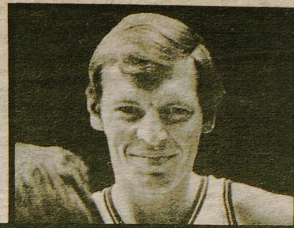


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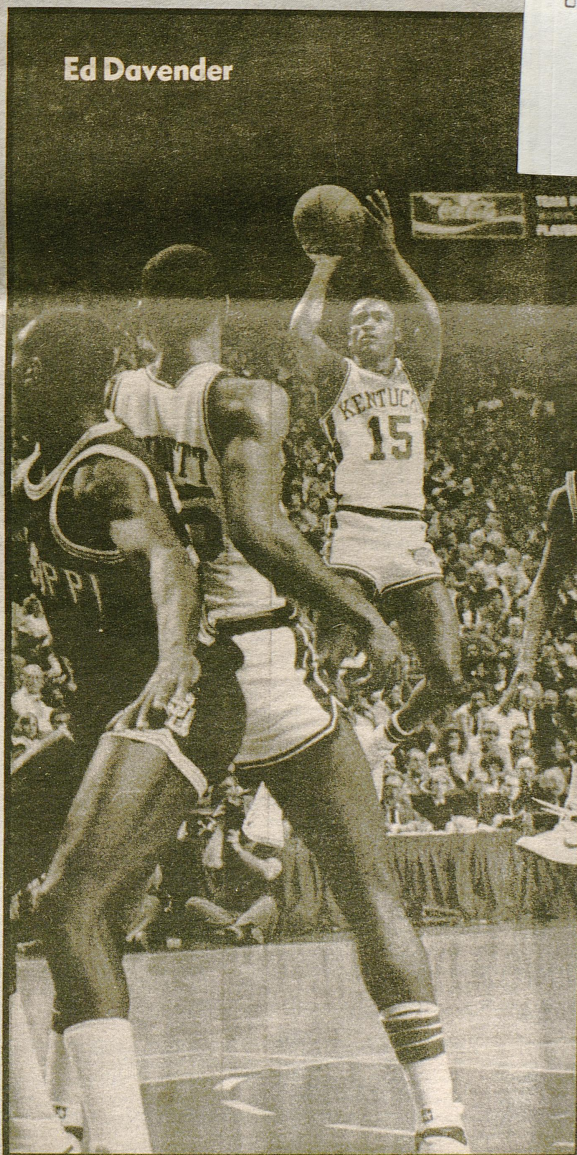
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Kentucky Basketball Statistics

1984-85 UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY BASKETBALL STATISTICS (17 GAMES)

Overall:	9-8	Home:	7-2	Neutral:	1-0	Away:	1-6	SEC:	4-4
Player	G-OS	Field Goals	Free Throws	Rebounds	PF-D	A	T	Points	High
Kenny WALKER (C) 8-8	17-17	136-254-53.5	113-150-75.3	176-104.4	44-0	23	27	365-22.6	36-KAN
James BLACKMON (C) 8-8	16-12	58-128-45.3	19-27-70.4	27-1.7	34-1	49	27	135-8.4	17-TOL
Winston BENNETT (C) 8-8	16-13	46-109-42.2	33-49-67.3	90-5.6	53-4	9	31	125-7.8	14-LOU
Ed DAVENDER (C) 8-0	17-3	42-108-38.9	31-44-70.5	12-0.7	35-1	37	40	115-6.8	27-ETS
Bret BEARUP (C) 8-8	17-17	38-96-39.6	15-24-62.5	98-5.8	49-3	17	22	91-5.4	13-ETS
Roger HARDEN (C) 8-8	16-16	37-91-40.7	9-10-90.0	21-1.3	32-0	68	25	83-5.2	12-LOU
Richard MADISON (C) 8-0	16-0	32-86-37.2	16-20-80.0	53-3.3	25-1	12	23	80-5.0	16-IND
Troy MCKINLEY (C) 7-0	14-0	23-36-63.9	6-6-100.0	15-1.1	3-0	10	5	52-3.7	12-KAN
Paul ANDREWS (C) 5-0	12-3	13-27-48.1	0-1-00.0	6-0.5	15-0	7	7	26-2.2	8-SMU
Robert LOCK (C) 6-0	15-4	10-34-28.4	2-6-33.3	35-2.3	29-1	3	7	22-1.5	8-TENN
Cedric JENKINS (C) 6-0	12-0	1-7-14.3	1-2-50.0	15-1.3	4-0	0	5	3-0.3	3-VAN
Todd ZIEGLER (C) 1-0	6-0	1-3-33.3	0-1-00.0	2-0.3	0-0	0	0	2-0.3	2-VAN
Leroy BYRD (C) 3-0	6-0	0-0-00.0	0-1-00.0	1-0.2	4-0	3	2	0-0.0	----
Team				23			3		

Kentucky (C) 8	437-979-44.6	245-341-71.8	574-33.8	327-11	238-224	1119-65.8	92-KAN
Opponents (C) 8	203-438-46.3	103-148-69.6	267-33.4	150-5	112-102	509-63.6	75-VAN
MINUTES PLAYED:	Walker 617-36.3, Bennett 454-28.4, Blackmon 452-28.3, Harden 420-26.3, Bearup 442-26.0, Davender 306-18.0, Madison 276-17.3, Andrews 115-9.4, McKinley 124-8.5, Lock 132-8.8, Jenkins 45-3.8, Byrd 10-1.7, Ziegler 8-1.3						

BLOCKED SHOTS:	Walker 22, Bearup 8, Lock 6, Bennett 5, Madison 3, Jenkins 2, Davender 1 (UK 48, Opp. 32)						
STEALS:	Walker 19, Bennett 19, Blackmon 19, Harden 15, Davender 13, Bearup 7, Madison 6, McKinley 3, Lock 2, Andrews 1, Jenkins 1. (UK 105, Opp. 68)						

DEAD BALL REBOUNDS:	Kentucky 40, Opponents 45						
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RESULTS

GAME	UK-Opp	Attend	High Scorer	High Rebounder
Toledo (H, Nov. 27)	63-54	23,129	Walker, Blackmon 17	Walker 9
Purdue (A, Dec. 1)	56-66	14,123	Walker, Blackmon 16	Walker 9
SMU (H, Dec. 4)	54-56	22,846	Walker 19	Walker 7
Indiana (A, Dec. 8)	68-81	17,214	Walker, Madison 16	Bearup 11
Louisville (A, Dec. 15)	64-71	19,487	Walker 32	Walker 15
East Tenn. (UKIT, Dec. 21)	69-54	21,300	Davender 27	Walker 9
Cincinnati (UKIT, Dec. 23)	65-65	23,102	Walker 18	Walker 9
Kansas (Louisville, Dec. 31)	92-89	18,920	Walker 36	Walker 19
Auburn (H, Jan. 2)	68-61	22,847	Walker 24	Walker 13
North Carolina St. (H, Jan. 5)	78-62	23,775	Walker 28	Walker 8
Vanderbilt (H, Jan. 7)	75-68	23,432	Walker 26	Walker 10
Mississippi (A, Jan. 9)	57-45	5,479	Walker 28	Walker 12
Alabama (A, Jan. 12)	58-60	15,043	Walker 25	Walker 14
Mississippi State (H, Jan. 16)	58-57	23,628	Walker 15	Walker 8
Florida (H, Jan. 19)	55-67	23,325	Walker 26	Bennett 11
Georgia (A, Jan. 23)	73-81	10,163	Walker 28	Walker 17
Tennessee (A, Jan. 27)	65-81	12,700	Walker 23	Walker 9
LSU (H, Jan. 31, 8:05 p.m. EST)				
Auburn (A, Feb. 2, 2:05 p.m. EST)				
Vanderbilt (A, Feb. 7, 8:05 p.m. EST)				
Mississippi (H, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m. EST)				
Alabama (H, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m. EST)				
Mississippi State (A, Feb. 16, 8:30 p.m. EST)				
Florida (A, Feb. 20, 8:05 p.m. EST)				
Georgia (H, Feb. 24, 1:05 p.m. EST)				
Tennessee (H, Feb. 28, 8:05 p.m. EST)				
LSU (A, Mar. 2, 3:05 p.m. EST)				
SEC Tournament (Mar. 6-9) Birmingham				

1984-85 Kentucky Basketball Superlatives

	TEAM	Opponents
Points	Kentucky	92-Kansas
Fewest Points	54-SMU	45-OM
Field Goals Made	36-Kansas	37-Kansas
Field Goals Attr.	79-Kansas	66-Kansas
Field Goal %	55.4-Georgia	66.1-Indiana
Lowest FG %	37.7-SMU	29.1-Cincinnati
Free Throws Made	36-N.C. State	30-Purdue
Free Throws Att.	37-N.C. State/Kansas	41-Purdue
Free Throw %	94.4-Vanderbilt	100.0-East Tennessee St.
Rebounds	31-Kansas	42-Alabama, Florida
Most Fouls	36-Purdue	28-N.C. State/Kansas
Fewest Fouls	10-East Tenn. St.	13-Louisville
Assists	21-Kansas	27-Kansas
Most Turnovers	22-Purdue	25-N.C. State
Fewest Turnovers	7-East Tenn./Toledo	7-Tennessee
	INDIVIDUAL	
Points	36-Walker vs. Kansas	34-Brooks (Tennessee)
Field Goals Made	14-Walker vs. Louisville	14-Brooks (Tennessee)
Field Goals Attr.	25-Walker vs. Louisville	21-Brooks (Tennessee)
Free Throws Made	12-Walker vs. Kan/NCS	13-Gadis (Purdue)
Free Throws Att.	20-Walker vs. Kansas	14-Gadis (Purdue)
Rebounds	19-Walker vs. Kansas	15-Koncak (SMU)
Assists	8-Harden vs. NCS/Aub	11-Webb (N.C. State)
Blocked Shots	Davender vs. Kansas	
	4-Walker vs. Cincinnati	4-Koncak (SMU)

Adams Says Vols Or Cats Will Be Choice

Staff Hits Road

While Kentucky has almost cleaned house in the Commonwealth with early verbal commitments, Eastern Kentucky product Vic Adams is the apparent lone hold-out.

A 6-2, 238-pound lineman, Adams has reportedly narrowed his list to two, Kentucky and Tennessee. The Middleboro senior has been near the top of Jerry Claiborne's list since last spring. Linemen come at a premium in college football and many believe Adams may be the best lineman to come out of the mountains in a long time.

Another Kentuckian who has been on the Kentucky list is 6-0, 190-pound Joey Hamilton of Louisville. He hasn't been rated as high as others, but has potential nevertheless.

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Recruiting outside Kentucky is picking up some and the Cats are hard after 6-3, 247-pound defensive lineman Doug Houser of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He reportedly visited Syracuse last week and will tour Ole Miss this week.

Another high on the Big Blue list is tailback Al McKinney of Middletown, Ohio.

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While Kentucky is putting a lot of effort on bordering states, the Wildcat staff became more particular on the junior college route and struck out in the process.

Kentucky was more aggressive the past two years because of low roster numbers. Now that the roster numbers have improved drastically, UK isn't as eager to risk JC signees as in the past.

According to UK sources, UK won't have any JC transfers coming in this year since they usually enroll at the beginning of the second semester.

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Former Wildcat Stars Should Be Honored

It's time to rectify a gross injustice to the dozens of outstanding athletes who have toiled and brought much fame to the University of Kentucky.

Over the years, stars such as Ralph Beard, Alex Groza, George Blanda, Cliff Hagan, Bob Gain, Steve Meilinger, Frank Ramsey, Dom Fucci, Paul "Bear" Bryant, Babe Parilli, Mark Nenow, Adolph Rupp, and many others have never been awarded their just recognition.

What we're speaking of is the absence of a University of Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame. For some unknown reason, Kentucky has never felt it important to create such a recognition process.

While others retire jerseys or numbers of their very best alumni, UK usually has waited for one of the national shrines to honor her former athletes, like the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame or the College Football Hall of Fame.

But there is a more revered place to honor the very best and it would be right here in Lexington.

Since 1976, there has been talk of an Adolph Rupp Basketball Museum at Rupp Arena. It has never gotten off the ground. It was first scheduled for completion in 1977 and the project has dragged on and on and apparently is doomed to failure.

Latest word is that it may result in a few showcases inside the Lexington Center which would be a tragic mistake, not to mention cheapening UK's great heroes by just decorating a few windows for the benefits of a few commercial businesses.

What University of Kentucky officials should do is to build its own complete Hall of Fame on campus, perhaps near Commonwealth Stadium and the K-Men's House. Instead of just a basketball museum, it should be for all sports. Of course, the heavy emphasis should be on basketball and football.

What brings all this to mind is last week's retirement announcement of Dan Issel of the Denver Nuggets. After 16 years in the pros, Dan will be hanging it up this spring.

And despite his numerous contributions to the University of Kentucky program, he has never been recognized publicly for those accomplishments. Of course it's early and perhaps University officials are preparing a special night for him at Rupp Arena. The sad part is that many UK greats have gone before him without recognition.

One of the greatest is UK athletics director Cliff Hagan. Another is Frank Ramsey, a long-time member of the UK Board of Trustees and athletics board member. Both were honored by the National Basketball Hall of Fame,

but I'd bet my lunch money each would admit a greater satisfaction for a local celebration.

That's what a local Hall of Fame could accomplish. There would be inductees each year, voted on perhaps by a panel of sportswriters and old-timers, much like the other national hall of fame balloting.

Ceremonies could be held annually, either during a football game at Commonwealth Stadium or a basketball game at Rupp Arena. A banquet on the evening before the contest would be one of the most attractive events of the year.

The Hall of Fame would not have to be limited to just ex-UK athletes. It should include provisions to recognize outstanding individuals who have made major contributions to the sports programs at the University, such as people who helped conceive the Rupp Arena idea (see Mel Holbrook's column elsewhere in this edition), people who have been dedicated public servants in the interest of sports like trainers, managers, athletics board members.

But above all, the membership should be very selective, certainly a mark of excellence should have been achieved so as not to cheapen the very idea. No person should qualify for membership for at least five years after their departure from the campus.

I would love to see the day I could walk into such a place and relive the great by-gone days of Bear Bryant in the early fifties and the national championship of the Fabulous Five. And ten years from now, again go back and see how history remembers the great athletes of today.

Perhaps I'm only dreaming, but such a facility would be an immense success, not to mention the assets in recruiting it would create for all coaches at the University.

Unfortunately, a Hall of Fame is not associated with huge profits. Almost always, museums (no matter how large or small) are run at deficits. With that in mind, most school officials don't even want to engage in such a conversation. Shame on them.

Are they ready to admit they're exposing the student-athlete for every penny they can get from their talents and then drop them?

A sports museum operated by a university would not be that expensive. The pluses would far outweigh the minuses. That's not saying it would make a profit, but it could become close to self-sustaining and would be a great place for any recruit (student, athlete, alumni or fan) to tour when visiting Lexington. The

University of Alabama is launching a similar project on its campus.

Perhaps University officials are unaware of such interest, or maybe there isn't interest and I'm the lone nut who loves to relive the past. If you'd like to see such a plan carried out at UK, we'd like to hear from you. Drop us a line and we'll pass along your comments to UK officials.

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After back-to-back losses to Georgia and Tennessee on the road last week, Kentucky faces a win-or-else situation against LSU at home on Thursday and then it's on the road the next day for a date with Auburn on Saturday.

If Kentucky is unable to sidetrack the Bengal Tigers, then Coach Joe B. Hall's crew is squarely facing the possibility of a losing season once again. A loss to LSU and the Kentucky season record is 9-9 with two straight road games facing them.

Against Georgia, the Wildcats played fairly well, considering all things, except the defense broke down terribly in the final half. The encouraging signs came from the field goal range where the Cats shot 55.4 percent for the game. That's the good news. Bad news is that UK shot that well and still lost by eight.

Sunday was another matter. For the 12th time in thirteen trips to Knoxville, UK came away a loser to the Vols in the Joe B. Hall era. It's become ole hat in K-town.

While Kentucky played well in the first half, everything went to pieces in the last twenty minutes when turnovers, lack of assists and poor shooting took over.

Other than Kenny Walker's 23-point exhibition, the only other bright spot was Robert Lock's 8 points and six rebounds in ten minutes of playing time.

Kentucky again was victimized by outstanding guard play. Michael Brooks was unstoppable, scorching the nets for 34 points. When all was said and done, UT's guards outscored the Wildcats' backcourt men 48-14.

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Kentucky's football recruiting has really taken off in the past few days and the biggest news of the recruiting season came last weekend when Parade Magazine All-American Mike Pfeifer announced he will sign with UK on the national letter-of-intent signing date in February. Within hours, teammate Carwell Gardner, another blue-chipper, also committed.

Pfeifer is a big, strong lineman, the kind of athletes that don't come along every day and that's the type athlete

coach Jerry Claiborne sorely needs to shore up his lines.

Those close to the scene believe some other major verbal commitments are just around the corner. The way things shape up right now, Claiborne may enjoy his finest year of recruiting yet at Kentucky, and that's saying something after last year's group headed by Mark Higgs.

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With national signing date less than two weeks away, we have some special football recruiting coverage for you this week including a handy recruiting chart (pages 16-17) which shows all the coaches' respective recruiting areas.

There's also an updated list of verbal commitments and comments from Mike Pfeifer (who has since announced he will attend UK) taken from an interview last week.

Because of the obvious recruiting wars being waged by all schools, UK is keeping mum about out-of-state prospects. But reports are that the Wildcats are in very good shape with three or four recruits.

Since Claiborne has done a masterful job handling his talent with red-shirting the past three years, UK will have only 20 or 21 scholarships to offer next month and while it may not seem right, that's extremely good news for the program.

The State of Kentucky is down in quality, as far as numbers are concerned, this year so this is a good time when you don't have the full NCAA limit of 30 scholarships to offer.

So far, all of the major commitments coming from Kentucky preps have been in favor of the Big Blue. It'll be interesting to see how they continue.

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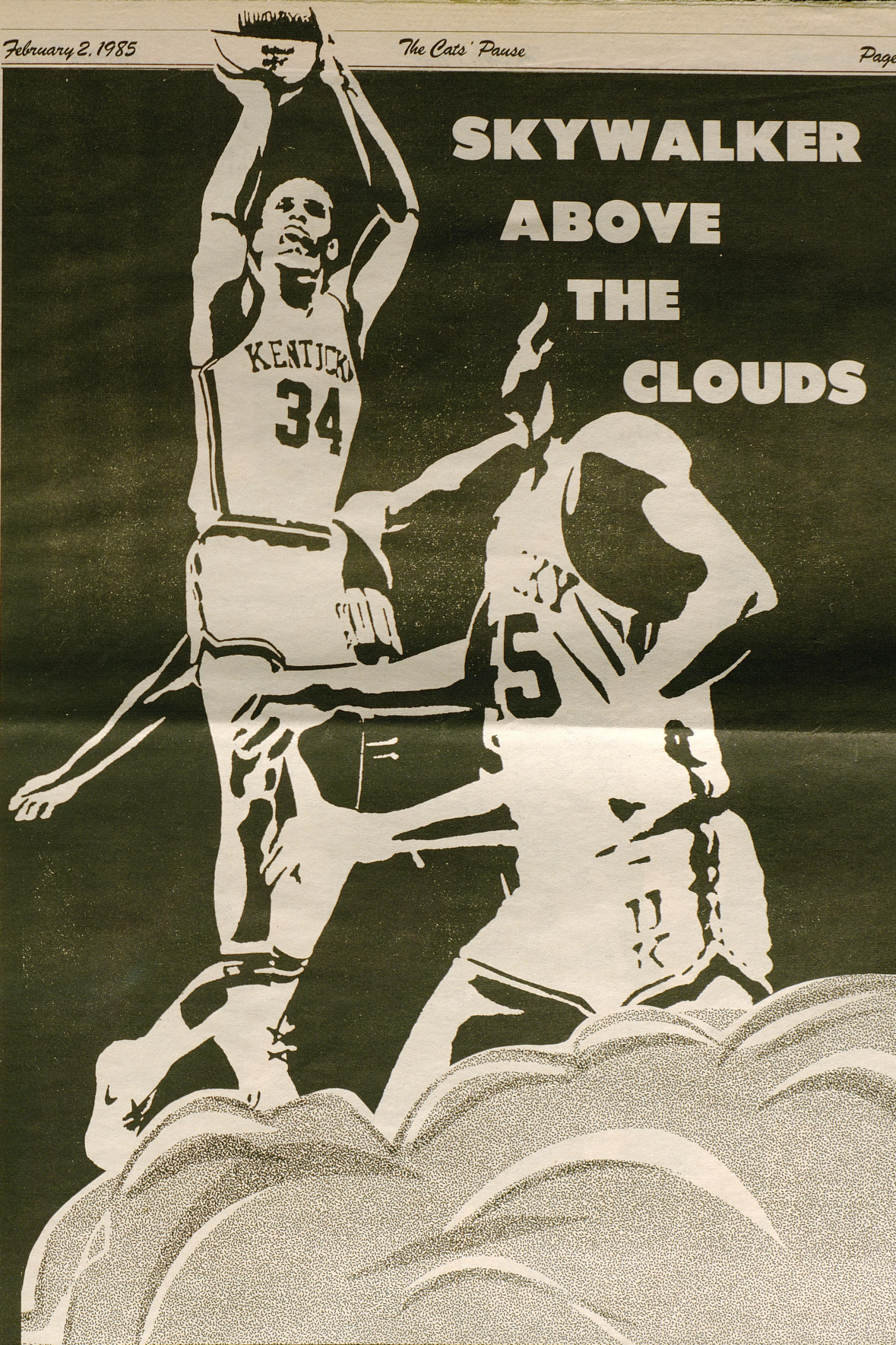
HITS AND MISSES. . . Although the 1985 signing date hasn't even arrived, there's as much talk about a Kentucky junior as any of the seniors. Reports have it that all the big ones (Notre Dame, Georgia, Alabama, Nebraska, Oklahoma, UCLA, etc.) are already beating the door down at Trigg County where running back **Al Baker** is expected to become one of if not the greatest prep running back in the state's history. Responsible for handling UK's recruiting chores in that upcoming battle is **Farrell Sheridan** who says the kid can "flat play college football today." Humml. . . Some players take it easy in the off season, but not junior-to-be quarterback **Bill Ransdell**. He never misses the opportunity to improve himself. Just last

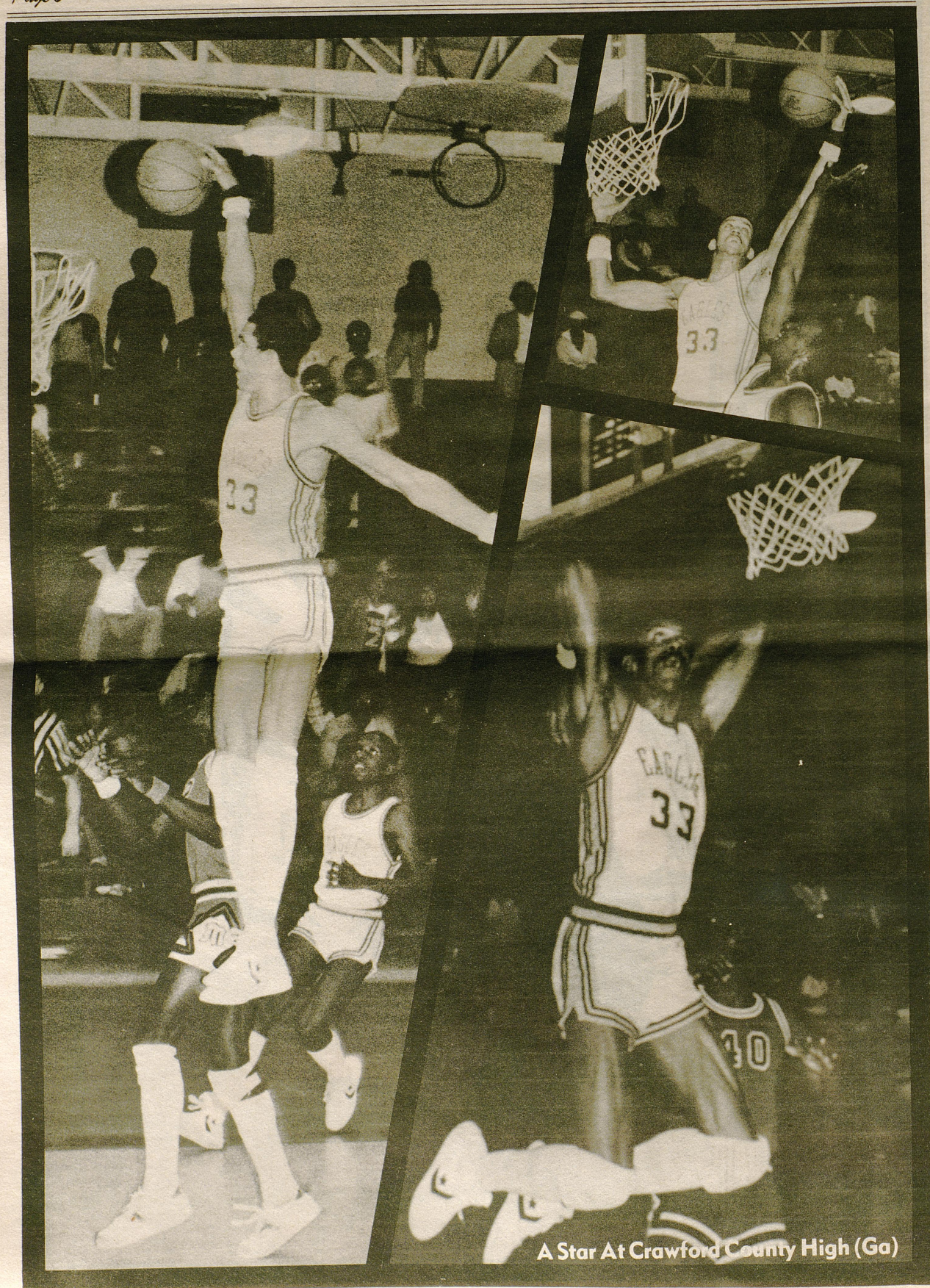
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He is the first out-of-state prepster to verbally commit to UK.

SIGNINGS FROM NEXT 50:						
73	102	Lorenza Smith	SF	6-6	Birmingham, AL	Alabama
74	103	Mike Vreeswyk	SF	6-6 1/2	Morrisville, PA	Temple
75	105	Marvin Alexander	BF	6-7	Memphis, TN	Memphis State
76	110	Jay Johnson	PG	5-8	Concord, OH	Ohio State
77	111	John Paul Oosterbaan	C	6-10	Kalamazoo, MI	Michigan
78	112	Jerry Jones	BF	6-6	Country Club Hills, IL	UTEP
79	113	Dyron Nix	BF	6-7	Ft. Walton Beach, FL	Tennessee
80	114	Greg Church	SF	6-7	Palm Bay, MO	Missouri
81	115	Marty Eggleston	C	6-9 1/2	Coatesville, PA	Villanova
82	116	Eric Muehring	C	6-9	Peabody, MI	Wisconsin
83	119	Bryan Tucker	F/C	6-10	Hyattsville, MD	Villanova
84	122	John Sykes	BF	6-7 1/2	Merced, CA	Texas
85	123	Sam Graham	BF	6-6 1/2	Bronx, NY	St. Bonaventure
86	124	Michael Moore	SF	6-6	Compton, CA	New Mexico
87	126	Brian Schwabe	BF	6-9	Merper Island, WA	Northwestern
88	127	Derek Bruton	C	6-10	Gilroy, CA	Stanford
89	128	Derrick McHoe	2G	6-1	Elizabeth, NJ	V.C.U.
90	129	Anthony Cook	BF	6-8	Van Nuys, CA	Arizona
91	136	Jeff Flynn	C	6-9	Cincinnati, OH	Cincinnati
92	137	Arnold Hamilton	PG	6-1	Birmingham, AL	South Alabama
93	138	Bryan Hughes	PG	6-1	Rivera Beach, FL	Miami, FL
94	139	Greg Lockhart	SF	6-2	Memphis, TN	Mississippi State
95	141	Brian Ray	SG	6-6	Middle Village, NY	George Washington
96	144	Reggie Rankin	2G	6-2	Columbus, OH	Ohio U.
97	145	Brian David	C/F	6-9	Carroll, IA	Arizona
98	146	David Robinson	BF	6-8 1/2	Gainesville, FL	Louisville
99	147	Bruce Wheatley	C/F	6-8	LaPuente, CA	Arizona
100	148	Todd Wolfe	SF	6-6	Arlington Heights, IL	Michigan State
101	150	Derrick Cooley	SF	6-5	Birmingham, AL	Marshall
102	150	Tony Patterson	2G	6-6	Lyons, IN	Purdue
103	150	Mark Brown	PG	5-11	Columbus, OH	Michigan State
104	150	Mike Mitchell	SF	6-6	Santa Ana, CA	Fresno State

SKYWALKER ABOVE THE CLOUDS



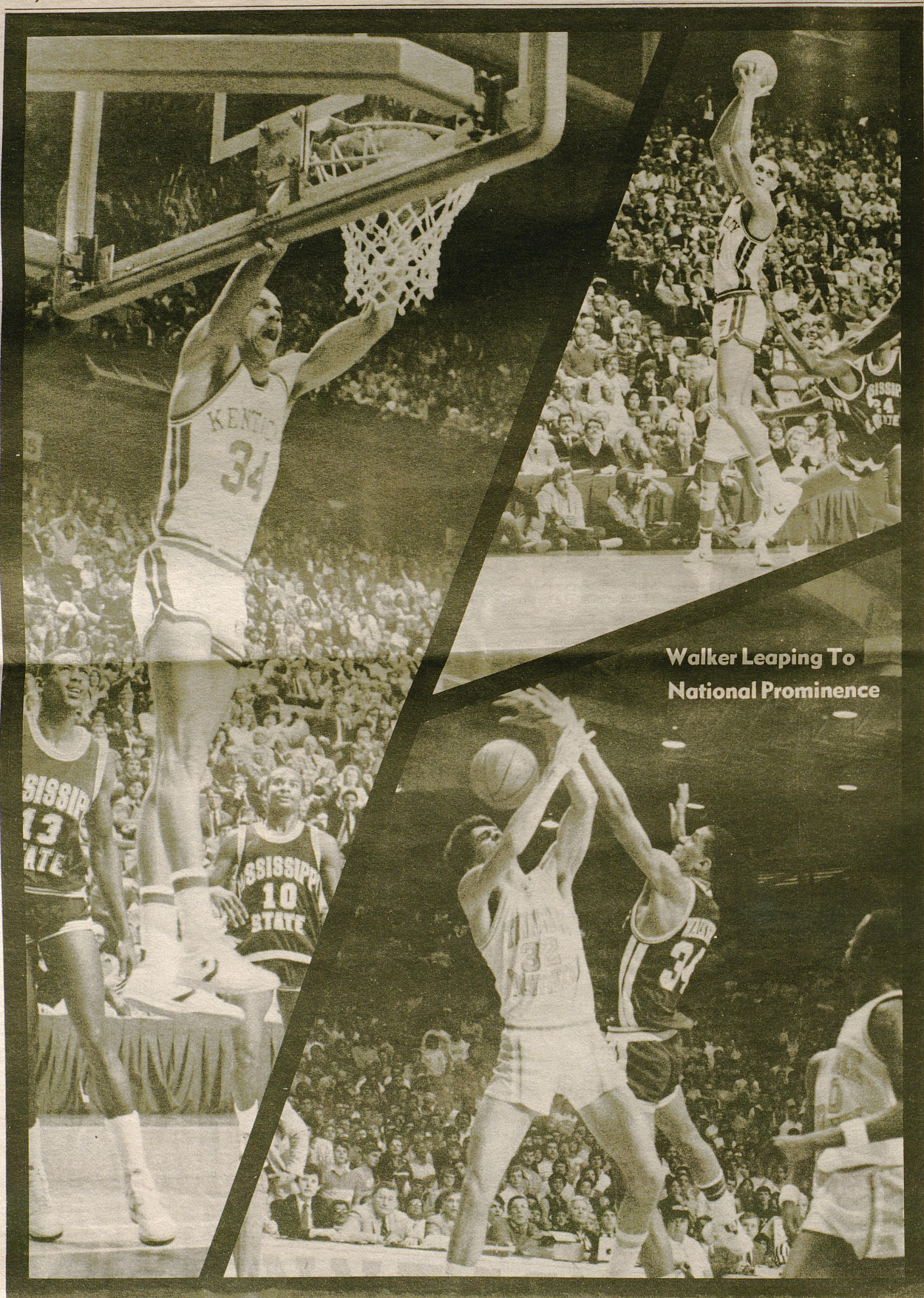


A Star At Crawford County High (Go)

Intensified!

Walker's '84-'85 Statistics

KENNY WALKER	MIN	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	REB	PF	A	TO	BS	S	POINTS
TOLEDO	35	5-14	7- 7	8	3	3	0	1	1	17
Purdue	37	6- 8	4- 4	9	4	1	2	0	0	16
SMU	35	5-14	9-14	7	2	1	2	1	3	19
Indiana	29	6-10	4- 4	3	4	0	1	0	0	16
Louisville	40	14-25	4- 5	15	2	2	1	0	1	32
EAST TENNESSEE STATE	36	5-10	2- 4	9	2	2	2	0	1	12
CINCINNATI	35	5-13	8- 8	9	2	1	1	4	0	18
Kansas (L'ville)	38	12-23	12-20	19	1	0	1	2	1	36
AUBURN	39	10-18	4- 6	13	3	0	2	3	0	24
N.C. STATE	39	8-15	12-13	8	1	1	0	3	2	28
VANDERBILT	31	7-11	8- 8	10	3	3	1	1	2	22
Ole Miss	40	9-16	10-14	12	4	3	4	1	5	28
Alabama	37	7-15	11-15	14	2	1	2	0	1	25
MISSISSIPPI STATE	39	5-12	5- 6	8	4	1	2	2	0	15
FLORIDA	29	10-17	6- 8	6	3	0	2	0	1	26
TENNESSEE	35	11-18	1- 5	9	2	1	0	0	0	23



Walker Leaping To
National Prominence

'85 Final Four: A Dream Come True

The story of Rupp Arena, the site of this year's NCAA Div. I Final Four Basketball Tournament, and how it was built, is a fascinating one.

That is, it's fascinating to hear Jim Host tell it.

Host is the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Host Communications, Inc., a public relations and marketing firm. He was one of the many backers of the proposal for a new downtown arena in Lexington. And, with a lot of help from his friends, Host and Lexington got what they wanted: Rupp Arena.

"The ground-breaking ceremony for the building of Rupp Arena was the happiest day in my life, besides my marriage and the birth of my kids," said Host. "It was a great, great, great day."



Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

Now, before I go on, let me mention that if Host had his way, his name wouldn't even be mentioned in a story about the arena. He doesn't want any undue publicity. Throughout his rendering of the details, Host made sure he mentioned the names of as many people he could so they, too, could receive the credit they deserve.

"I accept no credit or accolades for the new arena or civic center," Host said in an interview at his Lexington office last week. "That's because it couldn't have happened without a group of volunteers who spent hundreds and hundreds of hours working on this project. There is no way the state of Kentucky can every repay those who had so much to do with this happening."

The 'happening' to which Host refers was brought about by those unfortunate people who didn't have season tickets to Memorial Coliseum and never got to see the University of Kentucky basketball team play in person.

Known as "The Alley Cats" because they were always figuratively "out in the alley" whenever the Wildcats played at the Coliseum, prominent Lexington businessmen like Dr. Roy Holsclaw, Don Blevins and Dewitt Hisle raised the necessary funds and travelled all over the country looking at different basketball arenas so they could convince then-Mayor Foster Pettit and then-Fayette County Judge Bob Stephens their idea was a viable one.

Lexington had a problem it needed to solve with an unused tract of land that became available when then-Mayor Fred Fugazzi had railroad tracks removed from the downtown area.

Fugazzi removed the tracks in 1965 with the approval of then United States Vice-President Hubert Humphrey, his good friend, with whom Fugazzi frequently worked. Through Humphrey, the city was awarded an urban-renewal grant to revitalize the downtown area.

"Part of the agreement of that federal grant was if we built a civic center, then the 25 percent of the project we were supposed to refund to the government would be forgiven," said Host. "But by January of '72, no one had a plan to construct a facility. One of the many fears was its construction would be a tremendous drain on the taxpayers. Another was that if we didn't come up with something soon, we would lose part of that money funded to us."

Pettit and Stephens approached Host, who had started his own business after an unsuccessful run for lieutenant governor in 1971, for his help in the endeavor. One of Host's clients was the Lexington Tourist and Convention Bureau. He was also its chief administrative officer.

Host, one of those aforementioned "Alley Cats," immediately went to work. He formed the Lexington Civic Center Board, a group of private citizens from all parts of the community, that received appointment from Mayor Pettit and Judge Stephens. The group's costs were funded by the bureau and Host was chosen its director.

"From our earlier investigation, we decided to approach the problem in similar fashion to the way the Louisville Fairgrounds was constructed," said Host. "The idea was to get this project to provide enough revenue so it could be self-supporting."

"At the Fairgrounds, the Executive Inn was built on state-owned land," Host continued. "The Executive Inn was built by its own company and it pays a percentage of its gross revenues back to the state for use of that land. We developed the same approach."

The mall shell was to be built with public funds and the hotel from private funds. In other words, some funds from the federal grant donated to the city during the Fugazzi administration would be put into the mall's construction while a private hotel firm would build a hotel in the center.

"We wanted the best bidder who would build a civic center at the most inexpensive price," Host explained. "We also wanted to set up a system of mixes that would help some of the funds of the center during its building and operation, such as parking revenues, a percentage of the hotel's revenues and rent from the shops in the mall, etc. We did all this to justify our theory that we could build the center without cost to the taxpayers in the community."

But the key element was to get the University of Kentucky interested in the project. Of course, an arena would have to meet UK's approval. After all, that was the

main reason the center was being built. It would certainly be one of the center's main attractions.

"We had a series of meetings with (UK President) Dr. Otis Singletary and (then Athletic Director) Harry Lancaster," said Host. "There was a considerable degree of doubt on their part as to whether this could be pulled off."

Singletary wanted a guarantee that the project would not cost the university and that UK would receive revenue from the games played there. Singletary also had doubts that at least 17,000 season tickets could be sold.

"We felt we could fill 'em," said Host. "We started with a 25,000-seating capacity figure but brought it down to 23,500 because of the arena's design. We found there was more than enough interest to sell the tickets. We're glad UK was wrong and UK is glad it was wrong."

Meanwhile, Spindletop Research, which has some of the top research minds in the country, advised the board its project was indeed a viable one that could be successful.

"They exhausted all the possibilities as to what could go right or wrong with the center," said Host. "We then put the word out to local and national architectural firms that we wanted proposals for the project."

Fifty-one firms were brought in to meet with the board and its advisers. The board hired Dave Petersen, who had worked with Spindletop, as a consultant. Petersen, who eventually became the board's executive director, utilized Host's office, located then on East Reynolds Road, for interviews while Host travelled across the nation meeting with the major hotel chains that would want to take advantage of the center opportunity. The board also hired the Dupree Co. and Tom Dupree to handle the financial end of the project.

"Even with all these qualified people working with us, there were still some doubting Thomases," said Host. "They were convinced we would never make it happen. That included prominent figures in the state and country. When they said, 'You can't do this,' that just made us work harder."

Among the firms that the board interviewed was Cortes-Davis, the same firm that designed the Super Dome in New Orleans, and Finch-Heery, the firm that designed Riverfront Stadium in Cincinnati and Fulton County Stadium in Atlanta.

"Most of them said our concept wouldn't work," said Host. "They wanted us to rethink the project. After we had narrowed it down to three, we decided on Ellerhe of St. Paul, Minn. It had designed the Convocation Center at Notre Dame University. It was the only firm that gave us a solid presentation."

At this point, the real work of the volunteer group started. It had the agreement, but now it would have to negotiate the total contract with the architectural and building firms. Bill Jackson, Bruce Glenn and Dewitt Hisle handled the primary negotiation process.



Host On Busy Schedule

"We had some of the best minds in the business working with us," said Host. "But the smartest thing the board ever did was to bring in the best arena managers in the country to help us as consultants. Those managers were Tom Minter of the downtown civic center in Louisville; Bob Kent, the head of the Omni in Atlanta and Tim Oshust, the head of the Greensboro Civic Center."

The board thought so much of Minter he was eventually hired as its general manager.

Everything was going smoothly. The board had new offices and negotiations were speeding along. But a major problem was parking.

A 16-acre plot of land located next to the center site still had people living in houses there. And there was strong opposition from local residents to have the housing taken down for a parking area.

"The land was privately owned," said Host. "Actually, we should have gotten it when we got the land for the civic center. The city fathers wanted us to settle the issue by building a parking garage. We said that would be too expensive. Finally, we agreed to pay for the relocation of those families and all the other necessary costs. The state put up some money, to be repaid back through the university, for

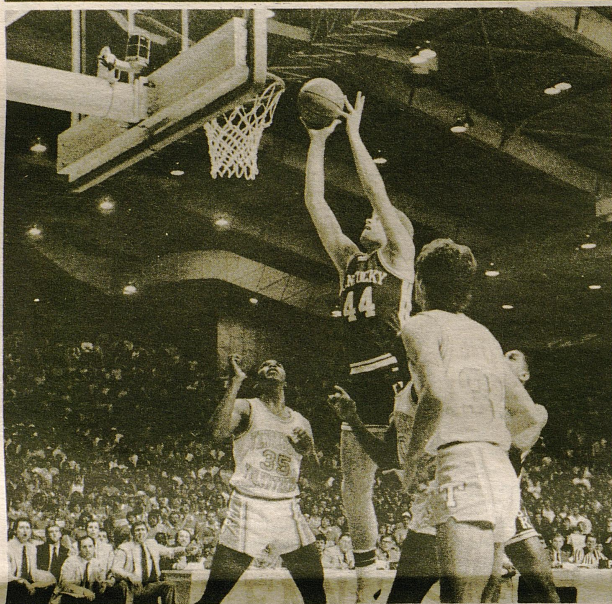
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Lock Was A Pleasant Surprise

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE														
Date: Jan. 27, 1985 Site: Stokely Center (Knoxville)														
VISITORS (Last Name, First)														
No.	NAME	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	B
25	Winston Bennett	1	2	5	4	8	3	8	35	0	1	0	0	
34	Kenny Walker	11	18	1	5	9	2	23	38	2	1	3	0	
24	Bret Bearup	4	8	0	0	5	5	8	20	1	0	0	0	
10	James Blackmon	3	8	0	0	4	5	6	34	4	2	0	0	
23	Roger Harden	1	8	0	0	0	2	2	22	1	1	0	1	
15	Ed Dawender	3	8	0	1	1	3	6	19	2	4	0	1	
42	Richard Madison	1	3	2	3	4	1	4	16	0	1	0	0	
44	Robert Lock	4	6	0	0	6	3	8	10	0	1	0	0	
55	Cedric Jenkins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
00	Leroy Byrd	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	
14	Paul Andrews	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)														
TOTALS														
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FT %: 1st Half 4/9-.444 2nd Half 3/5-.600 Game 7/14-.500														
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20	Anthony Richardson	1	2	3	3	6	4	7	27	0	2	0	1	
35	Fred Jenkins	3	8	1	3	0	1	7	30	3	2	0	0	
34	Rob Jones	4	8	7	11	10	3	15	33	0	0	1	1	
11	Tony White	4	9	4	4	6	0	12	31	4	1	0	2	
21	Michael Brooks	14	21	6	6	3	1	36	38	4	2	0	0	
23	Myron Carter	1	2	0	0	2	2	2	10	2	0	0	0	
32	Kirk Naler	2	7	0	1	5	4	4	22	4	0	0	1	
24	Stacey Thomas	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	
14	Ron Hausley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
22	Lionell Miller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
12	Sam Arterburn	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
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OFFICIALS:														
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Attendance: 12,700														
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CATS LOSE AT STOKELY

Goodbye Stokely and good riddance!

For the seventh straight time Kentucky was defeated by the Tennessee Volunteers in the kindly confines of the Stokely Athletic Center. Coach Don DeVoe, who has never lost to the Wildcats in Stokely, and his squad beat Kentucky 81-65 in Knoxville last Sunday before a regionally televised audience. The Vols turned a close contest into a rout during the second half in recording their 14th win in 20 ball games. Kentucky falls to 9-8 overall and 4-4 in Southeastern Conference play.

Michael Brooks sparked the Vols' (5-3 in SEC play) attack with a game-high of 34 points. Brooks scored 24 of those tallies in the first half.

Kenny Walker led UK in scoring with 23 points and also in rebounding with nine. Walker was the only Wildcat in double digits.

It marks the last game the Wildcats will have to encounter UT in Stokely -- maybe. Because of being behind in construction, the new 24,000-plus arena may not be ready until the fall of 1986. The new arena, which is located next to the Vols' football stadium (Neyland Stadium), is supposedly scheduled to host the 1986 SEC tournament.

In other words UK may have to face the Vols one more time in Knoxville on the dreaded Stokely tartan floor.

"I don't know that Stokely is a jinx to us, said Coach Joe B. Hall, "but we don't play well here."

Vols Display Strong Second-Half Performance

With 11:36 remaining Tennessee held a 59-56 lead, but the Vols went on a 12-2 spree in building a 71-58 score with 5:19 left in the game.

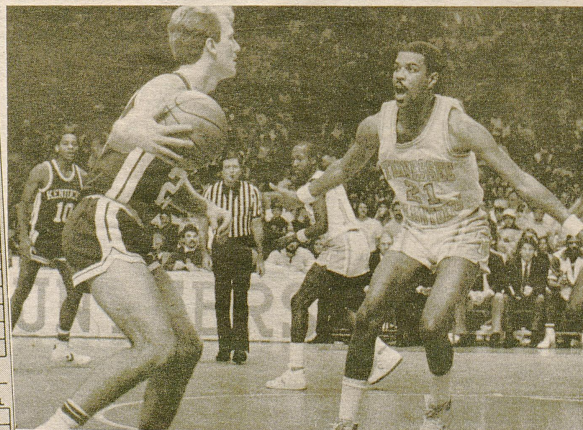
Before the Vols' run, it was apparent that UT was giving that extra effort. Two straight times Tennessee outthrust the 'Cats for the offensive boards, and twice they put it back in. One of the baskets was a wild tip-in by Anthony Richardson, while the other basket was a surprising hook shot by reserve forward Kirk Naler. With those two field goals UT held on to its five-point advantage and was ready to put the contest out of the Wildcats' grasp. For the rest of the game Kentucky could get no closer than 10 (71-61, and 73-63). Tennessee's final 16-point margin was its biggest of the afternoon.

Besides Brooks' offensive punch, Naylor did an exceptional job guarding Walker. In the man-to-man defense Naylor was battling body-to-body against the All-America candidate from Kentucky. Walker netted his average, however the 6-foot-8 forward definitely drew Naylor's defensive attention, especially in the second half. But even Coach DeVoe noted that Walker's ankle injury, which forced him out of action early in the first half, may have slowed him down.

Said DeVoe, "Walker wasn't himself in this game. Lots of credit goes to Naler for this. Kenny was injured and when something like that happens, it can take you out of your rhythm for the whole game."

Tennessee center Rob Jones and guard Tony White pumped in 15 and 12 points respectively.

UK's Winston Bennett, Bret Bearup, and freshman Robert Lock contributed eight points each. Lock, who averaged only one point coming into the UT meeting, also pulled down six boards in 10 minutes of action.



Brooks Had Harden's Number

Joe B. Hall

UK Head Basketball Coach



The following are Coach Joe Hall's postgame comments after Kentucky's 81-65 loss to Tennessee last Sunday at the Stokely Athletic Center.

Coach Hall: Even though we weren't playing well, with about 11 minutes to go we were only three points down. At that point Tennessee made a run. Basically it was our defense along with a rash of turnovers and silly fouls. (Michael) Brooks has such great range it's awfully hard to stop him. During the Mississippi State and Georgia games our defense has not been good. Our major concerns were about ourselves, rather than (Tony) White and Brooks. Five of our first seven (players) are shooting around 40-some percent. That is very unusual for us. We are getting the shots though. No one respects Brooks' shooting more than I do, my defense just doesn't. We just didn't cover. I've never been able to get a guard to go out and cover him.

Could you comment on Robert Lock's performance?

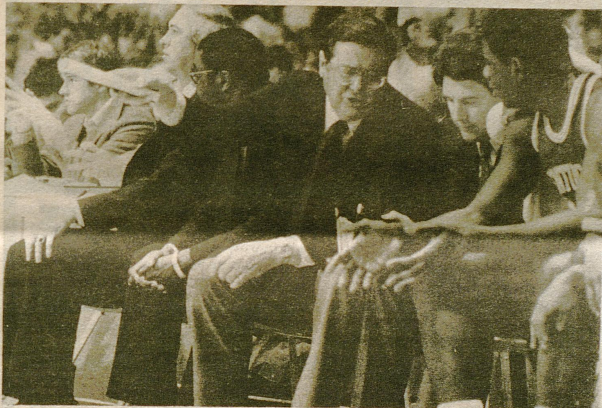
Coach Hall: Lock came in and had four baskets and six rebounds, which was a good effort. He got tired and he has had the flu and has been a little sick. He couldn't go very long for us, but I thought he was a plus.

It seemed UK was getting out-rebounded during the last 12 minutes, did you see it that way?

Coach Hall: We were just lathargic, both defensively and on the boards. It showed up in every phase of our game: our shooting was bad, our free throws were bad, and our defense was horrendous.

About Walker's absence early in the first half, did you feel that Kentucky lost its momentum at this point?

Coach Hall: I don't know how much that hurt us, it's hard to tell. We were going pretty good. The game's 40 minutes and you've got to play the whole time.



Hall Stressing His Point To Madison

Walker's Injury Slows The Wildcats Down

Walker put in six of Kentucky's first eight points as the Wildcats led 8-1 at the outset. But with 17:09 remaining in the first stanza, Walker sprained an ankle during an offensive series and gingerly walked off the court. UK took advantage of the situation as the home team inched within two of UT, minus Walker, 11-9 with 14:48 left. At this point, Hall inserted Walker back into the lineup.

The Wildcats held the upperhand for most of the first period as Walker and Bearup were countering Brooks' jumpers. Brooks, who came into the contest averaging 17.4 ppg., was ripping the cords against UK's man-to-man, 2-3 zone, and 1-2-2 zone defenses. When Brooks would take the jumper, though, he was usually left uncovered.

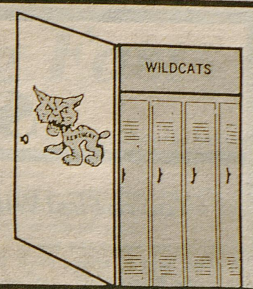
Tennessee took a lead it would never relinquish at the 5:08 mark. UT broke a fullcourt Wildcat press and Jones laid in an uncontested gimme giving his team a 33-32 lead.

Lock's play in the final two minutes of the half kept the 'Cats within striking distance at intermission. His rebound and lay-in of a Richard Madison free throw attempt narrowed the UT lead, 39-36. Lock later tipped in a Walker miss making the count 42-40 in favor of the Vols with 43 seconds left.

Cats-Vols Tidbits

The Vols, who entered the contest with a 51.6 percent field average for the year, fired 51.7 against Kentucky. . . While shooting 56.3 percent from the field in the first half (18-32), the 'Cats were sluggish in the second stanza hitting only 33.3 (11-33). Kentucky's final total from the field was 44.6. . . For the second straight game UK's free throw shooting was horrendous. The Wildcats connected on only 7 of 14 charity-line attempts for 50 percent. . . Tennessee connected 21 of 28 attempts for 75 percent. . . Bearup fouled out for the second straight game, and for the third time this year. . . Kentucky hasn't lost three straight SEC contests since the '79 squad lost at Alabama (55-52), at Mississippi State (63-61), and at Rupp Arena against Tennessee (66-55). . . For their efforts, Brooks and Walker were named the CBS players of the game.

Inside The Locker Room



Bret Bearup

(About the 26 fouls called on Kentucky compared to 17 whistled on Tennessee)

I don't want to use that as an excuse, because usually you get that to some extent everywhere you go on the road. But it seems down here just a little bit rougher than it usually is. But that was just one reason why we lost. It wasn't the main thing.

(About what was the main reason why Kentucky lost Sunday to UT)

We could not stop Michael Brooks -- in every defense we play. (About defending Brooks man-to-man)

You've got to guard Brooks like that (man-to-man). A lot of times we just didn't do that. We had to go to the 3-2 zone and we didn't do a heck of a lot much better on him than that. The 3-2 zone -- when the wings have to cover the corners that leaves us vulnerable to offensive rebounds inside and they (Tennessee) did that pretty well.

Richard Madison

(About playing against Tennessee (at Stokely for the first time)

Well, I knew it was going to be tough and that the fans were going to be tough on us. But I had in my mind that we could beat Tennessee without any problem. We had to go out and execute and play hard. We made a couple mistakes in the second half that got us behind and we started rushing our offense.

(About the second-half collapses in the last two road games -- Georgia, and Tennessee)

We come in at halftime and talk over things and the guys try to go out and

execute. We've had a couple of letdowns and we just started making a couple mistakes to start the half out to get us behind.

James Blackmon

(About gearing the offense around Kenny Walker)

We've got to get the ball to Kenny, because of his offensive talents.

(About having trouble getting the ball to Walker)

I think that was a big part of it (the loss to Tennessee). We weren't able to get the ball in to him. They were scoring on their offensive end and we couldn't execute well on our offensive end. When we're trying to get the ball into Kenny, and they're denying him and getting a hand on it, that kind of like breaks down the whole offense.

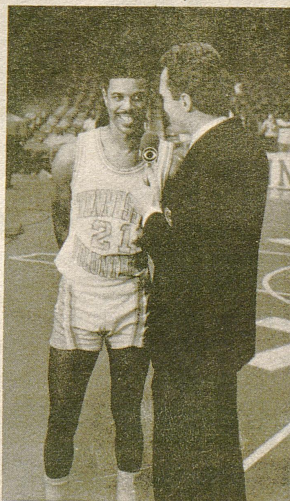
Roger Harden

(About Walker's departure having an effect on UK losing its momentum)

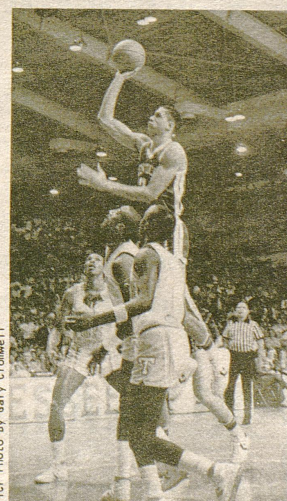
Yes, I think that hurt us a little bit. To be quite honest, I can't remember that far back about what took place and that type of thing. When you really get into your rhythm you kind of forget about the whole first half. . . but I remember we came out and had a nice lead. Kenny's sprained ankle was probably a factor.

(About getting ready for LSU)

It won't be any problem getting up for LSU. We've dropped three in a row and we're just trying to stay up. You hate to look back at these three games we lost. We could have won all of them.



UT's Brooks

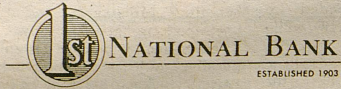


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Sweet Sixteen Tickets Going Fast

The announcement that more than half of Rupp Arena's 22,968 seats for the 1985 Sweet Sixteen have been sold in advance should come as good news to those who support any high school sport in Kentucky.

First, it indicates that the 1985 Sweet Sixteen may easily be the biggest ever. "Never before have we sold this many tickets in advance," said Tom Mills, commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. "It's only January and we have surpassed our previous sales figures," he continued. "People seem to be picking up on the idea that this will be the biggest two weeks of basketball ever presented in any city," he said, indicating that the coupling of the Sweet Sixteen -- the nation's premiere high school basketball tournament -- and the NCAA Final Four back-to-back was having an impact on ticket sales.

The Sweet Sixteen is scheduled March 20-23. The NCAA Final Four follows March 30-April 2.

"The lower arena seats were sold before Christmas," Mills said, "and the steady pace of sales in the upper arena makes us think that likely all the better seats -- both upper and lower -- will be sold before the tournament begins."

All of which should excite the tennis buffs, the swimmers, the softball fans and some others. Because the earnings from the 1984 Sweet Sixteen paid for nearly \$166,000 worth of student benefits and non-revenue producing sports activities last year alone.

And the more money that goes into the till from the Sweet Sixteen, the more there will be to be spent on the so-called "minor" sports.

Here's how it works, according to Mills.

Income from high school tournaments funds the KHSAA and its activities, which generally means supervision of all high school sports in the state, in coordination with the State Board of Education.

But there's a snag. Only four of the 16 sports officially sanctioned by the KHSAA produce enough income to support themselves -- boys' basketball, girls' basketball, football and soccer.

Of these, the Sweet Sixteen picks up the lion's share of the tabs. In fact, the other three produced a combined income of only \$64,835.59 in 1984, not nearly enough to cover even the expenses of the other sports, let alone the extra benefits.

Generally speaking, local schools operate their sports programs from gate receipts from local games. The KHSAA receives income only from state tournaments, and from them it pays such items as team transportation, team expenses, lodging and meals for participating teams. From what is left, it pays its own operating expenses and salaries, supports sports programs and extra benefits. The KHSAA receives no subsidies.

For the Sweet Sixteen, Mills explained, there is no problem in paying the production expenses for itself. The 1984 tournament cost some \$200,661.88 and left a clear profit of \$429,674.76 for other KHSAA purposes.

The girls' Sweet Sixteen returned the next highest profit, \$34,385.36, the football tournament netted \$28,150.23 and the soccer tournament \$2,300.72.

A dozen other championship events didn't fare so well, Mills said. The

state track championships ran \$40,429.60 in the red. Tennis lost \$10,759.68. Swimming cost \$6,581.53 more than it took in, while baseball lost \$6,153.08.

The golf tournament lost \$9,081.68, volleyball dropped \$1,309.10, wrestling cost \$1,481.01 and fencing lost \$848.50.

Cross country events ended up costing the KHSAA \$5,493.18, while softball lost \$4,891.98. Gymnastics cost \$3,107.73 more than it brought in and rifle shooting ran \$748.82 in the red.

This comes to a total of \$90,921.89 -- money that Mills considers well spent though it was earned by another sport. "We have athletes, good athletes, in many of the non-revenue-producing sports," he observed, "and they deserve a chance to develop their talents and to be seen by the public."

In addition, the KHSAA furnishes catastrophic insurance for all who participate in interscholastic sports, giving them protection for a lifetime if they are injured while participating in a sport. Coverage includes medical treatment, home renovation if needed, provision for salary for the permanently disabled, transportation if needed. "It is a complete coverage program," Mills said, "and it costs the KHSAA \$75,000 a year. It is paid for by the Sweet Sixteen profits."

Then, there is another \$15,890 spent for similar insurance for KHSAA sanctioned officials as well as liability insurance, and \$6,253.35 for clinics for officials to keep them advised of current rules.

This makes a total of some \$188,065.24 spent for sports that have nothing to do with basketball or for all athletes and officials no matter what

sport in which they participate -- essentially paid for by the Sweet Sixteen.

This is more than the \$138,588.89 spent for all salaries for the KHSAA staff of ten persons.

"There was a time we couldn't fund all these sports or give these added benefits," Mills said, "and it hasn't been too long ago. The growth of the Sweet Sixteen has made more of them possible and has mad all of them better."

As the growth of the Sweet Sixteen continues, Mills said, so will additional help to other sports continue to expand.

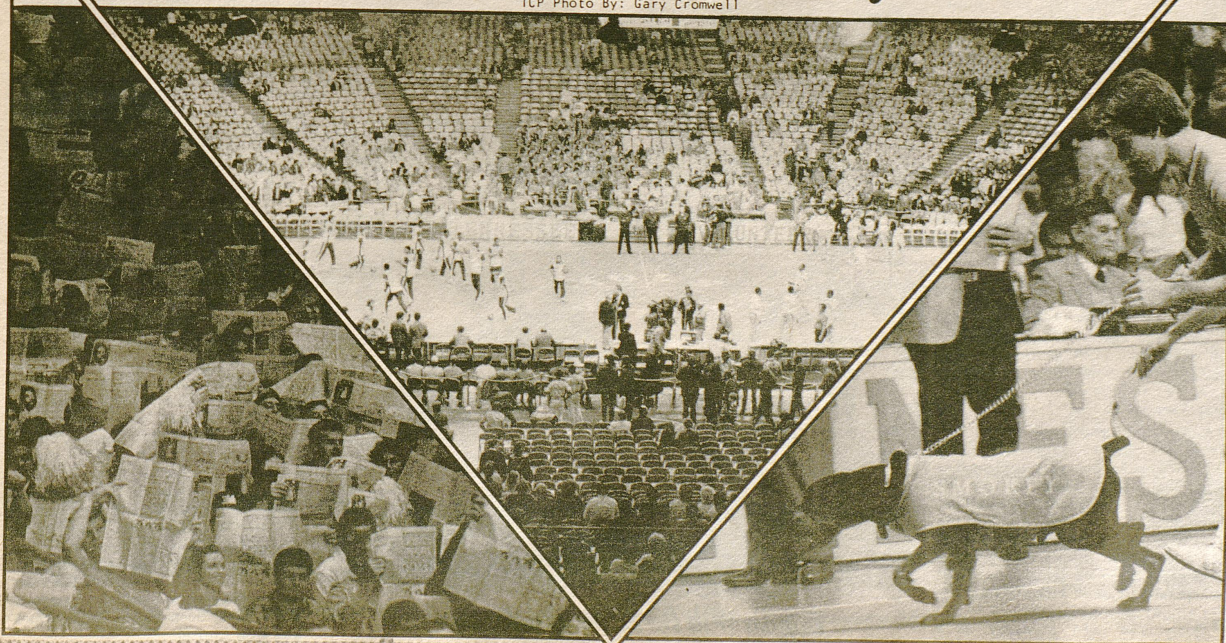
Mills noted that there is a steady demand for upper arena seats, a trend which has not been noticeable in past years at this time of year. "For two years the public didn't believe us when we said the lower arena would sell out quickly, and each of those years the arena sold out within a month of when tickets were put on sale," Mills recalled.

"I hope those who want tickets will remember that we're informing them now that demand is heavy and they should act now while there are still some good seats left," he added.

Tickets are sold in advance only on a season-ticket basis, and are available only in the upper arena, at \$36 per set. The best available seats are being mailed as orders are received. They may be ordered from the KHSAA, P.O. Box 22280, Lexington, Ky., 40522. Add \$2 for handling and insurance. Certified or cashier's checks, money orders, VISA and MasterCard are accepted as payment.

Antics At Stokely

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Looking Forward To The Future

One of University of Kentucky football coach Jerry Claiborne's concerns when spring drills open Wednesday, March 27, will be the replacement of two All-Southeastern Conference "Big Play" backs -- one an offensive triple-threat, the other a top safety-punter.

Those two players, who along with 13 other graduating seniors led the Wildcats to a Hall of Fame Bowl victory over Wisconsin (20-19) and a 9-3-0 overall record, are:

George Adams, UK's all-time, all-purpose runner who led the Wildcats in rushing and scoring the past three seasons and in pass receptions the past season.

Paul Calhoun, who led the Southeastern Conference with seven interceptions and then added one more steal in the Hall of Fame Bowl, and who also set UK seasonal (44.4) and career (42.4) punting records.

Adams set UK seasonal records for most carries (253), most points scored (84), most TDs (14) and most all-purpose yards (1,678) while becoming only the third player in Wildcat history to pass the 1,000-yard (1,085) seasonal rushing mark.

Calhoun, sixth leading tackler with 60 total tackles, also carried three times from punt formation, gaining 69 yards, including a 47-yard touchdown against Indiana, and completed a 17-yard pass against Florida.

Returning in the offensive backfield are junior Mark Logan and sophomore Mark Higgs, two big play runners in their own right: junior quarterback Bill Ransdell and senior full-back Chris Derry.

Higgs set a UK record by averaging 6.3 yards per carry, rushing 75 times for 476 yards in 10 games. He also scored five touchdowns, including runs of 29 and 76 in UK's 27-14 victory over Rutgers.

Logan was third-leading rusher with 84 carries for 400 yards and three touchdowns. He also caught 11 passes for 122 yards, including a 61-yard TD vs. North Texas State. Although he handled the ball only eight times in the Hall of Fame game, he was named UK's MVP on the strength of a nine-yard TD rushing, a 27-yard TD reception and three kickoffs returned for a Bowl record 96 yards.

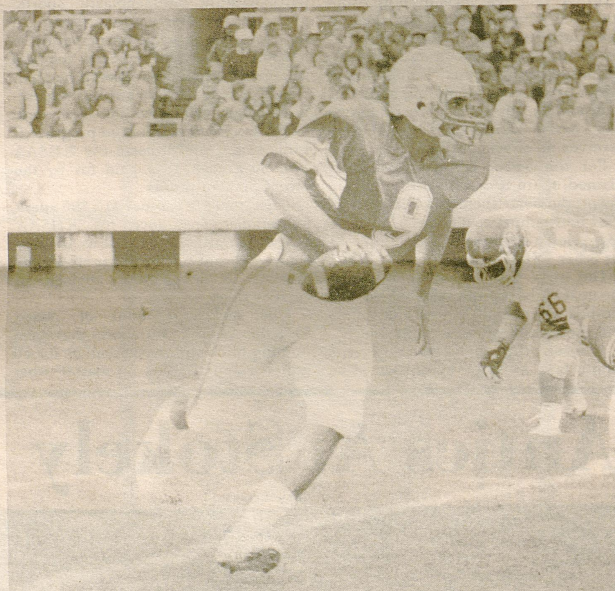
Derry was used primarily as a blocker until midseason, when he



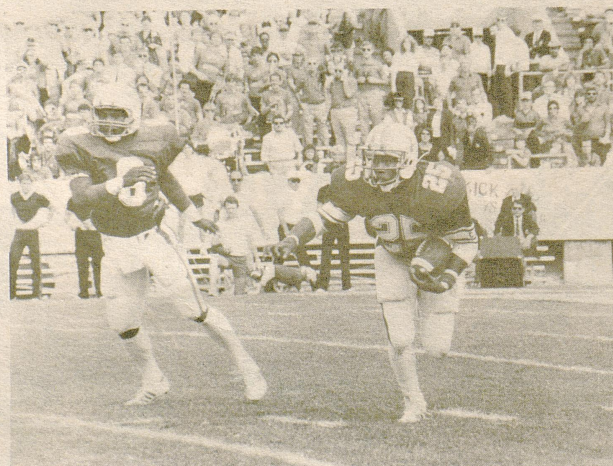
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Oct. 26 at Georgia
Nov. 2 EAST TENNESSEE STATE
Nov. 9 at Vanderbilt
Nov. 16 at Florida
Nov. 23 TENNESSEE

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Sept. 13 RUTGERS
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Sept. 27 at Cincinnati
Oct. 4 SOUTHERN MISS
Oct. 11 at Ole Miss
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Nov. 22 at Tennessee

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UK Sports Information Director



Two HOF Bowls Under Randell's Belt



Logan Will Be Expected To Shine

suddenly became the recipient of Ransdell passes, finishing with 19 catches for 185 yards, including an 18-yard TD reception vs. Vanderbilt.

Ransdell set UK passing records with 286 attempts and 148 completions, bettering the marks of 239-136 set by Babe Parilli in 1951. His 1,748 yards passing fell short of Rick Norton's UK record 1,823 yards in 1965 while his 1,688 total yards places him second among UK's 1,000-yard performers.

Early in the season, Ransdell set a UK mark with 74 consecutive passes without an interception (1983-84). He passed for 11 TDs and threw 11 interceptions.

Sophomore Kevin Dooley, backing up Ransdell, appeared in six games, completing 17 of 32 passes for 167 yards, a TD and an interception. Sophomore Tim Jones served mostly as a holder for kickers while high school All-America Bill Allen was held out of action his freshman year.

Redshirt freshmen runners expected to contribute are fullback Ivy Joe Hunter and tailbacks Tony Gardner and Greg Baker.

Other key losses on offense are receiver Joe Phillips, second-leading receiver with 28 catches for 305 yards and five TDs; tight end Oliver White, fourth-leading receiver with 17 catches for 207 yards and a TD, and tackle Bob Shurtliff, recipient of UK's "Unsung Hero" award.

Among returning receivers are junior Eric Pitts, 16 for 215 yds., 1 TD, and Cornell Burbage 15 for 239. Junior tight end Mark Wheeler had 13 receptions for 152 yards while classmate Matt Lucas had two catches for 42 yards.

Returning starters in the interior are guards Joe Prince and Jim Reichwein, tackle Tom Richey and center Ken Pietrowiak. Sophomore Brad Myers was a starter after Prince, a junior, was injured late in the season. Sophomore Dermontti Dawson was a capable starter or sub at either guard or center. Sophomore Butch Wilburn backed up Reichwein while Senior Vernon Johnson was a tackle reserve.

Expecting to see their first action this fall are transfer students Jesse Newkirk, tackle from Indiana, and Conrad Carney, center from Potomac Junior College, and redshirt freshmen Kit Walter, Scott Haire, Mark Brock and Ken Brown.



Williams, Along With 3 Others, Return

The chief losses on defense are leading tackler (88 lts., 57 assts.) and second team All-SEC linebacker Cam Jacobs; defensive captain (guard) David Thompson (42x46) guard Frank Hare (38 x 49), back Gordon Jackson and the aforementioned Calhoun.

Calhoun was backed up at safety by senior Gary Sexton, who had an interception against Indiana. The lone starter at the corners is senior Maurice Douglass, who had a total of 29 tackles and two interceptions. He had seven solos and two assists in the Hall of Fame game. Senior Barry Alexander, who backed up Douglass, also had seven solos and an assist in the bowl game.

Other returnees include junior Tony Mayes, who had four interceptions; seniors Russell Hairston, 37 solos, 17 assists, and Carmichael Caldwell and sophomore Mike Robinson. Hairston and Mayes missed the Hall of Fame game. Tony Baird and Ron Mack are redshirt freshmen in the secondary.

A key loss early in the season was Jeff Smith, who returned to play in the Hall of Fame game. That tackle position now is filled by sophomore Jerry Reese, who was fourth leading tackler (47 x 33), backed by sophomore John Shannon. Senior Jon Dumbauld (39x41) is backed on the other side by junior letterman Mike Velotta and sophomore Greg Kunkel.

The only experienced guards returning are junior Tom Wilkins (21x35) and Dan McMillan. Senior Stuart Stubbs saw limited action in six varsity and one jayvee game. Sophomore Don Duckworth also saw limited action in six varsity games.

Returning to the linebacking corps after missing the last six games of the

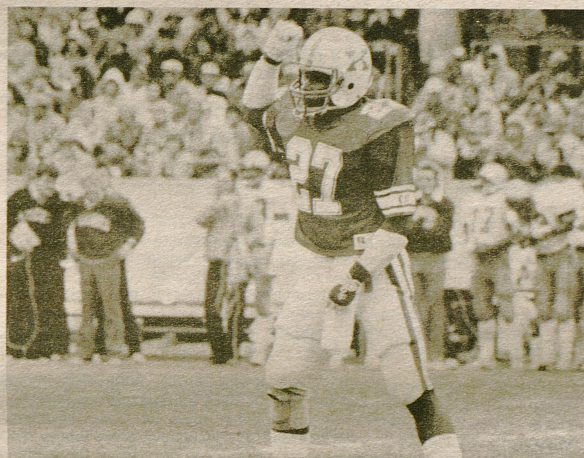
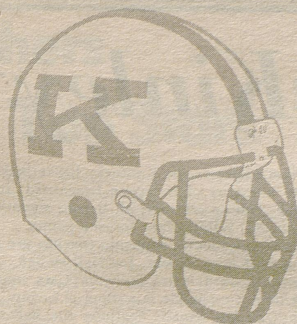
season with a knee injury is junior Larry Smith, who had 33 solos, 22 assists in five games. Junior Don Yarano and sophomore Jeff Kremer (34x50) have lettered at that position. Coming on strong at the finish was Guy Neal, a junior who played in seven varsity and four jayvee games. He had eight solos and two assists in the bowl game. Chris Chenault is a redshirt freshman with promise.

The end position was weakened in the bowl game by the loss of Brian Williams, second leading tackler with 71 solos, 37 assists, and an interception. He also returns punts (11 for 65 yds. in '84). Graduating senior Stacey Burrell started there in the bowl game.

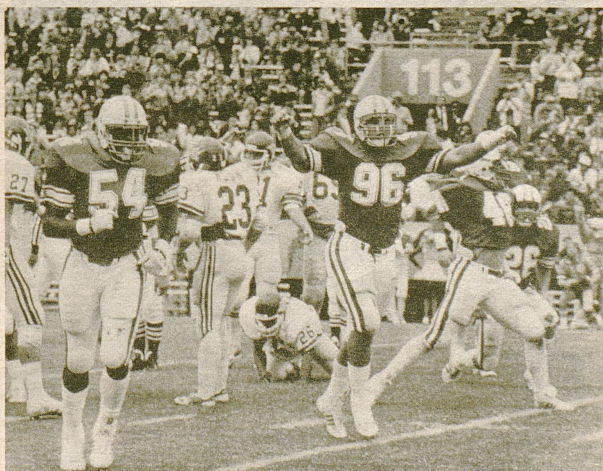
At the other end is senior Steve Mazza, third leading tackler (52 & 26), who had four solos, six assists and an interception in the bowl game. Freshman Joe Curry was hurt in pre-season practice; redshirt freshman Parry Barnes is in the wings.

Both placekickers -- senior Jim Rider and sophomore Joe Worley -- return, but Claiborne must find a punter. Calhoun's back-up at the end of the season was Scott Barrass, a sophomore who saw action in three jayvee games. Freshman Scott Hostetler also will compete for the job.

Rider was 16 of 17 in extra point attempts and 3 x 7 in field goals before being sidelined with a groin injury. Worley took over and completed the season with 15 x 15 extra points and 7 x 11 field goals. He then hit two of three in the Hall of Fame Bowl, including a 52-yarder that set a bowl record, tied the UK record and gave the Wildcats their winning margin (20-19).



Hard Hitter Mo Douglass



Reese (54) And Dumbauld (96) Intimidators

UK Has The Service Of Worley For 3 More Years

McKinley's Getting His Shot

There's a certain senior on the Kentucky basketball team that has lately been getting the attention of everyone concerned. In a way it's sort of similar to the E.F. Hutton commercial. It goes something like this: When Troy McKinley shoots, Wildcat fans foresee points.

When Troy McKinley shoots, opposing coaches are uneasy.

And when Troy McKinley shoots, Joe Hall smiles.

McKinley (forward/guard) is definitely the 'Cats zone-buster this season. His velvet touch from the outside is a thing of beauty. When he scores he doesn't rattle the rim but usually feathers the ball through the floating cords.



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

Like Hall's teams in the past there has always been that one pure shooter. In relation to McKinley's role some of those former collegiate shooters might not have started, but they were always there if needed.

Offensively McKinley is in the mold of former Hall players like: G.J. Smith, Tim Stephens, and Jay Shidler.

"I always liked Jay Shidler," said the blonde haired McKinley, "and he has blonde hair. People at home always compared me to him. I liked to watch him shoot."

What McKinley has in common with all those former Wildcat shooters is the ability to get the hot hand and to maintain it throughout the game.

"In the state tournament that happened to me a lot," said McKinley about getting the good shooting rhythm. "It's just one of those things. You feel it right away and it keeps on sticking with you throughout the game."

Prior to the Georgia game, the 6-foot-5 Simon Kenton product has been filling up the basket with team-leading averages from the field -- 63.9 percent (23 of 36) -- and from the charity stripe -- 100 percent (6 of 6).

McKinley's accurate shooting touch developed from many years of time spent on the playground courts.

"I started in about the second grade playing booster ball," he said "I just shot everytime I could. I would go out and shoot by myself all day."

His commitment was rewarded in 1981 when he led his Simon Kenton squad to the state title played in Rupp Arena. And now his commitments are being compensated at UK.

For his commendable play this season McKinley has about tripled his

amount of playing time. During his first three years as a Wildcat McKinley averaged 3.9 minutes a contest. Presently, in his final campaign he's putting in 9.2 minutes per game.

His scoring average has also been taking a turn for the better. McKinley is averaging five points per game in SEC play and four points in overall competition. Against Kansas, UK's designated long range bomber scored a career-high 12 tallies, pulled down four rebounds and had three steals, in helping Kentucky upset the Jayhawks 92-89.

The Kentucky native indicated that with more playing time he still treats the college game the same as he always has.

"The people who don't play that much don't have that much pressure, so the last three years I haven't had that much pressure," McKinley said. "I don't think it's changed that much this year even though I have had a lot more playing time."

Even with more playing time some Wildcat supporters may feel that McKinley should be among the starting five. Even in his hometown some may be wondering why their high school idol isn't first-string.

"Yeah, I always get some questions about that," noted McKinley about his hometown's reaction. "We've got great players ahead of me. It's just one of those things."

But the reserve status seems to suit McKinley very well.

"Yes, I think I like that a lot," said McKinley. "It's very satisfying to me to come in and help the team. I like it a lot."

Another reason why McKinley has been inserted into the lineup more these days is the improvement of his defense. Besides his 4 of 7 shooting against Mississippi, McKinley's ability to apply defensive pressure in the man-to-man and the 2-3 zone was a key in Kentucky's 57-45 road triumph.

"I just know if I'm going to play that I have to play good defense," indicated McKinley. "I'm just trying to hustle more and concentrate on working on my defense."

"I prefer the zone (defense). I think you have to run a lot more, but I prefer that more (than man-to-man)."

With his college career about over McKinley is still working to improve his overall skills. It's something he takes pride in.

"Everybody can still always improve on all aspects of their game," said the senior. "I've been working on my defense and my shots off the dribble. I'm just concentrating on all areas of my game. One other thing is dribbling. Since I'm playing some more guard I have to control the ball a little bit better."

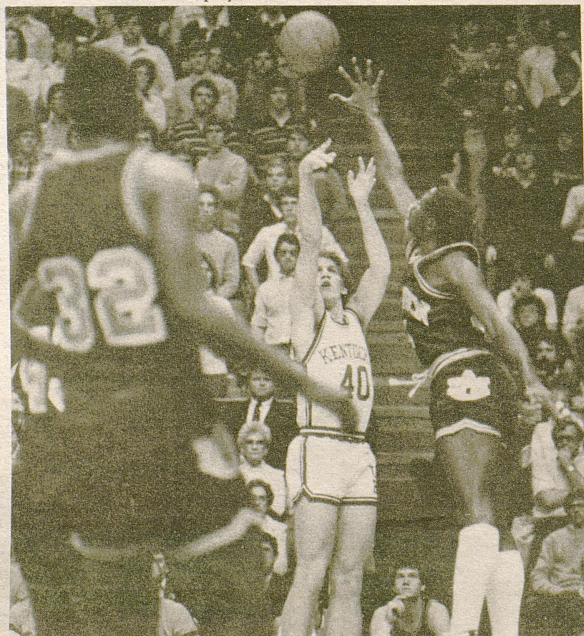
When the Wildcat offense needs a boost No. 40 is there for the call.

"He (Hall) just tells me to look for my shot when I have it," said McKinley.

"We try to be patient and get the good shot and we try to get it inside as much as we can. I'm looking for the outside shot and I'm looking to get it inside."

"One thing you have to do on the bench is to know what's going on at all times both offensively and defensively. If you get put in there and don't know what's going on you just come right back out."

When Hall calls, McKinley's ready.



Shooting 63.9 Percent From Field



McKinley Waiting His Turn

Kentucky Storms State, Gathers Verbal Commitments From Top Stars



Football recruiting is full steam ahead at Kentucky as Coach Jerry Claiborne and his staff won three big-time verbal commitments over the weekend, including the state's top blue-chipper in Mike Pfeifer of Louisville Trinity.

Carwell Gardner completed the Trinity sweep for Claiborne and his staff on Monday by announcing he would attend Kentucky and sign a letter of intent next month. Many believe Gardner is actually the state's top prospect but did not receive the national attention that Pfeifer did.

The third shot in the arm for the Big Blue came when Somerset's Tony Massey tossed his hat in the ring. The three commitments brought to eleven, the total number of verbal commitments for Kentucky.

Because of NCAA rules, college coaches cannot comment on verbal announcements so the Kentucky staff was mum about the decisions, but there was no way of concealing their smiles.

Particularly impressive was the Kentucky sweep in Louisville where

the Wildcat staff made a clean sweep, beating out Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Georgia and others for Pfeifer.

Even more important was the manner in which Kentucky shutout Louisville and Howard Schnellenberger for Jefferson County's five top players and a nearby Fort Knox star.

For Pfeifer, head coach Jerry Claiborne was more than likely the big difference. It was no secret that the Pfeifer family has been impressed with the manner in which Claiborne has rebuilt the Kentucky program into a winning power and still maintain the discipline and loyalty required of a family-type atmosphere.

"Coach Claiborne is my alarm clock," Pfeifer told The Courier-Journal last Saturday after deciding on UK. "He (Claiborne) calls me every Saturday morning. I told him, 'Coach, you woke me up.' It was 10:30 a.m. at the time."

Pfeifer had earlier narrowed his choices to UK, Georgia, Oklahoma, Ohio State and Nebraska. He was scheduled to visit Oklahoma at the

time he was being awoken by Claiborne, but he cancelled that visit earlier when he anticipated his decision to UK.

Pfeifer said he picked Kentucky "because its academic standard was beyond the other schools I was considering. When I'm done playing, I'll have a better chance of getting a job here and making a name for myself in the state." Georgia was in the running.

"On some days, it could have been Georgia," Pfeifer told the Louisville newspaper. "I really liked the climate there, the coach (Vince Dooley), the winning program and the supporters."

Pfeifer was the state AAA shot-put champion in 1985 and played on teams which compiled records of 12-1, 14-0 and 9-2 at Trinity under head coach Roger Gruneisen.

Earlier, Murray said, "I was down to UK and U of L. It was just the interest UK showed in me. They seemed to want me pretty much."

Murray also cancelled visits to Purdue and Louisville after reaching

his decision to attend his homestate university.

Murray said UK plans to play him at fullback, much like Chris Derry who has become one of the outstanding blocking backs in the country.

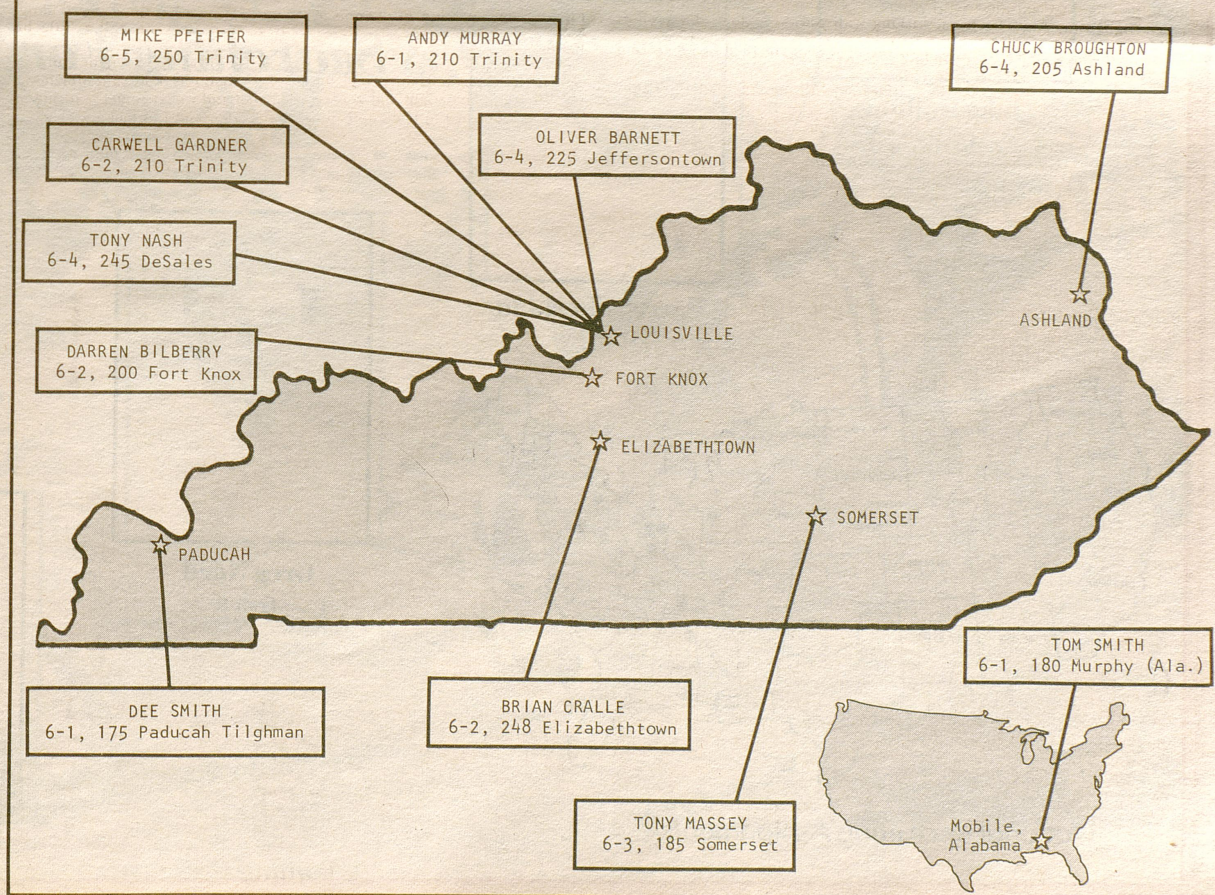
At Trinity, Murray played fullback in 1983 when Trinity went 14-0 and won the 4-A state title. He scored three touchdowns in the championship games against Owensboro which at the time sported UK's Mark Higgs. They'll be reunited this fall in Lexington.

The third Shamrock player to choose Kentucky was Gardner who had narrowed his list to Kentucky and Georgia. He had earlier visited Georgia, Michigan and Clemson and had planned on visiting Notre Dame.

He announced his intentions to sign with UK Monday at his high school.

Earlier commitments to UK had been Oliver Barnett from Jefferson-town, Tony Nash of DeSales, Darren Bilberry of Fort Knox, Dee Smith of Paducah Tilghman, Chuck Broughton of Ashland, Brian Cralle of Elizabethtown, and Tony Massey of Somerset.

UK's Verbal Football Commitments



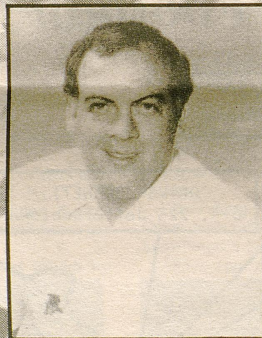
The Wildcat Football Recruiting Trail



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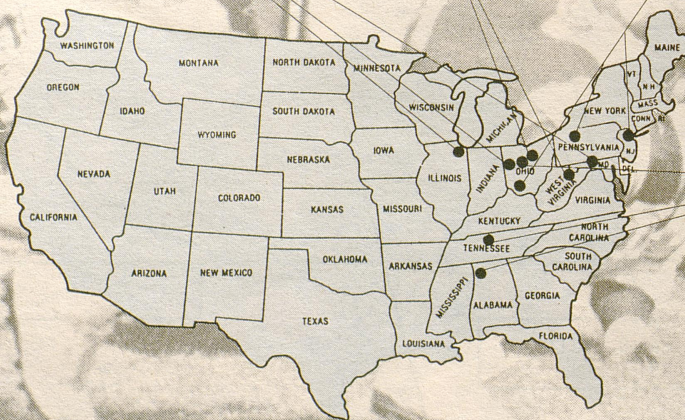
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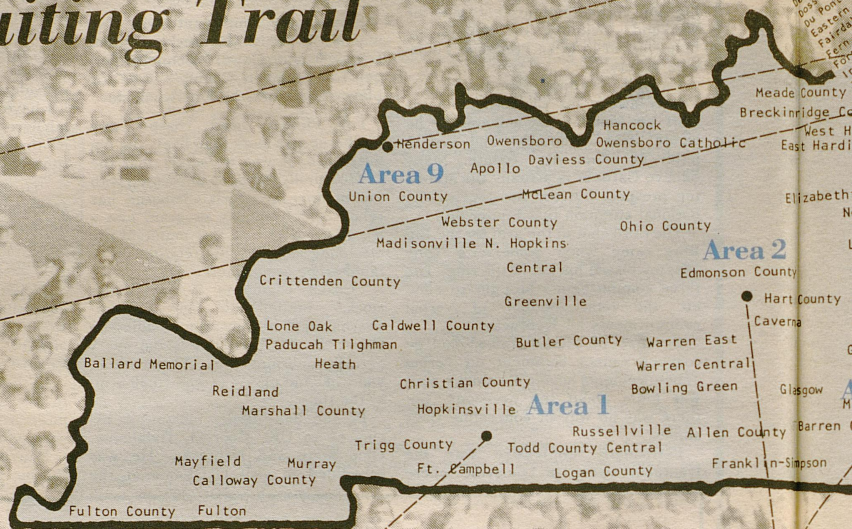
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Greg Nord
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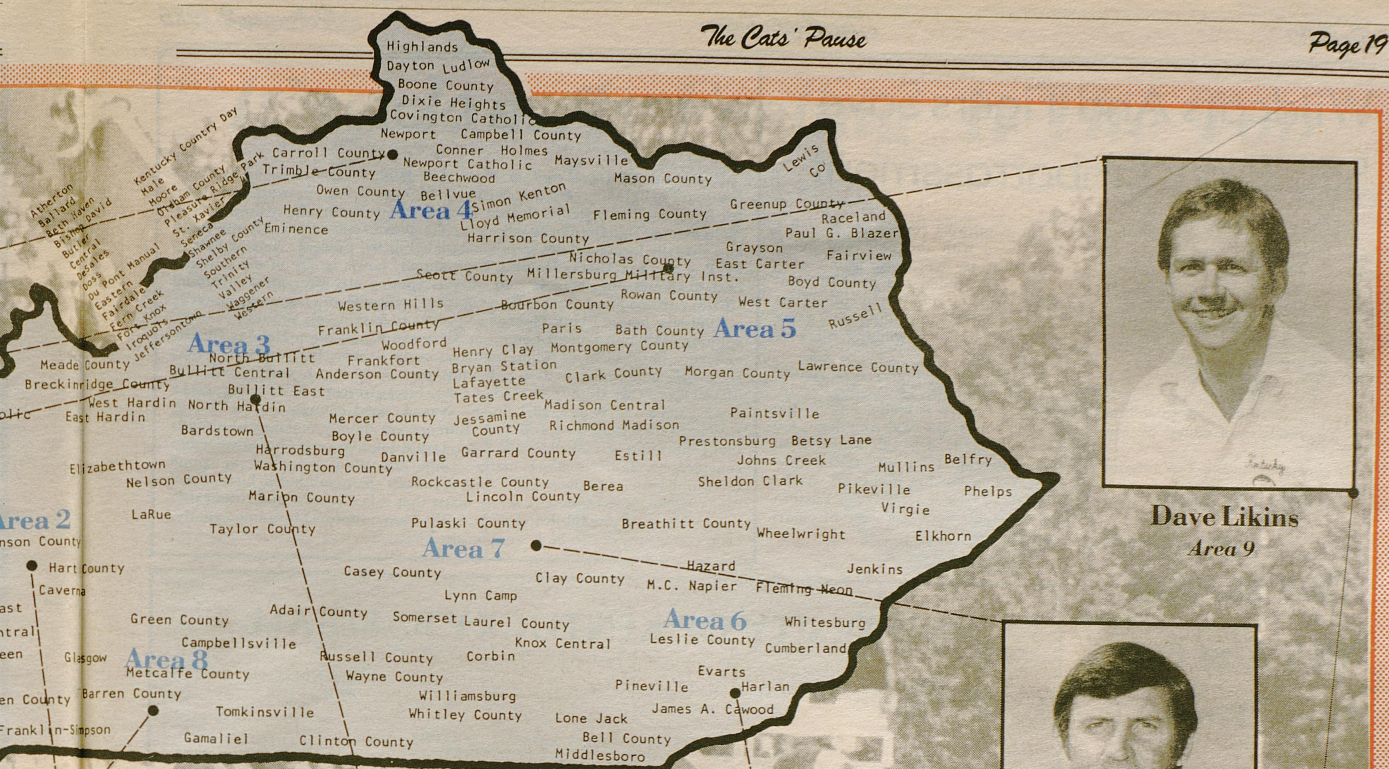
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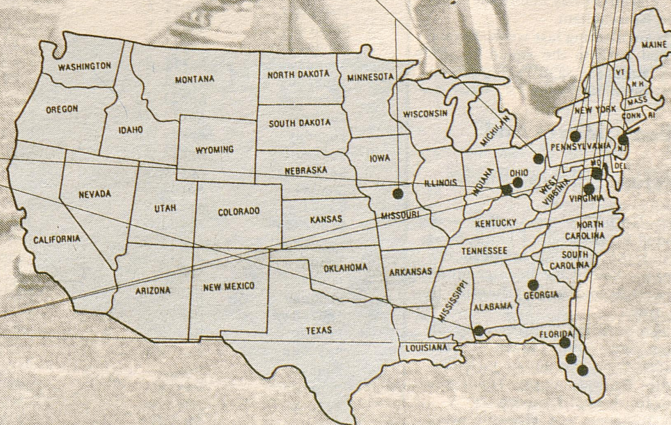
Chip Garber
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Bill Glaser
Area 3



Jerry Lisaman
Area 2



National Recruiting Assignments

The Blue-Chip Prospects

Wildcats And Tigers Save SEC From Embarrassment

Thanks to Kentucky and Auburn, the Southeastern Conference escaped football embarrassment suffered by the likes of the Big Ten Conference and Southwest Conference.

Kentucky's stunning 20-19 upset win over Wisconsin and Auburn's 21-15 victory over Arkansas gave the SEC a 2-2-1 mark. Georgia played to a 17-17 tie with Florida State while LSU dropped a 28-10 decision to Nebraska and Tennessee was edged by Maryland 28-27.

By contrast, the Big Ten suffered a tough 1-5 mark with the lone win being Iowa's pounding of Texas in the Freedom Bowl.

The Southwest conference posted a 1-4 record with the only win being SMU's victory over Notre Dame.

The SEC ended the football campaign with a final non-conference record of 38-15-2, including bowl game participation, for a winning mark of 70.5 percent.

The SEC finished 14-7-1 vs. Southern Independents, 3-0 vs. the Pac-10, 2-0 vs. Western Athletic, 2-0 vs. the Big-10, 1-0 vs. the Mid-American, 2-0 vs. Southland, 3-1 vs. Midwestern Independents, 1-1-1 vs. the Southwest, 2-2 vs. the Big Eight, 4-3 vs. the Atlantic Coast, 3-1-1 vs. Eastern Independents and 1-0 vs. Missouri Valley.

Riley To Lead NBA West For Third Time

Los Angeles Lakers coach Pat Riley will be coaching his third NBA All-Star game on February 10 at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis.

Riley, who is in his fourth season as head of the Lakers, is 1-2 in all-star competition. The former University of Kentucky All-American will coach the West team.

The honor of coaching the All-Stars goes to the coaches of the teams with the best record in each conference through games of Sunday, January 27.

Team Votes In Favor Of Bryant

Junior Cisco Bryant has been admitted back to the Kentucky football team after a vote by the players.

Bryant, a junior who has outstanding receiving skills, was suspended for the Hall of Fame Bowl for disciplinary reasons. Reportedly, the team voted his suspension the day before the HOF game in Birmingham.

At a team meeting last week, Bryant was voted back to the squad by the players. Bryant is a 6-1, 180-pound junior-to-be in 1985.

Williams, Mayes And

Hairston Allowed Back

Three football players who were suspended for the Hall of Fame Bowl and not on the traveling squad for the post season bowl have been reunited with the club and will participate in spring drills.

The three - Brian Williams, Russell Hairston and Tony Mayes - were suspended from the squad just days after the Wildcats upset Tennessee 17-12 to finish an 8-3 season.

Both Williams and Hairston were starters and Mayes had been a valuable contributor to the defensive secondary. No details of the suspensions were revealed, other than they were for disciplinary reasons.

Prep Notes

Highly-touted Tom Lewis of Mater Dei High in the Los Angeles area continues to light up the scoreboard in California. Lewis, on everyone's prep All-American list, recently scored 17 although suffering from the flu. The night before, Tom fired in 40 points in a 63-60 overtime win over Santa Clara and virtually locked up the state's best label in the process. He was named MVP of the San Dimas Holiday Tournament. Lewis is one of the nation's best unsigned prep seniors and all the biggies are after him, including UCLA, Arizona State, Syracuse, Kentucky, Louisville and numerous others.

Kentucky-bound Irving Thomas continues to have a very impressive year, winning MVP tournament honors in Arkansas King Cotton Holiday Classic and very impressive in other regular season games. Last week, Thomas scored 25 points and had 15 rebounds in a 94-36 win over Hialeah. His Miami Carol City High team (Opa Locka, Fla.) stretched its winning streak to 12 games and is now 19-1 on the season, good enough for the No. 12 national ranking by USA Today. Rumors are quietly making the rounds that Chip Rupp, grandson of the legendary Adolph Rupp, is being wooed to consider his father's alma mater. Chip has been described by some recruiting experts as potentially "one of the top sleepers" in the high school ranks. Some close to the UK scene insist that it is only just and fitting that the grandson of Adolph Rupp wear a Big Blue uniform. More importantly, Chip could turn out to be a steal on the court.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY BASEBALL

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1985 UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	SITE
Saturday	February 23	TBA	Florida Southern	Lakeland, FL
Sunday	February 24	TBA	Eastern Michigan	Lakeland, FL
Monday	February 25	TBA	Eastern Michigan	Lakeland, FL
Tuesday	February 26	5:00	South Florida	Tampa, FL
Wednesday	February 27	TBA	Western Michigan	Lakeland, FL
Thursday	February 28	TBA	Western Michigan	Lakeland, FL
Saturday	March 2	6:00	Florida (2)	Gainesville, FL
Sunday	March 3	1:30	Florida	Gainesville, FL
Tuesday	March 5	2:00	Ball State	LEXINGTON, KY
Wednesday	March 6	2:00	Eastern Kentucky	LEXINGTON, KY
Saturday	March 9	12:00	Tennessee (2)	LEXINGTON, KY
Sunday	March 10	1:30	Tennessee	LEXINGTON, KY
Tuesday	March 12	3:00	Louisville	Louisville, KY
Wednesday	March 13	3:00	Georgetown	LEXINGTON, KY
Saturday	March 16	12:00 CST	Vanderbilt (2)	Nashville, TN
Sunday	March 17	1:00 CST	Vanderbilt	Nashville, TN
Monday	March 18	2:00 CST	Cumberland	Lebanon, TN
Wednesday	March 20	3:00	Clemson	Clemson, SC
Thursday	March 21	3:00	Clemson	Clemson, SC
Saturday	March 23	1:00	Georgia (2)	Athens, GA
Sunday	March 24	1:30	Georgia	Athens, GA
Friday	March 29	3:00	Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, KY
Saturday	March 30	1:00	Alabama	LEXINGTON, KY
Sunday	March 31	1:30	Alabama	LEXINGTON, KY
Monday	April 1	3:00	Morehead State	Morehead, KY
Thursday	April 4	3:00	Austin Peay	LEXINGTON, KY
Saturday	April 6	1:00	Florida (2)	LEXINGTON, KY
Sunday	April 7	1:30	Florida	LEXINGTON, KY
Tuesday	April 9	3:00	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, OH
Thursday	April 11	3:00	Cumberland	LEXINGTON, KY
Saturday	April 13	1:00	Tennessee (2)	Knoxville, TN
Sunday	April 14	1:30	Tennessee	Knoxville, TN
Tuesday	April 16	1:00	Marshall (2)	Huntington, WV
Wednesday	April 17	1:00	Evansville	LEXINGTON, KY
Saturday	April 20	1:00	Vanderbilt (2)	LEXINGTON, KY
Sunday	April 21	1:30	Vanderbilt	LEXINGTON, KY
Tuesday	April 23	3:00	Cincinnati	LEXINGTON, KY
Wednesday	April 24	3:00	Louisville	LEXINGTON, KY
Saturday	April 27	1:00	Georgia (2)	LEXINGTON, KY
Sunday	April 28	1:30	Georgia	LEXINGTON, KY
Tuesday	April 30	1:00 CDT	Evansville	Evansville, IN
Wednesday	May 1	3:00	Morehead State	LEXINGTON, KY
Thursday	May 2	7:00 CDT	Middle Tennessee	Murfreesboro, TN
Friday	May 3	3:00 CDT	Western Kentucky	Bowling Green, KY
Saturday	May 4	7:00	Western Kentucky	Elizabethtown, KY
Sunday	May 5	2:00	Western Kentucky	LEXINGTON, KY
Thursday	May 9	TBA	SEC Tournament	TBA
Friday	May 10	TBA	SEC Tournament	TBA
Saturday	May 11	TBA	SEC Tournament	TBA
Sunday	May 12	TBA	SEC Tournament	TBA

All times Eastern unless otherwise noted
Underline denotes Southeastern Conference game



It's A Lonely Feeling At The Top

If you think Fern Creek coach George Abernathy is paranoid because his team resides in the Seventh Region with a team regarded as one of the nation's best teams, Seneca, think again.

True, Abernathy said, Seneca may be the best team in Kentucky now. But come March, it may not even be the best team in the region.

"Seneca's undoubtedly the best team (in the region) on paper," Abernathy said. "But games aren't played on paper. I hope they feel they're the best. The fact is that the last time a big region favorite came out of the region was when Ballard did it."

Abernathy referred to the 1977 Ballard team, which won the state championship led by three players who eventually became major-college stars -- Jeff Lamp and Lee Raker (University of Virginia), and Jerry Eaves (Louisville).

Ballard also turned back two Male clubs regarded as prohibitive region favorites -- the 1976 Male team led by Darrell Griffith (then a senior), and the 1983 Male club led by Winston Bennett (also a senior). Both Ballard wins came in the region final.

So, Abernathy said, Seneca could be upset -- and don't be surprised if his Fern Creek team does it.

Led by two potent scorers in Andrew Bailey and Jerome Hazard, Fern Creek advanced to the region final last season before being turned back by Ballard. Bailey and Hazard are gone, but Fern Creek has survived the loss well. The team won nine of its first 11 games. Fern Creek's only losses: A 69-68 defeat to Male Jan. 4, and a 46-42 setback to Marshall County Jan. 16 in the quarterfinals of the Louisville Invitational Tournament.

Oddly, Fern Creek's success this season hasn't resulted from standout play from its 6-foot-6 junior center, Tracy Mitchell. Mitchell played little last year, mainly because of various ankle injuries. But he played well late in the year, and, together with Bailey and Hazard, led Fern Creek to the region final.

This year, to date, has been a different story. Mitchell has averaged 8.5 points a game. Abernathy expect-

ed much more. "Tracy's been a big disappointment," the coach said. "He's rebounded okay. But he only takes eight to nine shots a game. We need him to take a whole lot more shots than that. He has the potential to be a strong, intimidating center."

Joe Buckley, a 6-3 senior forward, has been helping pace Fern Creek in the interim. Buckley has averaged 17 points a game, and shoots 57 percent from the field. And, though he weighs

and seven points to a 79-74 Fern Creek victory.

All of which spells the probable continuation of Fern Creek's relatively new-found success.

"We were a doormat in Jefferson County for 45 years," Abernathy said. "Now we've won three straight (27th) districts, and we've been to either the semifinals or the finals of the region three straight years. We're selling our kids on the idea that we have tradition

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only 144 pounds, he ranks only a shade behind Mitchell in rebounding.

"Joe's the type that scraps and hustles all the time," Abernathy said. "He plays solid defense, and he's the type that will ask for the ball when you need a big basket. I can't say enough about what he's meant to us so far."

Forward Joe Harrington certainly has helped, too -- especially lately. Harrington scored 20 points in Fern Creek's opening-round LIT win, a 64-61 victory over Greenup County and its talented 6-11 senior center, Mike Scott. He then scored 18 points in the loss to Marshall County.

Fern Creek has received unexpected offense from its 5-9 senior point guard, Chris Moore. "He scores out of our four corner offense a lot," Abernathy said. "He handles defensive pressure really well, and gives us a lot of leadership."

The Fern Creek bench has helped, too. When guard Darryl Daugherty was sidelined with strep throat prior to a Jan. 11 meeting with Atherton, Morton Hazard (Jerome's brother) stepped in and contributed six assists

now. We've got a lot of pride now."

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Of course, pride alone may not be enough for Fern Creek -- especially considering the way Seneca's been playing.

Seneca, ranked 15th nationally last week by USA Today, won its first-ever LIT title Jan. 18 by beating Pleasure Ridge Park 64-59 in the championship game. The win improved Seneca's record to 17-1 overall, and 13-0 against state teams. The victory also was Seneca's third of the young season against PRP, a team considered the favorite in Louisville's sixth region.

Tony Kimbro, Seneca's splendid 6-7½ senior forward, enjoyed a productive tournament. He scored 80 points in Seneca's four wins. His best game came in the semifinal round Jan. 17 at Louisville Gardens. Kimbro scored 30 points, grabbed 11 rebounds, blocked seven shots and handed out four assists in Seneca's 68-58 win over Marshall County.

Keith Williams, Seneca's much-heralded 6-4½ senior guard, contri-

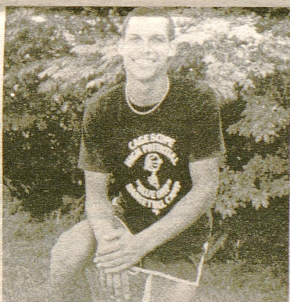


Tony Kimbro

buted significantly, too, scoring 56 points in the four games. Williams' strongest effort came in a quarter final game at Fern Creek. He scored 22 points -- two less than Kimbro and forward Brian Overall -- in Seneca's 80-74 victory over Apollo.

In the championship game, Kimbro hit nine of 12 shots from the field and scored 21 points, 14 of which came after halftime. For the season, Kimbro is averaging 26.1 points a game, Williams 15.2.

Williams signed in November to play for the University of Louisville next year. Kimbro will wait until April to decide on a college, but it's not yet known if Kimbro will "predict" -- that is, be academically eligible to play college basketball next season.



Keith Williams

Hazard-M.C. Napier Contests Cancelled

As a result of an incident that occurred during a Hazard-M.C. Napier game Dec. 14th during the Hazard Invitational Tournament, the Hazard city school board has voted to cancel Hazard's two remaining scheduled games with M.C. Napier. Those games were to have been played Jan. 30 and Feb. 22 at Hazard Memorial Gym, located on the Hazard High School grounds.

The incident occurred during the second quarter of the December game, and dealt with the distance M.C. Napier coach Denny Fugate and his players moved their bench chairs to the floor.

Roscoe Shackleford, superintendent of the Hazard city school board and a former Hazard High coach, said that he and Hazard coach Roy McKamey

told the head referee prior to the game that Fugate and his team might scoot their chairs closer to the floor than is allowed under a Kentucky High School Athletic Association rule.

According to Shackleford, during the second quarter of the December game, Fugate and the M.C. Napier team did just that. McKamey reportedly told the referee what was happening, but the official did nothing.

Shackleford then said that, because the referee did nothing, McKamey had his players move their chairs closer to the floor. When Fugate reportedly followed suit, Shackleford said McKamey approached the Napier bench and yelled at Fugate, and that Fugate moved toward McKamey near mid-

court. "They got into each other's face," Shackleford said.

Shackleford said a shoving incident then ensued between the two coaches, and that several fans from both sides of the floor ran onto the court. Shackleford said he was asked by a referee to get his coach and players back on their bench, which he did. After several minutes, order was restored and the game was continued, which M.C. Napier won.

Shackleford said the Hazard city school board voted to cancel the remaining games as a result of the December outburst. "Our schools have had some problems over the years," he said. "Something like this could only lead to a more explosive situation if they met again so soon.

Our schools are only a mile apart. We've had our share of fights before."

Shackleford said that, several years ago, fights broke out on a fairly regular basis during and following Hazard-M.C. Napier football games. As a result, those games now are played during the day.

Despite the two schools' proximity, they're governed by different school boards. Hazard is under the jurisdiction of the Hazard city system, while M.C. Napier is a part of the Perry County school system.

Shackleford said the Hazard board would meet at a later date to decide if the series will be resumed next year. Though both teams are in the 14th Region, there is no written rule which states that region teams must play each other.

Controversy Still Haunts W'burg

Now that Whitesburg's long regional nightmare is over . . . Whitesburg girls' basketball coach John High said his team has yet to find its offensive flow after sitting out three December games in the wake of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's short-lived suspension against the team for using transfer student Marla Gentry.

"The whole thing was upsetting to everybody, of course," High said. "But the big problem now is getting everybody into different roles. If she's (Gentry) going to play, some people's roles have to change. We just have to play a bit smoother."



The Dumas Report

Scouting The Kentucky Prep Scene

With J. C. Dumas

Cats' Pause Columnist

Some light background: Last November, the KHSAA ruled Gentry ineligible to play for Whitesburg, saying that she had been illegally recruited from her former school, Warren East. Prior to Whitesburg's first game, a Letcher County Circuit judge issued a restraining order to block enforcement of the KHSAA ruling.

When the KHSAA's Board of Control responded by suspending all Whitesburg athletic teams for a year, the judge ordered KHSAA Commissioner Tom Mills jailed for contempt of court. Mills saved himself that embarrassment by agreeing to lift the suspension.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals later ruled that the Whitesburg team could play, but without Gentry. Meanwhile, Gentry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Gentry, had appealed the ineligibility ruling involving their daughter to the state Board of Education. On Jan. 3, the board voted 6-5 to allow Marla to rejoin the team.

Gentry, a 5-9 forward, scored four points in her first game, a 91-60 Whitesburg win over Harlan on Jan. 5. She eventually eased her way into the starting lineup, and scored 16 points Jan. 16, when Whitesburg was upset 59-57 by 14th Region rival Knott County Central. Gentry's point total matched that of Whitesburg's "Miss Basketball" candidate, Brigitte Combs. Combs also transferred to Whitesburg, coming from Letcher County High following her freshman season.

High said Gentry's father, a retired army sergeant, moved the family to Whitesburg in order to be closer to relatives in Paintsville. "He only had a part-time job in Bowling Green. He didn't need the money," High said. "He makes a good pension from the Air Force. There simply was no financial reason for us to 'recruit' them, so the whole thing seemed ridiculous from the beginning."

Despite all the allegations, High said that from what he's seen of Gentry to date, he can understand why she'd be considered a coveted commodity.

"She's one of the most uncanny passers I've ever seen," High said. "She's not real smooth yet, but she's something. Her passes may come from her hip, from her knees, or from over her head. But they all get there quick."

High hopes that the only problem Whitesburg will face the rest of the year will come from region opponents. And what has High learned from the experience? "I found out about a lot of people and their true colors," he said. "Some people will stick with you until death, and some people don't have a very strong backbone."

Will that latter group of people be allowed back at Whitesburg games? "If they've got the money," High said. "It's a free country."

More "men of letters": Last week on these pages, I wrote an open letter to Superintendent of Public Instruction Alice McDonald. In it, I suggested that the present format for the boys' and girls' state basketball tournaments be allowed to remain as is, and that athletics, as well as academics, serve as a valuable and treasured teaching tool for untold numbers of Kentucky students.

In the past two-and-a-half weeks, two Kentucky coaches -- both of whom possess academic and athletic credentials far greater than my own -- followed suit.

In a letter to the editor published in the Jan. 18 edition of the Lexington Herald-Leader, Paris football coach Randy Reese suggested that a comparison of the grade-point averages of Kentucky prep athletes with those of non-athletes would show little difference. Reese's point: Contrary to the apparent thoughts of a group Reese termed "the spokespeople of education," high school athletics haven't been primarily responsible for the state's low national educational ranking.

Then, in the Jan. 22 editions of the Louisville Courier-Journal, columnist Earl Cox published a letter sent to high school athletic leaders by Laurel County girls' basketball coach Roy Bowling. In his letter, Bowling suggested that sports and studies can, and must, be allowed to coexist because of the positive values athletes derive from exposure to athletics.

Bowling also said the state tournaments should be left alone, and that basketball teams should only schedule games with teams lying within a 60-mile radius in an attempt to cut down on travel and implement the "six-hour school day" play properly.

Bowling serves as director of pupil personnel for the Laurel County school system. Between them, Bowling and Reese have won six state championships in their respective sports. Both have reputations as solid educators.

Their ideas should be considered soberly and taken to heart.

Coach Don DeVoe's Postgame Comments

The following are Coach Don DeVoe's postgame comments following Tennessee's 81-65 victory over the Wildcats last Sunday in Knoxville.

Coach DeVoe: "I was proud of our basketball team for hanging in there against Kentucky. Without a doubt,

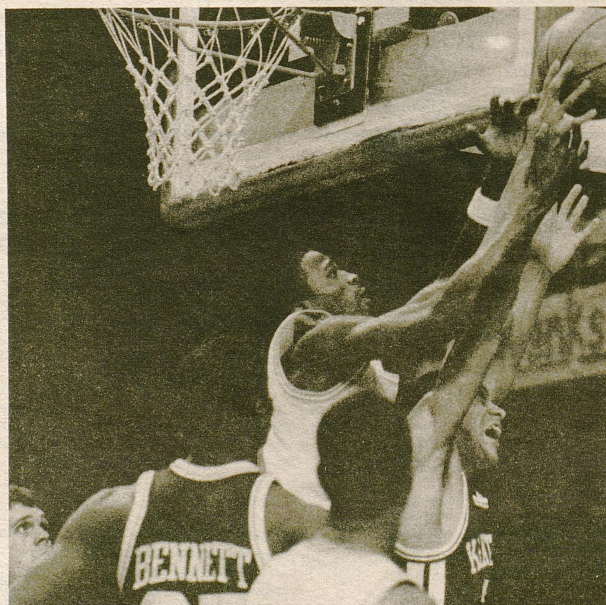
Michael Brooks was our salvation in this game. Whenever they gave him any room, he responded. He did a magnificent job. What you do in the second half is what matters and we kept Kentucky from getting the baskets. Kirk Naler did a great job of guarding Kenny Walker for us. This basketball team is doing a beautiful job for us at home. Now we will see what we can do on the road. Anthony Richardson didn't play too well in the first half, but his three-point play in the second half was a big turn-around for us. And when Kentucky started missing in the second half, Rob Jones did a great job of getting the ball under the basket. We made Kentucky have to shoot from the perimeter and when they started missing, our rebounding was a big difference. Not only did Kentucky defy Brooks to shoot from the outside, but he also met the challenge and also did a magnificent job of controlling the tempo of the contest. The win is a combination of factors in that we are usually the underdog against Kentucky, our players really get excited about playing them, and of course our crowd makes a big difference.

Ex-UK Wrestler Eying Olympics

James Johnson, a former UK wrestler who bowed out of U.S. Olympic competition last June due to a shoulder injury, is returning to the sport with hopes of making the 1988 Olympic team.

Johnson, 26, has been named to United States teams which will be competing in two international competitions, one next month in Cuba and then again in March for Hungary and West Germany.

After his shoulder injury, his plans were to retire and go into the sports promotions business. Now, he wants to return to the sport and give the Olympics another shot.



No Harm, No Foul?

Trinity Trio Tops UK Want-List

By J.C. Dumas

By the time you read this, the young man generally regarded as Kentucky's top prep football recruiting prize, defensive tackle **Mike Pfeifer** of Louisville Trinity, likely will have committed himself to a college for four years' duty.

Pfeifer, the 6-foot-7 senior who made virtually every All-America team, said last Tuesday that he would make his choice on Monday, the 28th, from among three schools -- **Kentucky, Georgia and Oklahoma.**

Pfeifer said he wanted to delay his verbal commitment until he made his official visit to Oklahoma last weekend. "I wanted to see, in my mind, if Oklahoma matched up to the other two," Pfeifer said. "Once I saw that, I want to make my choice quick."

Should Pfeifer have chosen Kentucky, the Lexington school would have bagged two of Trinity's three highly-touted defensive prospects. **Andy Murray**, a 6-2 linebacker, committed himself to UK Jan. 21. Football recruits can't sign national letters-of-intent until Feb. 13.

The other member of the Trinity triumvirate, linebacker **Carwell Gardner**, may not announce his intentions before the signing date. Gardner has made official visits to **Clemson, Georgia and Michigan**, and plans trips to Kentucky and Notre Dame.

Murray said he had narrowed his choices to Kentucky and the University of Louisville. He visited UK the weekend of Jan. 18.

Pfeifer said he wasn't the least bit surprised by Murray's move. "I figured that's (UK) where he'd go all along," Pfeifer said. "Once he visited UK, he talked about it to me a bit. He said he wasn't sure, but I thought he was pretty well convinced."

Pfeifer said neither he nor Gardner may feel influenced to follow Murray's lead and reunite Trinity's "Three Musketeers" in Lexington.

"I'm sure our coach (**Roger Gruncisen**) would love to see all of us go to

UK," Pfeifer said. "But my Trinity days are over. If I'm going to go to school for four or five years, it has to be somewhere that I like."

Pfeifer said that, regardless of his decision, he sees a lot to like about UK.

"I think the program there is comparable to Georgia's," Pfeifer said.

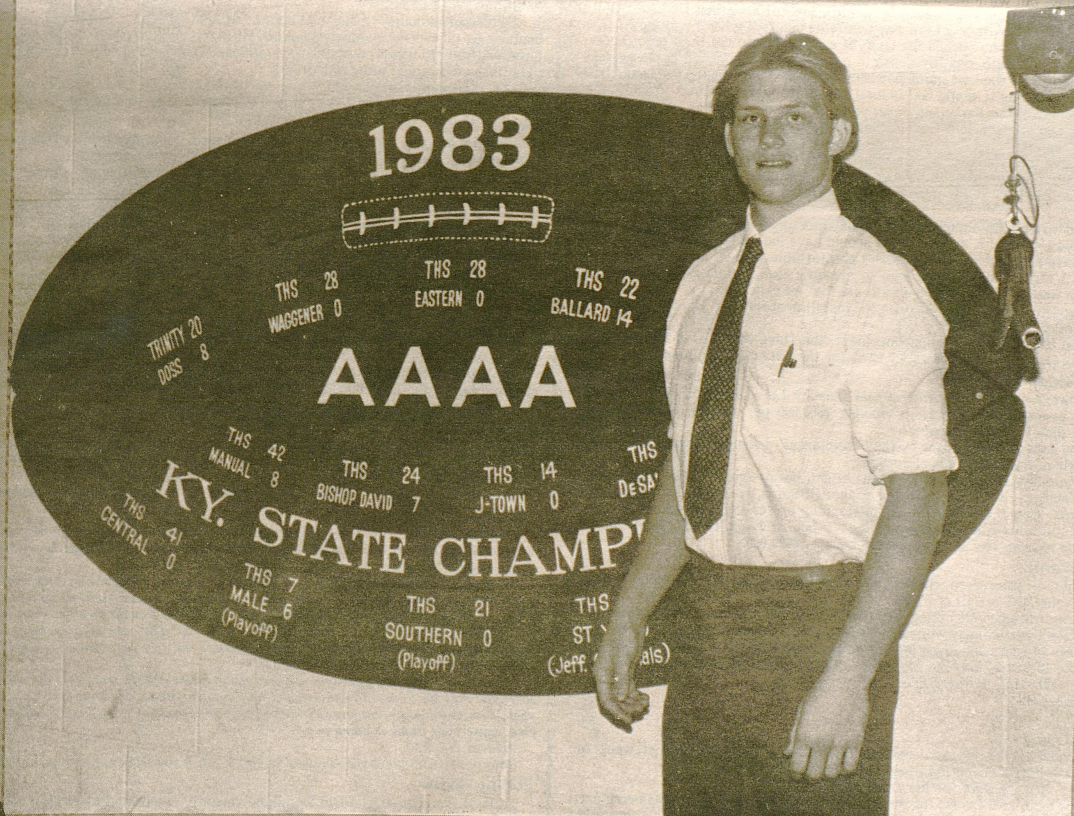
"I think they're both just as good. Their coaches (**Jerry Claiborne** of UK and **Vince Dooley** of Georgia) are just as good. Both schools work to recruit good kids. But there are a lot of pluses to UK."

Pfeifer said he found it easier than did Murray to rule out U of L. Shortly after that school hired **Howard Schnellenberger** as head coach last Dec. 1, it was reported that Pfeifer, Murray and Gardner all seriously considered Louisville. That's understandable, considering that Schnellenberger led Miami, Fla. to the mythical national championship of the 1983 season.

Pfeifer said, however, that a touch of prejudice eventually colored his thinking regarding U of L. "You had to look at U of L a bit since he (Schnellenberger) was there," Pfeifer said. "But I've hated U of L all my life. I didn't want to make a hasty decision and wind up there. That would have been stupid on my part."

Pfeifer said he also found it easy to rule out a school originally thought to have the inside track on his services -- Notre Dame. "After a while, I just wasn't interested," Pfeifer said. "Some things about a program you like, some you don't. That's all I can say."

Murray said UK coaches indicated they'd train him first as a fullback. It's a position he's well acquainted with: Murray played fullback for Trinity in 1983, when the team went 14-0 and won the Class AAAA state title. In the championship game, Murray scored three touchdowns in Trinity's 26-7 win over Owensboro, which had a talented running back of its own in **Mark Higgs**.



Mike Pfeifer: The State's Premier Pick

Issel Hanging Up The Sneakers

Changing the guard.

One of the University of Kentucky's most popular players ever, Dan Issel said last week that he will retire from the NBA Denver Nuggets at the end of the current season.

At UK from 1968 to 1970, Issel moved steadily up the ladder in the school's 1,000 Point Club until he took over the No. 1 spot. He still holds 23 school records, first among them 2,138 points scored for an average of 25.7 per game.

A day after Issel said he would retire, Kenny Walker became the 32nd UK player to join the 1,000 Point Club.

A prediction here: Issel and Walker will be lionized in years to come, remembered as two of the finest and most popular athletes ever at UK.

Some of us recall very well when Adolph Rupp signed Issel in 1966 out of Batavia, Ill. He was Der Baron's second choice at the time because Rupp wanted a 6-10 plodder named George Janky. But Janky chose Dayton and the rest is history.



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

Issel became an All-American and then went on to 15 years at the professional level where he missed only 23 of a possible 1,202 games, scored 27,002 points, behind only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Wilt Chamberlain and Elvin Hayes.

He was co-Rookie of the Year in 1970 with Charlie Scott, played in six ABA All-Star games, and was named Most Valuable Player in the 1972 contest. He had 12,823 points with a 25.6 point average in the ABA before merger then scored 14,179 points in the NBA for a 20.9 point average.

Wooden's decision

An intriguing roundball item came across the desk last week.

For those who remember the last time Kentucky and Louisville made it to the Final Four in 1975, the following scenario will be of interest. The finals were in San Diego and included UK against Syracuse and U of L against UCLA.

Louisville led UCLA most of the way before losing 75-74 when Terry Howard, a 90 percent foul shooter, missed the front of a bonus inside the final 10 seconds.

Kentucky meanwhile, beat Syracuse to reach the championship game against The Uclans. Before the title game however, John Wooden stunned the basketball world by announcing it would be his final game. He was retiring.

Larry Donald of the *Basketball Times* picks up the story. During an interview a few weeks ago Wooden told Donald that his retirement had been a spur of the moment thing. "If you'd have asked me the day before (the Louisville game) I'd probably have told you I wasn't considering retirement," he said.

In the few moments it took Wooden to walk from the UCLA bench where he would shake hands with the defeated Denny Crum's hand, he made a decision to quit.

"I found myself dreading the big media meeting I would face afterward," Wooden told Donald. "It's something I should have looked forward to, something I should have enjoyed. I didn't. I wasn't comfortable with it."

"So, as I walked along I just said to myself, 'gosh, if this is bothering you, maybe it's time to get out.' It came to me that quickly."

What happened next would make a good installment for Paul Harvey's 'now you know the rest of the story.'

Fired up by their coach's announcement, the Dave Meyers-led Bruins came back a day later and beat Kentucky 92-85 for the national championship.

Bits 'n pieces

Sam Bowie is listed on the *All-Overpaid Team* by *The Sporting News*. The former UK star, averaging 7.1 points, is making \$600,000 per annum. Melvin Turpin (\$260,000) didn't make the team.

Portland fans are still upset by the Trailblazers' decision to pick Bowie over NBA rookie-of-the-year Michael Jordan.

Teammate Jim Paxson: "Sam has the talent, but it's going to take him awhile to go out and play with the Kareems or the Gilmores. He's still learning."

Comment: Bowie will become an outstanding professional player.

Ex-UK star Rick Robey is listed on the *All-Injured Team*. Robey played in four games this season. His per annum paycheck — \$425,000.

Fran Tarkenton

One had to be impressed with Fran Tarkenton's reaction last week to not being elected to the NFL's Hall of Fame.

The former Minnesota Viking quarterback admitted he was disappointed, but said he wasn't particularly worried about it and told a wire service reporter, "No. I played my 18 years and loved playing with a child-like enthusiasm. The fun of it all was the 18 years' playing. My work is done. I have no control over anything after that. The fun of the game is not the awards. It's the playing and team accomplishments."

Comment: Perfect.

Hazzard apology

UCLA coach Walt Hazzard apologized to LSU's Dale Brown last week for remarks the Bruin coach made about Brown and his program.

But, the apology went further than the original facts.

Hazzard criticized Brown for the way freshman John Williams was being used (off the bench) at LSU. Considering Williams' talents, scoring and rebounding numbers for the Tigers were shameful and indicative of his misuse by Brown, Hazzard alleged.

"He (Williams) was ready for the NBA out of high school," Hazzard said. "I saw where he got zero points in a game. I mean, he could fall out of bed and get 20 points."

A week later Hazzard apologized, not only for Brown's misuse of Williams, but also for hinting that the player had been offered cash during his recruitment a year ago.

The UCLA coach said that he did not intend for any fingers to be pointed at Louisiana State or Brown. "...I made some comments regarding John Williams ... At no time did I intend for those remarks to be interpreted as a criticism of LSU head Coach Dale Brown or his program," Hazzard said. "Obviously, Dale Brown knows his program much better than I do."

"I never intended to imply that LSU had given John money to attend school there," Hazzard added. "I stated that we (UCLA) told John that we would not recruit in that manner, but I never said or meant to imply that LSU recruited in that way."

Comment: Certainly all is forgiven and forgotten around Baton Rouge. Right Dale?

Incidentally, through games played last week Williams was averaging 14+ points and leading the team in rebounding with 7.1 per game.

Knight 'investigation'

Indiana coach Bob Knight's quiet crusade against cheaters in college basketball programs goes on.

Within the last year, Knight told a reporter recently that he had talked with a coach from outside the midwest. The coach's team had picked up one of the many college basketball transfers, but he was mystified by the details that went with completion of arrangements for the transfer.

"The kid (told the coach) that his mother wouldn't let him transfer until she received her next payment of \$3,750," Knight said. "The coach told me, 'Now, that's really strange that she came up with that figure.'"

"And I said, 'No, it's not—because \$3,750 is exactly one-fourth of \$15,000.'"

"She was getting four equal quarterly installments of \$3,750 apiece, and she had to wait until the next payment before she'd let her kid transfer."

There was more and what follows is what makes Bob Knight the man you would want your kid to play for.

"I tell (the recruit) not to let anybody buy a piece of his soul. 'Go to the school where you'll be happiest. Don't sell yourself, because, if you do, you'll be amazed how easy it is to keep taking the shortcut,'" Knight says.

"The kid who gets the money, the car, clothes and all that stuff essentially is a kid who's been given something for nothing. So this leads to the next problem—grades."

Comment: See if you know someone like the youngster mentioned in the following paragraphs.

"Instead of 15 hours, he takes 12 hours," Knight goes on. "Instead of concrete courses, he takes Mickey Mouse courses. He starts cutting class. Pretty soon you have a decent kid who as a pretty good student is now trying only to be eligible to play, instead of going after a degree."

Then, Knight says, "the kid wakes up to the fact that he can't play pro ball either football or basketball—he's been bypassed so far that he has no chance."

Sweet 16

Officials for the upcoming girls State Tournament in Bowling Green are rubbing their hands together...and keeping their fingers crossed too.

Western Kentucky University will host the Sweet 16 and an official there believes big things are in store if "things fall into place."

"The record for attendance is held by Iowa, I think," he said. "and we believe if things break right, if we get the right teams in here, we've got a good shot at breaking the record by plenty. We think it could be a blockbuster tournament."

Right teams? Among them is Marshall County. There are few schools in Kentucky whose fans support girls basketball any better.

"Their fans are super," the official said. "It would be wonderful to get, say, Marshall County in the final four along with say, Laurel County and Warren Central and Whitesburg. Boy, wouldn't that be some draw?"

Comment: Yes, I can see some record setting attendance figures coming from that matchup. And first rate basketball too.

Incidentally, media-types covering the Sweet 16 are in for a treat. Western sports information director Paul Just and staff have no peer when it comes to running a tournament. First class end-line to end-line.

Quiz

Question: What SEC coach said the following? "We're at a crucial point in the season, but we continue to make the same mistakes. There is no excuse for the way we've played. Our first year players aren't freshmen anymore."

Answer: Did you say "Joe B. Hall?" Wrong. It was Sonny Smith at Auburn.

Letters

From Princeton, Ky. Danny Ray McGowan writes, "it would be nice to see articles about the nation's No. 1 ranked team, the Georgetown Hoyas instead of so much about a 9-5 team (Kentucky) that isn't even in the Top 20."

"True, Georgetown is not known for its love of reporters and granting interviews, but their strength is their ability to score, play the tough D, play as a unit no matter which five is on the court, and enjoy the game just as kids on playgrounds do all over the world."

"Why not give a bit more paper space to the Hoyas? They are as awesome a bunch of guys as anyone has seen in years. UK is average and two years from now, they still won't be as good as Georgetown is today!"

"Sam Bowie said last year that UK had the greatest college team ever put together and then they go 3 for 33 in the second half against (Patrick) Ewing and Co.. What then, does that make Georgetown? Wake up, people, and put some fresh wood on your fire 'cause your flame is going out."

"Hoyas No. 1."

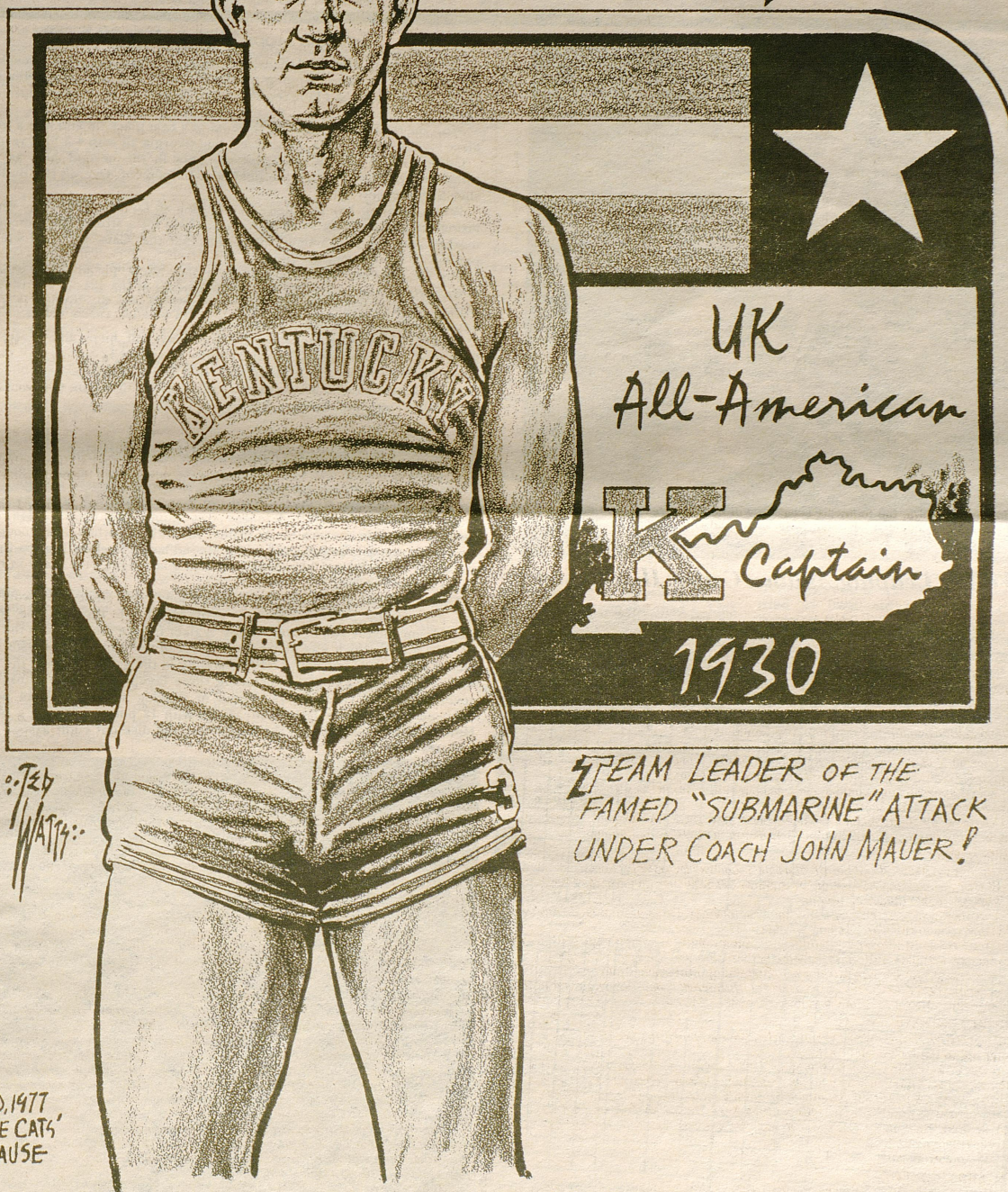
Comment: And Danny McGowan is No. 1 too, knows his college basketball.

Parling shots

☺ Paul Webb, coach at Old Dominion recently celebrated his 500th coaching victory. "Some say it is a measure of endurance," Webb said. "Some would say it is a measure of insanity. Depending on the day, I would agree with both."

And so it goes.

Paul
McBrayer



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THE CATS'
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After Missed Free Throws UK Was Never The Same

Coach Hall commented that after senior Bret Bearup's two misses from the charity line the Wildcats could never get back on track. His observation was correct. With 17:12 remaining in the game Henderson fouled Bearup as the UK senior was going up for a shot. Bearup missed the chance to increase Kentucky's one-point lead as he missed both attempts. For the rest of the game the Wildcats seemed flat.

After Henderson's shot gave the 'Dogs the lead, Gerald Crosby swished one home from top of key to widen the lead, 44-41. The Georgia supporters were starting to rally behind their troops with every UK miss and every Georgia score.

After some precision passing by the Bulldogs' offense, resulting in a Donald Hartry jumper, the home team now led 46-41 as Kentucky was forced to call a timeout. Georgia eventually opened up a nine-point lead, which it held six different times during the second half, and calmly hit the pressure free throws to preserve the victory.

Besides the defensive lapses in the final twenty minutes adding to its woes, Kentucky connected only 11 of 20 free throws during the entire contest for a meager 55 percent.

Wildcats Lead By Three At The Intermission

Kentucky's outside and inside scoring negated the Bulldog's easy scores in the first half. Backed by some good shooting from Walker and James Blackmon the Wildcats built a three-point cushion at the halfway mark.

Walker and Blackmon combined for 22 of UK's 35 points. Blackmon hit on 4 of 5 first half shots (mainly from 15 feet or further), while Walker led the 'Cats in the first stanza with 14 tallies (6 of 8 from the field, 2 of 5 free throws). The 6-8 junior also muscled down eight of the 13 first-half rebounds. Blackmon, Bearup, Winston Bennett, and Cedric Jenkins each had one board before the break (one team rebound).

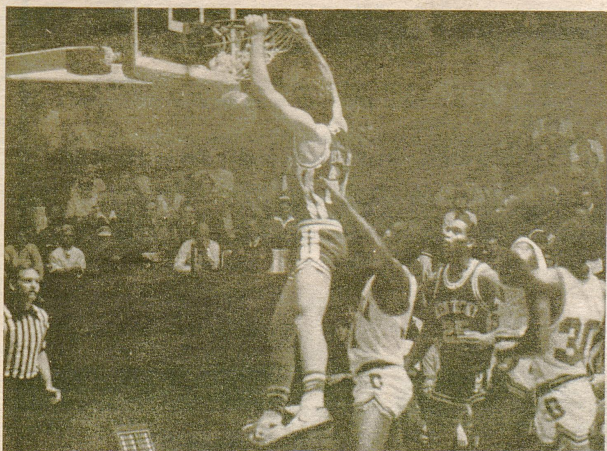
UK was ignited late in the period by the Wildcat co-captains as they scored the final five points. After a Bennett free throw giving the visitors a 31-30 lead, Roger Harden's nifty pass to Walker, which resulted in a dunk, made the score 33-30 in UK's favor. With Kentucky clinging to a 33-32 advantage, Bennett, aided by a Walker steal, laid the ball in with only two ticks left as the Wildcats led 35-32.

Walker Surpasses 1,000 Points As A Wildcat

With 11:36 remaining, Walker's top-of-the-key jumper enabled him to join the famed Wildcat 1,000 point club. Walker ended up with 28 points and 17 rebounds, which were both game-high marks. After the Georgia game Walker ranked 30th on the all-time Wildcat scoring list with 1,011 points. Just ahead of Walker on the UK list are Bob Barrow (29) 1,023 points, Jim Line (28) 1,041 and Dirk Minniefield (27) 1,060.

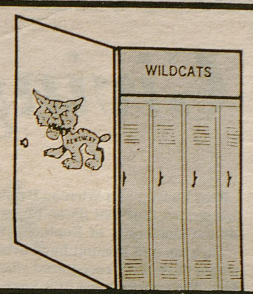
Blackmon Only Other Wildcat In Double Figures

Besides Walker, Kentucky's 6-2 guard was the only other Wildcat to reach double digits. Blackmon's shooting was effective as he hit on 8 of 13 attempts from the field for a 16-point evening. Bearup and Ed Davender each pitched in eight points, followed by Bennett with seven. Both Bearup and Bennett fouled out late in the second half. For Bearup it was the second time this season he had fouled out, while it was the fourth time for Bennett. . . Bearup was UK's second leading rebounder for the night with six, followed by Blackmon (three), Bennett (one), and Jenkins (one). . . Bearup and Davender tied for assists with four apiece, followed by Harden with three. . . The game was sort of a homecoming for Walker and Jenkins as both players are from the state of Georgia. Walker is from Roberta, Ga., while Jenkins is a product of Dawson, Ga. . . Both the Wildcats and Bulldogs used a lot of players. The Wildcats used 10 members, just one more than did the Bulldogs. . . In this game UK could not claim 'foul' even if it wanted to. Georgia was called for more fouls, 20-18, and only shot one more free throw than the Wildcats, 21-20.



A Bearup Slammeroo

Inside The Locker Room



Roger Harden

(About Georgia's second-half surge)

They came out and they executed their offense awful well against something that had been effective for us, and that was our 3-2 zone. They've had quite a while to see it . . . in the past few games. That was probably an asset for them. I don't think that was what turned it around, but it was a combination of them executing and hitting the jumpers.

(About Gerald Crosby's and Donald Hartry's jumpers being a turning point in the contest in favor of Georgia)

When they hit both of those shots that was a defensive breakdown on our behalf. That's what it was, a defensive breakdown out front. When those things happen you just have to try and eliminate it.

(About the point-drop defense)

They had seen our point-drop. It's a very unorthodox type zone that has been so effective for us in the past, but they were just hitting their jumpers.

(About the game)

The effort was very much there tonight. We played hard and with a lot of enthusiasm. It hurts when you lose two in a row, especially when you know you shouldn't have dropped them both.

(About playing on the road)

Anytime you go on the road I think you can just go ahead and give the home team 10 points. I don't know what it is. The crowd can only get to a squad as much as they let it, that's my belief.

(About getting back on the winning track)

We just have to keep looking forward, we just can't get down. I hate to say that, because it's like, well, just ignore that we lost, because that's not my attitude at all. You just have to take that feeling you have when you walk off the floor -- that you lost -- and take that intensity into the next game and remember, when you step on that floor, what it feels like to lose. Just let that motivate you a little harder for the next game.

Robert Lock

(About the team having a tough time on the road in the SEC)

From the bench Georgia couldn't miss it seemed like to me. We played real well in the first half, but in the second half we dropped off mainly because of their guards. They pressured Roger (Harden), Ed (Davender), and James (Blackmon) and took us out of our offense pretty much. I think that was the turning point of the game.

(About the difference, especially to the freshmen, playing at Rupp Arena compared to on the road)

It's a big change. I can't even tell you how big a change it is. The fans are so tremendous at Rupp and are so adverse here. There's just no place like Rupp and we always look forward to playing there.



Roger Harden

(About getting back to the winning ways)

We have to get together like we did before the Kansas game and get a little team meeting and say hey this has got to stop and we have to get going and get on the winning track again.

Kenny Walker

(About how Georgia defended him)

They did the same things other teams have. They tried to get two or three guys on me defensively and they tried to front me inside and get weakside help. It's nothing I haven't seen before.

(About the Bulldogs ability to get the easy buckets)

We did a great job in the first half. But in the second half we had some defensive breakdowns. They broke the zone down and found a lot of seams in the zone defense and they just went to the offensive boards. They just kept plugging away all night. You have to give them credit, they played a great game.

(About what it takes to win on the road in the SEC)

I don't know what it takes, if I knew I'd tell you. You have to go out and play hard every night and you just can't overlook any one team, because anyone in the SEC is capable of beating you.

(About getting back to the form that earned Kentucky its eight-game winning streak)

We played a good first half tonight I thought and we started the second half playing real well. It's just the break downs of the defense, I think if we go back and evaluate some of those mistakes and get our intensity back and play with a little bit more confidence then I think we'll get back to where we were.

(About if the confidence is still there)

I think so. It's a matter of us coming together a little bit as a team. We just have to keep plugging away and we can't let this (two-straight defeats) get us down. We just have to brush up on the fundamentals and stop making so many mistakes.

Giving It That Extra Effort

Bret Bearup and Winston Bennett won't earn any All-American honors this season. But that doesn't mean the two have not been valuable players for the University of Kentucky Wildcats.

"Bearup and Bennett have overachieved to the extent that I don't think people have truly recognized what they have done," says UK Coach Joe Hall. "Bearup is in his fifth year. He's been a force on defense and has given us a great effort every outing. He has added stability to our team.

"Bret is in the right place at the right time. He's been doing his job very well and with very little credit. All you hear about him is criticism and I don't understand that."



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

"The same goes for Winston. He was out three months (because of knee surgery and pneumonia). It blows my mind when I hear people criticize him. People have expected him to play up to his old form (of last year) and that is unbelievable considering what he has been through. I marvel that he is even out there playing.

"He gives a gutty, hard-nosed effort every game. He directs our defense and he is a force inside the lane. I'd hate to think where we would be without him."

Bearup and Bennett aren't cut out of the same mold. Bearup won't overpower the opposition and his quickness is average at best. Bennett is probably the most aggressive player ever to wear the blue and white. He attacks the opposition and will not back off from anyone because of his muscle, quickness and competitive attitude.

But the two have one thing in common — they have sacrificed individual glory to help this year's team. If they don't block out, Kenny Walker couldn't dominate the rebounding. And they both know how to get the ball inside to Walker in scoring position.

"Maybe some people do think Bennett and Bearup aren't doing much," says Bearup. "But we are playing the roles that have been assigned to us and I think we've been doing a good job. If we weren't filling our roles the team would not be winning and we wouldn't be starting.

"Winston and I both put the success of the team ahead of individual success. Maybe that would be tough on some players but I've been around here long enough to understand my role. Sure, it does frustrate me when people keep asking what is wrong with Bret Bearup. But as long as we can keep winning I will be happy."

Hall still believes both Bearup and Bennett can be contributors on offense. He recalls Bearup's 13-point, 11-rebound effort against Indiana earlier this season and Bennett's 14-point, seven-rebound performance against Louisville. Hall would like to see both players score more the remainder of the season to take the pressure off Walker.

"Winston has had trouble with his shooting and I know that has frustrated him," says the UK coach. "But his offense will come around. He was out so long with his physical problems that will take time for him to get his game back to where it was at the end of last year.

"Bret just hasn't been looking for the shots enough. He's a team man. Since we started SEC (Southeastern Conference) play he's been thinking about his shooting percentage and has just taken good shots. I don't want to force Bearup to shoot but I would like to see him take more shots. But both he and Winston have the potential to be good offensive players. I'll always believe that."

Bearup has averaged just over five points per game while grabbing six rebounds per outing. Bennett averages eight points and 5.5 rebounds per tilt.

But even when the two don't score they contribute. Both set picks to free Walker, play defense and rebound. But not every fan notices those contributions. Hall does, though.

"Bret is probably our best matchup player," says Hall. "He's matured and he can be physical inside. He's big enough to withstand the banging that goes on inside the lane and he's been keeping his man off the boards.

"Bearup fits into our offense well. He's alert to what we are trying to do. That's why he handles the ball on our out-of-bounds plays.

"Winston does the same type things. And I can't tell you what security it gives me to know we have a knocker like that on our side. I just count my blessings every day that he is playing and I tell him how thankful we are to have him here."

So how valuable have Bearup and Bennett been?

"Without Winston Bennett and Bret Bearup we would be in bad shape," says Hall.

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JOE HALL says the worst thing Kentucky could do would be to stop trying to get the ball inside to Walker even though opposing teams are surrounding the UK star with two or three players.

"We've got to keep getting the ball in Kenny's hands," says Hall. "The worst thing that could happen to us would be to concede that we can't get it inside to him."

But the Cats must also start getting consistent scoring out of the other positions. Against Mississippi State the Cats went the entire first half without four starters scoring. In the loss to Florida UK has a 25-minute stretch where Walker was the only starter to tally.

"Other players have to look for their offensive opportunities more," says Hall. "We've got to challenge the defense from the other spots and make them respect us. We still need for Kenny to keep scoring but we've got to get him some help."

That could mean more playing time for senior Troy McKinley, UK's outside shooting whiz. After 15 games he was hitting almost 64 percent from the field.

McKinley is most effective against zone defenses. And that's what UK will see most of the time because of Walker's inside scoring ability. But the Cats have not gotten the ball to McKinley as often as Hall would like.

"Some of our players don't understand the importance of getting the ball to Troy in certain situations," says Hall. "We have to be more patient and get more shots for Troy against zone defenses. His shot is a thing of beauty."

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KENTUCKY FOOTBALL Coach Jerry Claiborne says he's never had a bigger thrill than a recent standing ovation he got at Rupp Arena. That's why he brought the entire 1984 UK football team with him to officially present the school with the Hall of Fame Bowl trophy before the UK-Florida basketball game.

It was another special moment for Claiborne as the crowd gave another rousing ovation to the Cats. And the timing could not have been better as blue-chip recruits from Kentucky, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee were watching.

One of those recruits was fullback-linebacker Andy Murray of Louisville Trinity. The 6-2, 230-pound Murray announced Jan. 21 that he would attend UK.

Murray is one of three big-time prospects at Trinity that Claiborne's staff would love to sign Feb. 13. The others are tackle Mike Pfeifer and linebacker Carwell Gardner. Pfeifer, considered the state's top lineman, has visited UK and Georgia and plans to look at Oklahoma and Notre Dame. Gardner has been to Clemson, Georgia and Michigan but will also visit UK and Notre Dame before making his final choice.

UK would love to sweep the Trinity Trio. All three are solid players and it would certainly add to UK's recruiting power in Jefferson County since earlier Tony Nash of DeSales and Oliver Barnett of Jeffersonton committed to UK.

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CLAIBORNE SAYS the sub-zero temperatures and snow that greeted the blue-chip recruits Jan. 18-19-20 could hurt, or help, Kentucky's chances.

"You never know how a thing like that is going to work out," says Claiborne. "Maybe they could have seen more of the campus if the weather had been prettier. But this way they stayed inside more and visited with our players. That could turn out to be a bigger plus than walking around campus."

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IT WAS also nice to see that Claiborne let all four players — Brian Williams, Tony Mayes, Russell Hairston and Cisco Bryant — that he has suspended before the Hall of Fame Bowl take part in the festivities at Rupp Arena.

Claiborne won't abandon a player who makes a mistake if that player honestly wants a second chance. But the UK coach has firm rules that he won't ignore for any player.

If the four have learned that lesson, they will be back with the Cats next year. If not, they will have to watch from the stands if they want to see UK play.



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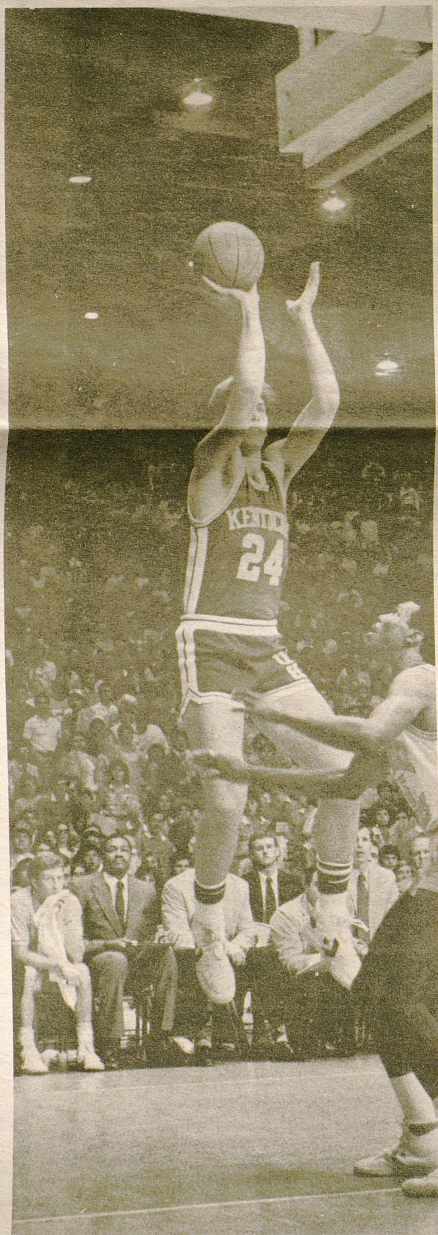
Rumors and a \$1 bill will buy you a cheap cup of coffee in some cities, but a New Orleans paper has reported that the eternal optimist just might be joining up with the eternal optimistic healing minister.

The New Orleans Times-Picayune recently said LSU coach Dale Brown has talked with Oral Roberts officials about the head basketball coaching job there.

Present coach Dick Acres is struggling this season. Brown has downplay-

ed the interest by ORU; however, saying, "I'm contacted every year by numerous organizations to be head coach, athletic director, general manager. . . within the next month I will be offered three more jobs, if the average holds up."

Brown's contract is still under negotiations with athletic director Bob Brodhead, who reportedly would give Brown a four-year contract. Brown, however, wants 10 years.



Bret Bearup

Bowie & Turpin Recieve Midseason Grades

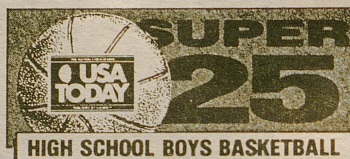
Matt Marsom of Basketball Weekly recently published a mid-season report on the National Basketball Association's top fifteen rookies and the grades ranged from A+ for Akeem Olajuwon and Michael Jordan to a C+ for the likes of Sam Bowie, Tony Campbell, Sam Perkins, Michael Cage and Eddie Wilkins.

Marsom said of Bowie, "Finding out that adjustment from college to pro ball takes time. Has been plagued by nagging injuries but what else is new. Contributing about seven points and seven rebounds per game in 25 minutes per night. Going up against the Jabbar, Olajuwons and Malones every time out is wearing him down.

Still needs time. Must become more aggressively offensively.

Melvin Turpin was given a B-. Marsom says of Turpin, "Remember, Turpin was supposed to come in and carry the Cavs north in the standings. It's not that easy. As so often happens, the expectations have exceeded the results. Truth is, he's really not performing that badly. Averaging almost eight rebounds and 12.7 ppg as a starter in 32 mpg. Very inconsistent at this stage. Too, bad he insists on the extra weight."

One of Turpin's finest games came last week in a 101-100 loss to the 76ers in which he scored 21 points on 9 of 13 shooting from the field.



An update on USA TODAY's preseason top 25 high school boys basketball players, selected by consulting high school editor Dave Kinder. Kinder has done freelance work for a variety of national publications the last 16 years and has been a sportswriter in Indiana for 24 years. The players, all seniors, are listed according to ability.

Lowell Hamilton Chicago

Providence-St. Mel HS, 6-7 center
Averaging 20.5 points, 8.5 rebounds and six blocked shots for 15-1 team ranked No. 11 in USA. Shooting .630 from field and .710 from foul line. High games of 31 points, 17 rebounds and 11 blocks. Signed with Illinois.

Tony Kimbro Louisville, Ky.

Seneca HS, 6-8 center
Has led team to 16-1 record and No. 15 rating in USA. Averaging 28 points, 13 rebounds, three blocks and three assists while shooting .610 from field. High games of 38 points and 19 rebounds. Favors Louisville ahead of DePaul and Nevada-Las Vegas at this time.

Danny Ferry Hyattsville, Md.

De Matha HS, 6-10 center
Has led team to 16-0 record and No. 1 rating in USA for second consecutive season. Averaging 21.5 points, 18 rebounds and five assists. Shooting .600 from field and .800 from foul line. "He's been a dominating figure in almost every game we play," said coach Morgan Wooten.

Jeff Lebo Carlisle, Pa.

Carlisle HS, 6-3 guard
Averaging 30 points, 7.5 rebounds and five assists while shooting .650 from field and .870 from foul line. Tied single-game school record with 12 assists. MVP of Belk Beachball Classic in Myrtle Beach, S.C., after scoring 41 points in loss to Hyattsville (Md.) De Matha. Signed with North Carolina.

Tito Horford Houston

Marian Christian HS, 7-0 center
"He's probably the most coordinated kid I've seen in high school, with the exception of Lew Alcindor (now Kareem Abdul-Jabbar)," said coach Bob Gallagher. Averaging 18 points, 13 rebounds and five blocked shots while shooting .560 from field for 20-2 team. Signed with University of Houston.

Kevin Madden Staunton, Va.

Robert E. Lee HS, 6-6 forward
Averaging 22.9 points, 7.5 rebounds, four assists and three steals with high of 36 points. "Sacrificing some of his scoring, he has helped bring a young team (8-0) along," said coach Paul Hatcher. Signed with North Carolina.

Jerome Richardson Philadelphia

Ben Franklin HS, 6-1 guard
"I've had him four years, and he still surprises me sometimes with the things he does," said coach Kenny Hamilton. Averaging 16 points, eight assists, four rebounds and three steals. Shooting .680 from field. Signed with UCLA.

Rodney Strickland Mouth of Wilson, Va.

Oak Hill Academy, 6-2 guard
Averaging 18.8 points, nine assists and three rebounds. Shooting .550 from field. High game of 27 points and 11 assists in 82-79 upset of ranked Baltimore Cardinal Gibbons. "He really accepts the challenge in the big games," said coach Larry Davis. Signed with DePaul.

Tom Lewis Santa Ana, Calif.

Mater Dei HS, 6-7 forward
Averaging 31.7 points and 11.8 rebounds for 18-0 team that is rated No. 7 in USA. Shooting .640 from field and .820 from foul line. High game of 40 points. Excellent at drawing fouls, averaging nearly 12 free throw attempts.

Michael Jones Mouth of Wilson, Va.

Oak Hill Academy, 6-6 center
Transferred recently from Phenix City (Ala.) Central. In first two games, averaged 21.5 points, 11 rebounds and seven blocks. Shot .580 from field. "He is so versatile that he makes us a lot better team," said coach Larry Davis. "He can just dominate a game." Signed with Auburn.

Kenny Payne Laurel, Miss.

Northeast Jones HS, 6-8 forward
"He has carried the offensive load of our team," said coach Keith Robinson. "He's the bread-and-butter man." Averaging 32.6 points with high of 42 and 15.4 rebounds and four assists. Favoring Louisville and Kentucky.

Rick Calloway Cincinnati

Withrow HS, 6-6 forward
Averaging 28 points, 13 rebounds and three blocked shots. High game of 40

points and 20 rebounds. Excellent quickness, speed and ball-handing ability for size and outstanding offensive player. Signed with Indiana.

Irving Thomas Opa Locka, Fla.

Miami Carol City HS, 6-9 center
Averaging 17.3 points, 15.4 rebounds, six blocked shots and four assists for 19-1 team that is rated No. 12 in USA. Shooting .640 from field. Has 76 dunks and high game of 11 blocked shots. Signed with Kentucky.

Rodney Walker Baltimore

Cardinal Gibbons HS, 6-9 center
"He's playing as well as anyone in the country," said coach Ray Mullis. "He just keeps improving." Averaging 23.7 points and 9.3 rebounds. Shooting .630 from field. Has led team to 20-2 record. Signed with Syracuse.

Jerome Lane Akron, Ohio

St. Vincent-St. Mary HS, 6-6 guard
"He is seeing the floor much better, passing much crisper and is more mature," said coach Joe Suboticki. Averaging 29 points and 13.5 rebounds with highs of 37 points and 18 rebounds. Signed with Pittsburgh.

Doug Roth Knoxville, Tenn.

Karna HS, 6-11 center
"He's probably the best passing big man in the nation," said coach Edward Boing. Averaging 17 points, 11 rebounds, five blocked shots and 4.5 assists while shooting .540 from field. Signed with Tennessee.

Steve Bucknall Byfield, Mass.

Gov. Dummer Academy, 6-6 forward
Scored school-record 45 points in double-overtime victory. "He was unbelievable, a man possessed," said coach Steve Metz. Averaging 32.4 points and 15 rebounds. Shooting .620 from field. Signed with North Carolina.

Walker Lambiotte Woodstock, Va.

Central HS, 6-7 forward
Averaging 27.5 points, 12.2 rebounds and five assists. High games of 41 points and 24 rebounds. Shooting .530 from field and .700 from foul line. Signed with North Carolina State.

Richard Morgan Salem, Va.

Salem HS, 6-4 guard
Averaging 30 points, seven rebounds, 4.5 assists and 3.5 steals. High game of 41 points. "He's got super athletic ability and, if he plays up to par, he's outstanding," said coach John Edwards. Signed with Virginia.

Roland Shelton Decatur, Ga.

Columbia HS, 6-4 guard
Adjusting after summer transfer from Decatur High. "He has really come on recently and has become the leader on the floor," said coach Robert Williams. Averaging 27 points and 8.5 rebounds. Said he will attend Auburn.

Ed Horton Springfield, Ill.

Lanphier HS, 6-9 center
"I thought he was an outstanding ballplayer, but I never thought he could shoot the way he has in the past two weeks," said coach Bob Nika. Averaging 26.8 points and 13.8 rebounds with high of 38 points. Signed with Iowa.

Roy Marble Flint, Mich.

Beecher HS, 6-6 guard
"When the game is on the line, he can take care of business," said coach Moses Lacy. Averaging 27.3 points and nine rebounds while shooting .570 from field. Tied single-game school record of 44 points. Signed with Iowa.

Toney Mack Brandon, Fla.

Brandon HS, 6-5 forward
Scoring single-game school-record 47 points and averaging 38.2 points with .600 field goal percentage. Also averaging 15 rebounds. Shooting .800 at foul line. "I think he has got to be in the class of Michael Jordan and Dominique Wilkins," said coach Frank Vining. Signed with Georgia.

Quinn Snyder Mercer Island, Wash.

Mercer Island HS, 6-2 guard
Averaging 14.1 points and six assists while shooting disappointing .430 from field and .500 from foul line. "He is such a perfectionist that he is really putting pressure on himself," said coach Ed Pepple. "He has really been concentrating on his floor game." Signed with Duke.

Darryl Prue Washington, D.C.

Dunbar HS, 6-7 forward
Averaging 24 points and 16 rebounds. "He's been steady, but the thing I like the most is that he has improved the range on his jump shot," said coach Roy Westmore. Said he will attend Georgetown.

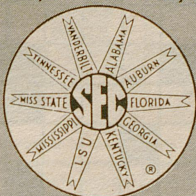


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Durham's Postgame Comments

The following are Coach Hugh Durham's postgame comments after his Georgia Bulldogs defeated Kentucky 81-73.

Coach Durham: This was a game where it is hard to pick out any one individual and say he was the key. It was definitely a team effort. Our inside game was good with Cedric Henderson, Richard Corhen and David Dunn all playing well, and we also had good play from Horace McMillan and Joe Ward at forward. And you can't forget Melvin Howard who was very valuable to us tonight on defense and with some key assists even though he didn't score. We got off to a slow start, and I think the main reason was this was a very emotional game for us. As for stopping Kenny Walker, we didn't do the best job, but then it's very hard to stop him. No one has done it yet. If there is one person to single out, I think you have to look at the job Corhen did tonight. He did a fairly good job on Walker, and offensively he has his best night of the season.



Hugh Durham

Joe B. Hall

UK Head Basketball Coach



The following are Coach Joe Hall's postgame comments after Georgia defeated Kentucky 81-73 in Athens.

Coach Hall: I thought the turning point in the game was when we were down by three and (Bret) Bearup missed the two free throws. It went downhill from there. They scored on 16 of 20 possessions (second half). Sixteen times they scored on 20 possessions against all three of our defenses. They were doing a very good job on the offensive execution. They shot the ball very well in the second half and they got behind and got on the offensive boards. They beat us about every way that you could beat somebody.

Defensively, and they were quick and were hard to guard. When they're shooting as well as they shot outside it makes it for a tough defensive situation.

When UK was outscored 14-4 midway through the second half, what seemed to be the problem?

Coach Hall: I just think that we had a letup right there and just didn't score. When they started their comeback it was a big help to them. (James) Blackmon's steal would have certainly been a big help. It looked like he got it clean and to me it looked like he got fouled. I thought the guy reached in as he (Blackmon) was pulling away.

What about toward the end of the ball game?

Coach Hall: We turned it over down the stretch several times. One was a charge (Ed Davender) and one was a walk (Richard Madison) and those things hurt you. Freshmen are going to make those mistakes, especially on the road. I was concerned why we couldn't get a timeout after the free throws. We called two timeouts and we didn't get them either time.

What about Georgia's defensive pressure?

Coach Hall: Georgia's defensive pressure was certainly a factor. They forced us into a lot of turnovers and out of our offense early. It was a very, very good defense.

Can you explain Georgia's ability to get the easy inside shots?

Coach Hall: A lot of them were offensive tips. They were just going to the boards well and we were standing. They flashed and our wingman didn't pick up the flash and they beat us to the basket.

Can you comment on James Blackmon's and Kenny Walker's performances?

Coach Hall: James played good offense for us and Kenny, of course, was outstanding -- 28 points and 17 rebounds. He played the whole 40 minutes and just did a great job.

Overall, what about Georgia?

Coach Hall: I think one key to Georgia is that they play so many people. They just do a good job of keeping people fresh. They're very deep. They played nine people and the most anyone played was 35 minutes.

In relation to Southeastern Conference play, what are your feelings of the Kentucky ballclub?

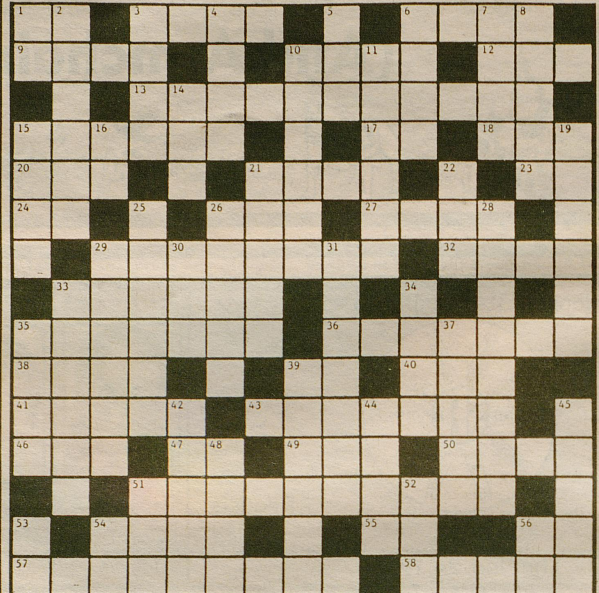
Coach Hall: It's too early to tell. WE had the benefit of the easy schedule early (SEC) that put us where we were. It's going to get tough now. I think it's going to be rough for us to maintain upper division status in the conference.

Have you ever seen the league any more balanced as it is this season?

Coach Hall: No. I think it's very balanced. But I still feel that LSU has the talent and I think Georgia has the talent. I think they are a better team than the '83 (Georgia team) that went to the Final Four.

The Cats' Pause Crossword

By Dan Krueckeberg



'85 Division I Bluegrass Basketball

ACROSS

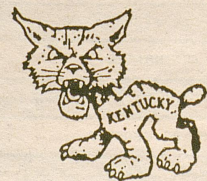
- 1 Initials of Western's Ballenger
- 3 1st name of a top bluegrass guard
- 6 Can the Racers improve on '83-'84 when they won _____ of their OVC games?
- 9 Sandwich stop
- 10 Roman numeral
- 12 Roman numeral for # of Div. I bluegrass schools to win at least once in NCAA tourney of last season
- 13 Could be best leaper in the bluegrass
- 15 Coach of the OVC's most successful team over last 5 years
- 17 State abbr. for a bluegrass neighbor
- 20 "He fouled _____"
- 21 Colonel DeCamillis
- 23 "He tried to _____ it back up"
- 24 "He likes to _____ from the outside"
- 26 First name of the Racers' coach
- 27 "They _____ out a last-second victory"
- 29 Had impressive 25-6 mark last season
- 32 First name of a Wildcat sophomore
- 33 Western's 6'8" Clarence
- 35 Roger and family
- 36 Murray's Craig and family
- 38 Preposition meaning "to"
- 39 State abbr. for a bluegrass neighbor
- 40 Man-to-_____
- 41 Wrecks
- 43 First name of Western's talented 6'9" sophomore
- 46 It's "Big" up north
- 47 _____ nsas of the Big 8
- 49 _____ Grande River
- 50 "The offense was in high _____"
- 51 One of Clem Haskins' men
- 54 Rough road feature
- 55 Double vowel
- 56 Abbr. for "road"
- 57 _____ improved play will mean much to the Cardinals
- 58 Namesakes of Eastern's Hill

DOWN

- 1 Initials of Morehead's freshman Drake
- 2 A fine 6'9" senior
- 3 6'11" Racer Lahm
- 4 The free throw
- 5 "At the _____ post"
- 6 Has best winning %age among Div. I bluegrass coaches in last 8 years
- 7 Falsehoods
- 8 Morehead's OVC finish in '83-'84
- 10 Fine Colonel freshman Howard
- 11 15 Across & 39 Down _____ their 100th victory at their schools last year
- 14 "At the _____ of the first half"
- 15 Colonel head man
- 16 Movie title
- 19 Barker, Clements, Vance, etc.
- 21 Namesakes of Eastern's Prim
- 22 See 52 Down
- 25 Guard Billy of Western
- 26 Bridle lines
- 28 A bluegrass freshman
- 29 Murray State's Vada
- 30 Abbr. for "route"
- 31 Super sophomore guard Parris
- 33 First name of a Cardinal senior
- 34 Support your _____ mater
- 35 Louisville was _____ by injury to 3 Across
- 37 Haskins' _____ crop of freshmen could pay dividends in March
- 39 Coach Wayne is rebuilding
- 42 The Racers did not _____ on getting JUCO transfers for this season
- 44 Can other states boast of schools with such great hoop traditions?
- 45 Namesakes of Western's Tisdale, runner-up to Steve Miller as Kentucky's "Mr. Basketball" last year
- 48 Swiss mountains
- 51 Sing with closed lips
- 52 The _____ band
- 53 Initials of Western's senior Johnny
- 54 Morehead's _____ b McCann
- 56 Initials of pivotman Robert

Last Week's Answers

COLGATE AUBURN Y
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SEC Image Tarnished By Probes

During the last 10 years the Southeastern Conference has not established itself as one of the cleanest conferences in the country when it comes to obeying NCAA regulations. Since 1975, Mississippi State, Kentucky, Auburn, Georgia, and just recently Florida have been slapped with sanctions provided by the NCAA. All five schools' penalties were related to the football programs which can tarnish a league's image since the SEC is known as one of the top conferences in the nation.



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

Cheating in college football is not necessarily prevalent in the SEC but also in the other major conferences as well. In the same 10-year time span, the Big Eight and Pacific 10 have had four teams apiece placed on probation, with the Big 10 and Southwest Conference having three and two schools respectively. Finally, the ACC has had one member (Clemson) which is just coming off their probation sentence, and the Tigers will be eligible for television appearances and post-season play for the 1985 season.

Boyd McWhorter, the commissioner of the SEC for the last 13 years is certainly interested on how the irregularities will effect the conference. McWhorter was quoted by a wire service saying, "Sure, I'm concerned. I'm concerned about our image. It's not what it should be. But I've never said we're as clean as a hound's tooth. On the other hand, McWhorter feels the SEC is better off now than it was in the past. "Heck, we're cleaner now than ever before. Twenty years ago, there wasn't a football player who wasn't getting something free, a pair of shoes from a store in town, a suit, things like that. It's just that now, things have changed," said the 62-year-old commissioner.

Currently, Ole Miss and LSU have been approached by the NCAA concerning possible infractions. If both schools were placed on some type of

probation in the near future that would mean every member in the SEC with the exception of Tennessee, Vanderbilt, and Alabama will have been caught for violations by the NCAA in the last 10 years. Obviously, most SEC schools have definitely not kept their noses clean as far as complying with NCAA laws.

One of the major reasons as to why SEC schools have found themselves in trouble with its governing body is that the league is the most fiercely competitive conference in the nation. The constant pressure to win at schools such as Alabama, Auburn, LSU, and Georgia for instance, is immense. More importantly, television revenues are generated when colleges enjoy winning football seasons. Television networks disdain from televising games between teams who have losing records. In other words, SEC teams not only have to win to please eager fans and alumni but also for the television money which inflates the school's athletic budgets. For any school to possess an adequate budget, money coming from television is essential.

The NCAA is just now realizing just how much illegal recruiting is occurring throughout the country. More and more institutions are receiving NCAA sanctions. On the other hand, the NCAA and its staff have a difficult task policing every Division 2-A members. Furthermore, investigations for only one school can take up to three to four years in certain cases. But until the NCAA either begins to hand out harsher penalties or take other measures, cheating will continue not only in the SEC but other big time conferences as well. Hopefully the NCAA will find some solutions sometime soon and the SEC will clear up its tainted reputation as a troubled conference.

UK Notebook: Roger Harden has been using a new free throw shooting stance this season. Harden said his high school coach taught him the stance and it has paid off handsomely. The UK junior guard shot 75 percent at the line for his career but with the new delivery Harden's free throw percentage has risen to 93.7 percent going into the Georgia game in Athens. . . If Florida freshman Vernon Maxwell opted to play football after his senior year in high school the 6-2 Gainesville, Fla. product probably would have been wearing a UK football uniform. Maxwell said after the Gators first-ever win over the Wildcats in Rupp Arena that if he hadn't decided on basketball he would have went to UK on a football scholarship. . . The Washington Redskins have hinted that they are very interested in UK running back George Adams. But with the 23rd pick in the NFL draft coming up on April 30th, Adams could be gone by the time the Redskins make their selection. Adams, who rushed for over 1,000 yards last season, would be the ideal type back in head coach Joe Gibbs's offensive system.

SOUTHEASTERN

	Conference	W	L	Pct.	Overall	W	L	Pct.
Mississippi St.	6	2	750	10	7	588		
Louisiana St.	7	3	700	13	4	765		
Georgia	5	3	625	12	4	765		
Florida	5	3	625	12	4	750		
Tennessee	5	3	625	14	6	700		
Alabama	5	4	556	13	5	722		
Kentucky	4	4	500	9	8	529		
Auburn	5	5	375	11	6	647		
Vanderbilt	1	7	125	8	9	471		
Mississippi	1	8	111	7	10	412		

Sunday's Results
Tennessee 81, Kentucky 65

Saturday's Results
Florida 86, Alabama 77
Georgia 81, Mississippi 51
Mississippi St. 71, Vanderbilt 70
Louisiana St. 80, Auburn 62

SOUTHEASTERN

Scoring	Team	G	Pts	Avg
Walker	Kentucky	15	334	22.3
Person	Auburn	15	318	21.2
Cox	Vanderbilt	15	276	18.4
Brooks	Tennessee	18	307	17.1
Moten	Florida	14	238	17.0
Rebounding	Team	G	Reb	Avg
Walker	Kentucky	15	150	10.0
McDowell	Florida	14	139	9.9
Hurt	Alabama	16	152	9.5
Person	Auburn	15	142	9.5
Jones	Tennessee	18	169	9.4

Player of the week: Tennessee sophomore guard Tony White sparked the Volunteers to two conference victories. In an 87-79 victory against Vanderbilt, White scored 21 points on 9-of-15 shooting. In the Volunteers' 79-67 upset of Alabama, White scored 29 points on 11-of-17 shooting from the field and seven of seven from the free throw line.

Mel Holbrook

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part of the costs. We had about \$4 million from the bond issue set aside for that purpose. And the delay of construction cost us at least two to three million dollars."

Finally, in 1975, work on the center began. The first basketball game there was an exhibition contest in October of '76 by the Harlem Globetrotters.

Since the arena opened, Kentucky has led the nation in attendance every season. And the mall and hotel facilities have had tremendous success.

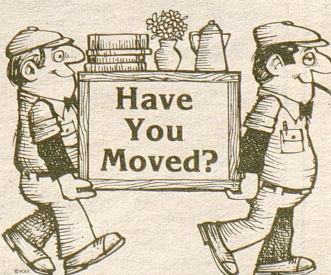
"It's the most successful civic center anywhere in the country," said Host. "People who visit here always ask how the city could support such a magnificent complex. It has generated millions of dollars for this city."

Host said the board had no choice but to name the new arena after Adolph Rupp, the winningest college basketball coach of all time.

"What else could you have named it?" Host asked.

Then, in 1977, the city was named as the site of this year's Final Four. It's the smallest city to ever host a Final Four tournament.

"It's like a dream come true," said Host. "And, thanks to those people who have worked on it for hundreds and hundreds of hours, it's reality."



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POLLS

AP MEN'S BASKETBALL TOP 20

With first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 21, points and last week's rank:

1. Georgetown (60)	17-0	1,200	1
2. So. Methodist	15-1	1,108	4
3. St. John's	13-1	1,080	4
4. Memphis St.	13-1	1,012	5
5. Duke	13-2	958	2
6. Illinois	13-4	729	11
7. DePaul	13-3	682	10
8. North Carolina	14-3	680	6
9. Oklahoma	13-4	651	13
10. Oregon St.	14-1	605	14
11. Syracuse	11-2	602	7
12. Louisiana Tech	15-1	598	12
13. Indiana	11-4	465	8
14. Villanova	12-3	433	18
15. Kansas	13-3	416	9
16. Georgia Tech	13-3	316	17
17. Tulsa	14-2	239	20
18. Michigan	12-3	157	—
19. Va. Commonwealth	12-2	108	16
20. Nev.-Las Vegas	13-2	96	—

UPI MEN'S BASKETBALL TOP 20

With first-place votes and records through Jan. 20 in parentheses, and points:

1. Georgetown (39)	17-0	589
2. Southern Methodist	15-1	544
3. St. John's (1)	13-1	498
4. Memphis State	13-1	463
5. Duke (13-2)		409
6. Illinois (15-4)		265
7. Oklahoma (13-4)		237
8. Oregon State (14-1)		219
9. North Carolina (13-3)		217
10. DePaul (12-3)		215
11. Louisiana Tech (15-1)		174
12. Syracuse (11-2)		154
13. Indiana (11-4)		146
14. Kansas (13-3)		129
15. Villanova (11-3)		87
16. Tulsa (14-2)		79
17. Georgia Tech (12-3)		64
18. Washington (12-4)		50
19. (tie) Nevada-Las Vegas (12-2)		23
20. (tie) Ala.-Birmingham (13-4)		23

Note: By agreement with the National Association of Basketball Coaches of the United States, teams on probation by the NCAA and ineligible for the NCAA Tournament are ineligible for Top 20 and national championship consideration by the UPI Board of Coaches. The only such team this season is the University of Akron.

Oscar Combs

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week at the UK training table, he stopped quarterback coach **Jerry Eisman** and immediately started showing his coach a move he had seen during a pro game on television. It's that kind of dedication which makes a good college quarterback a great one. And there are many who believe Ransdell will become one of the best ever at UK. . . . Former UK assistant coach **Ro Waldron**, who recently was named head coach at Catholic U. in Washington, says he doesn't want to put any pressure on his former buddies, but "there will be great expectations at UK this fall. And honestly, I think we'll (UK) be some kind of a football team this year." Waldron admitted he had reservations about the revival of the UK program three years ago, but "the man (Claiborne) can flat coach. What he has done at UK is nothing short of a miracle. At first, I didn't think UK could compete on the high level of the SEC. Now, it's just a matter of time." . . . Despite all the fanfare and publicity about **Howard Schnellenberger's** arrival in Louisville to build the Cardinals into a national power, there were a couple terrific jolts to the program before it ever got off the ground. Schnellenberger was expected to cut into UK's stronghold on the Louisville area talent, but the Cats are 7-0 in that race including two highly coveted Trinity players. Secondly, and more importantly, assistant head coach **Tom Olivadotti**, considered to be Howard's right hand man and the person to whom much publicity was heaped on just a few weeks ago, has already abandoned ship for an assistant's job with the **Cleveland Browns**. Howard said the assistant always wanted a pro job, but you have to wonder about all those rumors that UL is just a pit stop for Howard until a big-time job (like Notre Dame or Alabama) becomes

vacant. And then there are still those within the Louisville athletics program (Mainly basketball) who believe big-time football is a fruitless affair in that city. . . . If **John Y. Brown, Jr.**, **Fidel Castro** and **Richard Nixon** were running for Governor of Kentucky, who would you vote for? . . . The NCAA football rules committee last week ripped the thirty-yard line kick-off rule from the books after a one-year try. Unlike last season, kickers will no longer be penalized ten yards for kicking the ball out of the endzone. . . . There's quite a stir between Georgia and Tennessee these days after Vols coach **Don DeVoe** lashed out at Georgia's **Hugh Durham** for allegedly illegally recruiting freshman star **Cedric Henderson**. The two clubs meet Wednesday night in Athens and some UT officials told us Saturday that they were really afraid something might happen as a result of DeVoe's comments. Georgia is currently under investigation by the NCAA and Henderson was grilled for some five and half hours Monday by NCAA officials. DeVoe says Georgia should be hit with probation and that Henderson should be declared ineligible because he was aware of the situation. Durham said he had no comment on anything Don DeVoe said. There are some who believe that Henderson could end up being declared a pro and not be allowed to play college basketball anywhere, but all that is speculation. The pace at which NCAA operates, it will probably be three years before the investigation even comes to an end. . . . Everything in the Central Kentucky area surrounds the Final Four. Now the topper, **General Telephone of Kentucky** is capturing the spirit of Rupp Arena on its new telephone directories, which will be distributed throughout the area in March, just in time for the NCAA Finals.



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PROBABLE STARTERS:

Kentucky Wildcats (9-8; 4-4 SEC)

		PPG	RPG
F	34 - Kenny Walker (6-8 junior)	22.6	10.4
F	25 - Winston Bennett (6-6 soph.)	7.8	5.6
C	24 - Bret Bearup (6-9 senior)	5.4	5.8
G	10 - James Blackmon (6-2 soph.)	8.4	1.7
G	23 - Roger Harden (6-1 junior)	5.2	1.3

LSU Tigers (13-4; 7-3 SEC)

F	35 - Jerry Reynolds (6-8 junior)	12.2	7.1
F	24 - John Williams (6-8 freshman)	13.0	7.0
C	41 - Nikita Wilson (6-8 soph.)	16.5	7.3
G	44 - Don Redden (6-6 junior)	12.2	2.9
G	10 - Derrick Taylor (6-0 junior)	8.1	1.5

Auburn Tigers (11-6; 3-5 SEC)

F	45 - Chuck Person (6-8 junior)	21.4	9.5
F	34 - Chris Morris (6-7 freshman)	9.8	4.4
C	40 - Jeff Moore (6-7 freshman)	10.1	7.9
G	15 - Frank Ford (6-4 soph.)	10.1	4.5
G	12 - Gerald White (6-1 soph.)	9.1	2.5

SCOUTING REPORT

By BRAD DAVIS
UK Sports Information

THE WILDCATS:

Kentucky will try to get back on the winning track this week after losing three straight games. Last week, the Wildcats suffered road losses at Georgia (81-73) and Tennessee (81-65). After a Thursday night game against LSU at Rupp Arena, UK returns to the road for a Saturday afternoon game against Auburn. Both games will be televised, Thursday's on the Lorimar SEC Network, Saturday's on NBC-TV. Poor defensive play has hurt Kentucky in recent games, as evidenced by the fact that in three of the last four games, the Wildcats' opponents have shot 50 percent-or-better from the floor. Kentucky's woes at the free throw line also continue. In the last three games, the Cats have shot 58.3, 55.0 and 53.8 percent from the line. Poor starts the year after a Final Four appearance are the rule at Kentucky. In the 1975-76 season, the year after the Wildcats were defeated by UCLA in the championship game, UK was 10-10 at one point in the season. From there, the Cats reeled off 10 straight victories and won the NIT title. In the 1978-79 season, the year after winning the title, Kentucky was 6-7 at one point, but proceeded to win 10 of its last 13 games.

THE BAYOU BENGALS:

LSU is the odds-on favorite to win the SEC title but a couple of weeks ago, it looked like the oddsmakers may have been wrong. The Tigers were 4-3, having lost at Ole Miss. But Dale Brown's charges have regrouped and have since reeled off three straight wins over Vanderbilt, Florida and Auburn and now stand 7-3 in the league. In their last two games, LSU has routed Florida and Auburn at home, marking the first time in four years the Tigers have won by 15 points or more in two straight games. LSU presents a balanced scoring attack, with four starters averaging in double figures. The Tigers are also getting balanced rebounding along the front line, with three starters averaging more than seven a game. LSU has struggled to a 3-4 road record while compiling a perfect 10-0 home mark. In fact, LSU outscored opponents at home by an average of 17 points, but loses on the road by an average of 5 - a 22-point difference.

THE TIGERS OF AUBURN:

Expected to challenge for the league title, Sonny Smith's Auburn Tigers have struggled so far in the league and are now in 8th place with a 3-5 record. Auburn has lost 5 of its last 8, including an 80-62 shellacking at the hands of LSU Saturday in Baton Rouge. The Tigers feature one of the premier players in the SEC in forward Chuck Person. The 6-8 junior is averaging 21.4 points and 9.5 rebounds a game. A player who has been performing well lately for Auburn is 6-7 freshman forward Chris Morris. In the last five games, Morris has averaged 13.5 points, including a 29-point outing against Ole Miss.

THE SERIES:

Kentucky leads the series with LSU, 53-11. The Wildcats have won five of the last seven meetings between the two set-ups. Last year, Kentucky crushed the Bayou Bengals in Baton Rouge, 96-80, then came back to Rupp Arena to dominate again, 90-68. That marked the first time since 1977 that UK has won both games over LSU in a single season. LSU's record at Rupp Arena is 7-2.

Kentucky leads the series with Auburn, 52-11. This marks the second meeting between the two this season. The Wildcats downed the Tigers at Rupp Arena Jan. 2, 68-61. Kenny Walker paced Kentucky with 24 points and 13 rebounds. Chuck Person led the Tigers with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

"SKY" WATCH:

UK junior forward Kenny Walker has become one of the most prolific performers at Kentucky in recent years. The Roberta, Ga., product continues to lead the team and the Southeastern Conference in both scoring (22.6) and rebounding (10.4). Walker recently passed the 1,000-point mark, becoming only the 32nd player in Kentucky's storied history to pass that mark. He is now in 29th place on UK's all-time scoring list with 1,034 career points. Dan Issel holds the all-time scoring mark at Kentucky with 2,138 points. Walker's consistency this season has been nothing short of amazing. He has scored 20-or-more points in nine of the last 10 games. In his last three games, Walker has hit 32-of-50 from the floor, for a red-hot 64 percent. He is also UK's "Mr. Endurance," averaging 36.3 minutes a game. In fact, in only two games has Walker failed to play at least 30 minutes.

CAT SCANS:

Freshman center Robert Lock turned in his best performance as a Wildcat Sunday afternoon against Tennessee, scoring 8 points and pulling down 6 rebounds, both career highs. . . . Kentucky's guards continue to have problems connecting from the outside. Against Tennessee, UK's top three guards, James Blackmon, Roger Harden and Ed Davender, were 7-of-24 from the floor. In the last three games, the trio is 22-of-67 for 32.8 percent. . . . Senior center Bret Bearup has been playing well lately, scoring 8 points in the last two games, while pulling down 6 and 5 rebounds, respectively. . . . Guard Roger Harden continues to be among the leaders in the SEC in assists, averaging 4.3 a game.

KENTUCKY AT RUPP ARENA:

The Wildcats are now in their ninth season in the largest built-for-basketball facility in the country. UK has carved an incredible 119-13 record in the spacious structure named for the late legendary coach Adolph Rupp.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

FIVE YEARS AGO

*Kentucky reeled off seven straight points down the stretch to break open a tie ball game and defeat visiting Georgia 56-49. Georgia had a chance to lead for the first time when the score was tied 45-45 but missed a shot with five minutes to go and UK's Fred Cowan followed a missed UK shot with a dunk. After Georgia held the ball for a long time, which they did all night, UK finally rebounded an errant shot and Cowan hit again. Sam Bowie then blocked a Georgia shot and Cowan converted a three-point play at the other end. Georgia slowed the pace all night as Coach Hugh Durham said he didn't have the horses to run with the Cats. Cowan and Bowie each scored 18 for the Cats. Georgia played without injured star Dominique Wilkins.

*Kentucky's record dropped to 17-4 and they lost first place in the SEC race as visiting LSU outplayed the Cats enroute to a 65-60 win. LSU jumped out to a ten-point lead and the Tigers never let UK get closer than three points by controlling the game with a delay tactic which resulted in several easy baskets and free throws. LSU outshot and outrebounded the Cats. The Tigers led 33-23 at the half. DeWayne Scales scored 21 points for LSU and Ethan Martin added 15 while Howard Carter scored 14. Fred Cowan led UK with 17 points while Jay Shidler pitched in ten.

*The Kentucky Wildcats turned in perhaps their best road showing of the year with an 89-67 win at Mississippi State. The Cats took the lead midway in the first half and never looked back. UK continued their torrid shooting of late, hitting 39 of 63 shots for 61.9

percent. Kyle Macy led UK with 20 points while Fred Cowan scored 17 points. Jeff Malone scored 27 points for Mississippi State.

*Six-foot-six guard Kris Jenner of Mascoutah, Illinois announced he will play basketball at Kentucky next year. Jenner is also a highly-touted prep quarterback.

TEN YEARS AGO

*The UK basketball team moved up to fifth in the AP basketball rankings. Undeclared Indiana remains first.

UK was awesome as they ripped Mississippi State 112-79 in Memorial Coliseum. No UK player played over 27 minutes. Jack Givens continued his hot play coming off the bench to hit eight of nine shots and score 18 points in only 16 minutes. Kevin Grevey had 16 points. Bob Guyette 13 rebounds and frosh James Lee gave the fans a

taste of what to expect in the future, scoring 13 points and grabbing seven rebounds in 15 minutes.

*Missed free throws and a five-minute UK scoreless period spurred a furious LSU comeback and almost cost UK its SEC lead. However UK manager to come out on top 77-76. LSU missed what would have been a game-winning shot from midcourt. In a game played at Baton Rouge, Kevin Grevey and Jimmy Dan Connor led UK with 17 points. Freshman Jack Givens chipped in 15 along with freshman Rick Robey's 15 points and 15 rebounds. Glenn Hansen scored 28 for the Bengals.

*In the NFL draft, UK's Elmore Stephens was the first pick of the Kansas City Chiefs, and the 34th player drafted. Center Rick Nuzum was drafted by the LA Rams in the fifth round. Linebacker Tom Ehlers was picked up by the Philadelphia Eagles in the 13th round.

*UK wrestling brothers Jim and Joe Carr were members of the East All-Star squad at a dual meet in Clarion, Pa. The UK Mat Cats are 21-4 this year and ranked in the top 15 in the country.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

*Mark Soderburg, a 6-8 sophomore reserve center, has quit the UK basketball team and returned home to Huntington Beach, Calif. Soderburg has scored 16 points and played just 31 minutes in 11 games behind All-American center Dan Issel. He averaged 15.9 points last year on the freshman team.

*"It's not the end of the world," Adolph Rupp said as the number two-ranked team was handed their first loss of the year, an 89-81 drubbing to Vandy at Nashville. With Dan Issel below par with a bruised heel and Larry Steele and Mike Pratt in foul trouble, UK trailed the Commodores (9-7) most of the way. Issel finished with 26 points and Pratt 20. Sophomore Tommy Arnholt paced Vandy with 28 and Perry Wallace had 20.

*Sub Terry Mills hit a jump shot with 11 seconds left to lift UK to an 84-83 win over Auburn. The Tigers' Henry Harris fell short on a last second shot, enabling UK to tie Georgia for the SEC lead. Dan Issel paced UK with 28 points while John Mengelt led Auburn with 41.

*6-5 forward Larry Steele fell on his right hand in practice and suffered a possible fracture, placing him out of action indefinitely.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

*Over 2,000 fans jammed packed into Georgia Tech's gymnasium saw David slew Goliath again as Tech upset Kentucky for the second time this season, this one by a 65-59 scored. UK lost the game at the foul line, where they hit five of 15 compared to Tech's 25 of 34. Tech became the first team since 1927 to down UK twice in one season. It was the number one ranked Wildcats' second loss of the year, while Tech is 6-10. Joe Helms scored 24 for Tech and Bobby Kimmel of Louisville 20.

Wildcat Quiz

1. When was the last time UK defeated Auburn on the Tigers home court?

- a) 1983
- b) 1982
- c) 1978
- d) 1977

2. Last year when Auburn destroyed Kentucky 82-63 at home, who was the Tigers leading scorer with 25 points?

- a) Charles Barkley
- b) Gerald White
- c) Chuck Person
- d) Frank Ford

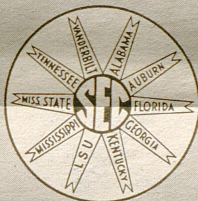
3. Against which team did UK score the most points in one half during 1956?

- a) Tennessee
- b) Georgia
- c) Maryland
- d) Duke

4. True or False? Former Wildcat center Jim Andrews scored over 1,000 points in his career at Kentucky?

5. On the current UK roster, how many players played high school basketball in the state of Kentucky?

- a) three
- b) four
- c) five
- d) six



6. Back in 1970 Dan Issel broke a UK scoring record for one game with 53 points. Who was Kentucky's opponent?

- a) Vanderbilt
- b) Georgia
- c) Michigan
- d) Ole Miss

7. Who holds the UK freshmen team scoring record with 34 points?

- a) Bob Guyette
- b) Kevin Grevey
- c) Mike Flynn
- d) Jimmy Dan Connor

8. In what year was Joe B. Hall last named "Coach of the Year" by the Associated Press?

- a) 1974
- b) 1975
- c) 1977
- d) 1988

9. True or False? Kentucky leads the entire nation in all-time victories.

10. What school did Joe B. Hall coach at before coming back to UK in 1973?

- a) Regis College
- b) Nebraska
- c) Central Missouri
- d) Kansas



Bob Guyette

- 10. Central Missouri
- 9. True
- 8. 1975
- 7. Jimmy Dan Connor
- 6. Ole Miss
- 5. Five
- 4. True
- 3. Georgia
- 2. Chuck Person
- 1. 1983

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