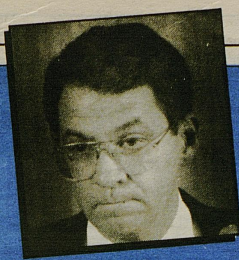
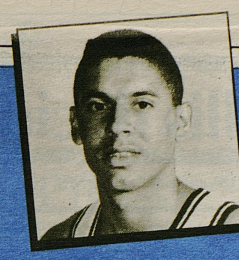


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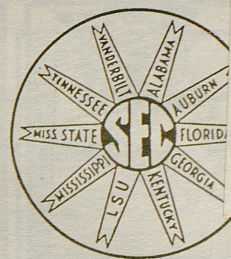


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'Cats get new coach

Former New York Knick coach Rick Pitino is all smiles as the 36-year-old addresses the media after accepting the UK coaching job. See pages 14-17 and 23 for more on Pitino, and page 28 for a rundown on his assistants. photo by Brian Tirpak

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Ellis decides best move is to transfer

by TCP associate editor Nick Nicholas

Last year's leading scorer for the Kentucky Wildcats, LeRon Ellis, announced that he will transfer. Ellis' decision came the Monday following the sanctions issued against UK's basketball program. It was the two-year ban on postseason play which convinced Ellis to move on.

"My career would really be curtailed seeing as we have no preseason or postseason," Ellis said to reporters outside Wildcat Lodge. "To be penalized that severely for something I had nothing to do with, after all I went through this past year and all the team went through, is a lot to ask somebody to stay."

Even the possibility of playing for Rick Pitino couldn't sway Ellis, a junior-to-be, to remain a Wildcat.

Kentucky athletics director C.M. Newton backed Ellis' decision.

"LeRon and I have had several discussions on this matter," Newton said in a release. "As a result of the two-year penalty on postseason

C.M. Newton supports center's reason to go

play, I not only understand his reason for making the decision to transfer, but support that decision. We have agreed to release LeRon to the school of his choice."

At this writing Syracuse, St. John's, Arizona and Nevada Las Vegas were the schools Ellis was leaning toward. And because UK has been banned from postseason for two years Ellis will not have to sit out a season, the traditional rule transfers must follow.

"LeRon knows that he was wanted by the university," added Newton, "and to say that he will be missed would be an understatement. However, every one here understands his reasons for transferring and we wish him every success at the school he selects."

Last season Ellis averaged 16.0 points per game and 5.5 rebounds, to boot. He was a second-team selection on both AP and UPI's All-SEC squads. As a sophomore he scored a career-high 37 points in an 85-82 loss to

Northwestern State.

Stardom was quickly predicted for this giant from the West Coast.

In his first season with Kentucky, the native of Tustin, Calif., started eight games and totalled 4.3 points per game. His 14-point performance against Notre Dame at Freedom Hall helped the 'Cats to a 78-69 nationally televised victory. Afterwards, he was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

Ellis' departure leaves only 11 players, at this writing, on the Wildcats' roster.

"It was real tough," Ellis said of the decision. "It takes a long time to think about something like that. I had been thinking about it before the sanctions came out and all the way up until they came out. I just sat down and talked to C.M."

"One of my goals is to have a legitimate shot of going to the Final Four and winning a national championship. Goals have always been stressed to me, and I always have done all I could to give myself a fair chance to reach my goals. In order to have a chance to achieve that goal, my only choice is to transfer."

Sean Sutton leaves UK for shot at NCAA title; Mills to play for Arizona

From TCP staff reports

University of Kentucky basketball player Sean Sutton has announced his intention to transfer, mainly because UK has been stripped of postseason competition for the next two seasons. Sutton is a junior-to-be and is eligible to play next season.

"I have had the chance to do what every basketball player in the country dreams of, to wear the Kentucky uniform and to play in front of 24,000 of the world's greatest fans in Rupp Arena," said Sutton, who averaged 5.9 points per game and dished out a team-high 146 assists as starting point guard last season.

"When I was five years old I had a dream to play basketball for the University of Kentucky and help bring them another national title. However, due to the sanctions handed down by the NCAA, this is no longer possible. Still, the greatest moments of my basketball career have been realized playing for Kentucky."

At this writing it wasn't known where Sutton would transfer. Purdue appears to be the likely spot. But Arizona State, Michigan and Mississippi, at one time, have been interested in his hardwork services.

In other 'Cat news...The 1988-89 Wildcat MVP, Chris Mills, will play for Lute Olson's Arizona team. Mills was declared ineligible to play for UK by the NCAA.

The NCAA believes UK sent \$1,000 to Mills' father, Claud. Chris Mills did not ask UK for an appeal, thus his move to the Pac-10 school.

Mills, a member of the SEC's All-Freshman team, was second on the squad in points scored (14.3 ppg.), first in rebounds (8.7 rpg). He also was named third-team All-SEC by the Associated Press.

His most heralded performance came against Austin Peay when he turned in a rare "triple double." In UK's 85-77 win over the Governors, Mills scored 19 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and was credited with 10 assists.

"Arizona recruited me out of high school, but they never recruited me that hard," said Mills in a Lexington Herald-Leader story. "This time the only place I visited, the only place I even considered was Arizona. I knew coach Olson had an outstanding program, and I watched Arizona play on television. I like the style they play. I like the team concept."

Go jump in the lake, Bobby, Jocko, and take the NCAA with you

Betcha this headline caught your attention, huh?

Now that we've got your attention, I'd like to talk UK basketball with you. As a Kentucky fan, no doubt you enjoy following the great UK program. As publisher of TCP, I enjoy nothing more than providing you with an exciting publication which follows UK sports.

Many of you reading this edition of TCP are not current subscribers. Some of you are former subscribers and some of you have never seen this publication before although we are about to begin our 14th year of publishing. This sample copy (if you're not a subscriber) is our way of introducing TCP to new readers and renewing our friendship with old ones.

This past year has been a long and trying ordeal for everyone connected with UK. Our staff is no exception. The NCAA investigation has taken its toll on everyone, dividing fans and causing long friendships to dissolve. No one hated the task of having to report so many negative stories more than I did, but it was part of the job we had

to do. Thankfully, it's over. Now it's our task (and one I eagerly look forward to) to bury the past and get on with the brighter side of news surrounding UK basketball and other Wildcat sports. What you'll be seeing less of are all the negative stories which were generated because of the NCAA mess. What you'll see more of are player features and exciting stories on the recruiting scene since UK coaches can now look forward to such days. And you'll be seeing the great Kentucky program rising to the top once again. As the 'Cats return to the top, we not only invite you to follow the 'Cats' progress by subscribing to *The Cats' Pause*, but to also give the program and the university your full support.

I'm looking forward to you becoming a member of a growing family of subscribers in all 50 states and 13 foreign countries.

And, as always, your criticism and comments are appreciated.

Oscar Combs

Publisher of TCP

Miller unpacks his bags, will stay at UK

By TCP associate editor Nick Nicholas

Last month Derrick Miller was all set to transfer. Miller, Kentucky's lone senior-to-be, had set his eyes on Nevada Las Vegas and Minnesota. His mother, too, was in favor of his departure from Lexington. But a funny thing happened on the way. The fast-pace, run-and-gun-style associated with Rick Pitino was heading to Lexington.

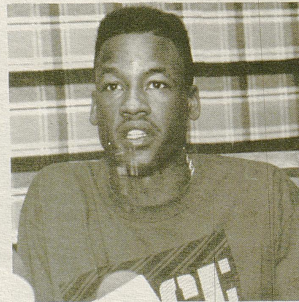
So long, Runnin' Rebels. No way, Gophers. Despite the recent NCAA sanctions saddled against the Wildcats, this month Miller announced he would remain at Kentucky.

"There's an old saying that my grandmother and my granddad used to tell me—"The grass is not always greener on the other side," said Miller. "That hit home with me."

"Everytime I got between, excuse the expression, 'a rock and a hard place,' I'd say, 'Well, the grass is not greener on the other side. Basically, that's why I stayed. I feel this is the best situation right now for Derrick Miller.'"

UK's designated three-point specialist, who averaged 13.9 points per game last season, was impressed in a one-on-one meeting with Pitino.

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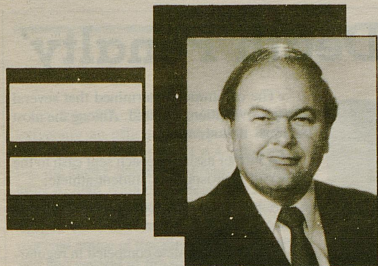


Derrick Miller is a happy 'Cat

Pitino's 'Cats to play Heels in Louisville

Word out of UK and North Carolina says the 'Cats and Tar Heels will hook up in Louisville's Freedom Hall next season. Kansas, Louisville, Indiana and Notre Dame already are on the 'Cats' nonconference list for the 1989-90 campaign.

Kentucky is in jeopardy of relinquishing its leading win total to UNC. UK enters next season with 1464 wins, the nation's best. Carolina is next with 1458 victories.



OSCAR L. COMBS

CATS' PAUSE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

Pitino definitely the man to start rebuilding process

□Whew!

It's over and the long road back to a full recovery is underway. As one long-time follower of UK basketball said recently, the wound was deep, but it wasn't fatal.

No, it certainly wasn't. The surgery, mind you, was long and tedious. The patient has survived and with several vital new organs transplanted in the likes of C.M. Newton and Rick Pitino, Kentucky fans can expect Kentucky basketball to bounce back.

Newton's return home has been well-documented over the past several months, but all the previous minor surgery paled in comparison to the big one in luring Pitino to Big Blue Country.

Perhaps it's not fair to say Kentucky could not bounce back had Pitino refused UK's offer, but I'll go ahead and say it anyway.

Pitino was among UK's top three choices all along, behind only the fair-haired adopted son in the form of ex-Wildcat All-American Pat Riley.

And while the possibility of Pitino taking the UK job seemed remote several times during the past couple months, the lure of returning to the college campus and the major reconstruction job of restoring respectability to UK basketball were the prime factors in attracting the former New York Knicks coach.

His decision came at a time of extremely low morale among Kentucky fans, not just in the state, but around the country. Had Pitino said no, there was grave concern for the future.

Particularly complicating matters was the usual barrage of news stories plastered across newspaper front pages. Some of them say UK basketball is over-emphasized by its fans, yet they fully realize it sells papers in this state. They didn't miss a beat, often rehashing old news. If I had a couple dollars for every story that was re-written concerning Eric Manuel's test score, I'd be a rich man today.

In the end, Newton and UK president David Roselle persuaded Pitino to take the job. It didn't come easy, as evidenced by the fact that the total financial package will bring the New Yorker as much as \$850,000 per year during the duration of the seven-year pact.

That's a whole lotta cash. More importantly, it's another indication that president Roselle better understand the value of UK basketball to the citizenry of this commonwealth.

Had the coaching vacancy occurred last fall, he probably would have blown his lid had someone suggested such a financial package for a new head basketball coach. Actually, Pitino will receive just \$105,000 annually from UK for coaching, but the figures swell considerably when you add in factors like a shoe endorsement contract, radio and television shows and other commercial endorsements. (see page 23).

According to more than one person

close to the UK president, earlier reports that UK would bring all outside income inside the university fizzled when UK officials realized that it would be impossible to get a top-caliber coach.

UK officials compromised, but still claim they will have new-found control not previously enjoyed by UK. In other words, coach Pitino must first get approval from UK on outside business affairs if they relate to his basketball coaching job in any way.

To some of the academic purists on campus, this probably doesn't play well, but I, for one, am glad to see that Dr. Roselle realizes the importance UK basketball plays, not only for the millions of Kentuckians, but the UK family also.

The knock on Dr. Roselle all along has been that he doesn't understand what basketball means to Kentuckians. Don't, and let me repeat, *don't* confuse this comment to mean a condoning of cheating to win. It doesn't.

At the same time, you're not going to go out and hire a top-notch coach and tell him he cannot make more than \$200,000 a year and expect to field one of the nation's top teams.

Oh, there will be complaints from a few cynics like Howard Cosell and others, but where were they when a Louisville *boosters* group came up with a cool, extra \$1 million bonus for Denny Crum a few years ago? Most everyone hailed it as a gesture of gratitude for a job well done and that it was a smart investment because Crum made the university so much money.

Why the difference?

I call it the Yankee Syndrome. Kentucky is the New York Yankees of college basketball; either you love 'em or you hate 'em. There's no middle ground.

And to those people, I could care less how they feel.

Which brings us to another subject.

It's time to move forward in support of the Kentucky basketball program for fans. Bury the past, think about it only when you want to remind yourself that there is a right way and a wrong way, but don't dwell on it.

If Rick Pitino can give up the makings of a National Basketball Association champion to come here to rebuild this program, then certainly fans can unite behind him.

Again, this is why Pitino's hiring was so vital. What this university could ill afford right now is a coach who could not muster total support from the community, alumni, fans and state.

Had Pitino said no, the UK program very likely could have wallowed in the ashes.

It was very evident from call-in shows and fans around the state that hiring Lee Rose would have been a total public relations disaster.

Why?

I can't tell you the number of telephone calls to our office complaining about a possible Rose appointment. When asked

why the caller didn't like Rose, the usual response was: "I don't know, I just don't like him."

There are a couple theories: One is that Rose has a track record for having personality clashes with athletics officials at several of the schools he's been in the past. Some insist he isn't a proven recruiter. Both those charges are debatable.

The other theory probably has more truth and that surrounds the obvious crusade of the *Lexington Herald-Leader* to hire him. There were countless stories and columns in the newspaper, some even before Eddie Sutton had resigned, urging Newton to consider Rose. If C.M. ever had any inkling to hire his former Transylvania assistant, he knew the idea was one whose time would never come.

Sure, C.M. said all along Rose was on his short list of coaches to consider, but C.M. is no dummy. Had UK hired Rose, Kentucky might have been giving away tickets to its basketball games this winter while both Newton and Dr. Roselle probably would be searching for new jobs.

What Rick Pitino really brings to Kentucky is more than just enthusiasm and an exciting brand of basketball. He brings to Kentucky a person who has no enemies from within the UK family of faculty, staff, alumni, and fans. And the media, perhaps with an exception or two, will be more than fair.

Translated, this means there will be no trail of enemies out there waiting to take a shot at him. And this is important right now because UK is going to suffer at least two losing seasons before the ship is righted.

Kentucky is now on the road to recovery. It has quality people at the controls and one of the brightest young coaches in the world to lead the way. Yes, the "Cats will be back, and you can be proud of them.

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□FROM DAY ONE, when all this first surfaced more than a year ago, we at *The Cats' Pause* promised you fair and truthful coverage of this matter and we tried our best.

By far, most of you have agreed with our approach. A few didn't. We gave the information when we had it. There were times when we had knowledge of factual information, but couldn't obtain copies of the proof and we didn't pass that along.

Some of you were bitter that we didn't take an attitude of innocent until proven guilty. Quite frankly, we were more interested in wanting to know if UK had violated the rules than in proving anyone guilty. If you're guilty, you're guilty whether it is proven or not. Many criminals get off scott-free.

Certainly I want Kentucky basketball to succeed, but within the rules. Despite what you may read in some other publications and national magazines, Kentucky basketball is not a history book full of

cheating. There has been a great tradition here and to insinuate it is only the result of cheating is a very insulting remark to all Kentuckians.

The past is the past. Now is the time to unify all Kentucky sports factions, time to take the high road of being positive.

When UK comes off probation in time for the 1992 SEC tourney, let there be a following second to none in the country.

If you're a Kentucky fan, be proud of your school. Be proud to be a Kentucky fan. You don't have to apologize to anyone. Some anti-Kentucky media types have been trying for years to divide the loyal Kentucky faithful, trying to instill a theory that you should be ashamed to identify yourself as a Kentucky fan.

To them, I smile and say: Aren't you just a selfish, spoiled brat who is jealous?

Be proud to be a Kentuckian and be proud to be a UK fan no matter where you live. Good times will return.

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□HITS AND MISSES ... It didn't take long for Converse to resurface at Memorial Coliseum. Less than 24 hours after Rick Pitino was announced as the new head coach, there were stacks of boxes with the name Converse on them in the basketball equipment room at UK. Converse was the shoe of the 'Cats for as long as anyone can remember until Eddie Sutton changed to Nike four years ago. Converse might have enjoyed an advantage this time around since C.M.

Newton's Vanderbilt team wore Converse and Newton's son, Martin, just happens to be employed by Converse. Pitino also was in Converse's camp as coach of the Knicks ... Kentucky basketball, for perhaps the first time in more than half a century, will be without a permanent 50,000-watt radio station this winter. For years, UK basketball was broadcast over powerful WHAS Radio in Louisville until that deal fell through a few years ago. However, the UK Network has had either WCKY or WLW in Cincinnati, both 50,000-watt stations, since WHAS left the scene. That is until this year. WCKY now carries Cincinnati Bearcat basketball and WLW, which has carried UK games in recent years, has switched to Xavier this winter. That's the bad news. The good news is that a select number of games (perhaps six or more) will be broadcast over 50,000-watt KMOX Radio out of St. Louis. Jim Host of Host Communications says the games will be selected at a later date and will fit around University of Missouri basketball's schedule and that of the St. Louis Blues hockey team. Host said his firm was unable to work out a deal for UK games to return to WHAS because the station officials refused to cooperate in any way. Host also said there is a possibility that some UK games will be carried by WFAN in New York because of the interest generated there by Pitino. WFAN is a 50,000-watt station

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Mitigating factors save 'Cats from 'Death Penalty'

"While breakdowns occurred in the institution's control over the program, the university's president acted forcefully to uncover all relevant information in the case and to set a proper direction for the future of Kentucky's athletics program."

MISSION, Kansas—The NCAA Committee on Infractions has placed the University of Kentucky basketball program on three years probation for violations of NCAA regulations. But although the committee termed the case "major," it said that because of "significant actions" taken by the university's president, the sanctions levied were less severe than they could have been.

The terms of the probation are as follows:

—Kentucky's basketball team is barred from postseason tournament play for the 1989-90 and 1990-91 seasons, and may not begin those seasons against outside competition before the fourth Friday in November;

—Kentucky's basketball team may not appear on any live telecast during the 1989-90 season;

—In the 1989-90 academic year, Kentucky may award only two initial institutional financial aid awards in the sport of men's basketball other than the one grant already committed. No additional grants may be awarded on the basis that members of the men's basketball team do not return to the university as a result of the postseason sanctions imposed on the university;

—In the 1990-91 academic year, three initial grants-in-aid may be awarded on the same basis as those permitted in 1989-90;

—Because an academically ineligible student-athlete represented Kentucky in the 1988 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship, the Committee on Infractions will recommend to the NCAA Executive Committee that it require Kentucky to return the university's full share of receipts from that

championship (after distribution to the conference office and other conference institutions);

—The committee accepts and adopts Kentucky's disciplinary action to disassociate a representative of the university's athletics interests from the university's intercollegiate athletics program.

□The committee noted that although it considered the case "major," mitigating factors led it to suspend other penalties it was considering levying against Kentucky. These mitigating factors include:

—Kentucky's extensive internal investigation (mandated by the university's president) of the men's basketball program and its full cooperation with the NCAA investigation;

—The university's appointment of a new athletics director, who, together with the president, has begun to design and implement a meaningful program for establishing institutional control of the men's basketball program;

—The resignation of the former men's basketball staff, which made certain elements of legislatively prescribed minimum penalties inappropriate;

—The university's disassociation from its athletics program the representative of its athletics interests involved in several violations;

—The university's placing of Wildcat Lodge, which formerly was under the control of the Kentucky Athletics Association, directly under the control of the university's housing office.



UK president David Roselle

□When an academically ineligible student-athlete is found to have represented an institution in an NCAA championship, the NCAA Executive Committee may require the institution to return up to 90 percent of its share of the net receipts from that event, an amount that would not be reduced to reflect conference sharing plans. As a result of the mitigating factors listed above, the Committee on Infractions will recommend to the Executive Committee that the Executive Committee require Kentucky to return only that portion listed above. The Committee on Infractions, in further consideration of the above mitigating circumstances, suspended the following penalties:

—A prohibition of any expense-paid visits to the institution for prospective basketball student-athletes during the 1989-90 academic year;

—A second year of live television sanctions;

—A stipulation that only two men's basketball coaches may recruit off campus during the 1989-90 academic year.

□The committee determined that several "major" violations occurred. Among the most serious, it said, were:

—A former assistant coach sent cash to the father of a prospective student-athlete;

—A student-athlete committed academic fraud by cheating on an ACT test;

—The student-athlete competed in regular-season and postseason competition even though he knew and Kentucky should have known that he was ineligible for intercollegiate competition due to his improper test score;

—A former assistant coach demonstrated a knowing and willful effort to violate NCAA regulations; further, he provided false and misleading information to Kentucky, the NCAA Staff and the Committee on Infractions concerning his involvement in and knowledge of the violation of those regulations.

□The committee noted the seriousness of these and other violations, and found that the violations would justify a curtailment, in whole or in part, of Kentucky's 1989-90 regular-season basketball schedule. The committee, however, indicated that the case also was evaluated in light of the university's actions to bring itself into compliance.

"While breakdowns occurred in the institution's control over the program," the committee said in its report, "the university's president acted forcefully to uncover all relevant information in the case and to set a proper direction for the future of Kentucky's athletics program. The committee credited these actions, and so the penalties, although severe, do not include any limitation on regular-season competition."

Kentucky's probation begins the date its 15-day appeal period expires or the date Kentucky notifies the NCAA executive director that it will not appeal, whichever is earlier. In the event Kentucky appeals the sanctions, the probation would begin the date the NCAA Council subcommittee of Division I members rules on the appeal.

The full text of the committee's report (with names deleted) is attached.

It's all here

Full NCAA report details the Kentucky Wildcat basketball program's three-year sentence

MISSION, Kansas—This report is organized as follows:

- I. Introduction.
- II. Violations of NCAA legislation, as determined by committee.
- III. Committee on Infractions penalties.

I. Introduction.

Approximately one year ago, on March 3, 1988, the NCAA Committee on Infractions issued an infractions report concerning the men's basketball program at the University of Kentucky. That report was the culmination of a process that began when a Lexington, Kentucky, newspaper published an article in October 1985 containing allegations of violations of NCAA rules in the university's men's basketball program. At the request of the Committee on Infractions, the university submitted a written report regarding its investigation of the alleged violations that were raised in the newspaper articles. The NCAA enforcement staff conducted independent inquiries concerning possible violations within the NCAA's four-year statute of limitations.

During a June 1987 appearance before the committee, the university reported that it had substantiated that some violations had occurred, but no violations could be confirmed within the NCAA's four-year statute of limitations. The university also reported that it had taken corrective actions to prevent future violations and urged the committee to accept the university's actions as sufficient. The committee was concerned, however, that complete information had not been developed in the case, and determined that the university again should be requested to appear before the committee to discuss both the specific allegations and the university's investigative techniques and policies. In response to this request, the university conducted additional inquiries and reported its conclusions to the committee at an appearance on February 6, 1988. The university reported that it was unable to develop sufficient information to conclude that violations had occurred within the NCAA's four-year statute of limitations, and the NCAA enforcement staff reported that sufficient information was unavailable to determine that violations had occurred within this period.

After the February 1988 hearing, the committee concluded that the university had conducted an inadequate investigation on the matters that were within the NCAA's four-year statute of limitations. On March 3, 1988, the committee issued an infractions report that publicly reprimanded the university and stated that the university had failed to satisfy its obligations of membership to cooperate with the Committee on Infractions in the conduct of relevant inquiries into allegations of violations of NCAA legislation in the university's men's basketball program. The committee's penalties required the university to make periodic reports to the NCAA concerning the results of a comprehensive institutional monitoring program in men's basketball.

By the spring of 1988, as a result of the committee's actions described above, the university had taken steps to monitor its men's basketball program to make sure that it operated in full compliance with NCAA legislation. The new president of the university, David P. Roselle, had taken office earlier in the year and had expressed his commitment to the Committee on Infractions that the university would operate its athletics program

in an appropriate manner.

In April 1988, the matter that is addressed in Part II-A of this report first came to the attention of university officials when news media representatives contacted the university to inquire about a possible violation in the men's basketball program. The president of the university responded promptly and, at his direction, the university quickly determined that the circumstances warranted investigation. The president then put in place a procedure that ensured an extensive investigation that began immediately and that pursued vigorously all avenues of information available to the university. The president immediately informed the NCAA enforcement staff of the primary allegations that had come to the university's attention, and a process was implemented by which NCAA enforcement representatives and the university's investigators worked cooperatively through the investigation to develop complete and accurate information about the matter. In addition, the NCAA and the university conducted independent inquiries concerning other matters that were raised during the course of the investigation.

On July 22, 1988, the NCAA sent the university an official inquiry that included one alleged violation of NCAA rules involving the men's basketball program. On October 3, 1988, additional allegations were sent to the university, and individuals who were alleged to have been involved in violations received notice of the allegations. The university and several of the individuals named in allegations submitted written responses to the official inquiry. In its response, the university acknowledged some violations of NCAA rules.

In accordance with NCAA procedures, after receipt of the responses, the NCAA enforcement staff conducted prehearing conferences with university representatives and with legal representatives of several individuals named in the allegations. During these conferences, the parties discussed the allegations in the official inquiry and reviewed the available information upon which the NCAA enforcement staff intended to rely in supporting that violations had occurred. Following the prehearing conferences, supplemental responses were submitted by the university and some of the involved individuals.

Subsequently, a hearing was held on April 22 and 23, 1989, before the Committee on Infractions at which university representatives, members of the enforcement staff, and various individuals named in the allegations and their legal representatives were present. During this hearing, the information relating to the allegations were presented to the committee, and the enforcement staff, university representatives and individual parties responded to questions and participated in a review of the evidence. All parties were heard on the allegations of violations that might affect them. Following the hearing, the committee deliberated in private and made determinations as to findings of violations and penalties, which are set forth in Parts II and III, respectively, of this report.

It should be noted that prior to the university's hearing before the committee, the president of the university took significant actions that demonstrated the university's commitment to operate its athletics program under the control of the institution and consistent with the university's expectations for academic and rules compliance. In addition, the university appointed a new director of athletics, and the university secured the resignations of its men's basketball coaching staff. The university's athletics dormitory was brought directly under the control of the university housing office, and a new compliance position, within the athletics department, was approved.

The current case that comes before the Committee on Infractions, therefore, appears to present a picture of genuine university concern at the highest level for NCAA principles concerning intercollegiate athletics competition. The university's president has acted forcefully and unambiguously, moving both promptly and with consideration for the interests of individual student-athletes and staff members who might be affected by his actions, to make clear his determination, first, to discover to the best of his ability whether the university's basketball program committed the alleged violations and, secondly, to dispel any doubts within either the university or larger community as to his intention that the basketball program is expected to operate in compliance with NCAA rules.

The committee has carefully considered the issues presented in this infractions case. Under the rules of the Association governing the enforcement program, a standard of proof in making findings is followed that requires the committee to base its findings on information that it determines to be credible, persuasive and of a kind on which reasonably prudent persons rely in the conduct of serious affairs. The committee has applied this standard to the evidence and has found that violations occurred. These findings are set forth in Part II of this infractions report.

The policies of the Association also direct the committee to follow certain principles in determining penalties. The penalties should be "broad and severe" if the violations reflect a general disregard for the governing rules [NCAA Bylaw 19.01.4]. Under the general principles of the Association, institutional staff members found in violation of NCAA

the policies the NCAA membership has established to govern intercollegiate athletics competition. One involved the sending of a large amount of cash from the university's own athletics department to a relative of a recruit, and a second finding concerned unethical conduct of an assistant coach as a result of involvement in this violation. Another violation involved fraudulent practices in satisfying academic requirements needed to establish eligibility for intercollegiate athletics competition at the university (i.e., a national precollege entrance examination). A separate finding involved the institution's failure to maintain adequate eligibility certification procedures to detect the submission of false academic information in order to establish eligibility for competition. The institution's certification procedures were insensitive to information that indicated a possible problem with the validity of the data offered to establish eligibility. Each

ball program itself, the university's president acted forcefully to uncover all relevant information bearing on these matters and to set a proper direction for the future of the university's athletics program.

The committee has credited these actions, and so the penalties, although severe, do not include any limitation on regular-season competition. The penalties imposed by the committee are set forth in Part III of this infractions report.

II. Findings of violations, as determined by committee.

A. [NCAA Bylaw 13.2.2]

On March 30, 1988, while recruiting a prospective student-athlete, a then men's assistant basketball coach sent a package (via an overnight mail service) that contained a videotape and 20 \$50 bills to the young man's



Dr. David Roselle (middle) hired James Park Jr. (left) to head up UK's investigation. The NCAA concluded that the overall cooperation provided by UK proved to be a positive factor in reducing other possible sanctions. On the right is Bernie Vonderheide, head of university public relations.

regulations also shall be subject to disciplinary or corrective actions through the show-cause procedures of the enforcement program [Bylaw 19.01.3]. Under these principles, such an athletics staff member is subject to disciplinary or corrective action whether the violations occurred at the certifying institution or during the individual's previous employment at another member institution [Bylaw 19.01.3]. The Association's enforcement policies require the committee to determine if a violation is secondary or major. A secondary violation is one that provides only a limited recruiting or competitive advantage and that is isolated or inadvertent in nature [Bylaw 19.02.1]. All violations other than secondary violations are major violations [Bylaw 19.02.2]. The Committee on Infractions, in previous cases, has taken the position that violations involving fraudulent academic practices are, by their nature, major. Further, once the committee determines a violation to be major, the committee must apply severe minimum prescribed penalties unless the committee finds the case to be unique based upon specifically stated reasons [Bylaw 19.4.2.2].

The committee has determined that this is a major case that is subject to NCAA major penalty guidelines. It is the opinion of the committee that the findings set forth in Parts II-A, II-B, II-C and II-D of this report are particularly serious. They strike at the heart of

violation, by itself, would make this a major case under the Association's enforcement procedures.

There are additional reasons for concern. Part II-E of this report describes a violation of the requirements to maintain institutional control within the athletics department and the men's basketball program. Some of the activities addressed in this case occurred soon after the university's appearance before the Committee on Infractions in February 1988 during which athletics officials indicated that heightened attention would be given to the task of operating the men's basketball program in full compliance with the NCAA standards. Some violations found in this case occurred contemporaneously with the consideration of the earlier case.

Because of the nature of the violations found in this case, the committee seriously considered whether the regular-season schedule for the men's basketball program should be curtailed in whole or in part for one or two seasons of competition. In the judgement of the committee, the nature of the violations found would justify such a penalty. However, this case also was evaluated in the light of the university's actions to bring itself into compliance. While breakdowns occurred in the institutional control exercised over the men's basketball program within the athletics department and in the men's basket-

father at the prospect's home.

B. [NCAA Bylaws 10.1, 10.1-(d) and 14.01.4.3]

A student-athlete committed academic fraud by cheating on a June 1987 precollege entrance examination that was taken at a high school in Lexington, Kentucky; further, the student-athlete acted contrary to the provisions of ethical conduct in that he provided false and misleading information to the university and the NCAA enforcement staff concerning this test.

C. [NCAA Constitution 2.1.1, and Bylaws 14.1.2, 31.2.2.4 and 31.2.2.5]

In the summer and fall of 1987, the university failed to satisfy its conditions and obligations of membership in that institutional personnel had not implemented appropriate procedures that would have questioned the validity of the June 1987 test scores of a student-athlete; further, as a result, the institution certified the young man eligible for competition when, in fact, he should have been considered a partial qualifier, and finally, the young man participated in regular-season competition and in the 1988 National Collegiate Division I Men's Basketball Championship, even though the young man knew and the univer-

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sity should have known that he was ineligible for intercollegiate competition due to his improper test score.

D. [NCAA Bylaws 10.1.(C) and 10.1.(d)]

A then men's assistant basketball coach acted contrary to the principles of ethical conduct inasmuch as he did not, on all occasions, deport himself in accordance with the generally recognized high standards normally associated with the conduct and administration of intercollegiate athletics. Specifically:

1. The coach demonstrated a knowing and willful effort on his part to operate the

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university's intercollegiate men's basketball program contrary to the requirements and provisions of NCAA legislation by his involvement in Part II-A of this report.

2. The coach provided false and misleading information to institutional officials, the NCAA staff and the Committee on Infractions concerning his involvement in and knowledge of the violation of NCAA rules set forth in Part II-A of this report.

E. (NCAA Constitution 2.1.1)

The scope and nature of the violations examined and found in this case demonstrate that, for at least several years, the university failed to exercise appropriate institutional control over its intercollegiate men's basketball program. This failure of institutional control manifested itself in at least seven areas.

1. During the period of time when the violations in this case occurred, the university failed to take meaningful steps to ensure that the basketball coaching staff and related administrative staff members understood and followed the requirements of NCAA legislation. This failure to educate staff members regarding NCAA legislation and the failure to monitor their activities resulted in the provision of improper benefits to student-athletes by men's basketball staff members, including the provision of local automobile transportation to student-athletes on several occasions (e.g., transportation to places of summer employment) and the provision of loans of small amounts of cash to student-athletes by a team manager.

2. The athletics department administrative staff and men's basketball coaching staff did not take adequate steps to: (a) identify representatives of the university's athletics interests who became involved with prospective student-athletes; (b) monitor the involvement of representatives of the university's athletics interests with prospective student-athletes, or (c) educate representatives of the university's athletics interests regarding NCAA limits on recruiting activities. This failure resulted in a prospective student-athlete receiving improper automobile transportation, lodging and meals; further, prospects were brought into contact with representatives of the university's athletics interests in ways that violated

NCAA legislation.

3. The athletics department administrative staff failed to monitor the operation of the men's basketball summer camp, a failure that resulted in making very difficult the determination of whether payments for speaking fees and expenses to high school coaches who worked at the summer camp were in conformance with NCAA legislation.

4. The athletics department administrative staff and the men's basketball coaching staff did not monitor the operations of the athletics dormitory (Wildcat Lodge), a failure that resulted in: (a) the provision of housing to prospective and enrolled student-athletes on more favorable financial terms than available to other students, and (b) the provision of summer lodging to student-athletes who were not enrolled, which was contrary to university policy.

5. The athletics department staff failed to monitor the summer employment of prospective and enrolled student-athletes that had been arranged by the basketball coaching staff. This failure to monitor summer employment continued throughout the summer of 1988, months after the university's president had instructed the athletics department staff to implement such a monitoring system in order to meet commitments he made to the Committee on Infractions in February 1988.

6. The university did not include clearly in the terms of employment for assistant basketball coaches certain contractual provisions required by NCAA legislation, such as a requirement that the assistant coaches report all athletically related income to the university. Although the president took steps to force assistant basketball coaches to report their athletically related income after being informed of their failure to do so, the university previously had failed to include that specific requirement in the terms of each coach's appointment.

Letter to Eddie Sutton

May 18, 1989

Dear Mr. Sutton:

Enclosed is a copy of the NCAA Committee on Infractions finding of violation in which your name appears, as set forth in the committee's Infractions Report No. 28 concerning the University of Kentucky. Accordingly, no disciplinary action was contemplated regarding you, and it also should be noted that the allegation involving your son, Sean, was not found by the committee.

Please note that once the committee's penalties in this case become effective, either because the findings are accepted by the University of Kentucky or because they are sustained upon consideration of an appeal by the university, the information enclosed with this letter will be retained in this office for review by NCAA member institutions that request it.

The NCAA and the university will conduct a press conference at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 19, 1989, at Patterson Office Tower (eighteenth floor) at the University of Kentucky. A complete copy of the university's infractions report (with the names of the involved student-athletes and coaching staff members deleted) will be forwarded to you by facsimile at 9:30 a.m. (eastern time).

Please contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
S. David Berst
Assistant Executive Director

7. Prior to the 1988-89 academic year, the university failed to establish an adequate system for certifying the eligibility of incoming student-athletes. The certification system at the university was such that no athletics department or university staff member questioned the eligibility of a student-athlete after both staffs had received documents that should have raised questions about that student-athlete's eligibility.

It should be noted that the athletics department staff and other university staff members, pursuant to the instructions of the university's president, have taken significant steps during the past academic year toward establishing institutional control over the university's men's basketball program and in correcting the specific problem areas referred to in this finding.

F. [NCAA Bylaws 13.2.2 and 16.12.2.2] During the spring and summer of 1987, several prospective and enrolled student-athletes received lodging and credit arrangements at Wildcat Lodge (a residence hall for men's basketball team members) that were contrary to normal university housing policies and that were not available to all students at the university. Specifically:

1. During the summer of 1987, six prospective student-athletes and three student-athletes resided in Wildcat Lodge, but were not billed for this lodging until August 1987, and six prospects and five student-athletes were billed only for days in which they actually were lodged, although they had use of the rooms for longer periods of time.

2. During the summer of 1987, six prospective student-athletes and two student-athletes received lodging in Wildcat Lodge, even though they were not enrolled in the university, which is contrary to university policies.

G. [NCAA Bylaws 13.1.2.1, 13.2.2, 13.4.1 and 13.14.2]

During the week of June 21-26, 1987, a representative of the university's athletics interests arranged for and provided round-trip automobile transportation (as well as lodging) for a prospective student-athlete and a friend of the young man between the prospect's home town and Lexington, Kentucky; further, on this occasion, through the efforts of this representative and without the knowledge of the university's men's basketball staff, the prospect was able to attend a portion of the university's summer basketball camp at no cost to him, and the young man's friend received a T-shirt at no cost to him. Also, the representative arranged for the prospect and two other young men to receive automobile transportation between Lexington and Louisville to attend the Indiana-Kentucky High School All-Star basketball game and to receive tickets for this game.

H. [NCAA Bylaws 13.1.2.1, 13.2.2, 13.4.1 and 13.14.2]

On October 14 and 15, 1987, a representative of the university's athletics interests provided round-trip automobile transportation, a meal and a gift of clothing to a prospective student-athlete and a friend of the young man when they attended "Midnight Madness," the university's initial men's basketball practice in 1987. Specifically, the representative transported the young men between the prospect's home town and Lexington, Kentucky, in order to attend this practice session; further, prior to the practice, the representative and the young men met the then men's head basketball coach and two

then men's assistant basketball coaches at the university's basketball offices; further, following their meeting, the representative purchased a meal at a restaurant for the young men; further, the young men and the representative returned to the basketball office where they watched a major league baseball playoff game on television, and finally, after practice, the representative purchased a T-shirt for each young man.

I. [NCAA Bylaws 13.1.2.1, 13.2.2, 13.4.1 and 13.14.2]

On December 12, 1987, a representative of the university's athletics interests provided round-trip automobile transportation, lodging, meals and a gift of clothing for a prospective student-athlete and a friend of the young man. Specifically, the representative transported the young men between the prospect's home town and Lexington, Kentucky, in order for the young men and the representative to attend the University of Kentucky vs. the University of Louisville men's basketball game in Rupp Arena; further, the representative paid all lodging and meal expenses on this trip and purchased T-shirts for the young men, and finally, the young men went into the university's locker room after the game where they talked with a then men's assistant basketball coach and were introduced to several team members.

J. [NCAA Bylaws 13.12.1 and 13.5.1]

On at least two additional occasions during the 1987-88 academic year not addressed in other findings, a representative of the university's athletics interests provided round-trip automobile transportation to a prospective student-athlete between the young man's home town and Lexington, Kentucky, and, on other occasion, provided round-trip automobile transportation for the prospect between the young man's home town and Cincinnati, Ohio. Specifically:

1. The representative provided round-trip automobile transportation for the prospect and a friend of the young man between the prospect's home town and Lexington in order for the representative to purchase yearbooks from the publisher of a publication that emphasizes the university's athletics program.

2. In the spring of 1988, the representative provided round-trip automobile transportation for the prospect between the young man's home town and Lexington in order for the young man to attend an AAU basketball game between the Soviet National Junior Basketball Team and an AAU All-Star team.

3. During the weekend of March 18-20, 1988, the representative provided round-trip automobile transportation for the young man between the prospect's home town and Cincinnati in order for the young man to watch the university's basketball team participate in the National Collegiate Division I Men's Basketball Championship at Riverfront Coliseum.

K. [NCAA Bylaw 13.1.2.1]

During the summer of 1987, while a prospective student-athlete was making his official paid visit to the university's campus, a then men's assistant basketball coach transported the young man to the home of a representative of the university's athletics interests (a round-trip distance of approximately 30 miles) where he introduced the young man to the representative, even though such an in-person, off-campus recruiting contact between a prospect and a representative of the university's athletics interests was not permissible.

III. Committee on Infractions penalties.

The Committee on Infractions has determined that this case involved several major violations of NCAA legislation that occurred after September 1, 1985. Accordingly, NCAA Bylaw 194.2.2, as adopted by the Association's membership, requires prescribed minimum penalties "subject to exceptions authorized by the Committee on Infractions in unique cases on the basis of specifically stated reasons" that include: (a) a two-year probationary period (including a periodic in-person monitoring system and written institutional reports); (b) the elimination of all expense-paid recruiting visits to the institution in the involved sport for one recruiting year; (c) a requirement that all coaching staff members in the sport be prohibited from engaging in any off-campus recruiting activities for one recruiting year; (d) a requirement that all institutional staff members determined by the Committee on Infractions knowingly to have engaged in or condoned a major violation be subject either to termination of employment, suspension without pay for at least one year or reassignment of duties within the institution to a position that does not include contact with prospective or enrolled student-athletes or representatives of the institution's athletics interests for at least one year; (e) one year of sanctions precluding postseason competition in the sport; (f) one year of sanctions precluding television appearances in the sport; and (g) institutional recertification that the current athletics policies and practices conform to all requirements of NCAA regulations.

The serious nature of several of the violations in this case normally would require penalties significantly greater than the minimum prescribed penalties set forth above, especially in light of the Committee on Infractions' reprimand of the university in March 1988. As noted earlier, absent mitigating circumstances in this case, the committee would have eliminated some or all of the men's basketball schedule, in addition to imposing the prescribed minimum penalties for a major case. However, the Committee on Infractions also is empowered to impose lesser penalties if it determines that the case is "unique." In this regard, the committee has determined that certain mitigating factors support that this case is unique and, therefore, that the institution should not receive the prescribed minimum penalties. These mitigating factors include the following:

a. At the direction of the university's president, the institution undertook an extensive internal investigation of the men's basketball program, in addition to fully cooperating with the NCAA's investigation. The university's actions in this regard were in sharp contrast to approach it took in the investigation of the men's basketball program in the March 1988 infractions case. The university's investigation, its responses to allegations and its admission of rules violations demonstrated an exemplary commitment to rules compliance.

b. The university's president asked for the resignation of the director of athletics and appointed a new director, who, together with the president, has begun to design and implement a meaningful program for establishing institutional control in men's basketball.

c. The resignation of the former men's basketball coaching staff made certain elements of the prescribed minimum penalties inappropriate in this case, including the removal of a new coaching staff from off-campus recruiting activities and show-cause



David Roselle

actions regarding staff members who had been found to have engaged in violations of ethical conduct.

d. The university disassociated from its athletics program the representative of its athletics interests who was involved in the violations found in Parts II-G, II-H, II-I and II-J of this report.

e. The university has placed Wildcat Lodge (a residence hall for basketball team members), which formerly was under the control of the University of Kentucky Athletics Association, directly under the control of the university's housing office.

Accordingly, the final penalties imposed in this case by the Committee on Infractions are as follows:

A. The university shall be publicly reprimanded and censured, and placed on probation for a period of three years from the date these penalties are imposed, which shall be the date the 15-day appeal period expires or the date the institution notifies the executive director that it will not appeal, whichever is earlier, or the date established by NCAA Council subcommittee action as a result of an appeal by the university to the Council, it being understood that should any portion of any of the penalties in this case be set aside for any reason other than by appropriate action of the Association, the penalties shall be reconsidered by the Committee on Infractions. Further, the University of Kentucky shall be subject to the provisions of NCAA Bylaw 194.2.3 [Repeat Violators] for a five-year period beginning on the effective date of the penalties in this case.

B. During the period of probation, the university shall report annually (prior to July 1 each year) to the NCAA enforcement staff and Committee on Infractions the actions that it has taken to: (1) place the athletics program in general and the men's basketball program in particular under institutional control; (2) keep the men's basketball program in compliance with NCAA legislation; and (3) continue the monitoring of actions emanating from the committee's March 1988 infractions report.

C. The university's men's basketball team shall end its 1989-90 and 1990-91 seasons with the playing of its last regularly scheduled, in-season contest and shall not be eligible to participate in any postseason competition, including a foreign tour, following those seasons. Moreover, the men's basketball team may not take advantage of the exceptions provided in Bylaw 17.3.1.1(c) regarding preseason contests during the 1989-90 and 1990-91 academic years.

D. The university shall be prohibited from

providing any expense-paid visit to the institution for a prospective student-athlete in men's basketball during the 1989-90 academic year. [NOTE: This penalty is immediately and completely suspended on the basis of the mitigating factors set forth above.]

E. The men's basketball team shall not appear on any "live" telecast (as defined by Bylaw 194.2.5.2) during the 1989-90 and 1990-91 academic years. [NOTE: This sanction for the 1990-91 academic year is immediately and completely suspended on the basis of the mitigating factors set forth above.]

F. The committee initially determined that during the 1989-90 academic year, the university shall award no initial institutional financial aid that is countable under Bylaw 15.02.3 in the sport of men's basketball other than the one initial grant-in-aid already committed to a prospective student-athlete. However, due to the cooperation of the university in this investigation and the actions already taken by the university, two additional grants-in-aid (total of three) may be awarded for the 1989-90 academic year. In addition, no additional financial aid will be permitted on the basis that some members of the men's basketball team may choose not to return to the university as a result of the postseason sanctions imposed in this case. Further, during the 1990-91 academic year, no more than three initial grants-in-aid may be awarded on the same basis as those permitted in the 1989-90 academic year.

G. The committee has found that, at least in part due to the institution's failure to have appropriate procedures for verifying student-athletes' eligibility, an academically ineligible student-athlete represented the university in the 1988 National Collegiate Division I Men's Basketball Championship [reference Part II-C of this report]. Therefore, under the terms of Bylaw 31.2.2.5, the NCAA Executive Committee shall consider whether the institution should be required to return up to 90 percent of the net receipts earned by the university in the event. Due to the mitigating factors set forth above, the Committee on Infractions hereby recommends that the Executive Committee require the institution to return only the university's share of receipts after distributions to the Southeastern Conference office and other conference institutions.

H. Because a former men's assistant basketball coach has been found in violation of the principles of ethical conduct [reference: Part II-D of this report], the university shall be required to reduce the number of coaches who may engage in off-campus recruiting activities in the 1989-90 academic year. In this regard, only two men's basketball coaches may recruit off campus during the 1989-90 academic year. [NOTE: This penalty is immediately and completely suspended on the basis of the mitigating factors set forth above.]

Further, if this assistant coach had not resigned, the university would have been required to show cause in accordance with Bylaw 194.2.1.1 why it should not be subject to additional penalties if it had failed to take appropriate disciplinary action against him. [NOTE: This penalty also is suspended due to the resignation of this assistant coach.]

Due to the involvement in certain violations of NCAA legislation found in this case [reference Parts II-A and II-D of this report], the former assistant coach will be informed in writing of the NCAA that in the event he seeks employment as an athletics department staff member at an NCAA member institution during a five-year period (May 19, 1989, to May 19, 1994), he and the involved institution shall be requested to appear before the

Committee on Infractions in order for the committee to consider whether that member institution should be subject to the show-cause procedures of Bylaw 194.2.1.1, which could limit the former coach's athletically related duties at the new institution for a designated period.

I. The committee accepts and adopts the institution's disciplinary action to disassociate a representative of the university's athletics interests from the university's intercollegiate athletics program in a manner consistent with Bylaw 194.2.6, due to this individual's involvement in violations of NCAA legislation found in this case.

[NOTE: Should the University of Kentucky appeal either the findings of violations or proposed penalties in this case to the NCAA Council subcommittee of Division I members, the Committee on Infractions will submit an expanded infractions report to the members of the Council who will consider the appeal. The expanded report will include additional information in accordance with Bylaw 32.8.5. A copy of the committee's report would be provided to the institution prior to the university's appearance before the Council subcommittee and, as required by Bylaw 32.8.6, would be released to the public.]

Also, the Committee on Infractions wishes to advise the university that when the penalties in this case become effective, the institution should take every precaution to ensure that their terms are observed; further, the committee intends to monitor the penalties during their effective periods, and any action contrary to the terms of any of the penalties shall be considered grounds for extending the university's probationary period, as well as to consider imposing more severe sanctions in this case.]

NOTIFICATIONS AS REQUIRED BY NCAA ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

[NOTE: The following is notification of applicable NCAA legislation as required by Bylaw 32.7.1(b) and IS NOT a penalty proposed by the Committee on Infractions upon the university.]

1. In accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 19.5.3, the institution shall inform a former assistant basketball coach who was found in violation of NCAA ethical conduct legislation in this case of the university's decision to appeal or not to appeal the findings of violations involving him, as well as of his opportunities (along with the personal legal counsel) to appear before the NCAA Council subcommittee of Division I members in the event the university submits such an appeal. In addition, the NCAA will advise this former assistant coach in writing of his opportunity to appeal directly to the Council subcommittee and to appear (along with personal legal counsel) at a hearing before that group.

2. Certain findings of violations set forth in this report affect the eligibility of the involved student-athletes for participation in regular and postseason competition under the provisions of NCAA Bylaws 14.01.4.2 and 14.13.2. Please note that if the institution appeals a cited finding, the eligibility of the involved student-athlete would not be affected until action on the appeal by the Council subcommittee of Division I members. The following sections of this report affect the eligibility of the student athletes named in the violations: Part II-A; Part II-F, and Parts II-C and II-F.

[NOTE: It is the Committee on Infractions' (Continued on page 30)]

Athletics budget to increase by \$1.09 million for '89-90

by editor/publisher Oscar Combs

Despite the current woes of the Kentucky basketball program, the athletics budget of the UK Athletics Association will increase by more than a \$1 million during the 1989-90 fiscal year, according to figures released at the association's annual budget meeting.

UK president Dr. David Roselle, who acts as chairman of the UKAA Board of Directors, said the new budget expects to have funds totalling \$15,971,865 for the new year, surpassing the 1987-88 budget of \$14,874,100.

While revenue is expected to be down in both football and basketball, the difference will be more than made up by \$1.1 million from endowment income, a category which produced no revenue during the 1987-88 year.

The most pleasant news to the UKAA comes in the form of an additional

\$2,201,844 in gifts and grants, much of which results from the controversial raising of required giving to the Blue & White Fund in order to purchase basketball and football tickets.

The current year is expected to produce \$1.1 million while next year's yield should net \$3.2 million.

Other categories which are expected to bring in less revenue are women's basketball, sports camps and less income from interest on reserves.

Sports camps' revenues are expected to be down because UK cancelled its boys' basketball camps this summer. But reports are that some of the money may be salvaged because new coach Rick Pitino may have a late summer camp after all.

Interest from reserves are down \$75,000. That can be traced to a couple items; one is that some \$4 million was taken out of reserves

for academics last year by Dr. Roselle. Then there has been the long and costly NCAA investigation which could wind up costing the UKAA well over a \$1 million.

Women's basketball, despite having a budget of \$495,150, was expected to produce only \$13,000 in the new budget, down from the projected budget of \$15,000 for the current year.

UK officials remain optimistic about the women's program, however, as evidenced by increasing the budget to \$513,975 for 1988-89.

Although women's basketball is considered a step higher (in Category II) than baseball, golf and track, the latter three sports are expected to bring in more money, to the tune of \$20,000 each in the new year, the same amount they were expected to realize this current year.

On the spending side, baseball will be allocated a budget of \$319,800, while golf is

expected to have \$224,350 (women and men combined) and track (\$452,500 for men and women combined).

Swimming has no anticipated income while the sport has a budget of \$209,000 and its sparkling new facility.

Tennis is another sport which has little anticipated income (\$1,000). Tennis will operate under a budget of \$333,230 in the new year.

Surcharges for season tickets in basketball and football, the added premium put in by Dr. Roselle's administration last year to assist academics at the university, are expected to bring in \$390,000 this year.

Hit hardest by the budget is the expected loss of income from men's basketball as a result of an NCAA ban on live telecasts and not being able to play in either the SEC or NCAA tournaments next March.

Here is the 1989-90 recommended budget:

UKAA recommended budget for 1989-90

Sources	1988-89	1989-90	Change
Football	\$6,903,600	\$6,641,500	—\$262,100
Men's basketball	3,844,000	3,128,000	—716,000
Women's basketball	15,000	13,000	—2,000
Other sports	87,500	88,000	500
Sports camps	527,000	439,500	—87,500
Endowment income	0	1,143,250	1,143,250
Interest income	225,000	150,000	—75,000
Gifts and grants	1,170,000	3,188,144	2,018,144
Student activity fees	450,000	450,000	0
Other income	152,000	310,500	158,500
Prior year balances	1,500,000	420,071	—1,079,929
Total sources	\$14,874,100	\$15,971,965	\$1,097,865

Uses of funds	1988-89	1989-90	Change
Football	\$5,275,550	\$5,631,750	\$356,200
Men's basketball	2,112,500	2,384,100	271,600
Women's basketball	495,150	513,975	18,825
Other sports	2,260,785	2,354,110	93,325
Capital improvements			
& equipment	1,270,000	1,866,000	596,000
Academic program support	1,500,000	1,500,000	0
Administrative & general	1,960,115	1,722,030	—238,085
Total uses of funds	\$14,874,100	\$15,971,965	\$1,097,865

Source: University of Kentucky Athletics Association

—The Cats' Pause chart

Revenues: Category I

	1988-89	*1989-90
Football		
Home ticket sales	\$4,270,000	4,000,000
Away game guarantees	820,000	575,000
Blue/White spring game	10,000	2,500
Concessions	150,000	150,000
TV & bowl game rebates	800,000	900,000
Sponsorship rights	6,600	20,000
Program sales	30,000	30,000
Local broadcast & TV rights	308,000	458,000
Parking	150,000	150,000
Handling fees	30,000	30,000
Insurance reimbursements	30,000	50,000
Season ticket surcharge	298,000	275,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000
Total football	\$6,903,600	\$6,641,500

	1988-89	*1989-90
Basketball		
Home ticket sales	\$1,808,000	1,875,000
Away game guarantees	300,000	250,000
Preseason games	50,000	15,000
UKIT	345,000	275,000
Program sales	2,000	2,000
Local broadcast & TV rights	950,000	525,000
SEC tournament	100,000	0
SEC TV rebates	100,000	0
Handling fees	20,000	20,000
Away game ticket sales	3,000	2,000
Wildcat Lodge income	40,000	40,000
Parking	500	500
Insurance reimbursements	0	5,000
Season ticket surcharge	122,000	115,000
Miscellaneous	3,500	3,500
Total basketball	\$3,844,000	\$3,128,000

*estimated —The Cats' Pause chart

Revenues: Category II

	1988-89	*1989-90
Women's basketball		
Ticket sales revenue	\$10,000	\$10,000
Concessions	2,000	1,500
Lady Kat Invitational	1,000	1,000
Guarantees	500	0
Program sales	1,000	500
Insurance reimbursements	500	0
Total Category II	\$15,000	\$13,000

*estimated —The Cats' Pause chart

Revenues: Category III

	1988-89	*1989-90
Men		
Baseball	\$20,000	\$20,000
Golf	20,000	20,000
Tennis	20,000	20,000
Track	1,000	1,000
Total Men	\$61,000	\$61,000

	1988-89	*1989-90
Women		
Golf	\$12,000	\$12,000
Volleyball	8,000	10,000
Gymnastics	2,000	1,000
Tennis	1,000	1,000
Track	3,500	3,000
Total Women	\$26,500	\$27,000
Total Category III	\$87,500	\$88,000

*estimated —The Cats' Pause chart

Revenues: Other, Camps

	1988-89	*1989-90
Other		
Fund balance	\$1,500,000	\$420,071
B/W Fund endowment		1,143,250
B/W Fund gifts, grants	1,170,000	3,188,144
Student activity fees	450,000	450,000
Interest income	225,000	150,000
Concessions	10,000	10,000
Rentals	25,000	30,000
Vending	500	500
Sports publicity	15,000	15,000
Royalty income	100,000	250,000
Miscellaneous	1,500	5,000
Total other	\$3,497,000	\$5,661,965

	1988-89	*1989-90
Camps		
Cheerleader camp	\$80,000	75,000
Basketball camp	150,000	75,000
Football camp	90,000	90,000
Football clinic	2,000	2,000
Baseball camp	30,000	30,000
Swim lessons	50,000	50,000
Strength camp	10,000	7,500
Lady Kat basketball camp	35,000	25,000
Volleyball camp	20,000	25,000
Tennis lessons	25,000	30,000
Tennis camp	30,000	30,000
Tennis clinic	5,000	
Total camps	\$527,000	439,500

*estimated —The Cats' Pause chart

Expenditures

	1988-89	*1989-90
Category I		
Football	\$5,275,550	5,631,750
Men's basketball	2,112,500	2,384,100
Total Category I	\$7,388,050	\$8,015,850

	1988-89	*1989-90
Category II		
Women's basketball	\$495,150	\$513,975
Total Category II	\$495,150	\$513,975

	1988-89	*1989-90
Category III (Men)		
Baseball	\$284,500	319,800
Golf	109,800	114,850
Rifle	20,775	20,550
Swimming	216,680	244,850
Tennis	166,500	168,650
Track	220,920	222,350
Total Men	\$1,019,175	\$1,091,050
Category III (Women)		
General	\$167,230	\$109,380
Golf	103,880	109,800
Volleyball	234,700	258,100
Gymnastics	171,250	182,050
Tennis	164,850	164,580
Track	220,730	230,150
Swimming	178,970	209,000
Total Women	\$1,241,610	\$1,263,060
Total Category III	\$2,260,785	\$2,354,110

	1988-89	*1989-90
Other		
Administration and general	\$4,730,115	\$5,088,030

	1988-89	*1989-90
Total budget	\$14,874,100	\$15,971,965

*estimated —The Cats' Pause chart

My, hasn't sportswriting field taken on a new look?

Remember hand-set type, typewriters?

On the day that the UK Athletics Department held a surprise retirement luncheon in my honor in the Commonwealth Stadium press box, Cliff Hagan, my former boss who unfortunately was a casualty of the Emerygate



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mess, called to give his best regards and wish me luck in future endeavors.

"I know it must be traumatic," he said, "leaving the university after all these years." On the contrary, the trauma is not leaving UK, but in returning to my first love, which is newspapering, and wondering if I can pick up the pieces and adjust to the changes that have taken place in the profession since I wrote my last column for *The Lexington Leader* 22 years ago.

Beginning with one and one-half years each at *The Mountain Eagle* in Whitesburg and *The Hazard Herald* and continuing through 13 years with *The Lexington Leader*, the tools of our trade were an old standard typewriter, copy paper, copy pencil and scissors. There was a period at the beginning when we built our own headlines with hand-set type, operated a linotype machine and personally put the cold type in the chase.

Contrast that with today, where word processors, computers, offset printing and Fax machines are just a few of the sophisticated realities that make life so much easier for the newspaper people and are so commonplace that it's hard to realize we really did survive without them.

The same holds true for the television crews, which now have lightweight camcorders and the capabilities of getting a "live" crew to a location in the time it used to take to ready big bulky equipment for transportation, and for the radiomen whose voices are transmitted over the finest of sound equipment.

While the tools of the trade have changed, so has the manner of reporting sports stories. During my five years as a sports editor, the head man at *The Herald-Leader* was the late Fred B. Wachs, who was a close personal friend of Wildcat basketball coach Adolph Rupp.

They were so close, in fact, that Rupp wouldn't hesitate to pick up the telephone and call Wachs when someone at the paper wrote something negative about the Wildcats. Under that kind of restraint, there was no way the newspaper was going to pick up a Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting.

That also was an era before the Open Records Law and the constant flow of "leaks" in the manner of "Deep Throat" of Watergate fame.

"Where's the leak?" coach Rupp used to ask, "Where's the leak?"

Joe Hall, then an assistant coach, and I used to have a good laugh by springing that question on each other at most inopportune times.

Once when only Rupp and I knew something and it somehow got into the local paper, he asked, "Where's the leak?"

"You are, coach," I replied.

Sportswriters then, as now, enjoyed a sort of second-class celebrity status in the basketball pecking order and they were careful not to rock the boat by deviating from the established norm, which was to write only good things about the Wildcats.

Football also enjoyed its fine moments under Paul "Bear" Bryant, but that sport never reached the sacred cow status accorded UK basketball by the media. Bryant complained in his book that during his tenure as UK



Rice, right, interviews Army coach Paul Dietzel at Bluegrass Field in the early 60's

football coach, he once hired Earl Ruby, sports editor of *The Courier-Journal*, as a media consultant and that newspaper still blasted him.

Then along came television and Watergate, and suddenly the entire style of sportswriting changed. Everybody seemed to be investigating everything, reporting in depth as the competition increased for the eyes and ears of the sports fans.

Washed-up, loud-mouthed, opinionated former coaches and even lawyer types suddenly were filling the videowaves with their "expert" opinions, while college players still wet behind the ears were espousing "great truths" about how the game was played, should have been played or would be played.

I remember Rupp telling his players, "You can talk to those reporters all you want to about your family, your girl friends, your pets, your hobbies, your schoolwork and all that good stuff, but don't discuss strategy and other things about the game. That's my job. I'm the coach. You don't qualify as an expert on such stuff."

After Bob Tallent talked back to Rupp in a colorful manner during the Tennessee game at Knoxville on Saturday and found his locker empty when he reported for practice on Monday, Rupp was so incensed by the manner in which the media handled the affair that he put a lid on his players.

That was just three months before I joined the UK sports information office. When I arrived, one of the first things Rupp did was to have all interviews cleared through me. I also was to stand within hearing distance at all interviews. I solved that problem by standing just out of hearing distance, explaining that my hearing was excellent. I just didn't want the interviewer to feel like he was being censored or intimidated.

When Hall succeeded Rupp, he had many disciplines, including the matter of interviews. At one stage in his career, he had a dentist friend on the UK College of

Medicine staff annually instruct the players on how to react during interviews with the media. The procedure included actual interviews that were videotaped, played back and critiqued.

After Jerry Claiborne succeeded Fran Curci as head football coach, we used to appear before the team at the first squad meeting in the fall and discuss media and press relations, including how to handle interviews.

One of our basic messages was to cut out the "You knows." We used to count the times a player would say those two words during an interview and later call him aside and tell him that instead of "You knowing," he should pause and take his time because the interviewer wasn't in any hurry. The same held true for answering questions that were a little out of line.

When hit by a tough question, we would tell the players again to take their time before answering and if in doubt, don't answer.

The UK policy in all sports now is that a person wishing to interview a player should call the proper person in the SID office and set up the interview. For telephone interviews, the office takes the person's number and has the player call that person collect.

We're now curious about the interview policies of Rick Pitino, the new UK basketball coach, and offer him a word of advice, which he probably doesn't want or need: "Be fair. Don't play favorites."

One last thought: when we started writing this column two years ago, we told Oscar we would do it for fun, and it has been a fun thing. We concentrated on writing about the older players and teams because our position at the university would have given us an unfair advantage if we wrote about current players.

Such self-imposed restrictions now are lifted, but we won't neglect our research and constant contact with the "old-timers." Like newspapering, that also is a labor of love in this corner.

'C A T S C A N S

Sports briefs about University of Kentucky athletics

K-Men complete annual golf outing at Paintsville Country Club

The first basketball autographed by **Rick Pitino** in his new position as University of Kentucky basketball coach brought a high bid of \$110 as the K-Men's Association raised \$1,559 for scholarships at the varsity lettermen's annual golf outing and election of officers during the past weekend at the Paintsville Country Club.

Ron Allen, retired director of student admissions and for years the K-Men's liaison with the UK Athletic Department, obtained the autograph through Wildcat equipment manager **Bill Keightley**.

Other auction items of interest were a game ball from UK's upset victory over Georgia last season (\$110), an expenses-paid trip for two on the team bus, plus hotel room and tickets for the UK-Vanderbilt football game at Nashville (\$150 by **Chuck Melvin** of Paintsville) and guest of Wildcat athletic director **C.M. Newton** in the UK press box for the Wildcat-North Carolina game (\$100 by **Joe Freeman**).

Lexington judge **John Adams** (BskB 1963, '64, '65) is the new president of the group, succeeding building contractor **Phil Greer**

(FB 1967, '68). Other officers elected were: •President-elect—**Tom Clark** (FB '70, '72, '72), attorney, Lexington.

•Vice presidents—**Joe Federspiel** (FB '69, '70, '71), insurance, Lexington; and **Mike Shutt** (FB '78, '79), vice president, Midwest Distributors, Lexington.

•Secretary-Treasurer—**Gene Meeks** (FB '42, '46), retired Air Force colonel and businessman.

•Directors—**Cotton Nash** (BskB '62, '63, '64), businessman; **Jim LeMaster** (BskB '66, '67, '68), attorney and member of Kentucky

General Assembly; **Terry Clark** ('64, '65), educator, and **Pat Doyle**, all of Lexington.

Winners of the golf tournament were:

•First (Lowball)—**Rick Kestner**, **David Van Hoose**, **Robin Cooper** and **Jim Colvin** (58).

•Second—**Ron Allen**, **John Adams**, **Morris Conley** and **Gene Meeks** (59).

•Closest to pin for hole-in-one—**Don Sullivan** (six inches); **John Adams** (12 inches).

•Driving Contest—**Larry Woods**, Paintsville.

UK program helping Lexington youths

More than 300 Lexington youngsters are participating in the University of Kentucky's National Youth Sports Program now through July 13.

Funded by the NCAA, the program, intended mainly for youth from economically-disadvantaged homes, includes sports instruction and competition, along with drug-abuse prevention and health education.

UK considering Citrus Bowl's offer to move 1990 Florida game to Orlando

The **Florida Citrus Bowl**, seeking to play host to five regular-season football games in the next four years in a new stadium now under construction in Orlando, has offered UK \$1 million, plus expenses, to think about such a deal.

One of the games being considered is the 1990 UK-Florida game, now scheduled to be played at Commonwealth Stadium.

The last time UK succumbed to such an offer was in 1970, when the Florida game, scheduled for Stoll Field, was moved to Tampa. The Wildcats lost 24-13 to Florida.

A spectator at that game was University of Tampa coach **Fran Curci**, who would succeed **John Ray** as UK coach three years down the road.

If UK did decide to move the Florida game to Orlando in 1990, Wildcat coach **Jerry Claiborne** has indicated he would like to pick up another home game that season.

The 1990 schedule, as it stands now, looks like this:

1990 UK FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	CENTRAL MICHIGAN
Sept. 8	at Rutgers
Sept. 15	INDIANA
Sept. 22	at North Carolina
Oct. 6	at Ole Miss*
Oct. 13	MISSISSIPPI STATE*
Oct. 20	at LSU*
Oct. 27	GEORGIA*
Nov. 10	VANDERBILT*
Nov. 17	FLORIDA*
Nov. 24	at Tennessee*

Home games in CAPITALS

* signifies conference game

Kenny Walker, Rick Pitino featured at basketball fantasy camp

Kenny Walker, former Wildcat star now with the NBA New York Knicks, will join his newly-departed coach **Pitino** and former NBA great **Earl "The Pearl" Monroe** as the featured guests at the "Rick Pitino's Adult Basketball Fantasy Camp" to be held July 20-23 at Caesar's Hotel in Atlantic City.

Participants at the four-day/three-night camp will receive extensive individual attention from Pitino and his staff, and will have an opportunity to play in intrasquad games.

Better hurry and get your reservation, because at last report only eight spaces of the total of 48 remained for the all-inclusive package, which includes top-rate accommodations at Caesar's Atlantic City, all meals, an official camp uniform, camp shirt, team and individual photographs, a special videotape of the weekend and many extra features, all for \$1,500 per participant. For information, call (415) 924-8725 collect.

Before accepting the offer to coach the basketball Wildcats, Pitino had a two-hour briefing session with Walker.



Former UK basketball player **Kenny Walker** (left) and current Wildcat coach **Rick Pitino** (right) will be featured at the July 20-23 "Rick Pitino's Adult Basketball Fantasy Camp" in Atlantic City.

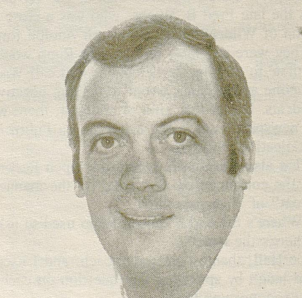
UK football assistant Tony Czack ties knot, Farrell Sheridan to be married in early July

Matrimony time around the UK football complex with graduate assistant **Tony Czack** tying the knot with **Jill Hedges** in her hometown of Versailles on June 10 and assistant coach **Farrell Sheridan** (offensive line coach) scheduled to walk down the aisle with **Mary Bonnie Collis** July 1 at Christ the King Cathedral in Lexington.

Farrell's father, **Phillip Sheridan**, passed away recently in Rutherford, NJ.



Tony Czack



Farrell Sheridan

Blythe earns \$5,000 post-grad scholarship

Wildcat baseball player **Mark Blythe**, an accounting major with a 3.57 grade-point average, was among eight student-athletes awarded \$5,000 post-graduate scholarships as part of the 1988-89 Southeastern Conference Scholar-Athletes of the Year program.

For a closer look at Blythe, who led UK's Bat 'Cats in eight offensive categories this year, please turn to page 26 of this issue.

UK's Terry Strock named best SEC FB assistant

UK assistant coach/defensive coordinator **Terry Strock** has been busy making the Wildcat defense one of the best in the country for a number of years, and now the 49-year-old has something to show for it.

Strock was recently honored by the Birmingham Touchdown Club as the SEC's Working Coach of the Year for the 1988 season. Strock became the first UK coach to win the award—which is voted for by coaches around the league and is available only to assistants—

and also became the first coach from a losing team (UK went 5-6 last season) to earn the honor.

Strock joins such notables as: **Bill Oliver**, **Dee Powell** and **Ken Donahue** of Alabama; **Paul Davis**, **Doug Barfield** and **Steve Dennis** of Auburn; **Larry Marmie** of Tennessee; **Bill Pace** of Vanderbilt; **Erk Russell** of Georgia; **Joe Kines** of Florida; **Charlie Peavey** of LSU and **Barry Wilson** of Mississippi State in winning the 19-year-old award.

Remembering former UK footballer Tom Harper

One of Bear's Boys passes away

□ **BEAR'S BOY:** They buried one of Bear's Boys—men who played for Paul "Bear" Bryant at Kentucky—in Louisville recently. Tom Harper died in his hotel room in Savannah, Ga., where he had gone on a speaking

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Cats' Pause Columnist

engagement for Clemson University.

I have so many memories of Harper:

✓ The first time I saw him play was as a basketball player, not football. He played on an outstanding Madisonville High team whose big stars were future Hall of Famer Frank Ramsey and Ches Riddle. All three went on to the University of Kentucky, Harper as a football player, Riddle as a basketball player and golfer, and Ramsey as a basketball and baseball player.

✓ Harper was pacing back and forth in front of the Bear's office door in Memorial Coliseum. He had quit the team, realized that he had made a mistake and had gone to ask the Bear to let him come back. But, like all of the Wildcats, he was scared of Bryant and wouldn't go inside.

Luckily for Harper, Eck Branham happened by, learned what was wrong and informed Bryant, who told Harper to come on in. Branham, at the time football coach at Winchester High, now farms in Warren County, drawn back to Hilltopper land by his love for his alma mater, Western Kentucky University. He saved Harper's football playing and, probably, coaching career.

✓ So totally dedicated to coaching that he often spent the night in his office at Manual Stadium, Harper coached one of the three greatest teams in Kentucky high school history, the 1959 state championship Manual team led by Sherman Lewis. Among a host of other Crimson stars were Pete Dudgeon, Steve Wright and Paul McPherson.

Oldtimers will tell you that the best teams in Kentucky high school football history were the 1938 Manual team that won the national championship, Harper's team and Paul Hornung's team at Flaget.

✓ After years as an assistant coach, Harper was hired as head coach at Wake Forest, but he didn't last long. He was dismissed with several years left on his contract. He called Bryant to ask what to do. "Hell," said Bryant, "you take their money!"

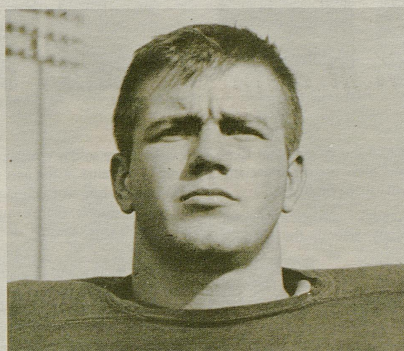
Harper did take their money and moved his family back to Louisville. Without football, he was the most miserable human being I've ever seen. I did my good deed for just about a whole year, letting him use my office to read sports books and magazines.

His big break came when Clemson hired a young ex-Alabama player, Danny Ford, as its head coach. He called Bryant and told him that he needed someone to coach his defense. Bingo! Bryant got the two together.

Harper coached through this year's spring practice and then became Ford's administrative assistant with a lot of speaking duties.

Bear's Boys still hold their reunions in Lexington. Many of them were at St. Albert's to say their goodbyes to the big guy from Madisonville with the silver hair.

Harper once told me that his big regret was that he never got a chance to coach at his alma mater, UK. He believed he could win there without cheating.



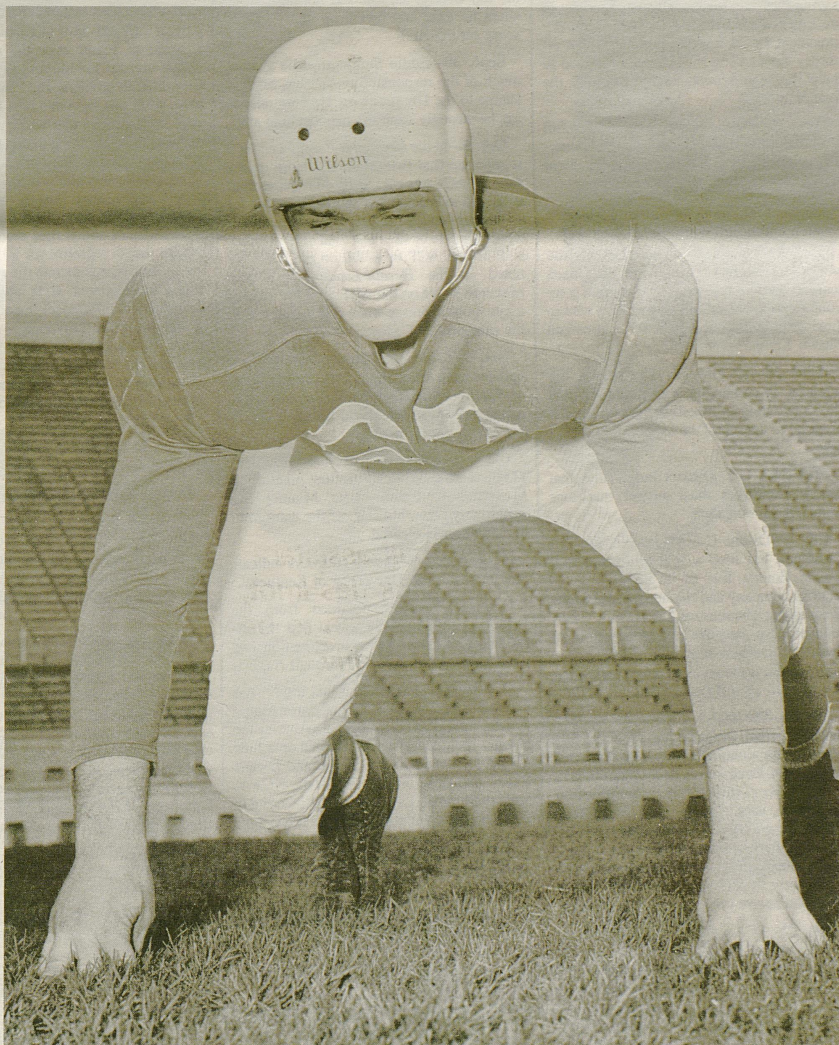
□ **PITINO AND TV:** Jim Host, whose company, Jim Host and Associates, owns radio and TV rights to UK football and basketball with Lexington TV station WKYT and radio station WVLK, said that he has a three-year contract with recently-hired UK coach Rick Pitino.

"Coach Pitino will do a weekly TV show and from three to five specials," Host said. One of the specials aired the week Pitino accepted the job.

Host said that Pitino will be busy on radio with a weekly, hour-long call-in show, pregame and postgame shows, selected specials, daily five-minute syndicated shows and "Pitino Comments."

Host said that his company will televise 15 delayed broadcasts of UK basketball games and all home football games delayed.

Host won the TV rights for \$447,000 a year for football and basketball, and radio rights for \$902,300 a year. Both contracts are for three years.



The recent death of Tom Harper brought back many fond memories of his UK career.

From Emery to calamity



Eddie Sutton



Sean Sutton



Chris Mills



Dwane Casey



Eric Manuel



Shawn Kemp



Cliff Hagan



David Roselle

April 14, 1988—The *Los Angeles Daily News* reports that a package sent by the University of Kentucky for Claud Mills, father of Wildcat signee Chris Mills, opened while at Emery Air Freight's Los Angeles terminal. Several Emery employees report that along with a video cassette in the package were 20 \$50 bills. The sender of the package was identified as Wildcat assistant coach Dwane Casey. When contacted later this day, Casey said he did not send money to Claud Mills. The Millses confer their innocence, saying they had no knowledge of money in an Emery package. University of Kentucky president David Roselle announces that attorney James Park Jr., has been retained to help the school in its investigation of the matter.

April 17—Dwane Casey's attorney, Joe Bill Campbell, has threatened to sue the University of Kentucky if it doesn't treat his client fairly.

April 19—Kentucky head coach Eddie Sutton publicly supports Dwane Casey.

April 23—Another violation besides the Mills-Casey-Emery case? Well, it's been learned that the NCAA is looking into a second possible violation, regarding a visit to Lexington by the mother of Wildcat recruit Shawn Kemp.

April 28—It's official. The NCAA announces, in conferring with Kentucky, that it is conducting an investigation into the UK program as a result of the Mills-Casey-Emery case.

May 6—A U.S. District Judge rules that Emery employees must answer questions from UK investigators.

July 8—Dwane Casey's lawyer, Joe Bill Campbell, has filed a \$6.9 million lawsuit against Emery, five of its employees, its security company and the head of its security company. The reasons for the suit, Casey believes, are because of: defamation of character, invasion of privacy, negligence in handling the package in question and violation of mail-security standards.

July 25—The NCAA informs that the Kentucky basketball program has been formally charged with violating governing rules in the Mills-Casey-Emery case. In his letter to UK, S. David Berst, director of enforcement for the NCAA, says, "it appears reasonable to expect that the NCAA Committee on Infractions may find a violation of NCAA legislation..." Berst also went on to add that "approximately 10 additional allegations" will be submitted to the university within 30 days.

July 27—NCAA investigators have been talking with college test monitors in regard to Wildcat sophomore-to-be Eric Manuel and his taking of an ACT test in June of 1987. Manuel took and passed the test at Lexington's Lafayette High School. Reportedly, he was accompanied to the test site by teammate Sean Sutton. In earlier testings—SAT—Manuel failed to meet Proposition 48 minimum requirement.

August 1—The father of Sean Higgins, a member of the Michigan basketball team,

confirms his son told the NCAA that Kentucky offered the California prep star improper inducements to come to UK.

August 17—Kentucky athletics director Cliff Hagan publicly defends the school's athletics program.

Sept. 7—UK guard Sean Sutton publicly states that neither he nor Eric Manuel cheated on the ACT, taken in June of 1987.

Sept. 8—Eric Manuel, like Sean Sutton did the day before, says he did nothing wrong when he took and met Prop 48's required score on the ACT.

Sept. 30—Eddie Sutton says he accepts much of the responsibility that has brought shame to the UK program. He continues to say he strongly supports his coaching staff.

Oct. 5—In the *Lexington Herald-Leader* it is reported that Eric Manuel's score on the June '87 ACT was a 23. Prop 48 requires that, in regard to college test scores, in order for a student-athlete to receive an athletic scholarship he or she must total at least either a 15 on the ACT or a 700 on the SAT. It's noted in the *Herald-Leader* story that Manuel's score on the ACT is on the level of a nine-point increase when comparing it with his previous SAT score.

Oct. 9—University trustee members are updated as to the findings in the in-house investigation. Also, the Board of Trustees vote unanimously to back David Roselle's handling of the entire matter.

Oct. 11—Four days before Midnight Madness, the Wildcats' initial practice at Memorial Coliseum, Eric Manuel has voluntarily taken himself off the team until his situation is cleared up.

Oct. 12—Eric Manuel's attorneys indicate they may sue the University of Kentucky.

Oct. 14—Records obtained from the University of Kentucky reveal that the expense for UK's in-house investigation had tallied more than \$122,000 through August.

Oct. 15—UK has learned that the NCAA has added 17 allegations of wrongdoing against its basketball program. Among the charges included: Manuel cheated on a June '87 ACT; Manuel, Sean Sutton and Dwane Casey gave false information to the NCAA; basketball junkie Lawrence Chupil, acting in UK's interests, violated recruiting rules; Sean Higgins was offered a car and cash to sign with UK; and a lack of administrative control was evident in the basketball program. Said Eddie Sutton: "Today I am a man of mixed emotions. I am excited about the first day of basketball practice and the start of a new season. But I am obviously concerned over the content of the NCAA allegations."

Oct. 20—In this week's edition of *Sports Illustrated* Eddie Sutton was quoted as saying he thinks another school set up Kentucky, in regard to the Emery package. Sutton later says his quotes were taken out of context. Meanwhile, the writer of the article says Sutton was not misquoted.

Oct. 31—Lexington police have verified that Sean Sutton's two gold necklaces report-

edly stolen were sold to a pawn shop by Shawn Kemp. The value of the two necklaces total \$700. Sutton, however, did not seek prosecution against Kemp, the freshman 'Cat who's sitting out this season due to Prop 48 guidelines.

Nov. 5—Shawn Kemp decides to transfer to Trinity junior college in Texas.

Nov. 15—It's announced that longtime Kentucky athletics director Cliff Hagan has resigned. UK spokesman Bernie Vonderheide read a prepared statement from Hagan. In part, it says: "I have taken this action with a sense of regret over the circumstances which created for me and my institution a very difficult problem. But I have always tried to do what was right and best for the university, and I believe that what I have done today was the right thing to do. It was also the right thing for me and my family." Vonderheide also read a statement from UK president Dr. David Roselle, who was out of town. In part, it says: "It is unfortunate that circumstances sometimes create a need for change that is regretful for all. In this case, the circumstances dictate the need for a different management style and philosophy. Because such differences impact the effective operation of the university's athletics program, it is extremely helpful to have someone who can put personal interests aside in favor of institutional needs." UK's Joe Burch is appointed interim athletics director.

Dec. 12—UK, forced by a court order, releases in full text 13 of the additional 17 allegations.

Dec. 22—UK releases three more allegations in full text.

Dec. 23—UK releases portions of the remaining allegation. In the report it reads that 211 of 219 possible answers on Eric Manuel's June '87 ACT were identical to that of another student's.

Jan. 24, 1989—The university hires Vanderbilt coach and UK alumnus Charles Martin (C.M.) Newton as its new athletics director. "This is a unique opportunity and a unique challenge that excites me," Newton says during a press conference. Newton will take over the AD post April 1. Also, for the first time during his presidency at UK, David Roselle is overruled by the UK trustees on a motion to brief the BOT before the school files its response to the NCAA.

Jan. 26—Eric Manuel sues the University of Kentucky in hopes of keeping his academic record confidential.

Jan. 28—A State Supreme Court Justice rules that university Board of Trustee members can meet behind closed doors to talk about the school's upcoming response to the NCAA. Later in the day, the trustees decide not to discuss the response.

Feb. 5—The trustees hold a meeting and are satisfied with UK's response it plans to send to the NCAA.

March 2—Kentucky Gov. Wallace Wilkinson says he wants the text of UK's response to the NCAA released to the public. The trustees, however, don't agree

March 9—Kentucky is defeated 77-63 by Vanderbilt in the Southeastern Conference Tournament in Knoxville to end the 'Cats' season. UK finishes with a 13-19 record. After the game, Eddie Sutton is asked if he will stay at UK. "Yes, I would like to be back at Kentucky," Sutton indicates. "But only time will tell. I hope, that if we do get penalized, that I'm the one that can help put the pieces back together." He went on to add: "Emotionally, I think all of us, the players and coaching staff have certainly experienced a lot of different types of emotions. It's been a very tough year. I just talked to the squad in there a few minutes ago. I told them that what we've been through may be the toughest experience they'll have to face in their lifetime...I think they've all grown."

March 18—On national television during NCAA tournament play, Eddie Sutton, from a Lexington television station, says he will not resign.

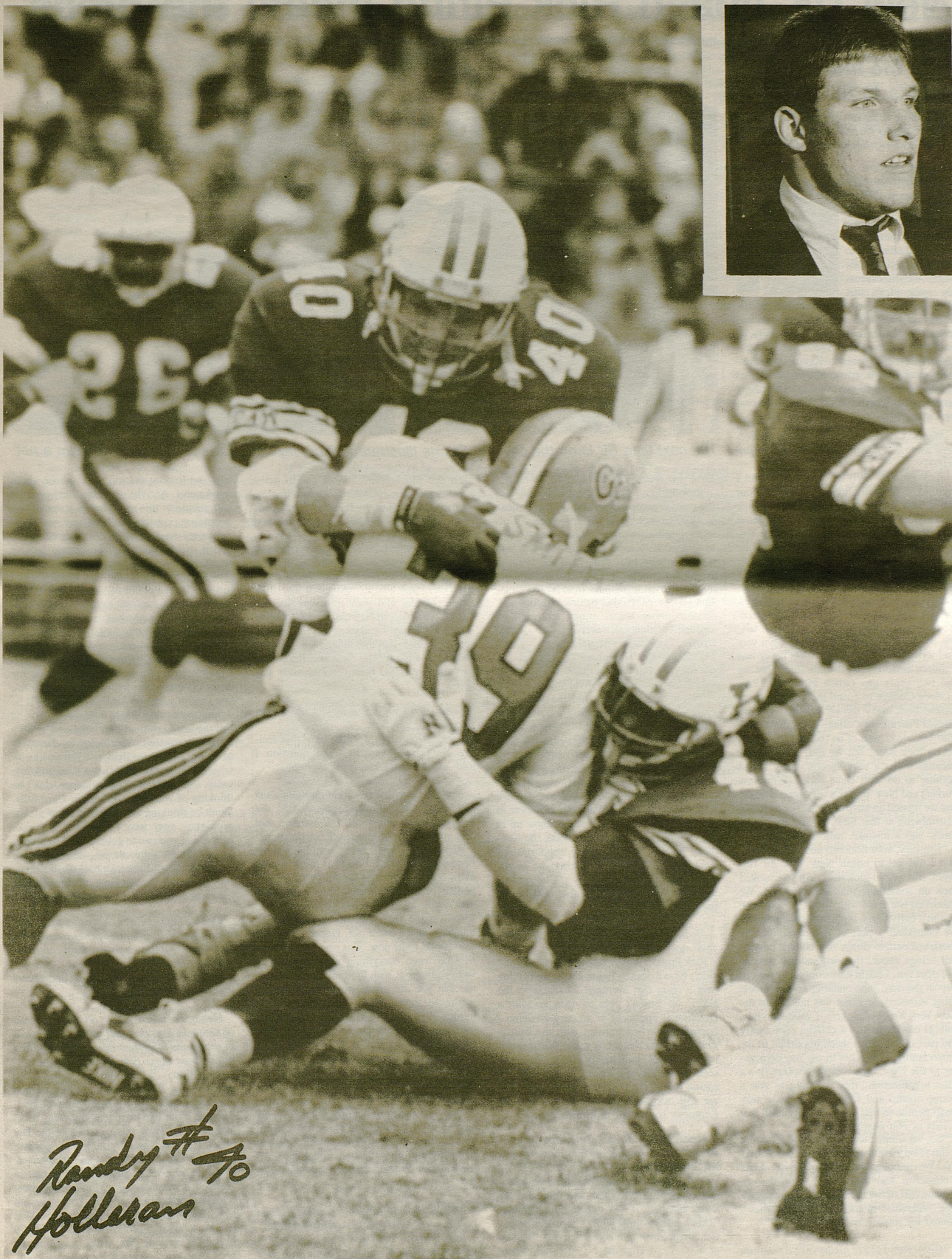
March 19—Again on national television at halftime of the Indiana-Texas El Paso West Regional game, Eddie Sutton says he will resign. "This past season has taken its toll on a lot of people: our players, fans and my family," Sutton says during a press conference at Wildcat Lodge. "It was a tough decision...I think for the good of the program, for the fans, the players and my family that it's probably best that I resign at this time." Sutton was not mentioned in any of the allegations. UK president David Roselle, holding his own press conference, tells reporters there could have been a vote by the board to call for Sutton's dismissal. Before Sutton's resignation, on a Sunday evening, a board meeting had been scheduled for the following Tuesday.

March 20—UK assistant Dwane Casey announces that he has resigned from his position. Casey was mentioned in 12 of the 18 allegations. "It is with much sadness and regret that I leave the University of Kentucky," Casey says in a released statement. "I love this university, its basketball program, players, students and fans. My dream of coaching at this university and eventually as a head coach at a major university has been destroyed." Casey still claims his innocence, saying he "never put any money in any Emery package."

March 24—Jimmy Dykes becomes the second UK assistant to resign. His name never appeared in any of the NCAA allegations. "I have to do what is in the best interests of Jimmy Dykes," says the 27-year-old Dykes. "I'm still confident I can reach my goal of being a Division I head coach. I'm not viewing this as a setback. I'm looking at it as a valuable lesson."

March 30—James Dickey announces he is stepping down from his assistant position. Dickey was named in five of the 18 allegations. Only Brock Touloukian, a first-year assistant, remains the lone tie to Eddie Sutton's '88-'89 coaching staff. "I've enjoyed coaching and I enjoyed coaching at Kentucky," Dickey states. "Being at Kentucky

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New UK coach Rick Pitino meets the press

Says he's concerned with the future, not what's in the past

Following is the text of Rick Pitino's press conference after his announcement as University of Kentucky basketball coach:

Rick Pitino's opening statement: "We're delighted to be a part of the tremendous tradition that Kentucky basketball has to offer throughout the years. We also express the same ideals that the university has in achieving all its academic goals. We're also extremely excited to be a part of the Lexington community, as well as the state of Kentucky. I think it's going to be exciting years for Kentucky basketball. And I think it's going to be a great challenge for all of us, in seeing something so rich in tradition be brought back in the correct manner."



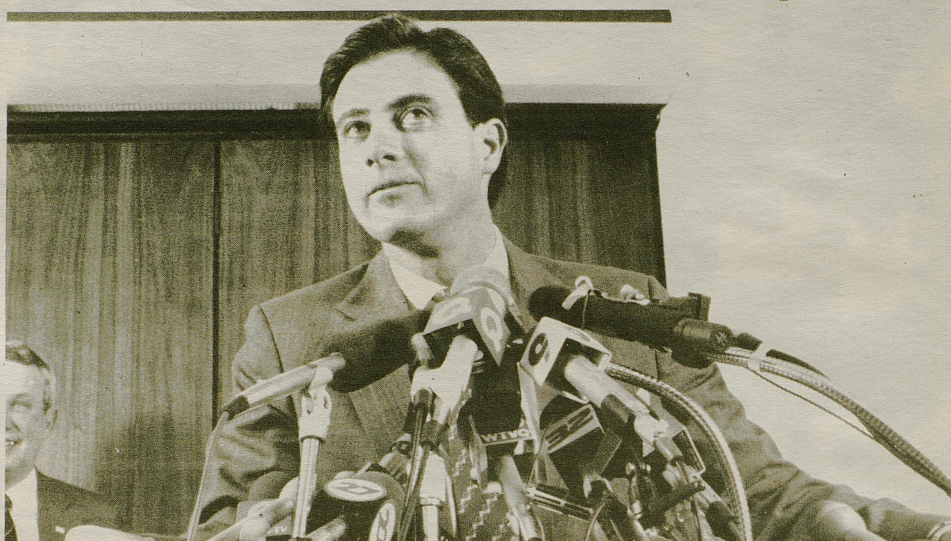
Media: Coach, what is it about the college game that fulfills you more than the pro game?

Rick Pitino: "Well let me say this, and I want to be perfectly honest with all of you: We're New Yorkers, we're not Lexingtonians, we're New Yorkers. Was it difficult to leave New York and a potential championship? Yes, it was. But I've got a weakness, and I'll be very, very honest about it...you know when you take a job the thing everyone says is don't look back. And most of the people who say that are the ones who have been established for 30 years and have never left anywhere. It's almost like the lady or the counselor telling you how to raise children the right way and writing those books, but has never had children herself. And the one thing that we did two years ago (when Pitino left Providence College to coach the Knicks) is we looked back every day of our life. And we missed Providence College every day of our life. We tried, both of us (he and his wife), not to look back; but we did. And we did because it was a very special place. It had nothing to do with New York; we're New Yorkers and New York is a very special place. But we missed an environment. For us to say that moving at that time, during emotional times, was a mistake...who knows?"

"I'm very, very honored and really happy that I did get to coach New York for two years. But we did look back. And we looked back on something that we cherished. We cherished our lives with young people each day on a daily basis, not just during practice. We cherished a part of a community. We cherished certain things that college basketball brings about, that professional basketball does not. I could have continued...every step of the way, jobs opening and my name being rumored, and that was not fair to the New York Knickerbockers. I wanted to be a college coach, part of a college community and part of a lifestyle that's important to the Pitino family. That is not in any way demeaning to the New York Knickerbockers. It's a class organization; they're going to win a championship and I'm going to be a very small pebble in that sand, of that beach that is part of that championship."

"So, we wanted to get back to it. The lure is the family atmosphere, that is the perfect lure. We cannot go back to Providence—I had a chance a year ago—but I certainly can become part of the richest tradition in all college basketball history, and that's what I wanted for myself and my family."

Media: Rick, you're taking over a program that will have a tough time being competitive



The next time UK is on the cover of Sports Illustrated Pitino says the 'Cats will be cutting down a net

for a few years. Do you agree with that?

Rick Pitino: "Well, I think the nature of the word is competitive, and what you mean by that. In looking at it at Providence College, right before taking the job, I saw Chris Mullin of St. John's' team up 90-59. I said there's no way I'm taking that job because there wasn't one guy on that Providence College basketball team that averaged 10 points. And I'd never seen that before. Not one guy on that entire team, either returning or through graduation, averaged in double figures. I said to myself at that point: 'That's a challenge that should not be handled. It's not for me.' But then in thinking about it, I said every challenge is what you make of it."

"So, to be competitive, the one thing I can promise all of Kentucky and all Kentucky fans everywhere is now is the time to show and boast about the great fans that you have here. When people say we can't be competitive, let's prove them wrong. And that's what we're about to do. And it's been a tradition with me to say that we will win, and we will win right away. Whether that means in terms of the wins and losses that show up in the columns, I'm not sure. I think the Kentucky people, and all of the supporters of Kentucky basketball, forgetting the score, will leave that arena and say: 'That basketball team's a winner.' And that will be the foundation to it all."

Media: Do you consider this challenge your most difficult proposition?

Rick Pitino: "Again, taking over a team that didn't have a double-figure scorer and taking over a team that averaged 23 teams in the NBA...we weren't able to open up with a Division II opponent or an easy Division I opponent, we had to open with the Boston Celtics. So that was pretty scary. Whether this is the greatest challenge of all remains to be seen. It is a big one. The sanctions and probation just make it a little bit tougher. But we will overcome all obstacles in making Kentucky basketball rich once again."

Media: Rick, you met with the players this morning. Did you find out how many of them will stay at Kentucky?

Rick Pitino: "I did not ask them that question. What I said to them was this...I'll say it in a nutshell, it was a 40-minute meeting. That I gave up quite a bit, I gave up a potential championship to come to the University of Kentucky. That the NCAA tournament may last one round for you, and it may last

until the Final Four. You've got to get a substitute for the NCAA tournament by staying here. And all of the hours you are going to spend with me—in between class time, and after school is over and practice—have to make up for that lack of NCAA tournament play. That there are no guarantees in life. It'll be a great deal of fun for you, you'll enjoy the style of play but, more importantly, think of your career and your life more so than NCAA tournament. If that's important to them, they'll stay. I told them that if they want something else, that they should leave. If they want to be a part of the most exciting school in America today, then (they should) stay here."

Media: Did you get a feeling about how many might stay?

Rick Pitino: "No, I didn't have that feeling. You'll have to ask them that question. I told 'em to go back and think about it."

Media: Coach, you've said that you don't like boosters to get near your program. Are you prepared today to tell UK boosters that they are to have a hands-off relationship?

Rick Pitino: "Well, here's what I like about boosters: The word 'boost,' it gives you an extra edge. I want the Kentucky basketball people to be the greatest fans, not when they're up...four or five years from now when we're on the threshold of basketball prominence, don't come out. Come out of the woodwork right now. You saw that in New Mexico when everything with them...they were selling out with football players. Show me that you are great boosters now. When you're in those stands, cheer louder and harder. When Dr. Roselle comes to you and asks you for a donation to the school, give benevolently. But stay away from our practices, stay away from our players. You want to be my friend, you can be my friend; and that means just that. Support the university, support the basketball program. But no one, no one, and I don't only say boosters, anyone, anyone in particular, won't have anything to do with the University of Kentucky basketball program other than our coaching staff, the athletics director, and certainly the faculty."

Media: How do you feel about all the bad publicity the university is receiving right?

Rick Pitino: "You know what I look at? It's very difficult to pick up that Sports Illustrated article, which I thought was brilliantly writ-

ten, and look at the job that you are about to take over. And the one thing that I promise you people in this room today, some of you people are probably not from here, you'll see our cover on Sports Illustrated once again, and it will be cutting down certain nets. It won't be for what you saw last week. I thought it was an article that was fair. And the thing that was fair was that it praised Dr. Roselle in his attempts to clean up the program. And I think he has certainly done that and has brought in an athletics director that has the respect of every college coach and every college faculty member in the nation—C.M. Newton. So we're going to be on the cover of Sports Illustrated again, I promise you, and it won't be for that reason. It'll be a thing with pride. Right now we're all—and I'm the head coach at Kentucky—we're all a little embarrassed about being on the cover of Sports Illustrated that way. But you know what? That's yesterday's news. You go home today, and I said this at Providence, don't be thinking of your Visa or Master Card bills. Don't be thinking about that at all or all the problems you have in life. You take everything you can to get ahold of Kentucky tickets. Don't think of oil, don't think of horses. Think of Kentucky basketball tickets, they're going to be the most precious item in life some day. So you think along those lines."

Media: You're going to have thousands and thousands of assistant coaches around the state and the nation trying to help you. How will you deal with that?

Rick Pitino: "I'm sorry, I don't understand that question."

Media: I'm talking about all the thousands of Kentucky fans that call all the radio call-in shows and offer their advice. What do you think about those type things?

Rick Pitino: "I think they're terrific. Keep on coaching. We had nine million assistant coaches in New York. I think they're great. The one thing I've learned about New York, and at times, I say this in terms of the fast break: If you can get 65 to 70 percent positive press, it's like a fast break, that's the conversion rate you want. And I looked at that in New York. And certainly, I'm not the most popular person in New York at the present time. But I am behind their franchise. This is a move for me, professionally, that really needed to be done. We really needed to get back to college, emotionally and physically, (Continued on page 15)

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myself and my family. So all those coaches will just have to understand that I go to practice each day. I see the weaknesses, I see the strengths. It's very easy to go with the naked eye and show up and say: 'You know, they're not the best fast-break team; they need to run the lanes wider.' We see it every day in practice. We know the weaknesses and we know the strengths."

Media: Coach, could you describe your outside income?

Rick Pitino (jokingly): "Yes, I'm going to be making about \$11 million a year."

Media: Have you talked with Dr. Roselle or C.M. Newton about what type of student-athlete you should recruit?

Rick Pitino: "Well, Dr. Roselle right now wants a certain type of center and power forward. He's very particular about the way people handle the ball, he doesn't like point guards dribbling too much. I'm only kidding. "No, C.M. Newton and I will sit down together. The one great thing about C.M., not only is he going to be an outstanding athletics director but his staff really knows the game of basketball very well and can help me in recruiting this area. Because when we start out recruiting, we want to go Kentucky No. 1, and then branch out throughout the entire country. And as we get over the hump, so to speak, we will branch out, obviously, from New York to California. But right now we want to try to win the war in the state. We will set up in the next couple of weeks what we call a 'war room,' where will follow, from freshman year to senior year, every player in America. It's a fun thing for us. It's where we go to war every morning between 6:30 and 8 o'clock, moving our cards around, moving our players around and moving our evaluations around. Who we think we can get and who we think we're losing ground with. But we can tell you one thing: They're going to come to Kentucky as a student first and as an athlete second. Kentucky basketball players are special. But they'll be part of the student body; and that's one thing I wanted to get across to all our players this morning. At Providence, they were students first. They overachieved as much scholastically as they did athletically. That will be the same thing true of the Kentucky basketball program."

Media: What do you think of Wildcat Lodge? And what is your philosophy on athletic dorms?

Rick Pitino: "Wildcat Lodge right now is not a very pretty place. It's been run down because of all the things they had to do to it. I believe, and we've got to address this problem, I believe that our players should live with the student body, and I've already made that clear to both Dr. Roselle and C.M. Newton. I would like to do a lot of things with that Wildcat Lodge, from a business standpoint, weight training, whatever it might be. I've got to sit down with C.M., get his advice and look at the best way to utilize that lodge."

"When it was first put in it was a state-of-the-art situation. But the one thing I want our players to do, when they leave Kentucky basketball, I don't want them to say: 'Listen, could you give me a job?' I want them to go out there and say: 'I'm competent enough, here's my application, I can make your company successful.' And in order to do that you've got to be a people-type person. You can't be living off by yourself. You've got to sit with every student. You've got to face every problem like a man. You can't say: 'I'm something special outside those lines.' When you step between those lines, (you've got to say) 'I'm a Kentucky basketball player, I put on my jersey, I'm the most special basketball player in America.' When you leave those lines, you're part of the community and part

of the student body. And I want the rest of the students to feel that way."

Media: Rick, what is the source of this \$11 million?

Rick Pitino: "It's really more than that. Over seven years, \$11 million per is really much more than that. It's actually \$77 million. And right now, C.M. has signed a contract much like mine, and he's agreed to give me 80 percent of his."

Media: Seriously, and to be more specific, have you talked about shoe contracts, camps, things like that?

Rick Pitino: "That's an individual thing. The only thing I can say to you...the accounts I did read, that I was making so much money in New York...the one thing they don't talk about is when you talk about New York income is that's what the New York Knickerbockers pay me. Fortunately for myself, I did make money from supplemental income in New York as well. It's not released because that's my personal decision. But all I can tell you, it's a lateral move economically, no matter what anyone says. I can tell you the truth, it's a lateral move. The only area (where) I may get a little break is standard of living."

this point in time I don't know how talented a player you're going to get. But if we were able to attract someone right now who has the right things in mind that we're looking for, then certainly we will try to do that."

Media: Rick, have you talked to the Knick players, to find out what they think about the move?

Rick Pitino: "I talked to all of the players before I left and explained the possibility of what may happen. And I have spoken to about 90 percent of them."

"And I've explained to them, it's not going to be as easy. When people come down the lane I used to say: 'Block it Patrick (Ewing),' and there goes Patrick, he blocks it out of the way. Mark (Jackson), make the last shot now. Win the game and let's get out of Chicago or let's get out of Indianapolis.' I don't have that as part of my treasure right now. But I will have other things that will more than compensate for that."

Media: Rick, you've said you're not a Lexingtonian, you're a New Yorker. What does it feel like, to be down here and away from the bright lights and big city?

Rick Pitino: "Well, as you can see from

my life right now and say: 'Are you happy with your life?' And every step along the way in 14 years of coaching, I've been extremely happy and excited. My players were great with New York but, I have to be honest, I was not overly happy and excited with the lifestyle I was leading. I wanted to make a change at this point."

Media: Are you ready to say, Rick, that you're going to stay put? You know there are a lot of critics that say you aren't going to stay very long.

Rick Pitino: "As I said, all I can ask for is a 65-percent success rate on the fast break. I think negative posture today has become a big part of everybody's life. And the only thing I can tell you is that I'm very positive. Down 10 with 1:30 to go, there's no question in my mind that we're going to win that game. So, the way I answer my critics is in positive terms. I hope that Kentucky basketball and the city of Lexington can be a part of our lives for a long period of time. But I've learned from before: Never say something that you don't know the answer to. Our plan right now is to be here for a long period of time. The one thing I do want, I want to give my children something I didn't have. I moved at a young age from Manhattan to Queens, from Queens to Long Island—for people that don't know New York, different places. My wife can go back and she still has the same grammar school friends, the same high school friends and the same friends she had in college. I did not have that luxury. I want that for my children right now. Although I was in New York, I knew I couldn't do that for a lifetime. And I want that right now for my children; I'd like to see all three of them go through the same grammar school and high school together."

Media: Would you like for one of your assistants to have some ties to the Kentucky program? Is that something that matters to you?

Rick Pitino: "Not necessarily. I think if that's the right person for the job, then that's that. But there are two trains of thought. You can go either way and have arguments for both. I think the most important thing right now is that people are familiar with my system—from a recruiting standpoint, from a work-ethic standpoint and also from a basketball standpoint of Xs and Os. And I think that's the most important thing. If I can get my staff together I think I'll have one of the premier ones in the country."

Media: What makes Rick Pitino the right man for the Kentucky job?

Rick Pitino: "That's something that you people will have to answer. That remains to be seen. I think you'll be very, very pleased with everything you see."

Media: What do you know about the talent you have on the team, and what kind of team you will be able to have out of the players you have coming back?

Rick Pitino: "Well, if I judged the talent I have at hand by what they've accomplished here, I can't really speak about it in glowing terms. But I don't look at the past, I look at the future. If I looked at the past when I took over Providence and New York, I could not really judge Patrick Ewing correctly, or Billy Donovan correctly, or any of the other players. I've got to look at the future and what they're going to be, not what they are now."

Media: What did you think about the report from the Hawaii situation (where the NCAA accused Pitino of breaking major rules in the mid-70s) and the timing of it (after Pitino arrived in Lexington)?

Rick Pitino: "I think it was great that that happened. And I've got to thank the writer

C.M. Newton's comments on Pitino's hiring

"Today begins a new day in Kentucky basketball. Today is the first step in rebuilding this basketball program."

"This past month I've had the opportunity to travel across the commonwealth. We went to 18 different places along with (assistant athletics director) Gene (DeFilippo) and other representatives of the university. And as we've gone across the commonwealth we've carried a very simple and a direct message. The message has been basically that what has happened is behind us, we can't change that. As a result of what's happened, we're in for some tough times in rebuilding this basketball program."

"But the fact is that we've never wavered from that simple, direct message that we will rebuild the program. And when rebuilt, this basketball program will be a program that will compete nationally, because that is the tradition of Kentucky basketball. It will be a program that is compliant with university, with Southeastern Conference and NCAA rules. When rebuilt it will be a program that puts the student-athlete at the heart, at the center of the program, that graduates its players, that gets involved in career counseling

and placement after graduation, these are things that coach Pitino and I have discussed very thoroughly. When rebuilt it will be a program that plays the exciting style of aggressive basketball that is the Kentucky tradition and that coach Pitino's teams have always played. And when rebuilt, it will be a program that exudes class. And as coach (Bear) Bryant once said, he couldn't define it but he could recognize it. And we will recognize it."

"So I'm excited, professionally, because the key to rebuilding a basketball program—and I might add to sustaining it, as coach (Adolph) Rupp did for 43 years—is the head coach. That's the key. And professionally, I can assure you that I'm excited because we have just named the very best head coach, I think, that's in this country. I'm extremely pleased from a professional standpoint to have this young man come take this job."

"And I'll quit with this: As an alumnus of the university, and as I've gotten to know Joanne and Rick because I've heard so much about them, personally, I couldn't be more excited to turn this opportunity and challenge to rebuild this program over to this basketball coach."

Yesterday I got a nice haircut and I didn't have to pay \$30 for a haircut. So it's a little better."

Media: Rick, what's your schedule in the next few days and weeks?

Rick Pitino: "First I find a home, that's the first thing...inducturate my family. And then go back home and try to sell a home. Then the task immediately that we have ahead of us is to organize a staff, then organize a war room. And then worry about everything else."

Media: How quickly do you think it will be before you're in the office on a regular basis?

Rick Pitino: "Office work is not...we need to do a lot of things from a facility standpoint to make it a state-of-the-art type of situation, which it really is not right now. We've got to do that, address that problem. The office is not important right now. What's important is evaluating talent. Once the recruiting door opens and the season opens, so to speak, we need to go out there and identify the players interested in Kentucky basketball."

Media: With the one scholarship left, do you plan on signing another player for next season?

Rick Pitino: "Well, if it's a quality player, yes. I think we just don't want to bring in a player just for the sake of bringing in either a transfer or another basketball person. At

the people we have here today (some 200 or so), this is not well-covered."

"I feel that basketball is very special in New York, as well as it is in Lexington, Ky. I think (for) the entire state of Kentucky, as well as the surrounding areas, basketball is a very special resource, no question about it. And I think people are people; I really have always believed that. That's why I've had a nice relationship with the people in all the communities I've ever been. They may speak a little differently, I may speak a little differently; but I think people are generally people. They have their likes and dislikes, and I have no problem with that in any area."

Media: Was it difficult to convince your wife, Joanne, to move west?

Rick Pitino: "I can say this: We do everything as a family. And I think the one thing we wanted more than anything else we had not had in our life, and that is a great deal of stability and roots. That's the one thing we have not had...you have to remember who you are in life. I wanted, when I left Providence, to build the New York Knickerbockers into a championship team. I was not afforded that luxury; I left the job incomplete, so to speak. I did leave it a better place, but it's incomplete. The next person to take over is going to win that championship; I know that. But I had to look at

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In search of stability, Pitino

Challenge of rebuilding, family atmosphere lures former New York Knicks coach to Bluegrass

By TCP associate editor Nick Nicholas

"It's not going to be as easy. When people used to come down the lane I'd say: 'Block it, Patrick (Ewing).' And there goes Patrick, he blocks it. 'Mark (Jackson), make the last shot now, win the game and let's get out of Chicago or let's get out of Indianapolis.' I don't have that as part of my treasure right now."

—Kentucky coach Rick Pitino

Rick Pitino was searching for "stability" when he initially surveyed Lexington. Not just for himself but for his wife Joanne and three sons—Michael, Christopher and Ricky. The coaching roads for better than 15 years have been well-traveled by the Pitino family. For this 36-year-old coach has moved...and moved...and moved.

From Hawaii to Syracuse. From Syracuse to Boston University, his first full-time head coaching position. From Boston University to New York, as an Knickerbocker assistant. From the Big Apple to Providence. From Providence back to New York, this time as head instructor of the Knicks.

□ For a complete look at the text of Rick Pitino's first press conference as UK coach, please see page 14.

And on the first day of June, the man who has made the moving industry happy, and at the same time kept 'em busy, officially announced he was leaving the Knicks' organization to help rebuild Kentucky's basketball program.

While it's engrained in his nature to never say never in this business, Rick Pitino and his family appear eager to pitch camp in central Kentucky for many years to follow.

"I hope that Kentucky basketball and the city of Lexington can be a part of our lives for a long period of time," Pitino said during a press conference called to welcome UK's head coach. "But I've learned to never say something that you don't know the answer to. Our plan right now is to be here for a long period of time."

"The one thing I do want, I want to give my children something that I didn't have. I moved at a young age from Queens to Long Island...different places. My wife can go back and she still has the same grammar school friends, the same high school friends and the same friends she had in college. I did not have that luxury. I want that for my children right now."

"I knew, although I was in New York, looking at the New York situation I could not do that for a lifetime. But I want that (stability) right now for my children. I'd like to see all three children go through the same grammar school and high school together."

Those are pleasing words to UK president David Roselle and athletics director C.M. Newton. UK had searched for a top-name coach to fill its head coaching vacancy. Before the NCAA announced its findings against the basketball program, Lute Olson and P.J. Carlesimo shied away at a chance to coach the storied Wildcat program.

Nearly two weeks before Eddie Sutton's successor was pinpointed, the NCAA finally leveled its gavel with a firm pop on Kentucky's basketball program. Indeed, it was hit hard.

What Kentucky needed was a young, aggressive individual who's willing to take over and survive such a challenge. "When I was at Providence we would sleep on couches," said Pitino. "When we were done with work we (coaching staff) would play three-on-three from 11 (p.m.) to 1 (a.m.) in Alumni Gym. Then we would fall asleep on couches and get back in at 6:30 or 7 o'clock."

UK now eyes to bounce back with Pitino in charge. Questions from his days at the University of Hawaii, where NCAA sanctions in the mid-70s were issued, arose. Newton, nevertheless, was convinced of Pitino's innocence.

"In talking with former athletics directors, talking with coaching peers, talking with commissioners he's worked with, and talking with others associated with him from both a professional and personal standpoint and from the standpoint of his family life, he is a man of integrity," Newton said.

On the court Pitino's grab bag consists of a barrage three-point buckets and pressing defenses. His exciting brand of hoops ignited Providence into the 1987 Final Four, where it lost to Syracuse in the semifinals. He helped cure the Knicks' woes, leading them in to the 1988 and '89 playoffs. The glory days of Frazier, Reed,

Rick Pitino's career coaching record

Yr.	Team (League)	W-L	Pct.
1978-79	Boston University (ECAC North Atlantic)	17-9	.654
1979-80	Boston University (ECAC North Atlantic)	21-9	.700
1980-81	Boston University (ECAC North Atlantic)	13-14	.481
1981-82	Boston University (ECAC North Atlantic)	19-9	.679
1982-83	Boston University (ECAC North Atlantic)	21-10	.677
1985-86	Providence College (Big East)	17-14	.548
1986-87	Providence College (Big East)	25-8	.758
1987-88	New York Knicks (NBA Atlantic Division)	38-44	.463
1988-89	New York Knicks (NBA Atlantic Division)	52-30	.634

College totals (7 yrs.)

Pro totals (2 yrs.)

133-73 .646

90-74 .549

*Does not include NBA Playoff record

—The Cats' Pause chart

Bradley and "Earl the Pearl" were back in the Big Apple as the '89 Knicks captured the Atlantic Division with a 52-30 record.

Next stop: Kentucky.

"Every challenge is what you make of it," Pitino said. "To be competitive, the one thing I can promise for all of Kentucky and all Kentucky fans everywhere is now is the time to show and boast about the great fans that you have here."

"When people say we can't be competitive let's prove them wrong. That's what we're about to do. It's been a tradition with me to say that we will win and we will win right away. Whether that means in terms of the losses and wins that show up in the columns, I'm not sure. I think Kentucky people and all the supporters of Kentucky basketball, forgetting the scores, when they leave that arena they'll say: 'That basketball team is a winner.' That will be the foundation to it all."

Odd as it may sound, Pitino's task is to rebuild the foundation of the nation's winningest college basketball program. Cuffed to the 'Cats are sanctions that pull the plug on live telecasts for next season, limits scholarships for two seasons and bans all postseason play from the schedule in 1990 and '91.

Monumental challenges obviously whet his interest. No matter how big the appetite Pitino certainly is staring a stiff upcoming battle. Meanwhile, he'll be well-compensated, signing a \$105,000 annual base deal consisting of seven years, and fringe benefits, i.e., his radio and television show and shoe contracts.

According to someone familiar with Pitino and the UK program, the new coach in town will quickly draw his players' attention. "With coach Pitino you're going to have a whole lot of fun," former Wildcat and current Knick Kenny Walker said. "It's going to be a fun, learning experience. It's going to be a style that people here in the state of Kentucky and people in the Southeastern Conference are going to have to get used to. (His) guys will be shooting three-pointers. There's going to be pressing...tough defense, changing defenses."

"You could probably see a combination of many different things. It's going to be really an exciting brand of basketball. It was fun for me to play in for two years, a style I really like. I wish I could come back here and play for him."

Pitino would gladly welcome extra eligibility for this year's Slam Dunk award winner.

Already, 6-foot-10 junior-to-be LeRon Ellis has vacated the premis, leaving only Deron Feldhaus (6-7), Reggie Hanson (6-7) and Johnathon Davis (6-8) to man the Wildcats' inside play. Remember Eddie Sutton's three-guard set?

Sean Woods, how does a starting unit consisting of four perimeter players sound?

"Hopefully," he laughed. "I don't know. Maybe. Maybe not. Just wait and see. Hopefully, Sean (himself) will be in that lineup."

Suffice to say, Pitino will do a lot of experimenting over the next couple of seasons. "I don't look at the past, I look at the future," Pitino said when asked about the 1989-90 Wildcats. "If I looked at the past when I took over Providence and New York I could not really judge Patrick Ewing correctly or Billy Donovan correctly or any of the other players. I've got to look at the future and what they are going to be, not what they are now."

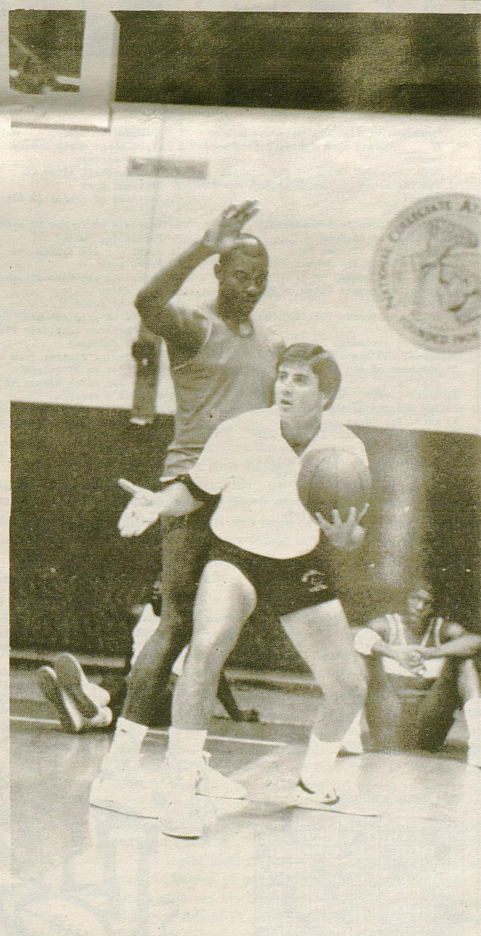
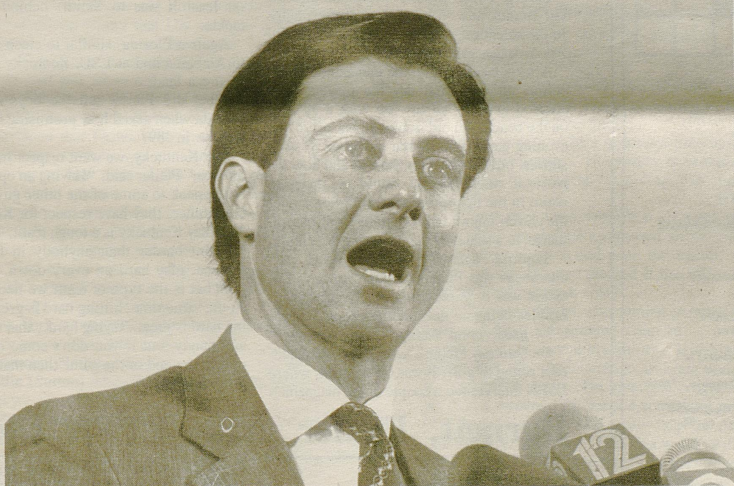
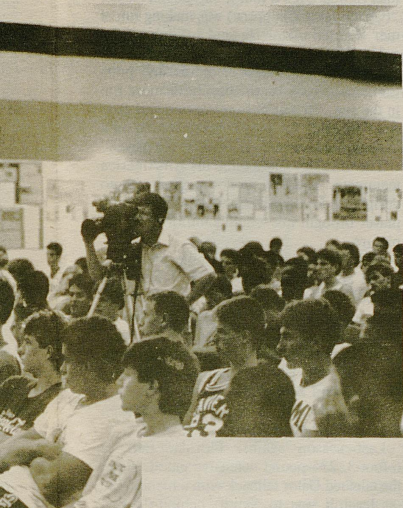
So how long will Rick Pitino stay at Kentucky? No one knows. Right now it's not a major topic. Fourteen months of gloom had placed itself over one of college basketball's legendary programs. Now with Rick Pitino at the helm there is a light of new expectations...for UK's sake expectations of doing things the right way.

"This is the last basketball coach I want to hire," Newton said. "We're gonna have some fun now, folks."



(Top left, clockwise): Rick Pitino is considered one willing young pupils are all ears during a Pitino lecture. His first assignment is now complete; Joanne Pitino listens.

Pitino accepts UK job

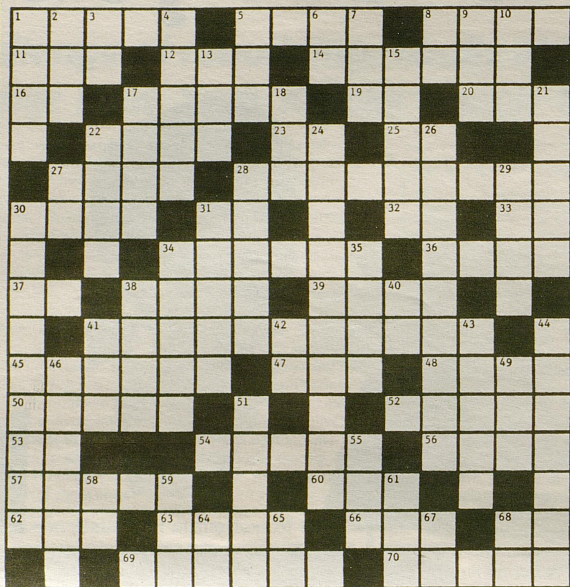


considered one of basketball's best motivators. Here, Pitino gives a lecture; UK athletics director C.M. Newton's wife listens to her husband during his first official

day as the 'Cats' coach; he has his work cut out, especially without an inside attack; Newton and David Roselle (in background) hope Pitino will be in Lexington for a long time; pictured as Providence's head man; Rick Pitino is convinced he's the one to get UK back on track

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By Dan Krueckeberg



A PEEK AHEAD AT THE '89 GRID CATS

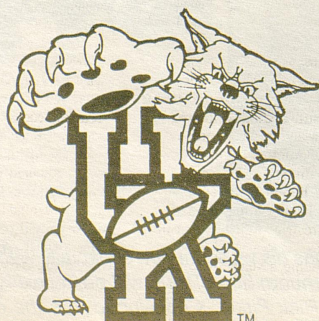
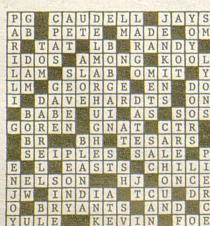
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Last issue's solution



Pfeifer has 'best time of his life' during elite get-together

By TCP associate editor Nick Nicholas

When it's time for football season in Miami, the Dolphins and Hurricanes make the biggest splash in southwest Florida. Last month another talented team, consisting of the nation's finest college players, made an appearance where the Dolphins and Hurricanes reside.

Playboy uncovered its 1989 preseason All-America team in Miami. And included on the squad was University of Kentucky senior offensive tackle Mike Pfeifer.

"I met 'em all," said Pfeifer, introduced to his honored teammates. "They were all extremely nice guys. There wasn't anybody that was out of line or anybody who acted like they were better than anybody else. Because, down there, you're in a pretty high class of people as far as football talent is concerned."

"I had a great time. A great time. They treated you first class...It was probably the best time I ever had in my life."

Among the familiar faces invited were: quarterback Major Harris of West Virginia, Florida tailback Emmitt Smith and Alabama linebacker Keith McCants.

Former Dallas Cowboy personnel director Gil Brandt was on hand, too. Brandt helps in the selection process of *Playboy's* annual All-America gridiron team.

After a meeting with the magazine's photo editor, on their first day the players were allowed to enjoy all the fun with a 90° day on the beach. An old fashioned barbecue that evening gave each all-star a chance to swap stories, brag about their State U and how the national championship would be theirs to claim in the upcoming season. After dinner the players enjoyed the bright lights of Miami, thanks to a scheduled sight-seeing adventure.

Stanford defensive tackle Lester Archambeau was Pfeifer's roommate. The UK tackle was in good company. Archambeau, besides being an outstanding player, carries a 3.4 grade point average in engineering.

On Saturday Pfeifer's activities even included a round of golf. It was on the links where ESPN interviewed a couple of the magazine's

All-America selections. ESPN, which captured Pfeifer's swing on its national cameras, interviewed UK's 6-foot-7, 320-pound tackle. "Coach Jerry Claiborne was making fun of me," Pfeifer said. "He said I didn't hit the golf ball very well."

After his fair share of drives and putts Pfeifer was back on the beach for more fun in the sun. "It was pure relaxation and pure fun," he said. An awards banquet held on a 75-foot yacht was next in store for the players.

The third day Pfeifer and his All-America teammates huddled up for a group photo designated for the newstands in August. Each player brought his school's uniform for the picture.

Pfeifer's selection to the elite preseason squad adds more optimism to UK's 1989 outlook. Although last year's team finished one game below .500, UK did catch the attention from the powers of the SEC. "I went up to Emmitt Smith and told him my roommate said, 'Hi.' He said, 'Who's your roommate?' I said Jerry Bell."

"He said, 'Oh, Lord. I have never been hit that hard in my life.'"

Last season against Florida, Bell, a 6-foot-3, 284-pound defensive guard, stung the talented Gator tailback with a memorable (at least it was to Smith) behind-the-line tackle.

Against Florida, similar to close setbacks to Alabama and at LSU, Kentucky couldn't secure a lead.

What did Pfeifer tell the boys down in Florida when asked how promising the 'Cats will be in '89?

"At Kentucky, we want respect in the conference," Pfeifer said. "Having an opportunity to speak to some of the other guys in the conference, they have respect for Kentucky. They say Kentucky is a tough team. They say they hit harder than anybody in the conference; play hard on every down."

"That is the type of team we need to be. At the same time, hitting hard is great. Playing hard is great. Trying hard...that's all fine and dandy, but if you don't come out winners at the end of the game then that doesn't do much."

Barnett, Pfeifer make CPFN squad

From TCP staff reports

Kentucky's Oliver Barnett and Mike Pfeifer recently were named to the *College & Pro Football Newsweekly's* 1989 preseason All-America team.

Barnett, who played his high school ball at Jeffersonton, was named UK's Defensive Lineman of the Year, and eventually was tabbed Honorable Mention All-America at season's end. His performance against LSU—11 tackles, two sacks, one other cor-

First Team

Offense:

QB, Tony Rice, Notre Dame, Sr; RB, Emmitt Smith, Florida, Jr; RB, Anthony Thompson, Indiana, Sr; WR, Clarkston Hines, Duke, Sr; WR, Dan Bitson, Tulsa, Jr; TE, Charles Arbuckle, UCLA, Sr; OT, Greg Skrepenak, Michigan, So; OG, Mike Sullivan, Miami (Fla.), Jr; C, Dean Caliguire, Pittsburgh, Sr; OG, Bob Kula, Michigan St., Sr; OT, Jim Mabry, Arkansas, Sr; PK, Collin Mackie, South Carolina, Jr; and KR, Raghib Ismail, Notre Dame, So.

Defense:

DL, Tim Ryan, USC, Sr; DL, Odell Haggins, Florida State, Sr; DL, Chris Zorich, Notre Dame, Jr; LB, Percy Snow, Michigan State, Sr; LB, Aaron Wallace, Texas A&M, Sr; LB, Chris Singleton, Arizona, Sr; LB, Huey Richardson, Florida, Jr; DB, Mark Carrier, USC, Jr; DB, Todd Sandroni, Mississippi, Jr; DB, Pat Trell, Notre Dame, Sr; DB, Marlon Primous, Illinois, So; and Punter, Kent Elmore, Tennessee, Sr.

Second Team

Offense:

QB, Scott Mitchell, Utah, Jr; RB, Darrin Lewis, Texas A&M, Jr; RB, Rodney Hampton, Georgia, Jr; WR, Ronald Lewis, Florida State, Sr; WR, John Jackson, USC, Sr; TE, Rob Chudzinski, Miami (Fla.), Jr; OT, Mike Pfeifer, Kentucky, Sr; OG, Pat Crowley, North Carolina, Sr; C, Frank Cornish, UCLA, Sr; OG, Mark Tucker, USC, Jr; OT, Jeff Croston, Iowa, Sr; PK, Alfredo Velasco, UCLA, Jr; KR, Ricky Waters, Notre Dame, Jr.

Defense:

DL, Oliver Barnett, Kentucky, Sr; DL, Lester Archambeau, Stanford, Sr; DL, Marc Spindler, Pittsburgh, Jr; LB, Maurice Crum, Miami (Fla.), Jr; LB, Brad Quast, Iowa, Sr; LB, Keith McCants, Alabama, Jr; LB, James Francis, Baylor, Sr; DB, Cleveland Colter, USC, Sr; DB, Jesse Campbell, N.C. State, So; DB, Stan Smagala, Notre Dame, Sr; DB, Preston Warren, Tennessee, Jr; and Punter, Tony Rhyms, UNLV, Sr.

Everyone agrees: Pitino was 'the' man for UK job

Ex-Cats Conley, Parsons praise new coach

□The wait is finally over for the University of Kentucky, and the Wildcats have the best possible coach to rebuild their basketball program.

Rick Pitino, Kentucky's No. 1 candidate from the



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

start, made the announcement UK officials, players and fans were waiting for June 1 when he made it official that he was leaving the New York Knicks to come to the Bluegrass.

"I really believe he was the very best possible candidate for us," said Dick Parsons, a former UK player and assistant coach who was on the screening committee to find a successor to Eddie Sutton.

He is. The 36-year-old Pitino has the charisma, name and coaching ability that UK needs to dig out from the penalties the NCAA recently levied.

UK president Dr. David Roselle wants a program so clean that you could eat off the floor in Rupp Arena. He proved that when he hired C.M. Newton as athletics director, and obviously both Roselle and Newton are convinced that Pitino, who was cited by the NCAA for violations when he was an assistant coach at Hawaii, also knows how to play, and win, by the rules.

"Without question he is one of the brightest, most energetic and successful coaches in the business today," said Billy Packer, CBS-TV's college basketball analyst. "He's a very intense young man. He's enthusiastic and is the kind of guy players enjoy being around."

"He's very forthright with the media, too, and that will help him at Kentucky. He's been under the New York spotlight for two years and dealt with the New York press. That will really help him deal with things at Kentucky. Nothing should overwhelm him the way it did Eddie (Sutton) when he came from Arkansas to Kentucky."

Pitino, though, was unhappy in the National Basketball Association. He spent two successful seasons with the New York Knicks, but apparently left his heart at Providence College.

His rah-rah style, pressing defense and relationships with his players are better suited for the collegiate level than they are for pro basketball.

"This is a great opportunity for him and for Kentucky," said Larry Conley, a former UK player and now a college basketball analyst for ESPN. "I couldn't be happier for him or Kentucky. I know the kind of coach he is and obviously he is very good. There were a lot of good candidates out there but Kentucky has gotten a fine coach."

Pitino, who has been head coach at Boston University, Providence and New York, insists this is a move to stabilize his family. He has three young sons—Michael, Christopher and Ricky—and the length of the NBA season and time spent away from them and his wife, Joanne, did not appeal to him.

Many consider Pitino another Larry Brown, a coach that cannot find happiness in one place and will never stay long at one job. Both Parsons and Conley disagree.

"Some do feel he has a wandering lust, just like a Larry Brown," said Conley. "I feel that's unfair because every move he has made has been to better himself. Who can blame anyone for that?"

"That's what he is doing by coming to Kentucky. In his career, every move he's made has been a step up and so is this one."

Parsons and other members of the screening committee



Dick Parsons (above), who knows a little bit about UK basketball—he was a former Wildcat player under Adolph Rupp and coach under Joe B. Hall—says Pitino was the "very best possible candidate" for the job.

feel the major reason Pitino is coming to UK is to settle in one spot for several years.

"We're convinced he's making a long-term commitment to us," said Parsons. "His family is extremely important to him and he's looking for a chance to stabilize his situation."

"We got good vibes from him all along when he was here. I was just a little concerned about whether his wife would agree to move and what the Knicks might or might not do. I'm just pleased it has all worked out and that we finally have a coach."

Just knowing Pitino was coming pumped enthusiasm back into UK's beleaguered program.

"He gives us instant credibility," said Marta McMackin, the administrative assistant under both Sutton and Joe B. Hall. "He gives the program the shot in the arm it needed. We needed something positive and now we have it. This will really help the players."

It helps the fans, too. They know UK will play a fast-paced, high-scoring game that has been missing from Rupp Arena in recent years. Kentucky may not be very good again next season, because Pitino will be short of troops, but the Wildcats should be entertaining.

"His players will play hard and he'll have them scrambling all over the place," said Parsons. "Rick Pitino will never give up. I'll guarantee you that."

"He'll pump life back into this program and will attract good recruits with his name and coaching ability. I've not had one person say that he wasn't right for this job and that wasn't so with the other candidates we were talking about."

Pitino is right for the job. Make no mistake about that.

And the best news for UK is that even in its lowest period it was able to land one of the nation's hottest coaching prospects.

That doesn't mean the Wildcats won't endure one, two... maybe even three losing seasons while he tries to put the pieces back together. At least now, though, there is hope the program can be rebuilt and, who knows, maybe Pitino can work a miracle and make Kentucky competitive in the Southeastern Conference and NCAA tournament quicker than anyone thinks.

"Just hiring Pitino won't make Kentucky a national power again," said Packer. "But having him sure gives Kentucky a lot better chance to recover quicker than it would with a lot of other coaches."

Still, even Pitino knows he's facing a stacked deck because of recruiting restrictions, a ban on postseason

play for two years and no television appearances during the 1989-90 season.

"He's going to be working under some tough restrictions," said Conley. "The effects of the recruiting restrictions will be felt four years down the road. That's a lot to overcome. Plus losing some of the current players didn't help."

"But this won't hurt Rick as much as it would someone coming from another college job. This is a fresh start for him even if it is from ground zero."

Packer doesn't think Kentucky can climb back to the top of the SEC for at least three to four years.

"Kentucky was not going to be a dominating team even if everybody had remained in place for next year," said Packer. "It won't be easy to rebuild. The league is not as weak as it once was. Louisiana, Georgia and Florida are all producing more basketball players. Kentucky won't just all of a sudden be good again."

Packer, however, does think Kentucky's tradition, facilities and fan support will make it possible for the Wildcats to recover even though UCLA, Notre Dame, Tennessee and others have had trouble bouncing back from down periods.

"You would really have to screw up not to be able to rebuild at Kentucky," said Packer. "It's not going to be easy, but it can be done."

Conley just hopes UK fans don't become impatient and understand that even Pitino will need time.

"It's going to take a long time to recover," said Conley. "This one won't bleach out. People won't forget about Kentucky's problems. Kentucky fans are just going to have to endure some lean times and give the new coach time to put things back in order."

□PITINO COULD INCREASE his popularity and help his recruiting job by hiring an assistant coach with Kentucky connections. He needs someone familiar with the Kentucky program and territory as he begins his career with the Wildcats.

"I think it would help if he could hire someone with Kentucky ties," said Parsons. "It would have to be someone he was comfortable with and someone with the same basic philosophy and beliefs."

"I think it would be a real plus for him, but it isn't a critical factor. I'm not putting pressure on him to hire someone with a Kentucky background. He has to make that decision. But from my experiences I think it would be helpful, especially these next few years, to have someone who knows the coaches in this state and the territory. Even Rick himself said that would be the best scenario during his visit here."

No one can truly comprehend the scope of Kentucky basketball until he's been at Kentucky. Just ask Sutton. That's why Pitino would be doing himself a favor by finding an assistant coach who has dealt with the fan and media attention at Kentucky before.

□PACKER WAS ONE of Sutton's strongest supporters during the 11-month NCAA investigation, and remains convinced today that Sutton did not get a fair deal from Kentucky.

"There's nothing wrong with Eddie Sutton," said Packer. "Now that this is all over it's hard to fathom why he was forced out. Eddie's name doesn't appear in any of the charges or findings. Now that the investigation is over and the findings are out, there is no way Eddie Sutton shouldn't be the basketball coach at Kentucky."

"This just elevates his position in my mind. Very few coaches could stand up under the fine-toothed comb he was put under and come out looking good like he did."

"It's really kind of scary what they did to him. He was vindicated of any wrongdoing. He ran a good program as far as his character was concerned. But that's history. I talked to NCAA officials and they said they didn't get rid of Sutton; that the school did. He was forced out by rumor and innuendo. As far as I'm concerned the NCAA findings vindicated him and I hope he finds another job soon."

We feel that news about the sports programs at the University of Kentucky should be required reading for all of the state's high school students.

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First hand dealt Pitino does not look promising

Even so, an exciting style is on the way

THE "VACANCY" SIGN at Memorial Coliseum has now been removed and the long, up-hill climb to respectability has begun for the University of Kentucky basketball Wildcats.



Dan Brandenburg

Cats' Pause Columnist

Is Rick Pitino the coach to take the 'Cats back to the top? Will the wandering Pitino still be around when his seven-year contract expires?

The answers to both of these questions will remain unknown for some time, but I tend to believe both will come out "yes."

Pitino has an excellent history of resurrecting programs such as Boston University, Providence and the New York Knicks. Why can't he do the same at Kentucky?

Even though I would have preferred Seton Hall's P.J. Carlesimo, Pitino is an excellent choice. He likes to play "Kentucky-style" ball, which translates into fast-break city on offense and in-your-face intensity on defense.

Plus, he's young (36), charismatic and a basketball junkie. With the guidance of C.M. Newton and Dr. David Roselle, he should fit in well.

Sure the NCAA sanctions will set him back a couple of years, but then the Big Blue tradition will kick back in and the program should leap ahead. Seven years down the road, if Pitino is still at the helm, I expect UK to be contending for yet another Southeastern Conference crown if it doesn't already have one under its belt.

But for now, Pitino will have to play with the hand that was dealt to him. He has only one remaining scholarship for this season and I'm sure all of the top 100 or so prep stars that aren't gobbled up by Proposition 48 are already spoken for.

But it shouldn't be too difficult to come up with at least one player who has always dreamed of wearing the blue and white and has some potential for stardom.

The ranks will be thin next season. The way it looks now, Derrick Miller (at this writing it wasn't known if he was staying at UK) will be the only senior and Reggie Hanson the only junior.

Both are practically guaranteed starting roles and Miller, if he continues the success he found last year, can catapult into a starring position. Not bad for a skinny kid out of Georgia who was mediocre at best his first two years at UK.

There were 12 scholarship players on the UK roster last season; now, only seven remain. The other five are sophomores John Pelphrey, Deron Feldhaus, Richie Farmer, Johnathon Davis and Chris Jones.

Add in Prop 48 casualty Sean Woods and signees Jeff Brassow and Henry Thomas and the roster now stands at 10 players, plus the inevitable handful of walkons that will be needed just to field a team.

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IN SOME AREAS, UK president Dr. David Roselle has been cited as the reason behind the downfall of the program and that no school should ever cooperate with the NCAA because the governing body will still stick it to you in the end.

I feel that Dr. Roselle should be regarded as one of the best things to have ever happened to UK basketball. He stepped into one of the worst situations a new college president could imagine, took the bull by the horns and went full-bore straight ahead to get things straightened out.

In my humble opinion, he succeeded.

Roselle hired the absolutely best choice for athletics director in the nation. UK now has one of the top 10 coaches in the country, and probably the best one that was available.

And although the NCAA penalties seem harsh, UK will be back on the basketball track again in just four or five years. Tougher sanctions could have easily sent the program reeling for more than 10 years.

And this, the NCAA said, was solely because of the extensive investigation Roselle initiated and the degree of cooperation UK offered.

Sure, the 'Cats will have to call it quits in February the next two years. They've lost their 1988 SEC crown and we'll all have to settle for delayed telecasts next season, but it could have been worse.

Although the above penalties will take their toll on recruiting, the NCAA did not eliminate or reduce the number of off-campus recruiters or the number of paid visits recruits can make to UK.

And everyone knows that recruiting is the heart of every program.

So at least Pitino and Company can get out and beat

the bushes. He'll have to settle for, at most, 11 scholarship players this season and 13 the next, but in 1991-92 he can get back up the 15 limit and success should just be a year or two away.

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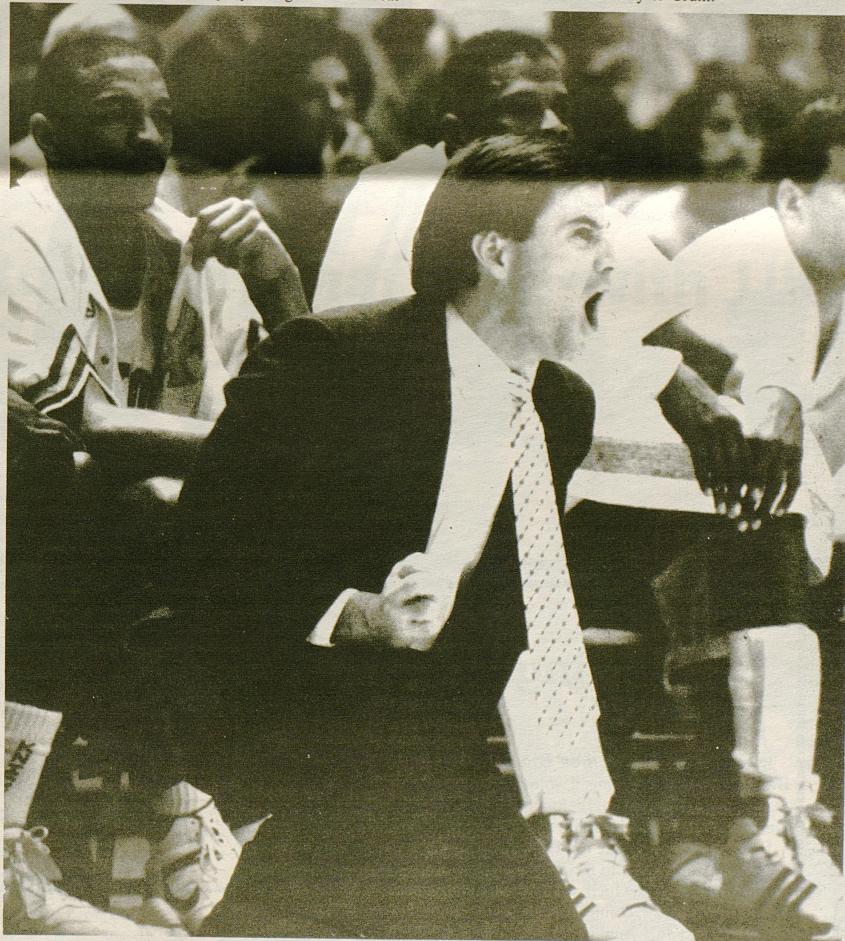
LOUISVILLE'S LOSS WAS the Southeastern Conference's gain. And vice versa.

The SEC took a big step forward when Tennessee hired the league's first black basketball coach in Wade Houston, formerly Denny Crum's right-hand man at Louisville.

But Crum had to fill Houston's shoes and he went back to the SEC to do it, tapping one of the league's top assistant coaches in Georgia's Larry Gay.

Gay, a native of Winchester, Ky., had been Hugh Durham's top aide at Georgia for 11 years and for the four previous years at Florida State.

Gay also was being considered for a position on Houston's staff, which is ironic because Houston is the one who recommended Gay to Crum.



New Kentucky coach Rick Pitino faces an up-hill challenge by accepting the University of Kentucky position. Next season, the Wildcats return only seven scholarship players; toss in Prop 48 casualty Sean Woods and signees Jeff Brassow and Henry Thomas. Forget the number of wins and losses, with Pitino's enthusiasm and desire to take on paramount challenges the 1989-90 squad should be a fun breed of 'Cat to watch.

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As Gomer says: 'Surprise! Surprise! Surprise!'

Birmingham News picks FB 'Cats 4th in SEC

Do you remember or still watch reruns of "The Andy Griffith Show" and "Gomer Pyle USMC" television shows where Pyle portrays a happy-go-lucky bumpkin whose favorite expression is "Surprise! Surprise!"



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

"Surprise!" when he has good news to pass on to his friends?

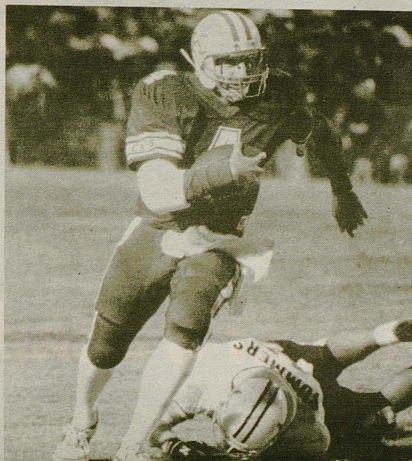
For some reason, the character of Pyle came to mind recently when *The Birmingham News Spring Football Preview* picked the University of Kentucky to finish fourth in the Southeastern Conference gridiron race.

Although most national football publications have not hit the stands, the fourth-place prediction by the *News'* sports staff has to come as a shot in the arm for Jerry Claiborne's football team, sending a message that the Wildcats may be ready to make their move into the SEC's upper division.

One of the reasons for UK's surprising ranking by such a football-conscious staff is that some writers feel the conference may be headed for a "down" year

because of graduation losses that included such stars as Derrick Thomas and Bobby Humphrey of Alabama, Tracy Rocker and Lawyer Tillman of Auburn and Ron Sancho of LSU, to mention a few.

In addition to Rocker, Auburn lost several other key players from a unit that led the nation in total defense,



Glenn Fohr headed for Canada

rushing defense and scoring defense last year.

At LSU, Mike Archer not only lost several key players from last year, but was confronted by a *Tiger Rag* story that said five Tiger players did not enroll in school in January and would miss spring practice and possibly the entire '89 season because of lack of credits.

Archer promptly closed spring practice to the media.

Bill Curry has a quarterback dilemma at Alabama; Ray Goff is a new kid on the block at Georgia, replacing the semi-legendary Vince Dooley, while Florida and Tennessee must bounce back from mediocre seasons.

In a nutshell, the 1989 SEC race appears wide open, and some feel Kentucky is ready to compete for the title.

UK NOTEBOOK: The UK football staff will not know until later July the status of JUCO recruits Bobby Henderson and Rodney Jackson, highly-touted tight ends whose eligibility depends upon successfully completing summer semester courses at Tyler Junior College in Texas. Wildcat recruiters, on the road during the entire month of May as the NCAA prescribes, are interested in a recent College Football Association proposal that would increase from 25 to 30 the number of football scholarships that may be given annually, while keeping within the limits of the 95-scholarship maximum for a squad in any given year. Former UK quarterback Glenn Fohr has signed a free-agent tryout-agreement with Montreal of the Canadian Football League. The Kentucky-Alabama football game, scheduled at 7 p.m. CST, Sept. 23, may be changed to a day game if TBS decides to televise the game nationally.

Pitino agrees to seven-year deal with UK

Nine-page contract more detailed than those of Joe Hall and Eddie Sutton, includes more benefits, more possible causes for termination

by TCP managing editor Russell Rice

The seven-year contract that the University of Kentucky signed with its new head basketball coach Rick Pitino gives the former New York Knicks' coach a base salary of \$105,000 a year, includes eligibility for yearly raises, and gives him leeway to make as much as \$750,000 in outside income from such sources as radio and television shows, athletic equipment contracts, basketball camps and commercial endorsements.

The contract also gives Pitino such benefits as two automobiles and travel expenses for his wife. It does not list a dollar figure for his outside ventures.

The entire nine-page contract, with a "memorandum of record" attached, was published in the June 7 issue of the *Lexington Herald-Leader*, which obtained the document through the state open record's law. The memorandum states that the university will pay Pitino \$6,000 a month, for up to nine months, to reimburse him for the mortgage payments on his current home until he is able to sell it.

The contract is more detailed than the one Eddie Sutton signed April 2, 1985. That four-page contract called for a base salary of \$75,000 a year over five years, plus periodic increases.

In addition to the autos and reimbursement of his wife's expenses when she is attending athletic events or official functions, Pitino's

contract differs from the one tendered Sutton in several areas.

For instance, he will receive eight football tickets and 20 basketball tickets for each game. Sutton controlled 64 basketball tickets. His predecessor, Joe B. Hall, controlled 354 basketball tickets.

Like Sutton and Hall, Pitino will receive a bonus of one-month's base salary if UK wins the Southeastern Conference tournament or qualifies for the NCAA tournament.

The contract also subjects Pitino to a detailed list of causes for termination of his employment.

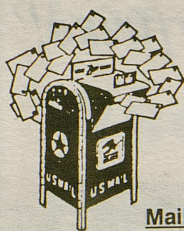
Under Stipulation II, Pitino is required to designate an exclusive agent to act for him in all matters pertaining to his participation in radio and television programs and commercial endorsements or promotions including, but not limited to, calendars and other publications. The agent is subject to approval by the university and must keep records of all income incurred from these "professional activities." Those records shall be available to the university upon demand; both the coach and the agent would report to the university.

Pitino's shoe contract will be "subject to the review and approval of the director of athletics." He also will be allowed to conduct one or more basketball camps at UK and retain the net income after payment of appropriate expenses incurred by the university.

"I think we've hired the right man," UK athletic director C.M. Newton said, "and we've hired him the right way."



Among other things, Pitino's contract with UK—which starts with a base pay of \$105,000 a year and makes provisions for incentives—includes two automobiles for his use, payment of his wife's expenses when attending athletic events or official functions, eight season football tickets, 20 season basketball tickets and 13 possible causes for which the university can terminate his employment.



VIEWPOINT

Letters To The Editor



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Sports Illustrated should be shamed by May 29 cover, not UK fans

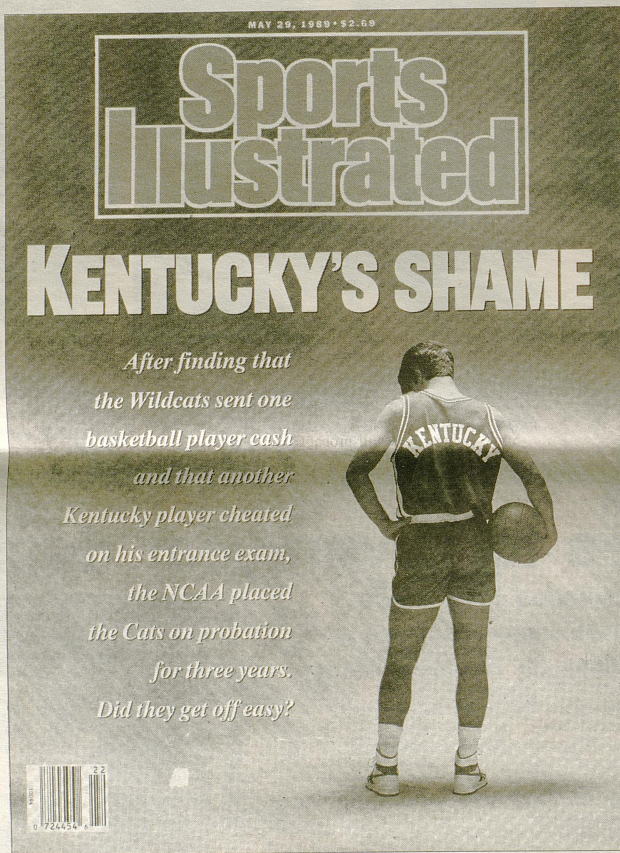
Dear sir:

The cover of the May 29 edition of *Sports Illustrated* is an affront to me and every person associated with the University of Kentucky who does not condone wrongdoing and never violated the first NCAA rule. As a graduate of UK, I can assure you that I do not feel shame for the tragic series of events which have taken place. What I do feel is bitter disappointment that the actions of a few people have severely damaged the University of Kentucky basketball program and the lives and careers of many innocent people.

Ashamed of the University of Kentucky? On the contrary, I have never been more proud of my alma mater. What university president would have displayed more courage and determination in investigating the basketball program and taking corrective action than Dr. (David) Roselle? The University of Kentucky is not standing threadbare, stripped of her medals, and dispossessed of her image and reputation. She is but weathering a storm caused by the human frailty of a few people who do not deserve the privilege of being part of this great institution.

Unfortunately, due to the importance of Kentucky basketball, those on the outside, who have always envied our winning tradition, are now taking this opportunity to make everyone associated with the University of Kentucky feel ashamed for what has happened. Well, it won't work on me, and hopefully it won't work on others. Shame is for the guilty, not the innocent. In my judgement, *Sports Illustrated* owes the TRUE University of Kentucky a public apology for illogically assuming that the behavior of a few errant people is representative of a whole.

W.H. Riheldaffer Jr.
Signal Mountain, Tenn.



Ease up, Earl

Dear sir:

As a subscriber to *The Cats' Pause* for the past three years, and as an admirer of former coach Eddie Sutton, I have been closely watching your coverage of the NCAA investigation of the UK basketball program. When the investigation started, editor Oscar Combs said it would be your policy to not whitewash the program nor to protect the guilty, but at the same time to consider people innocent until proven guilty. In other words, *The Cats' Pause* would not try to hide and cover up proven violations, but neither would it engage in rumor, slander (libel) and innuendo. I felt this to be a correct and admirable posture. For the most part, I have felt that Mr. Combs and the staff have upheld these principles. One notable exception is Mr. Earl Cox.

I want to make it plain that I have no sympathy with any lack of integrity in the coaching staff, or with any willful intentional violation of NCAA regulations. Where Ken-

tucky has admitted guilt and/or been proven guilty, whatever sanctions and punishment follow are well deserved. Since any proven violations will have happened during Eddie Sutton's "watch" as head coach, he should be held at least partially responsible, and he readily agreed with that in his press conference at the time of his resignation. In light of all that has happened, his resignation was probably the best thing for the university, the basketball program and even his own future.

None of this, however, can change the facts. The fact is that Eddie Sutton has been a successful coach on the college level for over 20 years. At Arkansas he ran a clean program, a winning program that resulted in a trip to the Final Four, and a program that was never once investigated by the NCAA. Going into his final troubled season at UK his won-lost record was 76-22, and in two of his four years at UK the Wildcats won both the conference championship and the conference tournament, and made the final 8 and final 16. Even in the recent investigation not one allegation involved the head coach.

Why does Earl Cox stubbornly ignore the above facts in his constant attacks on Sutton, which appear in virtually every column? In an early-season column he claimed he liked Sutton personally. Either he was joking or he is a confused, disturbed individual, for no one in his right mind would so consistently and viciously undermine and attack one for whom they had one ounce of personal fondness in the way Cox has done with Sutton in recent months. I don't know what sort of political game Cox has been playing in his "Get Sutton" campaign, but in my eyes it has ruined his image as an objective, professional journalist. Cox did admit that Sutton went out with class instead of slinging mud. The same cannot be said for Cox, who has carried his mud-slinging and rumor-planting campaign against Sutton from early-season to the day of his resignation and even beyond.

I wish the Big Blue a great future in the post-Sutton era, just as I rooted for them when he was there. However, if Earl Cox cannot go back to writing something edifying and informative instead of making every col-

umn center around praising president (David) Roselle and engaging in character assassination of Eddie Sutton, I will regretfully refuse to renew my subscription in the fall.

Sincerely,

Joe McCord
Lubbock, Texas

Hair today...

Dear sir:

I hope this reaches your desk before your next issue goes to press.

I was very disappointed when I read in the *Louisville Courier-Journal* that UK was considering P.J. Carlesimo. This man has more facial hair above his lips than Joe B. Hall allowed on his whole team. I wasn't a great fan of Joe B., but did admire the clean-cut image he upheld.

We are not ready for the likes of P.J. Carlesimo at UK just yet.

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Eubank,
Louisville

Editor's note: Wilson, as you no doubt already know, the UK coaching job did not go to Carlesimo, although the two missed hooking up with each other by just a whisker. You can rest easy that the new coach is one Rick Pitino who, by the way, is clean shaven.

UK TV Network

Dear sir:

I am very interested in knowing the details of the television contract for UK's basketball games. Can you explain why many games are delayed when they are sold out? What is the reasoning? When does the contract expire? Other schools all have statewide networks televising every game.

Please print a response for your readers and me.

Janie Roberts
Evansville, Ind.

Editor's note: Janie, there is a Southeastern Conference rule dictating that all conference games not included in the Jefferson-Pilot SEC-TV package must be tape-delayed. If you will notice, non-conference games carried by the UK network are televised live.

All this will change this for the 1989-90 season, of course, because of the NCAA ban prohibiting UK to appear on live television of any kind.

Because of the one-year ban on live television, there has been talk that UK is considering expanding the number of its tape-delayed broadcasts for the upcoming season. You can expect the university to resume its previous TV philosophy following the one-year ban, however.

If you can't be good, then you'd better be careful

Is that the current attitude in college sports?

□ Back in my high school dating days, father's advice was always: "Be good, and if you can't be good, be careful."

Is that what college basketball coaches are going to get



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

out of Kentucky's current NCAA problems—Be good, and if you can't be good, be careful?

It's easy to be cynical these days. SMU's death penalty was supposed to be "the message," but I don't believe it's gotten through.

Including Kentucky, there are now 23 schools on probation, including Kansas in basketball, and Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Houston, Texas A&M and TCU in football.

Who's next?

Somebody. Certainly somebody. In fact, almost anybody.

Money may or may not be the root of all evil, but it's the root of the problem in college football and basketball: Millions of dollars in bowl and TV money. NCAA tournament wins worth approximately \$250,000. Coaching contracts paying \$400,000, \$500,000, even \$600,000 per season.

If you think Kentucky's punishment is going to frighten certain coaches and schools into being good, you're wrong. It's merely going to frighten them into being careful.

Some Kentucky fans will probably want to burn in effigy school president Dr. David Roselle. Instead, they should build him a monument.

I am absolutely convinced his strong actions in facing up to problems and his move to hire C.M. Newton as the school's athletics director saved Kentucky basketball from the death penalty.

The NCAA doesn't forget. Kentucky's lack of cooperation into the investigation of the basketball program a few years ago almost certainly counted against the 'Cats.

In addition, the widely-publicized implication that the Wildcat program was so big the NCAA would have to handle it with kid gloves also was, I believe, a factor in the severity of the penalties.

There are several interesting aspects to the punishment meted out against the 'Cats.

For one thing, a player was held responsible for his own actions.

A highly-knowledgeable college coach I know has always maintained there are two parties to every cheating violation—the school and the player.

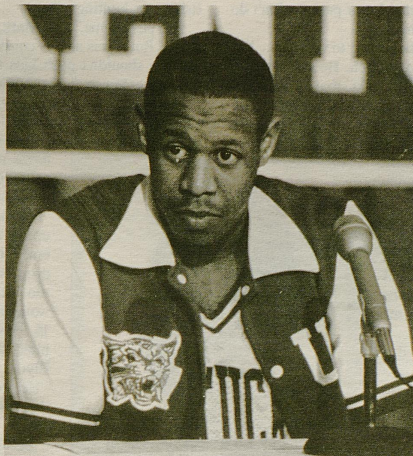
In the past, the school paid the price and the player was free to continue his career without fear.

Not this time. My coaching friend thinks it's highly significant that Eric Manuel can never again play basketball at an NCAA school for allegedly cheating on his ACT test and then supposedly lying about it, and that Chris Mills can no longer play at Kentucky because of the money allegedly sent to his father, Claud.

This is a very tough penalty. It means that Kentucky basketball will take years to recover.

The 'Cats had 11 scholarship players on their roster last season. Mike Scott graduated, Manuel and Mills are gone, junior-to-be LeRon Ellis has announced he will transfer. I expect it likely that Sean Sutton will follow Ellis' example.

If Sutton does decide to move on, that would leave Kentucky with only six returning scholarship players, two incoming freshmen, a redshirt from last season and



It's this writer's opinion that it will take Kentucky basketball years to recover from the recent NCAA sanctions, and the fact that Eric Manuel (left) and Chris Mills won't be around to help makes matters that much worse.

one additional scholarship to give.

I see no way the 'Cats can be competitive for several years to come.

Some Wildcat fans will probably claim their school is being picked on because of past success, that this is the way the rest of the league wanted to even the score.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. No SEC school likes seeing a fellow member punished in a way which will hurt everyone else financially.

Kentucky is the SEC's most valuable basketball commodity, producing more TV dollars and more ticket sales than any other team.

To take the 'Cats off television and reduce them to also-rans will hit the rest of the league where it hurts the most—in the pocketbook.

Let's face a few facts. The only people who can stop the cheating in college athletics are the school presidents and the athletic directors.

The coaches, constantly pressured to win, win, win, aren't going to do it. This is not to say there are not some totally ethical coaches, but the majority will be constantly tempted to cut corners in order to save their jobs.

At many schools, the football and/or basketball programs have become bigger than the school itself.

Too many college presidents and athletic directors lack the courage to put their own careers at risk in the name of integrity.

And so the beat goes on.

Rick Huckabay, former LSU assistant and in recent years head coach at Marshall, resigned in April after his school began an investigation into possible NCAA violations.

Huckabay defended his practices, which ranged from giving players rides to a \$2,000 "loan." He said he wasn't sorry for what he had done.

Said Huckabay: "There's a fine line between being in the NCAA and being a Christian person."

David Berst, the NCAA's assistant executive director, says he's heard that song before.

"Yes, it is common," Berst said. "The rationalization that cheating is in reality a humanitarian act."

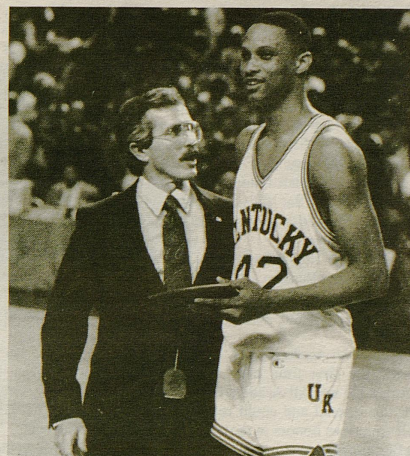
"But, violations are tied more directly into how high someone can jump and how well they can shoot."

Kentucky basketball has been a proud program. It will be again some day. But it won't be any time soon.

Ben Franklin, in *Poor Richard's Almanac*, wrote:

"Nine out of 10 men commit suicide."

That's what the University of Kentucky did and there's



no other way to look at it.

□ NOT FOR BROADCAST:

It will be interesting to watch next year's Kentucky basketball attendance figures. Is it the sport Wildcat fans like, or is it the winning? Will they support a loser in numbers somewhat close to those they've posted for a winner? I think not. Will there be any problem getting tickets to Rupp Arena next year?...

Years from now the record books will indicate catcher Roger Miller was one of the greatest players in Georgia baseball history. In four years at the school, Miller tied or broke 12 Georgia records and two SEC marks...

When Tennessee linebacker Keith DeLong was chosen in the first round of the recent NFL draft by San Francisco, he was following in his father's footsteps.

DeLong's father, Steve, was chosen in the first round of the 1965 draft by the Chicago Bears. The DeLongs are only the second father-son combination to be chosen in the first round. The other duo was Ed and Brad Budde, who were both drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs, the father in 1963 and the son in 1980...

Vanderbilt baseball coach Roy Mewbourne posted his 300th win as the Commodores' skipper during this past season. Mewbourne is also closing in on 600 wins as a college coach. He's been with Vandy 11 years...

The May exhibit at Georgia's Butts-Mehre Heritage Hall featured relics of the first Georgia football team dating back to 1891...

Tracy Rocker, Auburn's defensive lineman who won both the Outland Trophy and the Lombardi Award last year, took a real shot in a recent issue of *The Sporting News*. The question was why a player with Rocker's credentials wasn't drafted until the third round. Said one NFL personnel director: "I went down to Auburn and watched some films of him and he was nothing. He's just a product of (Auburn's) PR department."

□ THE LAST WORD: Iowa State coach Jim Walden in a recent issue of *Sports Illustrated*:

"Very often, the people who went to school for the reasons the buildings were put there in the first place, the chemical engineer, the botanist, are the same ones who, on Saturday, dress up in funny clothes and blow their stupid horns at the games. They don't want to just see the team play, they want to see the team win. Odd! The people to whom academics mean the most end up being the ones who perpetuate nonacademic attitudes."

UK's Blythe in control—on the field and off

by TCP staff writer Pancho Easterwood

Some young people might think Mark Blythe is out in left field with the kind of ideas he has about his generation.

He thinks that many of them are selfish, motivated by material things, accept mediocrity and coast.

He also has a few critical things to say about the parents of his generation. Mainly that they give their children things instead of their time, attention and discipline.

While he may be in left field to some people on some of his old-fashioned ideas, he lives what he preaches.

As the starting left fielder for the University of Kentucky Bat 'Cats this year, Blythe's academic, athletic and private life seem almost flawless.

The former Bryan Station star led the Bat 'Cats in eight offensive categories, including batting average (.346), home runs (15) and RBIs (47). He was a first-team All-SEC selection.

He was All-Academic SEC for four straight years, the first time ever in SEC sports history. He was All-Academic All-American for this district and could receive National All-American honors in the next few weeks.

Blythe's clean-cut image also keeps him in demand speaking to youth groups. And the message he gives comes across like a Nolan Ryan fastball.

"The biggest thing I say is that there are two things wrong with American society today," said Blythe. "One: single parent homes. No. 2 is that mediocrity is being accepted."

Blythe said the current generation—their generation—cares only about themselves.

"It's the 'me generation,'" he said. "New car, boat, new house, etc. I still drive my old junk. I had clean clothes, and the necessities, but never the luxuries."

Blythe then illustrates his point.

"My best school friend was rich. His dad owned a business. He had everything, even all those pinball machines in the basement. But I can still remember him asking me: 'What did you and your Dad do yesterday?' He never had to ask *did* you and your dad

Wildcat left fielder proving old-fashioned ideas can still prove successful in 'me generation'

do something because he knew we always did. He was so jealous and I couldn't understand why. But today I know why. My dad gave me his time, which a lot of parents don't do today. That's wrong."

Blythe was just beginning to warm up...like a pitcher in the old bullpen. He also tells the kids today, when he speaks, that too many of them are "coasting" in school...smart kids.

"I had 110 As and four Bs from between junior and senior high," he said. "When I

came home I got a big bawling out from my mother. Bs just weren't acceptable. They were not good enough. Now people may think that is hardcore. But I thank God someone was there to push me that hard."

Mark said his dad would even look at a straight A report card and ask: "Did you do your best?"

"If I couldn't look him in the eye, he'd say: 'I'm disappointed in you,'" Blythe said. "That crushed me... that hurt worse than any belt because he never whipped me. That's what I see kids doing today."

"They don't do their best."

Blythe's dad, Bill, is 69. His mother, Della, is 64. He said it was like being raised by your grandparents.

"I see young people—say between 25 and 30—raising kids that should not be raising kids," he said. "They don't know how to discipline them. They don't spend time with them."

This certainly wasn't the case with Mark and his family. His dad, now retired, drove

a Lextran bus for 30 years. He always got off about 1 p.m. Then it was time for playing ball (he was a Little League coach for 19 years), fishing or hunting.

"He pushed me," said Mark, recalling those days. "But it was always constructive. People say you shouldn't push kids today. But how are you going to find out what they like?"

His mom, says Mark, always knew what success was...and it wasn't measured in money, mink or fame. It was measured in terms of always doing your best. Remember the report cards.

Mark's family grew up in the depression era. His father had to drop out of school in the ninth grade to work. When Mark was 15, his father went blind for a year. Bill Blythe had cataracts. "He sat in the house the whole year," said Mark.

But Bill Blythe came out of that frightening moment with the same perseverance and work ethic he has given Mark. He worked super hard at ever thing he tried. After his period of blindness he even came in second in

the state trapshoot (he broke 327 traps).

"He realized what a precious gift sight was," said Mark. "I think these things all taught me the work ethic...to take advantage of every opportunity. You never know what is going to happen."

Mark said his Christian faith also helps. He said he believes that if he doesn't do his best, he has sinned.

"If I try my best and fail, I don't think anything about it," said Mark. "But if I don't



"If I try my best and fail, I don't think anything about it. But if I don't try there's something wrong with me. That's what my dad has always tried to tell me."

—UK left fielder Mark Blythe

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Mark has been trying most of his life. He was small for his age in Little League. At 12, he stood only 4-foot-11 and weighed about 90 pounds when his Northern Little League team won state.

"I was always real quick growing up and had this great eye-hand coordination," said Mark. "I could always hit. When I was nine I hit over .300 and was going up against big and strong 12-year-old pitchers. At nine, I made the 11-year-old All-Stars."

Mark credits his dad again with developing his skills. "We fished, we hunted...we always were doing something sports oriented," said Mark. "Fly-casting, for example, takes great coordination."

Mark also played Pee-wee basketball and football as a youngster, but he said he didn't pursue football at Bryan Station because it conflicted with a much stronger interest—hunting.

"I love to fish and hunt in the fall," said Mark.

After a fine athletic and academic career at Bryan Station, Blythe entered UK. He has been the starting left fielder since his sophomore year.

It was after his sophomore year that he became involved with Athletes In Action, a Christian-oriented baseball team. He played for this team in the summer of 1987 in Guatemala, Costa Rica and El Salvador.

"I will never forget it," said Blythe. "The biggest eye-opener, for me, was the poverty. People are literally living out of cardboard boxes in El Salvador. The walls are cardboard and the roofs made of tin. One day I went to an appliance store to find a box to ship some things I had bought. They were all out. It was that way all over. People bought cardboard boxes to live in. It taught me to never feel sorry for myself."

Mark is proud of his academic achievements in high school and at UK, where he had a 3.0 GPA this past semester in what he describes as "all hard courses."

He again will spend the summer umpiring youth baseball games, which he has done for the past eight years; during that time, he has thrown out only one parent, and he has been approached a few times by parents who want their sons to meet him.

"Hey, you are too small," the kids sometime say, "How do you hit all those homers?"

"Throw me a fast ball and we'll see," he replies. (Actually, he's big enough—approximately 5-10 and 190 pounds).

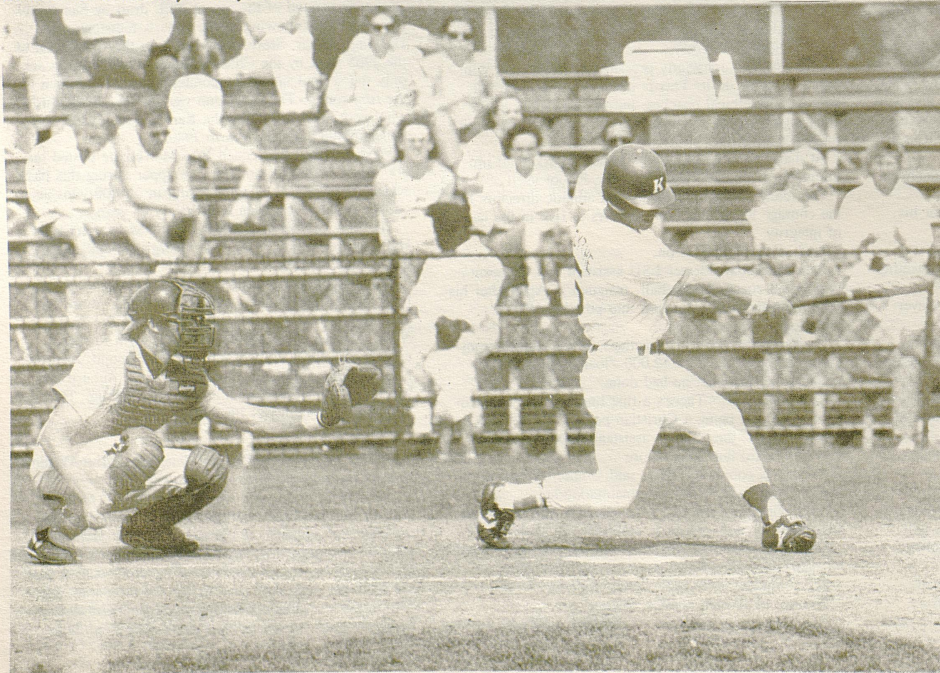
"These kids are our future," he said. "I don't think kids have the role models they should have right now. I don't think they look up to their parents as much as they should."

He said that because of his parents, drugs have no place in his life.

After not being chosen in the opening round of the recent college draft by major league teams, Mark is hoping for a call that might never materialize; meanwhile, he has a job awaiting at a Louisville accounting firm, and if baseball doesn't pan out he possibly may pursue a master's degree in public administration, or realize another goal, which is to get into the management end of public accounting.

"I have a job waiting for me in Louisville with an accounting firm...one of the Big Eight firms," Mark said. "I won't moan about it. Sure, it's been a dream of mine to play pro ball. But, then, again it doesn't consume me. I see a lot of guys who don't make it. They are literally crushed. I don't want to be like that."

Which ever way the old ball bounces, odds are pretty good that Mark will come out on long end because, after all, this kid from out in left field is just a chip, you might say, off that old Blythe.



Blythe led UK in eight offensive categories, including batting average, homers and RBIs

UT's Majors says look out for football 'Cats in '89

LSU may play basketball game in Tiger Stadium

People and things...

□ **Johnny Majors**, the head football coach at Tennessee, recently invaded south-central Kentucky territory. And just why was Majors in the Bluegrass state? "I'm



Jamie Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

sure some of you are wondering that—and the reason is, I thought I might look into the UK basketball coaching job," Majors jokingly told the Somerset Rotary Club. "I know there's no pressure in that job." Actually, Majors was in Somerset to speak to the Rotarians.

On a serious note, Majors, whose Vols finished a disappointing 5-6 last year, predicted there will be an exciting race for the SEC championship this fall.

"I think that this year, more teams than ever will have a legitimate chance to win the title," Majors said in an article by **Jim Kurk** of the *Somerset Commonwealth Journal*. "LSU may be the favorite going in, since they return their standout quarterback (**Tommy Hodson**), but I think seven or eight teams will have a shot at it."

Majors also had nice words for Kentucky. "Last year, Kentucky lost more close games to good teams than anyone," he said. "We've always had a great rivalry with Kentucky, and my team and I have tremendous respect for their head coach (**Jerry Claiborne**). He's a heckuva coach, and a great leader in our business."

"I thought the defensive team they put on the field last year was the best Kentucky defense I've seen since their 10-1 team (in 1977) with Art Still..."

□ **Jefferson-Pilot Teleproductions**, a Charlotte, N.C.-based company which has televised SEC basketball games for the last three years, reportedly has contacted LSU officials about the possibility of having a game with a big-name school to be held at 80,140-seat Tiger Stadium on a portable floor. As you will recall, the LSU-Georgetown thriller at the Louisiana Superdome drew a crowd of over 54,000 last winter...

□ Kickoff '89, the SEC Football Media Days, is slated for July 25-27 at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham, Ala. The head coaches, along with two top returning players from each team, will be featured. Kentucky's Claiborne is scheduled to meet the SEC media July 27...

□ Former UK star **Kyle Macy** will be going on a basketball tour of Australia and Asia in late July. He will be playing for a U.S. all-star squad which will include NBA veterans like **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**, **Artis Gilmore**, **Cedric Maxwell** and **Bob McAdoo**, to name a few...

□ As you have probably heard earlier, former UK assistant **Joe Dean Jr.** is the new head coach at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. He reportedly was selected for the post over former Tennessee coach **Don DeVoe**, among others...

□ On NCAA academic guidelines, Vanderbilt football coach **Watson Brown** said: "I like Proposition 48, meaning that the prospective athlete has to have a C average in his core classes and a 700 on the SAT or a 15 on the ACT. If he doesn't make that, he could still go to college on scholarship—he just couldn't play for a year."

"The thing I disagree with, is (new) Proposition 42. If the athlete doesn't make a 700 on the SAT or a 15 on the ACT, he can't have a scholarship. I don't think we're giving the young man any opportunity at all to prove himself..."

□ Tennessee athletic director **Doug Dickey** recently announced that approximately \$60,000 in proceeds from concessions during the SEC basketball tournament in



During a stop in Somerset last month, University of Tennessee coach Johnny Majors (above) had some nice words for UK and head coach Jerry Claiborne. Majors said last year's Wildcat defense was the best he'd seen at the school since Art Still anchored the 1977 club.

Knoxville this past spring will be donated to the UT Library Endowment Fund...

□ Television analyst **Dick Vitale**, the so-called Mr. Loudmouth, is saying that LSU recruit **Shaquille O'Neal**, a 6-11 center from San Antonio, Texas, is the No. 1 high school player entering the college ranks this fall.

"There's no question that Shaquille's No. 1," Vitale commented. "Once **Dale Brown** puts those towers in the lineup together (6-10 **Stanley Roberts** becomes eligible this season after sitting out because of Proposition 48), and you toss in **Chris Jackson**...forget about it. He's got a dynasty down in Bayou Land..."

□ Meanwhile, *The Tiger Rag* surprised readers in its May 20 issue when it featured three bikini-clad LSU coeds on the cover page, which was in color. It was the magazine's first so-called "Workout Issue," which discussed how some of the football players stay in shape.

Publisher and editor **Steve Myers** wrote in his column: "Originally, we wanted to photograph Tiger players and LSU coeds together. Coach (**Mike**) **Archer** said no, that

he was concerned with a stupid NCAA rule. He said using LSU players in the same photos with coeds who might work in off-campus gyms or aerobics studios could be deemed 'advertising' for those businesses. (Remember when Indiana cager **Steve Alford** posed for a sorority's charity calendar a few years ago and caught the NCAA's attention?)

"Out of an abundance of caution we chose not to press the issue. But it forced one of the toughest editorial decisions in the 11-year history of *Tiger Rag*: Should we photograph only the players to display the various activities, or only the coeds?"

"I think we made the right decision..."

□ Congratulations to a couple of track stars at UK for winning top honors. Junior **Lisa Breiding**, a native of Louisville, Ohio, was named the school's Female Athlete of the Year. **Bob Whelan**, a junior from Dickson, Tenn., earned the Male Athlete of the Year award. Breiding and Whelan were selected for their outstanding contributions to the sports program, both on the field and in the classroom...

Stats, stats, stats...but where are the features?

Birmingham News preview not what it once was

With the dissemination of the *Birmingham News'* 43rd Annual Spring Football Preview, I am somewhat shaken by the ultra-sophistication of this service to Southeastern Conference followers.



Scoop Hudgins

Cats' Pause Columnist

The original Zipp Newman Poll of SEC Coaches has gone high tech, with multi-listings of each statistic projecting any bearing on the strength of the teams and the relativity of their schedules. Those results are computerized and desensitized, reduced to a CPA's profit and loss sheet.

The project has taken a Milo Hamilton trend. Hamilton, the play-by-play radio man of the early Atlanta Braves, usually followed a thrilling home run with so many statistics that one would lose track of the event he was cheering.

Zipp started his poll, personal interviews of the SEC head coaches, the very year the conference started, 1933. Actually, 1989 is the 57th *Birmingham News* spring preview of SEC football.

Zipp pursued the coaches for interviews at the first SEC track meet at Birmingham's football stadium and in the meeting rooms of the Redmont Hotel. The coaches, when cornered, responded with honest appraisals of their teams and what they had heard of the others. They praised the teams they scheduled, but offered little information on teams they were not playing.

Newman made grand copy of it, however, because the remarks were plentiful and came directly from the respected men the people wanted to hear.

There were men of great stature in the first group of SEC coaches Zipp interviewed: Frank Thomas at Alabama and Harry Mehre of Georgia, who had played for Knute Rockne at Notre Dame; Bill Alexander of Georgia Tech; Biff Jones of LSU and Bob Neyland of Tennessee, who played at Army; and Dan McGugin of Vanderbilt, who played at Michigan.

Football fans of the yearling SEC hugged to their hearts the words of these men, and discussed their own team's chances all summer, into September.

In 1947, young Alf Van Hoose, who had joined the *News* the previous year, began to help Zipp with the interviews and added players to the project via a preseason all-conference team. He also introduced a vote of the coaches as to the final standings of the championship race.

The *News* expanded space for the preview. When the rival local paper, the *Post-Herald*, offered a preview of its own, the *News* went to a special spring football section. The competition created additional questions for years.

Benny Marshall worked with Van Hoose and Newman

on the preview, and when Benny succeeded Zipp after 50 years as sports editor of the *News*, in 1964, the special improved in both thoroughness and quality.

They kept adding features—best runner, best passer, best athlete, etc.—to total 14 categories, besides a two-team all-SEC squad and individual staff predictions. Four different *News* writers do their own previews, flavored to local readership. They only interview the coach who is picked to win.

The project is now called SID (sports information director) preview for the guys who do the work; gathering stats, compressing them, getting the opinion of own coach, then writing it for him.

The most enjoyable copy, quotes from the coaches' individual interviews, has been practically eliminated. The stats of divergent impacts are multi-copied into an insignificant wad and faxed in at deadline.

As a former SID, lucky enough to work with Zipp Newman, Alf Van Hoose, Benny Marshall and others on the SEC Coaches Poll, I would enjoy reading more of the coaches' candid comments—and warming up for the season with them.

But in the newspaper's competitive urgency to print all of today's news today, sometimes sans understanding, I will take the faxed mass, I'll search for meaning and hope I find it before the continual stats sweep me off-track.

We cannot have both instant answers and thoughtful consideration.

But maybe things will swing back, and we can touch on a little of each.

Pitino's staff almost complete with hiring of three assistants

From TCP staff reports

Two weeks ago newly hired University of Kentucky coach Rick Pitino named Herb Sendek, an assistant at Providence College, as his first Wildcat assistant. And last week two more positions were filled when Orlando "Tubby" Smith and Billy Donovan decided to come aboard.

Sendek, 26, and Smith, formerly an assistant coach for three seasons for South Carolina, will be full-time employees while Donovan will be a graduate assistant. Donovan, 24, was a sharp-shooting guard for Pitino's Providence team that went to the 1987 Final Four.

One position is left to be filled.

"I am extremely excited about the opportunity to join the staff at the University of Kentucky and to work with coach Pitino again," said Sendek, who coached with Pitino at PC. "I have the greatest respect for coach Pitino, and I look forward to being a part of one of the richest traditions in sports."

Sendek, was hired by Pitino as a graduate assistant coach in 1985 and was promoted to a full-time role in '86.

Said Smith, 37, of his latest opportunity: "I think this is an excellent career move for me at this time. Leaving South Carolina is tough, but I feel that Kentucky basketball is tops, and

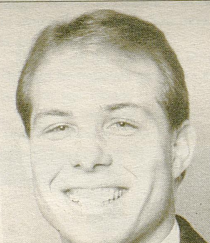
I want to be a part of that great tradition.

New York Knick assistant Stu Jackson, a close friend of Smith, told Pitino of the former Virginia Commonwealth and Gamecock assistant. "I think he (Jackson) was a very important part. I think coach Pitino puts a lot of trust in his words and in what he said about me, about Tubby Smith."

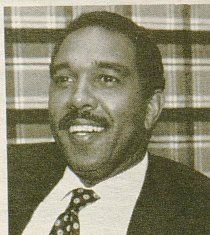
Donovan, who left a job with an investment banking firm on Wall Street, is looking forward to be reunited with his college coach. "I am very excited about being here at the University of Kentucky, and to be working with coach Pitino again, as well as the rest of the staff."

During his senior year when he led the Friars to the Final Four in New Orleans, Donovan averaged 20.6 points and 7.2 assists per game. He signed as a free agent with the Knicks in 1987-88. He played in 44 games averaging 2.4 points and 2.0 assists per game.

Smith and Donovan met the press last Thursday, their first official day on the job, at Wildcat Lodge. Both obviously were excited about the future. "You've got to let him (recruit) know that this is a special situation, that he's going to be a part of something special," said Smith. "That special opportunity is going to be returning Kentucky basketball to prominence, and playing for Rick Pitino and his style of basketball. I think those are the things we have to sell."



Herb Sendek



Tubby Smith



Billy Donovan

Photo by Randal Williamson

Photo by Randal Williamson

Oscar Combs

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also. WAVE Radio 970 will enter its fourth year as the outlet in Jefferson County ... In Lexington, the local affiliate will continue to be WVLK. Host said his company is currently negotiating with two Cincinnati stations to carry the UK games. The legendary voice of the Wildcats, **Cawood Ledford**, and **Ralph Hacker** will once again call the action on radio. Host said a final decision has not been made concerning the announcing team for television; Host Communications and WKYT-TV, Channel 27 jointly hold the TV ... So you want to show your support for Kentucky basketball? Well, TCP is publishing a new bumper sticker for UK fans and all you have to do to receive one (or two if you need an extra for your second car) is to write us at:

The Cats' Pause
2627 Regency Road
Lexington, Ky. 40503

Please be sure to include a large, self-addressed stamped envelope for your bumper sticker(s).

Miller

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"I like what I heard when I talked to him," Miller said.

The fact is, the chance to play for the former NBA coach outweighed the disadvantages of not playing on television or in the NCAA tournament. Pitino also stated he would do as much as possible to help Miller get ready for his shot at the NBA.

"Right now I'll be in a system where I can shoot the ball and play hard—not worry about taking bad shots just playing," said Miller. "Once you relax, playing under a condition like that I feel that while I'm on the court I'll always be relaxed. That will help me a lot."



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Much more needs to be done.

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lished *Dropping the Dropout Rate*, a booklet of facts and suggestions for tackling this important issue. Pick up a copy at your local SuperAmerica store or Ashland brand station, or write: *Dropout Booklet*, Ashland Oil, Inc., P.O. Box 391, Ashland, Kentucky 41114.



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JERRY DAVIS

5-11, Defensive Back ('64, '65)
Fairborn (Ohio) High

After flying in from Merced, Calif., Jerry Davis was recognized by the K-Men's Association as the member who traveled the longest distance to attend that organization's annual outing at Paintsville, June 3. A career Air Force pilot, Jerry retired from the service as a lieutenant colonel in '87 and now

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

A regular look at what Wildcat heroes of the past are doing now that their playing days are over

—compiled by Russell Rice

is in real estate in California.

He follows in the footsteps of his father, who also was a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force, which meant that in his younger years Jerry did quite a bit of traveling. Born in Oklahoma, he had lived in several states and some foreign countries before enrolling at UK. He attended high school as a sophomore in Frankfurt, Germany; won the Finnish 70-meter dash, and also lived in Japan.

Jerry started his stateside sports career at Fairborn High School in '58. He saw action in every game at UK in 1964 and was second-team All-SEC after leading the Wildcats in interceptions.

DAVIS' WILDCAT CAREER

Yr.	Int.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
1965.....	4	42	10.3	22 (LSU)

LOUIS "LITTLE" MCGINNIS

Forward ('29, '30, '31)

Lexington (Ky.) Senior High

An All-Southern performer during Adolph Rupp's first year as UK basketball coach, Louis was nicknamed "Little," not because of his size, but because older brother Lawrence "Big" McGinnis was a year ahead



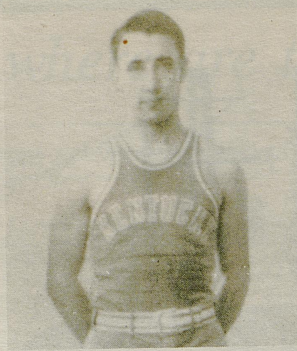
Jerry Davis

of him at UK. Louis spent 22 years with the W. R. Milward Funeral Home on South Broadway in Lexington before retiring in 1975.

(Stanley Milward lettered in basketball at Kentucky in '28, '29, '30. Russell "Duke" Ellington—basketball '35, '36 and football '35, '36, '37—also was a Milward retiree. "Big" McGinnis, who died last year, also played football at Kentucky. He had a highly successful coaching career at Hartford and Owensboro, taking the latter to a state basketball championship with star center Cliff Hagan.)

Living at 619 Chinoe Rd., Louis spent most of last winter making a beautiful cherry cupboard for his home. He has made huntboards, for his daughters, and many other works in wood. What was his recollection of playing at UK and under Rupp?

"There were no scholarships," Louis McGinnis said. "I just enjoyed it. Rupp was young when I was young, his first year, my last (at Kentucky)."



Louis "Little" McGinnis

MCGINNIS' WILDCAT CAREER

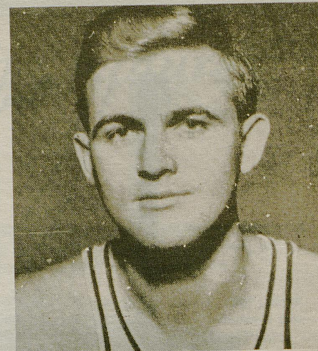
Yr.	G-GS	TP	Avg.	High
1929.....	17-16	99	5.6	14 (Miami)
1930.....	17-14	92	5.4	11 (Georgia)
1931.....	18-17	175	9.6	17 (G'town)
Totals	52-47	366	7.0	17 (G'town)

JOE HOLLAND

6-4 Forward ('46, '47, '48)

Benton (Ky.) High School

A member of the NCAA championship Fabulous Five team and an alternate in the '48 Olympics in London, England, Joe recently purchased Bill Gatton's Friendship Chevrolet, formerly L.R. Cooke Chevrolet, in Lexington. Joe owns Joe Holland Chevrolet in Charleston, W.Va., which is run by son Joey (basketball '76), and is part-owner of Bachman Chevrolet-Geo in Louisville, which is run by his son-in-law, Steve Bachman. Joe's daughter, Teresa Bachman, is in charge of advertising for all the dealerships. Steve and Teresa met while both were students at UK. In Lexington,



Joe Holland

the general manager of Joe Holland Chevrolet is Gary Gregor, a 6-foot-8 West Virginian who played basketball at South Carolina and in the pros.

Joe caught Rupp's attention when he was playing with the Berea College Naval V-12 that lost to the Wildcats 54-40 at Berea, December 1943. Joe entered UK after World War II, was one of five Wildcats—Jack Tingle, Ralph Beard, Wah Wah Jones and Kenny Rollins were the others—who made up the All-SEC tournament team in 1947, and was a two-year starter before being relegated to a lesser role after a run-in with Rupp. In fact, Joe was a starter until the 12th game of the '48 season, when Rupp started Jones in his stead against Miami of Ohio, creating the lineup that became famous as the Fabulous Five.

HOLLAND'S WILDCAT CAREER

Yr.	FG-A	Pct.	FTA	Pct.	TP
1945-46.....	60-??	??	20-35	67.0	140
1946-47.....	96-337	28.1	32-58	55.0	224
1947-48.....	58-207	28.0	24-47	51.0	140
Totals	214-544		76-140	54.3	504

NCAA report

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understanding that these are the only remaining eligibility matters in this case.]

Please note that under the conditions and obligations of membership [reference: Bylaws 14.13.1 and 19.5.4.1], once a finding becomes applicable to a student-athlete, either because the institution accepts the cited finding or because the appropriate NCAA Council subcommittee finds the violation as a result of an appeal, whichever is earlier, the institution is obligated to apply immediately the applicable rule to the eligibility of the student-athlete. In the alternative and in accordance with Bylaw 19.5.4.1, the institution would be cited to show cause to the Committee on Infractions why the institution should not be disciplined additionally for failure to apply the applicable NCAA legislation.

In accordance with the appeal opportunity of this legislation, once these findings become applicable as described above, the institution may appeal to the NCAA Eligibility Committee for restoration of eligibility for regular and postseason competition. Cor-

Calamity

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was a good experience for me. I learned about the day-to-day operation of a program that is highly visible."

April 22—NCAA Committee on Infractions begins hearing evidence in UK case. The meeting is being held in Charleston, S.C.

May 19—The NCAA hands down a three-year probation against the University of Kentucky basketball program. Sanctions from the

respondence regarding appeals to the Eligibility Committee should be submitted to the NCAA national office in care of Janet M. Justus, director of eligibility.

The institution is requested to inform each student-athlete of the finding of violation affecting him, its effect upon his eligibility for regular and postseason competition and the opportunity for an appeal through the institution to the Eligibility Committee.

3. Due to the violation set forth in Part II-C of this report, the provisions of NCAA Bylaw 31.9.2.2.4-(b) are applicable to the institution's record of participation in the 1988 National Collegiate Division I Men's Basketball Championship. Accordingly, the participation of the ineligible student-athlete in the 1988 championship will result in deletion of the institution's and the student-athlete's record of performance in this championship and in the team's place finish being vacated.

Further, also due to the violation set forth in Part II-C of this report, the provisions of Bylaw 31.2.2.5 are applicable in that the

Committee on Infractions found that the involved student-athlete knew and the institution had reason to know that the student-athlete was not eligible for the 1988 National Collegiate Division I Men's Basketball Championship. Accordingly, the NCAA Executive Committee will consider whether an appropriate share of the institution's net receipts from this event should be returned to the Association [reference: Part III-G of this report].

4. The university shall be subject to the provisions of Bylaw 19.4.2.3 [Repeat Violators] if any major violation is found within a five-year period subsequent to the effective date of the penalties in this case.

NCAA COMMITTEE ON INFRACTIONS

Thomas J. Niland Jr.
John E. Nowak
Patricia O'Hara
Milton R. Schroeder
D. Alan Williams (chair)

of the efforts led by president David Roselle, the NCAA Infractions Committee decided against it. "The penalties the NCAA has visited upon the program are serious," stresses Roselle during a press conference carried "live" by three Lexington and three Louisville television stations. "And they're damaging to the UK basketball program, a program that has been really at the pinnacle of intercollegiate competition for many years. But we're glad that what could have been permanent damage to the program was mitigated by the university's desire to do not only the correct thing, but also the right thing."

Pitino Q&A

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who broke that, I'm sure he was trying to help me when he did break that story. I think it's great because I'd rather have it at that point rather than afterwards. And once again, C.M. did his homework and went to the NCAA and everybody who had been involved with me before. We got letters from the attorney general who handled the case, and very positive things have come out of that for me. I'm very pleased that it did come out at that time. And it answered questions to Dr. Roselle and C.M. once again. They checked into it two-fold, and I'm very pleased with the way things came about."

Media: Rick, do you think you'll have to compromise your playing style because of the talent you'll have next year?

Rick Pitino: "The question is if we'll have to compromise our style, which is pressing and running, that feeds on talent. No. I think actually the style of play...and this is the thing I'm going to enjoy...I really could not coach the way I did at Providence and Boston University with the Knickerbockers. Certainly, we added certain things that weren't part of the NBA, but we could not coach the way I did at those places. You have to adjust to your talent and be flexible. But I can get back to the way I did coach at those places. And I think what this style does is it brings out, certainly, the positives and makes it an up-tempo game, but it also camouflages weaknesses. So I've always thought if you sit back and say we're too small and too slow, sit back in a 2-3 zone, lose by eight points and then say: 'Boy, I did a great job of out-coaching that guy...We only lost by six or eight,' you're looking at it negatively. We're in this game to win right away. And that style of play will camouflage weaknesses and give you wins. It'll either give you wins, or losses by great margins. And we're going after winning right away, not coming close."

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Five Years Ago

✓Defensive gridiron standout Keith Martin has been named the University of Kentucky's Male Athlete of the Year, while track star Tonya Lowe was selected as the school's Female Athlete of the Year.

Martin, a senior first-string defensive guard on this past season's team, started for the third consecutive year. He played a major cog in helping the 'Cats to a 6-5-1 season and a trip to the Hall of Fame Bowl, where they lost to West Virginia.

Martin proved he's an outstanding student as well by being named to the Southeastern Conference All-Academic team, a feat he also accomplished during his junior and sophomore years. He also was honored with the prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

A product of Owensboro Catholic High

School, Martin carries a 3.4 grade point average in accounting.

Lowe will be attending the Olympic Trials this month in Los Angeles. An All-America sprinter and hurdler, Lowe set a conference meet record when she captured the 100-meter hurdles earlier this season. In that event she recorded a time of 13.25.

Lowe, a strong performer in the classroom, too, finished first in the 60-yard hurdles in this year's Southeastern Conference Indoor Meet.

She hails from Flint, Mich.

✓At the end of this month, 14 Wildcat signees are scheduled to play in the first annual Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star football game. Commonwealth Stadium will be the site of this border-war showcase.

Some of the future 'Cats playing are: Joe Curry (Madisonville), Mark Higgs (Owens-

boro Senior), David Johnson (Louisville Male), Chris Chenault (Lexington Henry Clay), Ron Mack (Lexington Bates Creek); Martin Pennington (Corbin), Billy Allen (Morgan County), Mark Sellers (Louisville Eastern), Edgar Shearer (Lexington Bryan Station) and Bo Smith (Lexington Henry Clay).

Coaching the Kentucky All-Stars will be Mayfield coach Jack Morris. It's being co-sponsored by the Lexington Kiwanis Club, where game proceeds will be donated to helping injured or stricken high school players or coaches in the two states.

Currently, the Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star clash is under a two-year contract, with the Volunteer State hosting next year's event.

✓Auburn tallied the most points in the 11th annual Bernie Moore Trophy, which is given to the Southeastern Conference school with the best finish in all athletic competition. Kentucky finished seventh in its chase for the coveted all-sports trophy.

✓The Cats' Pause has learned that UK baseball coach Keith Madison has recently added three signees. Those players are: Dan Eskew, a right-handed pitcher from Nashville; Jim Murphy, a hot-hitter from Shelby County; and Tim Swob, a southpaw hurler from Northeast Oklahoma A&M.

Eskew is ranked the nation's 12th best prospect by *Collegiate Baseball*. He finished with a 13-0 mark at McGavock High School, leading his team to the 3-A state title. In 75 innings of work, Eskew allowed 22 hits, walked 20, struck out 161 and had a scary 0.62 ERA.

Murphy, a transfer from Pearl River Junior College in Poplarville, Fla., hit .535 his senior season for Shelby County. A first baseman for Pearl River JC, Murphy smacked a .393 average with nine homers, 37 RBI and nine stolen bases.

Last season for Northeast Oklahoma A&M Swob worked 59 and two-thirds innings, striking out 89. He finished a 9-2 slate while owner of a handsome 1.78 ERA. Swob already has been drafted twice—Montreal and Kansas City.

Six Years Ago

✓UK and Louisville announced that the two schools have signed a four-year pact to play each other on the hardwood.

Terms of the pact call for the two institutions to split a home-and-home series, with the initial contest to be played at Rupp Arena on Nov. 26.

Negotiations for the series began after the University of Kentucky Athletics Board followed up a Board of Trustees resolution to propose a Wildcat-Cardinal series. The two teams recently hooked up in this past season's Midwest Regional finals in Knoxville, where U of L won in overtime. That meeting marked the first time that Kentucky and Louisville had played each other on the basketball court since 1954.

✓Wildcat sharpshooter Jim Master has earned a spot on the USA Pan American squad. With his selection on the Pan American team, Master automatically qualifies for a tryout with the USA Olympic team next April.

✓Indiana High School All-Stars swept the Kentucky High School All-Stars in the annual two-game basketball series.

In the first game, Jerome Brewer, who has yet to sign a national letter of intent, scored 27 points while teammate Steve Alford contributed 26 points to pace the Hoosier All-Stars to a 96-87 victory.

Kentucky Mr. Basketball and future Wildcat Winston Bennett tossed in 26 points and grabbed a game-high 13 boards, to boot.

James Blackmon, who will be teaming up with Bennett at Kentucky, scored 26 points in the second meeting to lead Indiana to a 82-72 win, and with it a clean sweep of the two-game set.

Fifteen Years Ago

✓The University of Kentucky tennis squad finished its season in super fashion, posting a 6-3 win over a talented Southern Illinois club. The 'Cat netters ended the 1974 campaign with a 22-9 slate.

✓UK's tennis team compiled the most points in four seasons in the SEC tourney. Scott Smith and Steve Gilliam carried the flag for the 'Cats. The two UK players advanced all the way to the tourney finals.

✓UK baseball players John Bowling and Marvis Foley were among the final season SEC leaders. Bowling struck out an SEC-high 79 batters for the season. Foley's seven triples and 41 runs scored also were top marks.

WILDCAT QUIZ

Rick Pitino

1. What is the name of Rick Pitino's book?

- a) *Hoops, Hoops And More Hoops*
- b) *Born To Coach*
- c) *How To Coach Winning Basketball*
- d) *Winning Is Fun*

2. True or False? Rick Pitino was once an assistant coach with the New Jersey Nets.

3. In 1987, Pitino guided Providence to the Final Four. Which team defeated the Friars in the semifinals?

- a) Georgetown
- b) Indiana
- c) Syracuse
- d) Nevada Las Vegas

4. Which team captured the NCAA championship that season?

- a) Georgetown
- b) Villanova
- c) Kansas
- d) Indiana

5. Which of the following Big East schools did he work as an assistant?

- a) Boston University
- b) Georgetown
- c) Boston College
- d) Syracuse

6. True or False? Last season, he was the youngest coach in the NBA, and at the same time the dean of coaches

in the NBA's Atlantic Division.

7. Where did he began his coaching career?

- a) Hawaii-Hilo
- b) University of Hawaii
- c) Boston University
- d) Boston College

8. From which institution did Pitino graduate?

- a) Maryland
- b) Boston University
- c) University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- d) University of Hawaii

9. Which of the following coaches did Pitino replace when he took over the Knicks position?

- a) Bob Hill
- b) Hubie Brown
- c) Red Holzman
- d) Willis Reed

10. Which team knocked out Pitino's Knicks in the 1989 NBA playoffs?

- a) Philadelphia
- b) Detroit
- c) Chicago
- d) Cleveland

Answers

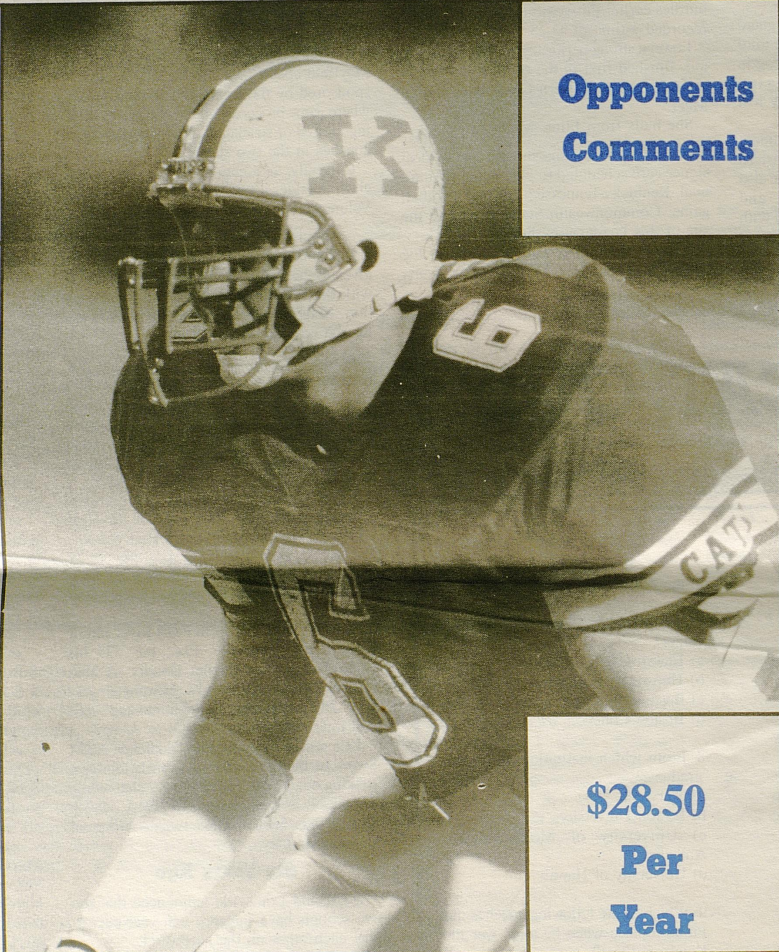
1. Born To Coach
2. True
3. University of Hawaii
4. Massachusetts, Amherst
5. Boston College
6. False
7. Syracuse
8. Indiana
9. Bob Hill
10. Chicago Bulls



Hot-shooting Wildcat guard Jim Master earned a spot on the USA Pan American team, and with it carries an automatic ticket to the Olympic trials.

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