an '88 Cat
- 54 _____ pl: large shrimp
- 56 Not on time
- 58 Johnny _____ Crimson Tide won it all in '56
- 60 Comparative suffix
- 62 Initials of coach of first undefeated SEC champ
- 64 Initials of coach of '79 and '81 SEC champs
- 66 Initials of coach with one SEC title - so far!

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MISSISSIPPI VS ALABAMA (SEC TOURNEY)		ALABAMA 1	OLE MISS 7	ALABAMA 3	ALABAMA 3	ALABAMA 2	OLE MISS 3
GEORGIA VS MISSISSIPPI STATE		GEORGIA 8	GEORGIA 12	GEORGIA 4	GEORGIA 7	GEORGIA 3	GEORGIA 8
LSU VS VANDERBILT		LSU 3	VANDY 3	LSU 12	LSU 4	LSU 1	VANDY
FLORIDA VS TENNESSEE		FLORIDA 2	TENNESSEE 1	FLORIDA 2	TENNESSEE 3	FLORIDA 12	FLORIDA 11
SEC TOURNAMENT CHAMPION		AUBURN	KENTUCKY	AUBURN	KENTUCKY	KENTUCKY	AUBURN
IOWA AT INDIANA		INDIANA 6	INDIANA 3	INDIANA 3	INDIANA 5	IOWA 3	INDIANA 3
WISCONSIN AT MICHIGAN STATE		MICH. STATE 8	MICH. STATE 11	MICH. STATE 7	MICH. STATE 5	MICH. STATE 6	MICH. STATE 4
MINNESOTA AT PURDUE		PURDUE 10	PURDUE 16	PURDUE 5	PURDUE 18	PURDUE 11	PURDUE 12
ILLINOIS AT NORTHWESTERN		ILLINOIS 3	ILLINOIS 7	ILLINOIS 13	ILLINOIS 6	ILLINOIS 12	ILLINOIS 3
OHIO STATE AT MICHIGAN		MICHIGAN 17	MICHIGAN 10	MICHIGAN 7	MICHIGAN 10	MICHIGAN 7	MICHIGAN 6
DEPAUL AT MARQUETTE		DEPAUL 4	DEPAUL 3	DEPAUL 10	DEPAUL 4	DEPAUL 8	DEPAUL 2
NOTRE DAME AT DAYTON		N. DAME 1	N. DAME 5	DAYTON 2	N. DAME 4	N. DAME 4	N. DAME 4
DUKE VS VIRGINIA (ACC)		DUKE 1	DUKE 3	DUKE 9	DUKE 6	DUKE 6	DUKE 10
NORTH CAROLINA STATE VS CLEMSON		N.C. STATE 4	N.C. STATE 8	N. C. STATE 2	N.C. STATE 3	N. C. STATE 4	N. C. STATE 4
NORTH CAROLINA VS WAKE FOREST		UNC 18	UNC 6	UNC 14	UNC 9	UNC 12	UNC 6
MARYLAND VS GEORGIA TECH		GA. TECH 2	MARYLAND 11	GA. TECH 7	GA. TECH 7	GA. TECH 5	GA. TECH 8
ACC TOURNAMENT CHAMPION		DUKE	DUKE	N. C. STATE	GA. TECH	DUKE	DUKE
OKLAHOMA VS COLORADO (BIG EIGHT)		OKLA. 17	OKLA. 12	OKLA. 11	OKLA. 17	OKLA. 27	OKLA. 12
KANSAS VS OKLAHOMA STATE		KANSAS 3	KANSAS 5	KANSAS 3	KANSAS 4	KANSAS 6	KANSAS 3
BIG EIGHT TOURNAMENT CHAMPION		KANSAS	KANSAS	KANSAS	KANSAS ST.	OKLAHOMA	MISSOURI
GEORGETOWN VS SETON HALL (BIG EAST)		G'TOWN 3	G'TOWN 1	SETON HALL 2	G'TOWN 3	G'TOWN 2	G'TOWN 6
BIG EAST CHAMPION		SYRACUSE	PITT	SYRACUSE	PITT	SYRACUSE	PITT
METRO CHAMPION		LOUISVILLE	LOUISVILLE	MEMPHIS ST.	LOUISVILLE	MEMPHIS ST.	LOUISVILLE
WESTERN ATHLETIC CHAMPION		WYOMING	WYOMING	WYOMING	UTEP	WYOMING	BYU
PAC-10 CHAMPION		ARIZONA	ARIZONA	ARIZONA	ARIZONA	ARIZONA	ARIZONA

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Eight Years Ago

*Behind some awesome board work and tenacious man-to-man defense, Kentucky blasted Florida State 97-78 in the first round of the NCAA Midwest Regionals played in Bowling Green. UK jumped out to an 18-5 lead but the Seminoles got back within 22-17 before the 'Cats broke the game open just before halftime, leading 49-27 at the intermission break. Of the final 22 points scored in the half, the Wildcats were responsible for 18. UK held a shocking 34-13 halftime rebounding edge and finished with a 54-31 difference. Kyle Macy led Kentucky with 16 points while Fred Cowan and LaVon Williams scored 14 each. Center Sam Bowie poured in 13 and grabbed 11 rebounds. The win advances Kentucky to the Midwest Region second round, which will be held in Lexington's Rupp Arena. Four of the nation's best teams will be there as UK plays Duke while Indiana

and Purdue kick things off in the opener.

*The University of Kentucky baseball team went to Starkville, Miss., and downed the highly-ranked Bulldogs 9-4. State was 29-1 at home last year. UK got home runs from Mark Hredzak. Dan Pototsky and Greg Ryle. Jeff Keener got the win, pitching five no-hit innings. State came back the following day to bomb the visiting Wildcats, 10-0. The Wildcats split two games with Tennessee, losing the first game of a twinbill 3-2 before coming back to win 7-4. In the second game UK was aided by homers from Pototsky and Mike Harding.

*Wildcat senior guard Kyle Macy has been named to both the first team All-America squads of the *Associated Press* and *United Press International*.

Twelve Years Ago

*The Kentucky basketball team will be returning to the Big Apple of New York for

the first time since 1951. The National Invitational Tournament has selected the 'Cats to participate in its tournament at Madison Square Garden. Kentucky presently has a 14-10 mark.

*In the final game ever to be played in Kentucky's historic Memorial Coliseum, the Wildcats scored an unbelievable comeback in beating Mississippi State 94-93 in overtime. Kentucky trailed 84-77 with 1:23 left in regulation and State players already were being interviewed on the radio as to how they upset the 'Cats. Kentucky comprised a small unit of Merion Haskins, Jack Givens, Bob Fowler, Reggie Warford and Larry Johnson then pressed the 'Dogs and tied the score at 84-84 to send the game into the extra period. UK then went on to win as Givens finished the evening with 26 points, followed by Mike Phillips' 22. Johnson contributed 16 and Warford 12 points. The win ends UK's regular season at 15-10 as the 'Cats move to spacious Rupp Arena next season.

*Kurt Mock of the UK wrestling team defeated fifth-seeded Toshi Oonishi of Washington 31-12 in a wild 134-pound match in the NCAA wrestling meet.

*The University of Kentucky baseball squad defeated Louisville 21-5 and 17-14 at Parkway Field to open the Bat Cats season.

Thirteen 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, respectively.

*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 the Big Blue to qualify as the SEC No. 1 representative in the NCAA, where it will meet Al McGuire's Marquette club.

Seventeen Years Ago

*The Kentucky Wildcats, which were ranked No. 8 in one poll and ninth in another, set eight school records this year. They were: scoring average, 96.7; total points, 2,513; shooting percentages for SEC games, 52.2 percent; times scored 100 points or more, 15; coliseum scoring for one game, 121 points; total points in SEC games only, 1,728; 26th SEC title and fourth SEC title in succession.

*Kentucky coach Adolph Rupp has been named the UPT's SEC Coach of the Year. An ailing Rupp was just recently released from the UK Medical Center after a month of treatment.

*Kentucky center Tom Payne was chosen first team *Associated Press* All-SEC. Tom Parker, Mike Casey and Larry Steele all made second team.

*The SEC coaches voted Mississippi's Johnny Neumann as the league's sophomore of the year.

Kentucky shot-putter Jesse Stuart placed No. 5 in the nation in the NCAA track meet.

*Kentucky football coach John Ray signed Rick Nuzum to a Wildcat scholarship.

*Western Kentucky and Kentucky will meet in an NCAA Midwest tournament contest next week in Athens, Ga. Western is led by seven-footer Jim McDaniels, while the 'Cats are paced by Tom Payne and Tom Parker. The two have never met on the hardwood.

Eighteen Years Ago

*Kentucky ended the regular season 25-1 by downing Tennessee 86-69. Dan Issel and Tom Parker each scored 21 points to pace

the 'Cats to victory.

*Tom Parker was named Sophomore-of-the-Year by SEC coaches. San Key was on the second team.

*With UCLA being upset by Southern Cal, Kentucky finished the season atop the rankings in the final *Associated Press* poll and fourth in the *United Press International* poll.

*After trailing 53-48 at the half, Kentucky went to 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 matched the number on his jersey by scoring 44 points. Mike Pratt added 14, followed by 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 its opener. UK sophomore Larry Bannon yielded but seven hits and Derek Bryant had two hits for Kentucky.

Thirty-Two Years Ago

*Kentucky's 6-foot-7 center Bob Burrow was named to the third team *Associated Press* All-America squad. Burrow is from Wells, Texas. San Francisco center Bill Russell heads the first team. UK's Jerry Bird was a honorable mention selection.

*The Big Blue wound up its regular campaign with a 101-77 triumph over Tennessee before 10,500 fans at Memorial Coliseum. The win was UK's 19th in 24 games and 12th in 14 SEC games, giving it second place behind Alabama. The Wildcats led all the way as sophomore guard Vernon Hatton paced the 'Cats with 20 points, followed by Jerry Bird's 17. Phil Grawemeyer returned to the UK starting lineup with 16 points. Twelve Wildcats hit the scoring column.

*Finishing second to Alabama in the SEC, UK must now await the verdict of the conference, which is in the process of conducting a poll of school presidents to determine which team will represent the SEC in NCAA play. Alabama's entire first team is ineligible for NCAA play.

*Kentucky's 19-5 record marked the first time since 1945 that the 'Cats failed to win 20 games in regular season play. It also was the first time since 1941 that coach Adolph Rupp lost five regular season games.

Thirty-Three Years Ago

*Billy Evans, captain of the Kentucky Wildcats, 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 only in 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 No. 1 in the *Associated Press* and *United Press International* polls with a 23-1 record. Kentucky was second with a 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 to personal fouls. Pacing UK was Gayle Rose with 20 points. Bob Burrow tallied 19 and John Brewer 16.

WILDCAT QUIZ

1. Besides Kentucky which SEC team has won the most conference tournaments since 1979?

- a) Auburn
- b) Vanderbilt
- c) Alabama
- d) LSU

2. Which of the following schools has not won the tournament since 1979?

- a) Georgia
- b) Alabama
- c) Vanderbilt
- d) Mississippi

3. Two former UK players (Dirk Minniefeld and Kenny Walker) hold the SEC tournament record for the most free throws attempted in a tournament game. Who also shares this honor?

- a) Bernard King
- b) Anthony Wilson
- c) John Stroud
- d) Cecil Dowell

4. Who was last year's SEC tournament MVP?

- a) John Williams
- b) Derrick McKey
- c) Will Anderson
- d) Chris Morris

5. True or False? In '78 Auburn and Georgia played in four overtimes during an SEC tournament game.

6. Which SEC team scored the fewest points in any league tourney contest?

- a) Mississippi State
- b) Ole Miss
- c) Auburn
- d) Florida

7. What former SEC forward holds the tournament mark for most rebounds?

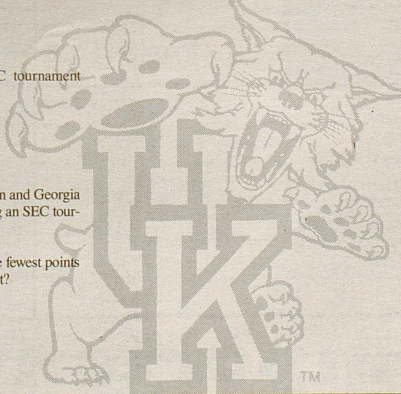
- a) Melvin Turpin
- b) Chuck Person
- c) John Williams
- d) Cedric Henderson

8. True or False? During the 26-year history of the SEC tournament Mississippi State has never won the tourney title.

9. What Kentucky player holds the mark for most points scored during the entire tournament?

- a) Kyle Macy
- b) Cliff Hagan
- c) Kenny Walker
- d) Winston Bennett

10. True or False? Florida coach Norm Sloan has never won the SEC tournament.

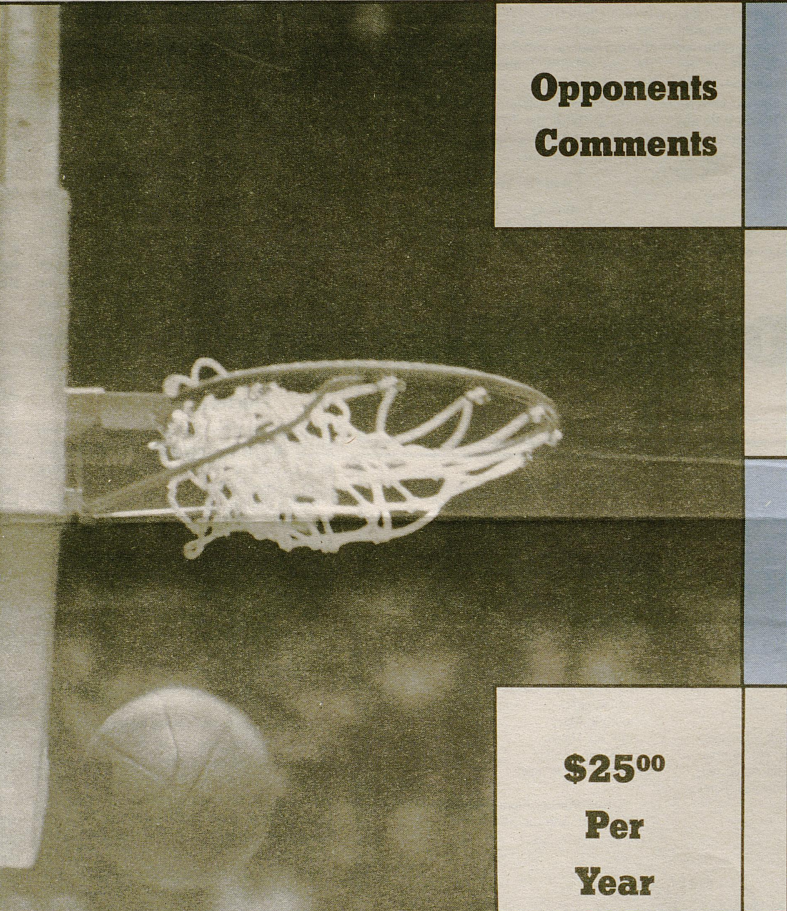


Answers

1. Alabama (twice).
2. Vanderbilt.
3. Mississippi's Cecil Dowell (18).
4. Derrick McKey.
5. False (Georgia and Auburn did play in four overtimes, but it was in 1979, not '78, silly).

6. Florida (25 points, 1941).
7. John Williams (20 rebounds versus Florida, 1986).
8. True.
9. Cliff Hagan (110 points, 1952).
10. True.

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