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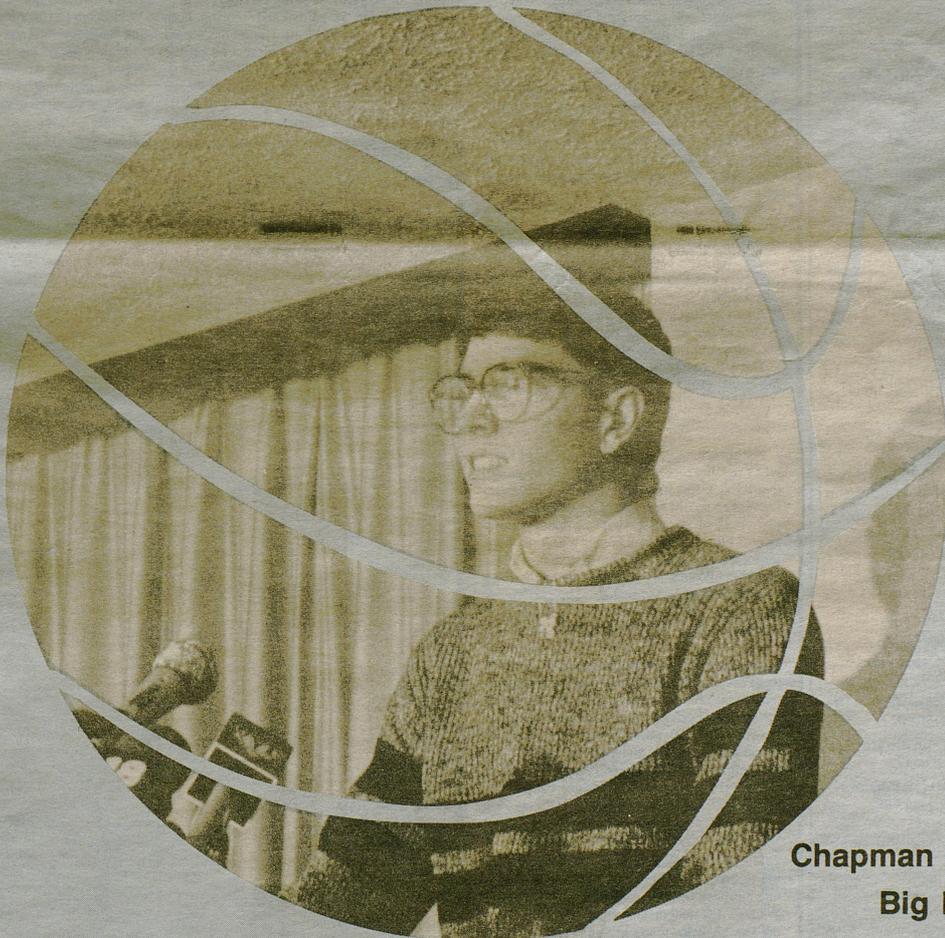
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Cats Hope To Derail Sugar Bowl Express

Kentucky's Last Chance For Winning Season Hinges On Upset Of Tennessee

A winning season will be on the line for Jerry Claiborne's Wildcats, while Johnny Major's

WILDCAT GRID NOTES

Freshman tailback Ivy Joe Hunter, a native of Gainesville, FL has been named offensive back of the week by the University of Kentucky coaching staff for his play in the Wildcats 15-13 loss to Florida. Hunter caught four passes for 51 yards, rushed seven times for 20 yards and scored on runs of four and six yards. The 6-0, 207-pounder was celebrating his 19th birthday in front of a home crowd that included his mother, who saw him play for the first time in his collegiate career.

Senior center Ken Pietrowiak, of Grafton, WI, is the recipient of the offensive line award. The senior offensive captain, who has played with injuries for much of the season, turned in one of his more consistent performances of the season, before having to leave the game because of an injury.

Senior end Brian Williams of Middlesboro and sophomore tackle John Shannon of Devon, share this week's defensive lineman of the week award. Williams had seven solo tackles and five assists, while Shannon was in on six solos and one assist.

Junior linebacker Larry Smith of Springfield is the defensive back of the week. Smith had six solos and nine assists to lead the team.

The UK coaching staff did not give a kicking game award following the Florida game.

Not surprisingly, another University of Kentucky passing record has been broken by junior quarterback Bill Ransdell. This time however, the broken record was one of his own. By completing 12 of 20 passes with no interceptions against Florida, Ransdell has set a new standard for most passes without an interception with 85, breaking his old mark of 74 set during the 1983 and '84 seasons.

The 1985 University of Kentucky football team is now the most prolific passing team in the school's history. Already the record holder for passing yardage, the 1985 squad currently has completed 176 passes, breaking the old mark of 168 set by the 1984 Hall of Fame Bowl championship team; and has attempted 329 passes, breaking the old mark of 326 set by coach John Ray's 1969 squad.

The winner of the Kentucky-Tennessee contest receives the "beer barrel", a rotating trophy that has been in existence since 1925 when the Wildcats defeated the Vols 23-20 in a Thanksgiving Day showdown on old Stoll Field. In those days of prohibition the barrel made its appearance incognito with the words "ice water" painted on it.

Saturday's Kentucky-Tennessee clash will be the Wildcats fourth television appearance of the season, marking the third consecutive year the Wildcats have appeared on television for four regular season games.

Volunteers will be playing for a trip to the Sugar Bowl when old rivals Kentucky and Tennessee do battle at 12:15 p.m. Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium. The game will be televised nationally by the Turner Television network.

Kentucky, which saw its record drop to 5-5 after a 15-13 loss at Florida, played inspired football coming off a loss to Vanderbilt and led the Gators for most of the final period by a 13-12 margin at Gainesville. The Gators drove 85 yards for the win, however, kicking a 19-yard field goal with 20 seconds remaining.

UK freshman tailback Ivy Joe Hunter, a native of Gainesville, celebrated his 19th birthday by rushing for 20 yards on seven carries, catching four passes for 51 yards, and scoring both touchdowns for the Wildcats. Hunter has scored four TDs rushing this season, second on the squad to Mark Higgs, who has five.

Tennessee, which is enjoying its best season under coach Johnny Majors, cruised past Ole Miss 34-14 Saturday in Knoxville in pushing its

record to 6-1-2. In that game senior quarterback Daryl Dickey completed 11 of 17 passes for 203 yards and one touchdown.

Since replacing Tony Robinson, who was injured during the Vols' win against Alabama, Dickey has completed 52 of 82 passes for 680 yards with four touchdown passes and one interception. Two of Dickey's favorite targets are wide receivers Tim McGee (38 catches for 760 yards, 4 TDs) and Joey Clinkscales (19 for 361, 3 TDs).

With a 3-1 record in Southeastern Conference play, the Volunteers would win the conference championship for the first time since 1970 and travel to the Sugar Bowl with wins over the Wildcats in Lexington and Vanderbilt the following Saturday in Knoxville.

Majors is in his ninth year at Tennessee, where he has guided the Vols to a 57-40-5 ledger, including six bowl appearances since leading Pittsburgh to the national championship in 1976.

Kentucky Statistics

INDIVIDUAL	G	ATT	YDS	YEP	YPC	TD	LR
RUSHING							
Logan	10	165	643	3.9	64.3	3	24 ET
Higgs	10	127	539	4.2	53.9	5	39 MS
Hunter	6	28	112	4.0	18.7	4	26 ET
Gardner	6	21	67	2.2	7.8	0	10 BG
Burbage	10	3	15	5.0	1.5	0	11 FL
Ransdell	8	38	11	0.3	1.3	0	9 BG
Derry	9	4	9	2.3	1.0	0	4 ET
Baker	1	3	4	1.3	4.0	0	4 CI
Wheary	10	1	3	3.0	0.3	0	3 CI
Jones	10	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0 LS
Allen	3	2	-6	-3.0	-2.0	0	-2 MS
Dooley	7	15	-17	-1.1	-2.4	0	17 MS
TOTALS	10	411	1360	3.3	136.0	12	39 NS

PASSING	G	ATT	COMP	INT	PCT	TD	YDS	LP
Ransdell	8	212	122	6	57.5	5	1670	82 BG
Dooley	7	106	51	4	48.1	2	537	43 MS
Allen	3	6	2	0	33.3	0	13	9 LS
Tessat	10	1	1	0	100.0	0	10	10 GA
Jones	10	4	0	0	0.0	0	0	0 LS
TOTALS	10	329	176	10	53.6	7	2230	82 BG

RECEIVING	G	CGT	CPG	YDS	YPC	TD	LP
Logan	10	28	2.8	293	10.5	2	43 MS
Burbage	10	25	2.5	418	16.7	0	38 MS
Derry	9	23	2.6	234	10.2	2	35 TU
Pitts	10	22	2.2	316	14.4	1	49 CI
Higgs	10	17	1.7	177	10.4	0	34 CI
Wheeler	10	16	1.6	213	13.3	1	30 GA
Wheary	10	11	1.1	140	12.7	0	36 CI
Bryant	10	8	0.8	156	19.5	0	82 BG
Jones	10	8	0.8	84	10.5	0	20 BG
Buater	6	5	0.8	64	12.8	0	25 FL
Quitty	10	3	0.3	43	14.3	0	18 VA
Pennington	10	3	0.3	27	9.0	0	18 BG
Ledford	10	2	0.2	21	10.5	0	13 VA
Sellers	10	2	0.2	18	9.0	0	9 FL
Groves	10	1	0.1	12	12.0	0	12 FL
Sexton	10	1	0.1	10	10.0	0	10 GA
Lucas	6	1	0.2	4	4.0	1	4 VA
TOTALS	10	178	17.8	2230	12.7	7	82 BG

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LP
Tessat	63	2626	41.7	67 GA

FIELD GOALS	ATT	MADE	LK
Returians	27	19	46 ET

RUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LR
Williams	19	217	11.4	1	57 CL
Burbage	16	90	5.6	0	47 TU
TOTALS	35	307	8.8	1	57 CL

KO RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LR
Logan	13	185	14.2	0	26 MS
Burbage	4	81	20.3	0	27 TU
Pitts	1	17	17.0	0	17 LS
Wheary	1	12	12.0	0	12 VA
Jones	1	9	9.0	0	9 GA
TOTALS	20	304	15.2	0	27 TU

INTERCEPTION RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LR
Hairston	4	26	6.5	0	20 GA
Dougllass	3	57	19.0	0	43 FL
Mays	3	16	5.3	0	16 ET
D. Johnson	2	0	0.0	0	0 LS
Caldwell	2	-8	-4.0	0	0 CI
Gover	1	21	21.0	0	21 CI
Kresser	1	11	11.0	0	11 ET
Williams	1	5	5.0	0	5 VA
TOTALS	17	128	7.5	0	43 FL

TEAM	UK	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	181	177
Rushing	66	79
Passing	100	92
Penalty	15	6
Rushing Att./Yds	411-1577	410-1797
Rushing Yards Lost	217	293
Net Rushing	1360	1504
Yards Per Rush	3.3	3.7
TDs Rushing	12	11
Passes/Comp/Int	329-176-10	329-156-17
Passing Yards	2230	1894
Yards Per Pass	6.8	5.8
TDs Passing	7	9
Field Goals/Att	19-27	9-19
Int./Kicks Ret./TD	17-128-0	10-126-0
Total Plays	730	729
Total Yardage	3590	3398
Yards Per Play	4.9	4.7
Yards Per Game	359.0	339.8
Punts/Blocked	63-0	61-0
Punting Yds/Avg	2626-41.7	2668-43.7
Punt Ret./Yds/TD	35-307-1	67-163
Kickoff Ret./Yds	20-304	31-569
Penalties/Yds	54-513	67-575
Fumbles/Lost	22-12	23-15
3rd Down Conversions	53-162	67-163
4th Down Conversions	4-9	4-9
Time of Possession	299:15	300:45

SCORING									
	T	P	A	F	K	E	R	T	FP
Worley	0	0	19x27	15x15	0	0	0	0	72
Higgs	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Logan	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Hunter	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Derry	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Lucas	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Pitts	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Wheeler	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Williams	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Burbage	0	0	0	0	0	1x1	0	0	2
Dooley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ransdell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KENTUCKY	20	0	19x27	15x15	1x5	0	0	0	194
OPONENTS	20	1	9x19	15x16	1x2	0	0	0	169

SCORE BY QUARTERS									
	1	2	3	4	TOT				
KENTUCKY	34	46	44	70	= 194				
OPONENTS	34	32	67	36	= 169				

1985 RESULTS (5-5 OVERALL 1-4 SEC)									
	DATE	OPP	ATTEND						
9/14	Bowling Green	UK	57,620						
9/21	Tulane	16	11,56,812						
9/28	Cincinnati	27	7,57,192						
10/5	Clemson	26	7,58,230						
10/12	Mississippi State	33	19,58,345						
10/19	at LSU	0	10,78,562						
10/26	at Georgia	6	26,81,498						
11/2	East Tennessee St.	23	13,53,429						
11/9	at Vanderbilt	24	31,41,076						
11/16	at Florida	13	15,73,672						
11/23	Tennessee	13	15,73,672						



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Chapman Brings New Life To UK

He slowly rocked back and forth in his big blue chair, browsing through a copy of the new TCP Kentucky Basketball Yearbook, chatting with a reporter about the current state of affairs when he was informed a young fellow by the name of Rex Chapman would hold an 11 a.m. press conference on Saturday to announce his college basketball future.

"I haven't heard anything," remarked Eddie Sutton, the new UK basketball coach, as he shifted from one position to another in his office Friday morning, "all I know is that I'm going to be terribly disappointed if he doesn't come to Kentucky. In all my years of coaching, I've never recruited a kid so hard."

Having learned of the press conference from a reporter rather than the Chapman family, was Sutton concerned a rival school might be the winner?

"No, not at all," replied Sutton. "This is a quality family. Rex is a quality kid and Wayne is a great coach and person. I'm sure they'll call all the schools before the press conference. They'll handle the situation in the right way. I just hope he decides on Kentucky."

Less than 24 hours Eddie Sutton reeled in the biggest catch of his brief eight-months tenure at the University of Kentucky.

It's been a long time since Kentucky has enjoyed such a positive day, but November 16 will be long remembered as the day University of Kentucky basketball began its return to the top of the collegiate world.

Rex Chapman, the state's top prep player and one of the nation's top five prepsters, is the reason for all the sudden optimism around the Lexington campus. Saturday, he announced his decision to sign with Eddie Sutton and his Wildcats as some 200 fans, reporters and school officials looked on.

The battle over Chapman was the most intense in-state basketball recruiting battle in perhaps the past twenty years. You may have to go back to the days of Western's Jim McDaniels to find a recruiting battle so hotly contested.

For more than a year now, Chapman has been the most coveted high school player in the state. Not only by Kentucky colleges, but by the major basketball schools around the country.

When the final ballot was marked, only six schools remained. They were Kentucky, Western, Louisville, Kentucky Wesleyan, North Carolina and Georgia Tech, not necessarily in any particular order. The final one, of course, was Kentucky.

As we've said before, Chapman was and is the most important recruiting chapter for UK in the past decade. Sutton and UK's ability to successfully withstand the recruiting onslaught of not only UL and Western, but outside schools as well is the kind of statement the new regime needed during this transitional period.

Mind you, this is not the typical "changing of the guard." It's one thing for UK to be hiring only its third coach in 55 years, but the highly controversial ring of uncertainty surrounding the UK program after the allegations of pay-offs to players from fans was expected to have a strong impact on recruiting this season.

Although UK has landed two of its prime targets—Chapman and Pulaski County's Reggie Hanson—several others remained unsigned and could be leaning in other directions. That's the second reason why Chapman is so impor-

tant to UK. His confidence in Sutton and the Kentucky program will go a long way toward luring other recruits to the UK program.

The first reason is because Chapman is the finest prep guard in the country. Recruiting superscout Rick Bolus calls him the finest guard this state has ever produced. That's a heavy statement folks, but UK fans, no doubt love such an evaluation. Add an "amen" from Sutton.

Now, Sutton and his staff must concentrate on other recruits to go with Chapman and Hanson.

At the top of the list are such standouts as Michigan's Terry Mills, Oklahoma's Kevin Pritchard, South Carolina's James Munlyn and Ricky Jones, Georgia's Derrick Miller. There are others, but those were the most likely to sign this week.

Many believed UK would automatically sign Mills and Pritchard. Mills has been high on Kentucky's list for the past three years, but Michigan came on strong this past spring and summer. Rumors were rampant in recent weeks that he would sign with Michigan on the first day of the signing period last week. He had not signed as of Sunday. Some reports said he would probably sign before the November period was over this week.

Mills has been ranked very high nationally ever since the beginning of his sophomore year at Romulus, Michigan. And he's been recruited by UK almost the entire period of time since then.

He was the consensus junior "Player of the Year" last season but has been sharing top billing with J. R. Reid of Virginia Beach, Virginia, this season. Michigan's Bill Frieder has really been in action, trying to keep the 6-10 superstar home.

Kentucky, on the other hand, is hoping to avert the situation which cost UK a recruit to Michigan two years ago when Gary Grant opted for the Wolverines. Because Mills did not sign on the first day last week, some experts believe that it might be a good indication that UK is still in the picture.

Others have been speculating over the past several days that Chapman's decision could affect Mills. That is, if Chapman chose Kentucky, then Mills, too, might sign with UK. Reportedly, Mills has been bombarded with people saying that UK is going on probation. If Chapman ignored such rumors and signed with UK, then Mills could see that the building of a powerful team is well underway in Lexington. Some even speculated that Mills' only reason for not signing on the first day is that he wanted to see if what Chapman's decision would be.

Kevin Pritchard, a guard out of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and considered one of the nation's top twenty guards by Street & Smith Yearbook, was expected to sign early with UK, but indications are that he now may not.

No one is talking, but the Kentucky staff is now faced with the task of selling Pritchard on the virtues of playing with Chapman, the nation's top guard. The same task will be faced when the Kentucky staff tries to sign a second and third guard this season. Such is the situation with Savannah, Georgia's Derrick Miller. Both are quality guards and UK desperately needs one or both. While Chapman was the No. 1 target, without question, today's game calls for at least three playing guards and four if you're smart.

Miller, however, supposedly is leaning toward John Thompson and Georgetown at the present time. Some claim he may wait til April to sign.

After this season, Kentucky will have the services of James Blackmon and Paul Andrews for one season and Ed Davender for two years. So if UK is to maintain adequate depth, the Cats need to sign at least two more guards.

Besides Mills, Kentucky is still hot after Ricky Jones, the 6-6 forward from Pendleton, South Carolina, rated as the nation's No. 11 player by superscout Bob Gibbons. He, reportedly, is leaning in the direction of Clemson although Kentucky, North Carolina State, Miami of Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina have made a pitch. Clemson, according to one source, will win Jones before the week is over.

For a center, Kentucky's future appears to be pointing in the direction of 6-11 James Munlyn of Aiken, South Carolina. He's ranked No. 72 in the nation by Gibbons. Munlyn visited North Carolina over the weekend, but some believe UK's hopes are slim at best with Georgia Tech holding the inside position over UNC, South Carolina and Kentucky.

While Kentucky won its biggest race of the year, it did lose out to Louisville for the signature of 7-1 Felton Spencer of Louisville Eastern. He inked early last week with Denny Crum's Cardinals. His decision to attend UL had been speculated almost unanimously for the past year although Sutton was quoted more than once, saying he would not throw in the towel until Spencer made his announcement. Spencer is ranked No. 27, nationally.

The other major signing in Kentucky last week was Ft. Thomas Highlands' Scott Draud who made good on his promise to attend Vanderbilt University next year.

If Saturday was a day of jubilation for the Kentucky basketball program, it was one of almost redemption for Jerry Claiborne's gridders.

For fifty-nine minutes and thirty-nine seconds, Kentucky was a 13-12 winner over No. 11 ranked Florida, but just as Georgia has masterminded the Gators over the years, Florida has enjoyed the same jinx over the Cats.

With just twenty-one ticks left on the clock, Florida kicked yet another field goal and sent the gutsy Wildcats home with a heart-breaking 15-13 loss, eliminating UK's chances for a third straight post season bowl.

A year ago, UK lost a chance to tie the highly-favored Gators when a late fourth quarter touchdown was called back on a penalty. Back in 1978 and again in 1980, UK lost two-point decisions on late field goals. Saturday was a repeat.

There was a difference, however. This time, Kentucky was a 17-point underdog and the Gators were coming off a disappointing 24-3 loss at the hands of Georgia. That loss knocked the then top-ranked Gators from a possible national championship. The experts said Florida would more than double the point-spread.

But give this Kentucky team credit. After the 31-24 upset loss to Vanderbilt a week earlier, the Wildcats were given up for dead. A team loaded with potential in August would do no

more than go through the motions in the season's final two games against Florida and Tennessee, some predicted.

Wrong!
Now, it's down to the season finale. Arch-rival Tennessee comes to town with perhaps the most important game in this series, as far as Tennessee is concerned.

For if the Volunteers of Johnny Majors can defeat Kentucky, the Vols will most likely be champions of the Southeastern Conference and earn a trip to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

Kentucky has plenty of inspiration going, too. The Wildcats can post their third straight winning season with a victory over the Vols. That's something a UK team hasn't done since the mid-fifties, almost thirty years ago. And the feat would be accomplished by whipping a great Tennessee team.

But the greater satisfaction would probably come from denying the Vols a SEC title and a trip to the Sugar Bowl, knowing the relationship between the two border state schools.

Tennessee will be without its all-star quarterback Tony Robinson but back-up Daryl Dickey (son of UT athletics director Doug Dickey) proved he's more than capable of leading the Vols to glory-land in directing the Vols to a decisive 34-14 win over Ole Miss Saturday.

Kentucky, too, could be without its star quarterback as junior Bill Ransdell went out of the game with a knee sprain in the fourth period against Florida. His availability probably won't be known until later in the week.

But forget all the injuries. Forget the records. Forget the bowl pictures. This is Kentucky vs. Tennessee, and don't bet the milk money on the outcome if you don't want the baby to go without supper.

It's been a season of peaks and valleys for the Big Blue, but Jerry Claiborne and his Cats will achieve a little piece of their preseason goals with a 17-14 win.

HITS AND MISSES . . . The annual SEC Basketball Media Days held in Lexington last week produced enough copy for the 130 or so reporters that they'll not have to interview anyone for the next couple months. It was like a two-day long soap opera with LSU coach Dale Brown preaching his gospel to anyone who would listen. But the best line of the mini-convention came from Tennessee's Don DeVoe who said he felt pretty good about his profession until he listened to Dale Brown's speech . . .

An estimated 1,000 or so Big Blue fans will be making the trip next week to Hawaii as Eddie Sutton's Cats play Chamaine and Hawaii next Tuesday and Wednesday. The Chamaine game will be televised back to Kentucky via WTQV-TV, Channel 36 in Lexington and WHAS-TV, Channel 11 in Louisville. Tip-off for the contest will be 9 p. m. Eastern Time. WTQV-TV sports director Kenny Rice will do the play-by-play. The UK-Hawaii contest will not be televised. It will be played at 12:30 a.m. Both games can be heard live over the UK Radio Network . . . Has the great shoe controversy traveled across the state borders? The sparkling new edition of the annual Southeastern

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Wildcat Coaches Impress Chapman Family

Rex Ends Suspense; Picks Big Blue

By Nick Nicholas

BASKETBALL HOTBED, KY — The speculation is over and the answer is clear. Rex Chapman has decided to don the blue and white of the University Of Kentucky.

In a press conference last Saturday morning at the Owensboro Executive-Inn Rivermont before close to 200 viewers on hand, Chapman narrowed his choice to one fortunate institution. But before announcing his intentions, the 6-foot-4½, All-State guard from Apollo High School had these words to say:

"Some people thought it was down to two or three schools. But I can say that all six schools were greatly considered up until yesterday when I made my decision. However, one school seemed to have everything that I was looking for — the whole package. That's why I decided to further my academics and athletics at the University of Kentucky."

When the words "University of Kentucky" echoed from Chapman's mouth, the crowd in . . . get this, the *Kentucky room*, let out a cheer that was probably heard throughout Lexington.

As well as the local media, representatives from Lexington, Louisville, Evansville and Bowling Green were in attendance to cover the event. Most of the crowd packed into the room were family, friends and fans of the popular Apollo phenom.

Thus, Rex Everett Chapman becomes the first Owensboro area player signed by UK since his father, former Daviess County All-State performer Wayne Chapman, took his talents to Lexington in 1963.

For Chapman, who averaged 27.5 points per game last season and is considered the top candidate for Kentucky's Mr. Basketball, the announcement ends a long, difficult process which heated up last March. A polite person and a cool competitor, the youngster had previously narrowed his selection to six. And up until Friday Louisville, Kentucky Wesleyan, Western Kentucky, North Carolina and Georgia Tech, along with Kentucky, were still in the running.

And if Chapman rated the finish of this wild race for his commitment it would have been closer than most people predicted.

Said Chapman, "They were all really close; like one or two points separated them."

For all six schools, Rex?

"Yes."

Much to the delight of Wildcat fans, however, Eddie Sutton and Co. won the services of whom many consider one of Kentucky's great all-time prepsters.

"I feel that Coach Sutton and his staff are really great people," said Chapman. "Just in the short time that I've known them I've really grown to like them a lot. The team members on Kentucky's team are really great people. . . I'm just happy that I can make this decision."

"I don't know of any three people — Coach Sutton, Coach (Leonard) Hamilton and Coach (James) Dickey — that are so loyal. Through all of this (recruiting process) they kept their word and haven't bothered me as much as some. It's great to know that you're going to a school that has the great tradition and people who care about you."

"I believe any kind of problems that I have, I can go to any of the three coaches; and no matter what it is they'll help me out with it."

Chapman's family and high school coach also had enormous praise for the new Wildcat boss.

"I was very impressed," said Apollo coach John Whitmer about Sutton. "He seemed to be a gentleman. He was concerned about Rex, his program and his family. He seemed to be a down-to-earth type person."

"I didn't notice him telling me anything that I felt was untrue. He made some commitments and kept them."

"He's a tremendous individual," said Wayne Chapman. "He's forthright, honest, and down-

to-earth. I look forward to my son playing under him."

When asked about Sutton's reaction to the announcement, Rex stated, "He was excited."

Playing either the 'one' or 'two' guard for Kentucky is not of high priority for the prep senior. Devoting hard work for his freshman campaign was more on his mind.

"Hopefully I can go in next fall and really work hard to where I can see some playing time my freshman year," indicated Chapman.

people has a lot to do with it. As a guard that's what you're kind of looking for."

UK's second commitment of the season can do it all — score, handle the ball, exceptional jumping ability, good defensive skills and more. You name it he can do it.

"I'm not showing any favoritism but I think he's about the best high school player I've ever seen," said Apollo backcourt mate Greg Baughn, who recently signed with Kentucky Wesleyan.



Rex Chapman

Asked if he liked UK's three-guard offense against the Czechoslovakia team, Chapman replied, "That was appealing."

Sutton's work with past Arkansas guards was also an influential factor in his decision. UK's first-year coach is known for teaching guards to play the tough man-to-man 'D'.

"He's got four or five guards in the NBA," Chapman noted. "The way he's worked with them and developed them defensively and as

Baughn should recognize talent when he sees it. Last season his Eagle team faced Louisville Seneca, which featured all-staters Tony Kimbro and Keith Williams, both of whom are freshmen on the UoL basketball team. Baughn was also a member of the state's junior all-star team that toured Europe.

"He does everything; he handles the ball, he shoots the ball and rebounds," Baughn said. "All-American is the word for him."

The Apollo head mentor feels Chapman will fit into Sutton's plans nicely.

"The fact that Coach Sutton started three guards the other night gives you an idea that he likes to run," Whitmer said. "And Rex likes to run because it helps his offense and helps his defense. He's got quick hands but he's also got quick feet."

"He can cover a lot of the floor."

Rumors had circulated throughout the state that Apollo's boywonder might takes his talents elsewhere because of the recent *Lexington Herald-Leader* allegations toward UK's program. Chapman, though, believes that the NCAA, due to when the alleged wrongdoings took place, will not issue a probation sentence to his future ball club.

"I don't really know a whole lot about what's really going on," Chapman said. "I just know that it doesn't have anything to do with the present UK coaching staff or the present team. It doesn't seem that anything can really happen."

His mother, Laura Chapman was a little more worried about the chances of Kentucky being put on probation. She, however, seems confident that everything will be alright.

"It was probably more of a consideration for Wayne and myself," said Laura Chapman. (However, Rex) talked with Coach Sutton, Coach Dickey and Coach Hamilton about this, extensively.

"We just really sort of came to the conclusion that we're going to put our faith in them (the coaching staff). We have, hopefully, great faith in the fairness of the NCAA. We felt like it (the H-L's allegations) was history. No one can perceive what is going to happen, but I think the pros of their situation far outweigh the cons."

"Basically, he felt like he would be happy in Lexington. With his grandmother (Mayme Hamby) there, he's looking forward to home cooked meals."

With Chapman's verbal commitment, Kentucky now has corralled two players for the 1986-87 season. Pulaski County's 6-7 forward Reggie Hanson has officially signed a letter of intent to attend UK. Hanson, who's only 17 years old, and Chapman are already good friends. Both also toured Europe with the Kentucky junior all-star team this past summer. And Chapman has nothing but praise for his future teammate.

"Reggie is really a great player," commented Chapman. "In my opinion I think he can be in the top 15 or 20 (players) in the nation."

"I talked to Reggie last night and told him that I was going to come. He was really happy. . . I think we're going to have a great career at Kentucky."

"He's crazy about Reggie," said Laura Chapman. "I don't know if they should be roommates, though. They've talked about that."

"They would be like the odd couple because. . . he (Hanson) is the neatest (person) and Rex is a slob," laughed his mother.

Hanson was not the only player Chapman called. Former Kentucky Mr. Basketball, Winston Bennett, was suddenly contacted Friday night by the Owensboro native.

"He called Winston last night (Friday)," noted Rex's mother. "Winston howled and he said, 'Well, we're going to have to wake up the ole parents.' This was about 2 (a.m.) in the morning. He (Bennett) said, 'I'm just so excited.'"

Attending and graduating from a state school, such as Kentucky, can benefit anyone who plans to earn an income in that state. Planning for the years to come is exactly what this young man has in mind.

"I hope after four years I'll be prepared to play in the NBA," Chapman said. "If I can't, I hope to work hard during the time I'm in school, to be prepared for 'after college'."

So, Kentucky it is. Last Saturday, however, took a long time in coming, not only for Rex but his whole family and friends.

During the press conference Chapman kidded with his sister, Jenny, that both telephone lines should now be free for use. Lately, she has had to go next door at times in order to use the phone.

According to Whitmer, one or both lines would usually start ringing at 6:30 a.m. and continued til midnight.

Making the early decision means there will be no more recruiters and less media attention. Rex can now devote his time to his senior year in helping his ball club defend its Third Region title.

Finally, the pressure is over.

"I thought he handled it very well," said his father, Wayne Chapman, who transferred to Western after one year at Kentucky. "A lot of his friends had a lot to do with that. He could always get with them, relax and get away from it."

The elder Chapman is in his initial year as the head coach of Kentucky Wesleyan.

"Once we set it in our schedule and handled things according to a schedule, then it was much easier," said the KWC coach.

"He's got to go there and live there for four years. It has got to be a place where he feels comfortable. He felt very comfortable when he visited there. He feels very comfortable with the players and the coaching staff and the city of Lexington. I think he made a wise choice."

When it came down to picking the college of his choice, Rex Chapman and his family carefully weighed all the factors involved. Nobody can ever say differently.

"I just sat down with my family and thought things over. I really thought about what I wanted during my four years in college and after that. I thought that Kentucky would be the place for me."

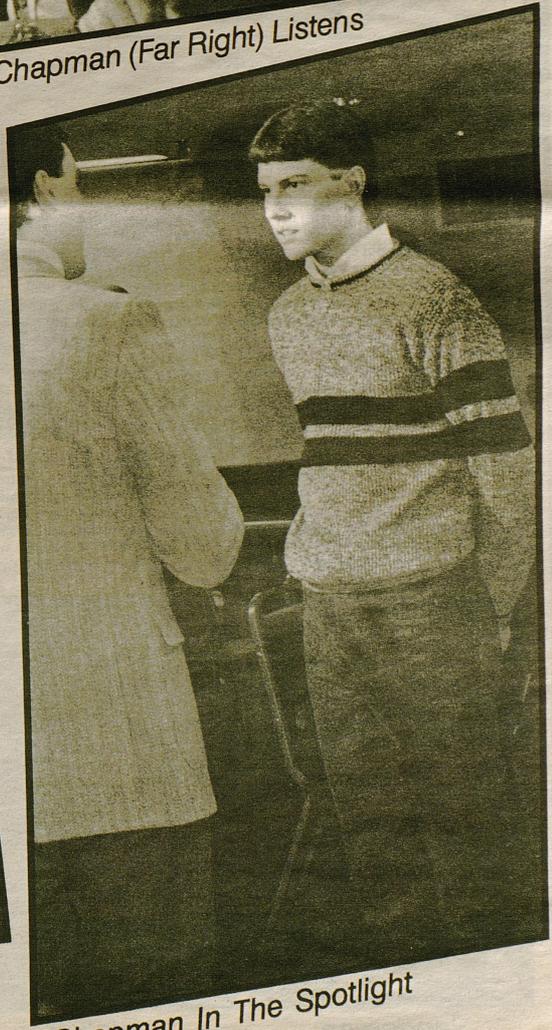
"I had to do what was best for me."
Rex, was there any one particular thing you were looking for?
"Just to be happy."



Rex's Mother, Laura Chapman (Far Right) Listens



John Whitmer



Chapman In The Spotlight

The Talk Was Interesting At SEC Media Days

Sutton Rates Davender Best Defensive Guard

The SEC's Media days at Lexington's Radisson Hotel last week featured a variety of episodes with each coach and the team's star player(s) telling what was on their minds.

Everything seems to be happening as the regular season is about to get underway for all 10 squads. There's new players, controversy, optimism, and most of all, hope. More or less the same old things, but to different schools with different circumstances.

To show you the many images of the conference, we're going to go back to last Wednesday and Thursday's interviews.

A Touching Moment — It was during the end of the regular season last year when a star athlete came into his coach's office, who was going to quit at the end of the campaign. Sonny Smith, who announced his retirement last season before changing his mind, reflected on a visit from Tiger forward Chuck Person. Apparently, Person stepped through the office doors holding the game ball after a recent win over Vanderbilt. The All-America performer had written Smith a message on the ball — "I love you."



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

"Chuck said, 'I'm giving you this gift to say thanks for staying,' Smith remembered. "I said, 'But Chuck, I'm not staying.'"

"He said, 'Yes you are, because I'm staying.'"

"Helluva reason to stay, I thought."

Controversy — Kentucky topped the list of SEC members, in regards to controversial questions (about the *Herald-Leader's* articles on the alleged allegations). But the ghosts of Tito Horford (formerly of LSU) and Cedric Henderson (formerly of Georgia) were still popular subjects among the media.

A Touchy Subject — LSU basketball coach Dale Brown on Tito Horford: "In the 11 months after he signed a contract (Houston) that was not valid, I never initiated a call or ever asked anyone to ever do it. And I never personally saw him."

Giving A Straight, But Unexpected Answer — C.M. Newton on the strength of the SEC: "Frankly, I didn't think the league was very good last year. I don't know what the rest of the coaches thought, but I've been in this league a lot of years and I didn't think it was that strong. I thought it was balanced. But I didn't think that there were the 'outstanding' one or two teams in the conference that this league has had in certain years. We may have that this year. There may be as many as three or four really, really good basketball teams, because of the experience. That's going to make it kind of fun and interesting."

About Illegal Recruiting Tactics — Georgia's Donald Hartry mentioned that three schools (none of which were Georgia) offered him money during his recruiting process. Hartry made it clear that he did not take the cash. He failed to name the offenders or how much money was involved. Said Hartry, "I was pretty much scared. Other guys could get away with it, but I always felt that I was the one who was gonna get caught."

"If I wasn't academically minded, I probably would have taken that route."

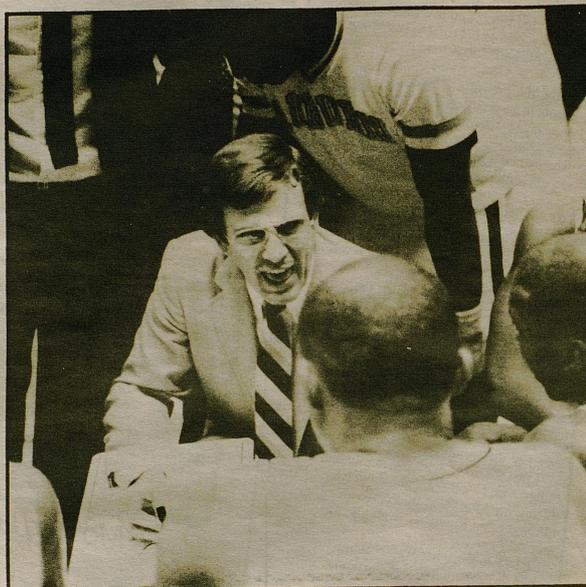
The New Kid In Town — Tennessee coach Don DeVoe on his prize catch, 6-11 freshman Doug Roth: "I think he's really a fine athlete. He started off a month ago weighing 260. He's probably down to about 252 now. I think he's just starting to pull himself together, in terms of conditioning. (For) big guys it takes longer. He's got a real soft set of hands. All of our intrasquad scrimmages have indicated that he'll shoot probably anywhere from 58 to 65 percent from the floor. He's not a shot blocker. He's going to be like most freshman in this conference — he'll struggle, but he'll help us a lot."



Sanderson



Walker



Auburn's Sonny Smith

Rehashing Past Events — Florida Gator forward Joe Lawrence talking about not getting an NCAA bid last season and the hopes of getting one this season: "We all thought that we should have gone to the NCAA tournament last year. We kind of thought we got robbed by Kentucky. There was a lot of bitterness in the team last year when we were watching the selection process on CBS and saw Kentucky come up. We knew that we weren't going to be in after they got picked. We feel like we should be in there again (in the hunt for an NCAA bid). I think (winning) 20 is the magic number for us because we don't have the tradition of say, Kentucky that can get in with 16 wins. If we can win 20 I think we should get in."

Comparing A Star With Another Star — Person comparing himself with "Sky" Walker: "I think inside the lane Kenny Walker is probably the better player. But outside 15 feet, I think Chuck Person has the edge."

Just Wanting To Have Fun — Walker on his senior season: "Mainly, I want to have more fun this year. I think that I've been taking basketball real seriously, like I should have. . . I just want to add that part back to it."

On The Road Again — Georgia's Joe Ward about playing away from home in the SEC: "We enjoy playing on the road, and we see a lot of people on the road. The gyms are more crowded than ours; we like to play with a full crowd (watching). That home-court advantage, hey, it doesn't bother us because we like playing on the road. We enjoy playing at home, too, because it gives you that extra incentive, like the 'sixth man.'"

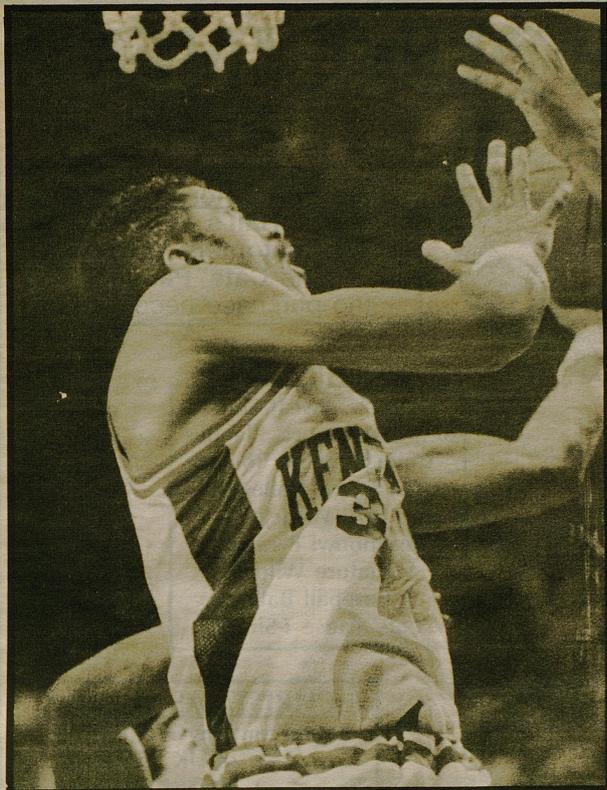
New Coach Giving A Somewhat Unexpected Answer — University of Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton talking about Ed Davender's defensive abilities: "I noticed yesterday the players in the conference voted on 'who would you consider to be the best defensive players.' I noticed Alabama's (Buck) Johnson and Tennessee's Jones were the two. . . but the best defensive guard in the league, by far, is Ed Davender. There's no comparison. That guy I'll guarantee you will have some of these clubs start their offense with their back against the glass. He is really tough."

A Little Crimson Tide Humor — Wimp Sanderson on the coaching box: "C.M. (Newton) likes it. . . he smokes a pipe and wears slippers. I can live in it. If I can just get to the edge and reach over, I can live with it. (There's) a story about Norm Ellenberger (former coach at New Mexico) and 'Bear' (Don Haskins head coach of Texas El Paso) at UTEP. Norm got all excited and got down in front of the UTEP bench. Then Haskins got up. He was all excited and he starts walking down and gets in front of the New Mexico bench. So, Norm sits on his bench and he (Haskins) sits on the other bench. So, Norm substitutes one of his players in. And then Bear substitutes one. I haven't gotten that bad, yet. It's been close."

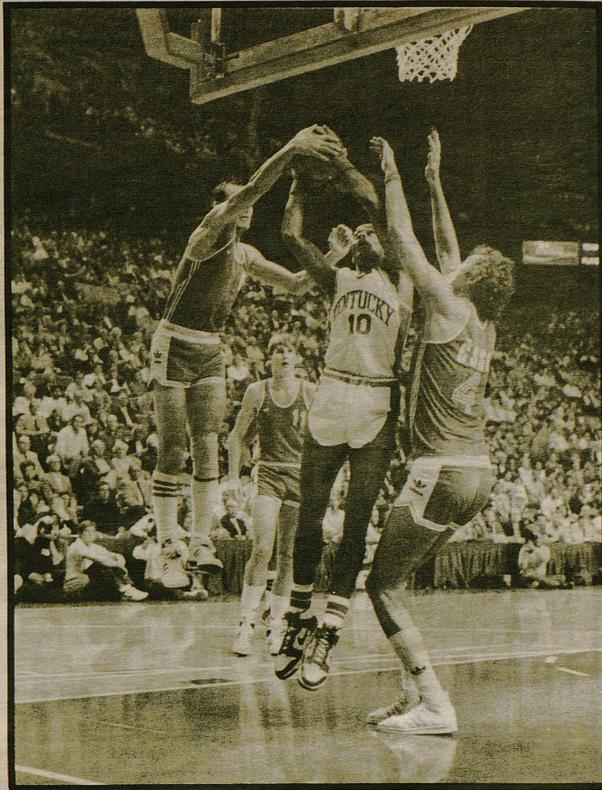
Auburn and LSU were picked to finish at the top of the SEC race this season by the media. Here's the order and the amount of first-place votes received by each team 1) Auburn, 19 votes; 2) LSU, 16 votes; 3) Kentucky, 5 votes; 4) Tennessee, 2 votes; 5) Alabama; 6) Georgia; 7) Florida; 8) Mississippi State; 9) Vanderbilt; and 10) Mississippi.

On the media's all-conference team were as followed: Kenny Walker, Kentucky (unanimous); Chuck Person, Auburn (unanimous); Buck Johnson, Alabama; Andrew Moten, Florida, and Tony White, Tennessee.

Walker and Person were also unanimous selections on the coaches' preseason All-SEC squad. Last season Walker led the league in scoring and rebounding, pumping in 22.9 ppg and grabbing 10.2 rebounds. Person finished last season netting 22.0 ppg and 8.9 rpg. Joining them were: Alabama's Johnson and Terry Coner, and LSU's Nikita Wilson.



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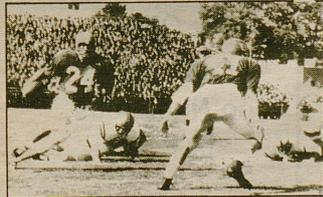
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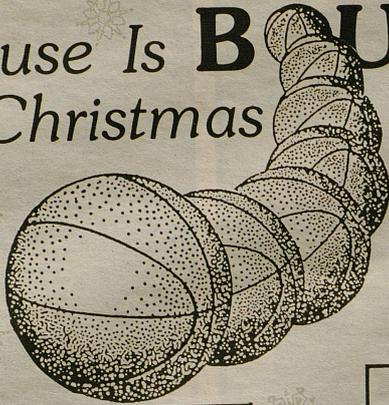
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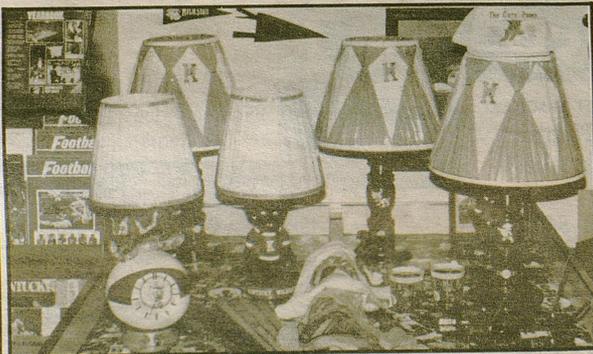
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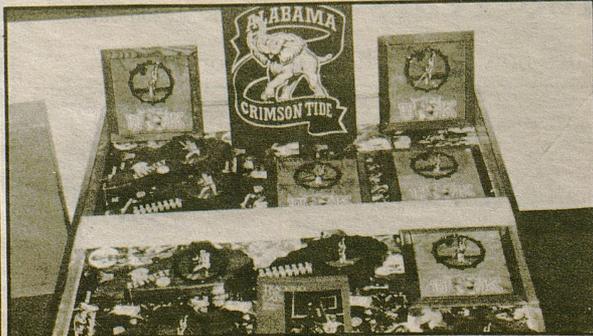
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Gators Crawl Past Wildcats, 15-13 On Last-Minute Field Goal

Sooo close, yet so far away!

That's what separated a monumental upset for the Kentucky's Wildcats Saturday in Gainesville, Florida, and sent Jerry Claiborne's Wildcats home with a 15-13 victory and hopes of a post season bowl tucked away in the history books.

But Kentucky came so close. Within twenty-one seconds of 13-12 upset which would have put the Wildcats back in the thick of the bowl picture, all UK had to do was to stop a Kerwin Bell-led scoring drive which started on the nine yard line.

But it wasn't to be.

The Florida offense moved with precision down the field, but it wasn't without anxious moments for the Gator faithful. A third down pass attempt almost cost Florida the opportunity needed to pull out the win.

With less than a minute remaining, Bell tried a halfback pass which was almost intercepted in the endzone by both Maurice Douglass and David Johnson. Either probably could have caught it, but each thought the other had the biggest interception of his life.

As Neil Anderson was being pursued in his backfield, he threw the ball up for grabs in the endzone, in the direction of Bell who was going downfield as a receiver after handing the ball off to Anderson.

Both Douglass and Johnson went after the ball.

"I thought, 'Oh boy, I'm getting this interception,'" said Douglass. Unfortunately, Johnson was thinking the same thing.

"Maurice looked at me and said, 'Did you catch it?' Johnson said. 'I was going to ask him the same thing.'" The ball rested freely on the artificial turf.

That made it fourth down with less than a half minute remaining and the kicker, Jeff Dawson, who had missed four of his last five attempts prior to the Kentucky game came on and kicked his third straight against the Wildcats, this time a 19-yard at 0:21 for the final score of 15-13.

It was the kind of game that Kentucky needed for the Cats to have a shot at the upset, much like the LSU game only the UK offense showed more firepower than it did in Baton Rouge.



Douglass



Johnson

A couple calls by the officials really upset Claiborne, including one which nullified a two-point conversion for UK. One official rushed up to the play and signalled the play good while another official in the endzone raced up and said the UK player (Mark Logan) was out of bounds when he caught the pass.

That play came after UK went up 13-12 with 11:39 left in the game. Reserve quarterback Dooley rolled right and spotted Logan in the right side of the endzone. Logan made the catch as he was hit and drove out-of-bounds by a Florida defensive back. UK players were celebrating when the official nearest the play signalled it good.

"We didn't get may calls," Claiborne added with a bruised chuckle. Earlier, Claiborne was visibly upset on a Florida pass reception in front of the Kentucky bench which appeared to be out of bounds.

It was a typical Florida game, one in which physical has its purest meaning. Known as one of the roughest teams in college football, the Gators were tagged with seven penalties for 58 yards including two 15-yard penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct late in the game and one Gator, Jarvis Williams, was ejected.

Florida coach Galen Hall said, "That's something Jarvis is not proud of and neither are we. We've told the players we're not pleased with personal fouls. It's a two-way street and sometimes there's reaction, but that's not our style of football."

Florida fans, meanwhile, kept a stiff upper lip, and taunted the Wildcats most of the afternoon and even after the game. As the Wildcats were leaving the field, some fans heckled the Wildcats, waving a \$20 bill at them, apparently referring to recent controversy about the Kentucky basketball program.

The win elevated Florida's record to 8-1-1 overall, as the Gators prepare for their season finale in two weeks against Florida State. Meanwhile, UK hopes to regroup and get ready for arch-rival Tennessee this Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium.

That game will kick-off at 12 noon and will be televised live over Superstation WTBS in Atlanta.



Claiborne



Hall

Still, defense was the name of the game, especially in the first half when Florida held a 6-0 lead, thanks to a pair of Dawson field goals. UK's offense was limited to little yardage, but a strong defense and mistake-free first half kept the Wildcats in the game.

Thanks to some excellent running by Ivy Joe Hunter, Kentucky took the lead in the third period on a 7-yard run which shocked the crowd of 73,672 as Hunter returned to his hometown to haunt the team which failed to sign him out of high school two years ago.

Kentucky's scoring march was short lived as the Gators roared back after the ensuing kick-off and reclaimed the lead when Bell hit Frankie Neal with a 45-yard scoring bomb as he raced by Douglass. That put Florida back on top 12-7 as the two-point conversion try failed.

Kentucky's second go-ahead touchdown came early in the fourth period after Douglass made up for his lapse with an interception and returned it 48 yards to the Florida 18.

By that time, Kevin Dooley was at the controls in place of Bill Ransdell who sustained a knee sprain. Four plays later, aided by a facemask penalty, Kentucky went on top 13-12 as Hunter scored from the four-yard-line.

Kentucky went for the two-point conversion, which had it been successful would have forced Florida to score a touchdown in the waning seconds, but it failed.

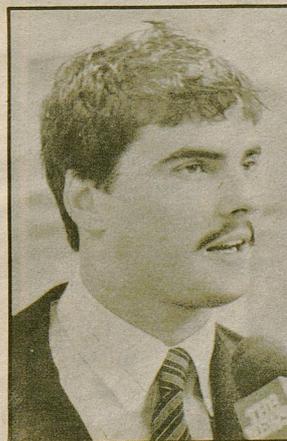
Florida's winning drive produced some great pass plays, the most crucial being Neal's leaping catch at the UK 20.

The play which almost worked in UK's favor had been one which Florida had been practicing as a two-point conversion try, but the Gators were in no position to use it the previous week against Georgia because Florida never scored a touchdown.

Anderson said he knew even before he threw the ball that it was a bad play. "I tried to stop throwing when I saw the defensive backs, but I couldn't stop," Anderson said. "We were fortunate they didn't intercept."

Bell said his coaches had been doubting the effectiveness of the play for the past two weeks, "now, they probably hate it."

"It's just a shame we didn't catch the throw-back pass. We played hard," said UK coach Jerry Claiborne, "all we had to do was make that catch and the game is over."



Ransdell



Dooley

Players Love Sight Of Opening Game

It's A Time When You're All Fired Up

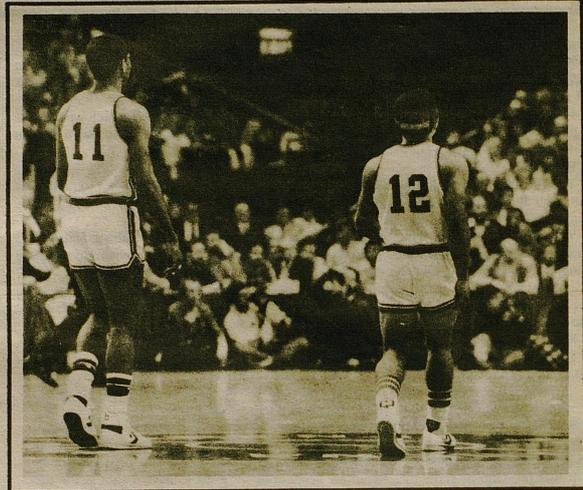
There is not a better feeling in the world than knowing that the first game is a couple of days away. You get tired of practicing against each other. You get the feeling that it's time to start getting the opponents.

The first game is the time that you really play the hardest. You're so fired up that you play with a lot of emotion and sometimes you forget certain assignments that you have been practicing on. That's all a part of the first game jitters, whether you are a veteran or a rookie you feel those jitters. If fans sometimes wonder why the first game doesn't always look good it's a combination of being too keyed up and a little scared.

When I talk about being scared, I don't mean that the team is frightened by the other team, it's just that you want to do so well in the first game because it could set the tone for the whole year. Not that if you play good or bad the first game, that is the way you will play all season.



Dicky Beal
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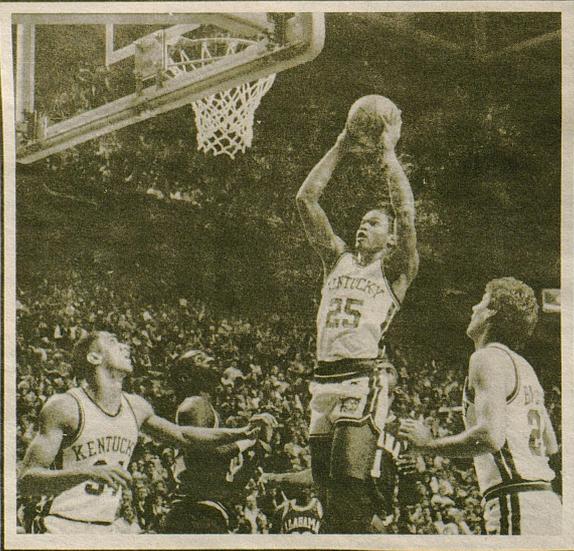
Beal And LeRoy Byrd

It's definitely a psychological advantage that you get off to a good start. It helps a player to feel like things will fall into place just like you want them to. Again everything won't always go right the first game but there is no feeling like getting out of the blocks early.

The pounding that each player takes out on each other at practice can now be put to use on other players. It feels good to play other teams, especially when you have been trying to prove to the coaches that you should be playing a lot of minutes. As the first couple of games get nearer you tend to bear down on each other in practice. The coaches definitely like the intensity, but it sometimes can hurt a team just a little when everyone is playing with such high emotion.

When the first ball is thrown up you feel like you are in practice. The first time a player goes across the lane he gets a really good body block. The type of body block that is given in practice, may not be acceptable in the game. As a result, a foul will be called. The type of man-to-man defense you play in practice might not be the type of defense that the officials let you play. The end result may be more fouls. Your offense may not run as smooth as you would like it to, this may be the result of the other teams defense or the lack of timing.

Now as a reader you might say to yourself what does he mean by the lack of timing? Well, practice and game situations are totally different. What you do in practice may very well and should carry into the game but remember we are talking about the first part of the season. Game situations are a little bit tougher to get a hold of. You want to get a steal so bad, but you don't think that you will commit a foul in the process. You don't feel out your opponent like you should. Before you know it you have committed a couple of fouls that could possibly put you on the bench early. All or some of the things may happen in a game but that is part of being in the first couple of games.



Bennett Will Provide Defense

Soon after you get settled down things start to fall into place. Kenny Walker will be scoring at will. Winston Bennett will play superb defense and rebound well. Roger Harden will run the show and everything will be clicking on the Cats offense and defense. It's just a matter of time before things really start to work well for a good team. You want the team to be playing well but you don't want the team to be at the top of its game. Teams that peak too early sometimes don't go to the Final Four. My junior year was a prime example. We played so well in the first part of the season, including taking it to Villanova pretty good. We peaked at a time where it didn't matter that much. Sure you want to win your games but if we could have saved those type of exhibitions for the tournament, we could have gone a long way. Now, you might say how can you get your team to be in the right frame of mind? How can you know when your team is at its peak? Or when can you stop your team from playing so well early and then faltering at the end of the season? If I could or if anybody could answer those questions, our team would probably win the title every year but there is not a clear cut answer.

The team has to flow as the season goes. No one can feel how well the team is feeling better than the team itself. The teams that peak at tournament time are the teams that will be in the Final Four.

No matter where you are ranked, because of the balance in college basketball you can be beat at any place, at any given time, on any night. Let's hope this years team plays well all year long. Let's hope they win the S.E.C. titles and be ready for the tournament. Most of all let's hope that this years team can and will be at the top of their game around tournament time. If this years team can be ready for the tournament I think they will bring home the national championship.

As we sit around talking about players and who can do this and that, there is one name that is mentioned but not mentioned enough. That name is Leroy Bryd. The guy is lightning in a bottle, can steal the ball from any guard or player in the country and what most people don't know, he can really fill it up from the outside. Unfortunately for him from an individual standpoint when you have players like Walker, Blackmon, Bennett, Madison, Davender etc. you have to go to those type of players for production. People say that his height hurts him. I say that is not justified because basketball is a team game. Besides it's the heart that counts not the size of the players. Sure you need a little height but in Byrd's situation he could do more than an adequate job if given the opportunity. He has the respect of all the players, now let's hope that he proves to the coaching staff that he can do the job. I personally feel that Leroy can run the team just as well as any other guard on the team. Not to say that those guys don't do a good job, because they do a great job, but Leroy is one of those players who have the ability to be just as effective as anyone else.

In high school everyone was scared to bring the ball up the court against him because of his ability to steal the ball. What may have been his weakness in the past (shooting) is not anymore. The past two summers he really has improved his jumper a lot. Again, it's not that he couldn't shoot the jumper, it's just that if you are use to always passing the ball and never really get the opportunity to shoot the ball, people will say that you can't fill it up. Believe me I know how Leroy feels.

People thought I couldn't shoot the ball but my main function was to get the ball to Bowie, Turpin, Walker and Master. Those guys shot the ball a lot more times than I did but they are supposed to shoot the ball. They are the scorers so they are supposed to take more shots. Leroy is in that same situation. He has the ability to be so effective but the players that he has on his team are so tough at what they do, that he doesn't get the opportunity that he deserves.

I think if Bryd had the opportunity that Harden or Davender has he would perform well. It would not surprise me to see him steal the ball or give out an exciting assist or shoot the long jumper. He has been doing that since he arrived at UK. This guy can play the game. If you don't believe me ask a guy like Walker or Blackmon or Davender. They will tell you how tough Bryd can be. When they do tell you how tough he is, they will really mean it.

Sutton's Comments

Following are Coach Eddie Sutton's postgame comments after his team defeated Czechoslovakia in an exhibition contest last Thursday evening at Rupp Arena:

Question: Your comments on the game?
 Sutton: I thought all three (Ed Davender, James Blackmon and Roger Harden) played outstanding tonight. All five starters did a great job. The three guards scored 40 points, (the ones) I had in the lineup to begin the ball game. But it wasn't so many points that they scored off the offense (that Sutton was impressed by), it was how many points we got off the defense. Before the ball game I put five keys up on the board. I told the team normally you'll see that first one up there — good solid defense. These guys played with it like I knew they were capable of. It reminded me of some of the guys that I had coached in the past. I've said that as soon as these guys learn how important defense is, with the quickness they have, that they will create a lot of havoc for the teams that we'll play this year. I was very proud of the ball club from that standpoint. I thought offensively we were sluggish at times. We were inconsistent. We probably didn't score as many points off our offense as we should have. We scored a lot of points off our defense. We shot free throws well, our shot selection was good, and we didn't have that many turnovers. I thought we rebounded well. I was happy to get to play everybody. I'll say this about Ed (Davender), I've had some great defensive guards, but he has a chance to be as good as anyone I've ever coached. I think he is the best defensive guard in college basketball right now. He creates a lot of problems. James (Blackmon) . . . with his great athletic talents he's able to help 'double up' on the ball and create a lot of turmoil on the part of the other ball club. You know how I love guards, and I like these guys (Davender and Blackmon standing next to Sutton) right here, I tell you.

Sutton: I thought we had some defensive breakdowns. We'll learn a lot from looking at the films. We made some great plays. But we certainly did have some defensive breakdowns where maybe one person would make a mistake and another guy would come up and give some help. . . That happened two or three times when I took the whole ball club out. It happened a couple of times late. I took 'em out and told 'em it's a matter of teaching, and I put 'em back in the game.

Question: What about the team's performance?

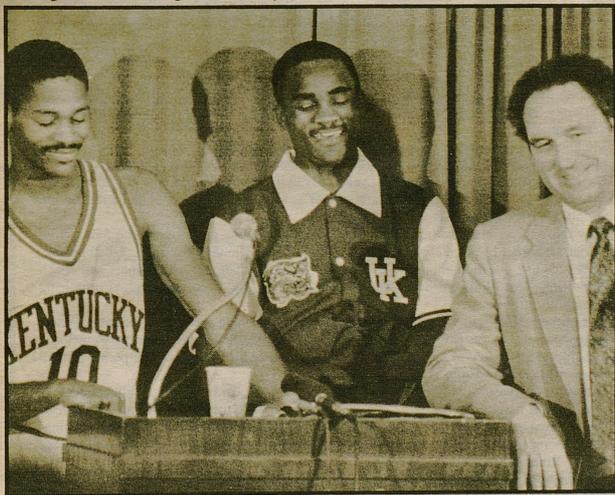
Sutton: Well, for this early I think we've made a lot of progress, defensively. We've got enough fire-power that we can score points. Defense is the thing that will be the stabilizer. I like the way some of our younger players played, but again, they were inconsistent. They'll just have to become more consistent if they want to get playing time. This is not a good indication because the teams we'll be playing from now on will be better than this ball club (Czechoslovakia). But I told the squad, and I believe this sincerely, if a guy will play hard and not make mental mistakes then this team will be okay. . . This team can win a lot of basketball games. They'll play hard because they're great young men.

What about Czechoslovakia?

Sutton: In defense of their ball club, they had to be a little tired. We played a lot of people and wore them down. When you wear people down fatigue sets in and that's when a lot of mistakes are made. We played in spurts in times where we would get three or four baskets off our defense. They were tired. Anybody that played their schedule has to be tired.

What about the three-guard offense?

Sutton: I think we can play three guards against a lot of ball clubs. There are going to be some teams that have size and we won't be



James & Ed After Sutton's Rupp Debut

Coach, do you feel Blackmon is now ready to live up to his expected ability?

Sutton: I think he's an outstanding guard. Last year there were a lot of reasons for it; he was injured. Anytime you have an injury you never know how it's going to hurt you psychologically, and a certain point physically. These guys last year didn't shoot the ball very well and you can lose confidence very easily. James Blackmon is a great athlete and an outstanding basketball player. I'm looking forward to coaching him for two years and the guy next to him (Davender) for three.

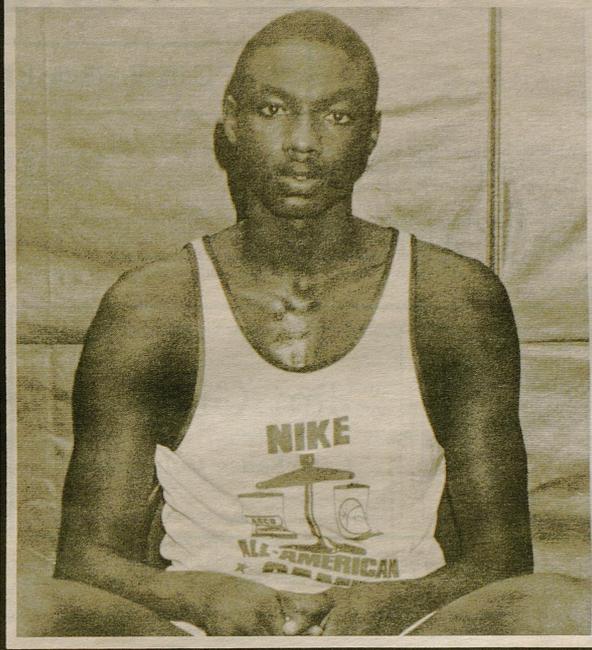
Question: With a large margin of victory, could you really tell if you were doing the right things?

able to do that. It won't make any difference. These three guys probably at the end of the season will have about the same amount of playing time. They can't go out and play 40-minute games the way we play defense. It's impossible.

Question: What were you thinking when you were introduced to the crowd of 22,000-plus?

Sutton: I didn't sleep last night thinking about that. I told the story before that I lived for the day to play the first ball game in Rupp and coach the team. I've thought about ever since April 2nd, when Villanova and Georgetown played that great game here in Rupp Arena. I thought the one great thrill will be to sit on the bench and have all those fans cheering for the Wildcats. So, I have looked forward to that moment.

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Preseason Polls Tab Michigan No. 1

Cats Predicted As High As No. 9

While the new-found sport of Kentucky Bashing continues along its merry way locally, area fans shouldn't lose track of the coming season.

Kentucky fans will have to admit that 1985-86 could be one of the most entertaining seasons in a long time.

With returning all-American Kenny Walker, a bevy of players with still untapped potential throughout the rest of the team, plus the new approach possible under first-year coach Eddie Sutton, anybody's guess about UK's outcome is as good as the next guy's.

Apparently, anybody's guess about the college game's national champion is as good as the next guy's, too.



Jim Griesch

Cats' Pause Columnist

We've taken nine pre-season publications' predicted Top 20 standings, and found that Michigan is the predicted national champion, while Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Syracuse, and Illinois all rate strongly.

Giving each top-rated spot 20 points, and reversing the point totals for 2 through 20, to 19 to 1 points, we've come up with a total of 168 points for Michigan, with three publications tabbing them Number One.

Oddly, Georgia Tech was top-rated in four publications, but was selected only 14th by Hoop Magazine.

The other eight magazines consulted were: Dick Vitale's Basketball, Basketball Digest, Game Plan, Sporting News, Sport, Inside Sports, Basketball Scene, and Street and Smith's. Michigan was the top choice of Dick Vitale, Hoop, and Basketball Scene; Georgia Tech was selected first by Sport, Inside Sports (with retired DePaul coach Ray Meyer making the selections), Sporting News, and Street and Smith's.

The other first place votes went to North Carolina (Game Plan), and Syracuse (Basketball Digest).

Kentucky is a Number 12 selection according to a composite picture. The Wildcats were picked as high as ninth (Game Plan), 12th by both Dick Vitale and Basketball Digest, but was unranked by Basketball Scene and Street and Smith's.

Oddly enough, Oklahoma, selected as Number 11, just ahead of UK, was the highest-ranked team to be left off any magazine's Top 20. Only Basketball Digest failed to rank them.

Of course, the Composite top 10 appeared with regularity in all of the nine publications. But, just where individual teams were ranked is a puzzle. We've already mentioned that Georgia Tech was ranked anywhere from first to 14th.

Michigan, on the other hand, is nowhere lower than fifth in any publication. That consistency is what gives the Wolverines the voting edge, since they outpolled Georgia Tech by only nine points.

North Carolina, too, is ranked no lower than sixth, but was second twice, third twice. For a complete rundown on who was voted where, consult the accompanying charts.

Other teams of interest to Cats' Pause readers include half of the Southeastern Conference, Louisville, and several Big Ten teams besides Michigan.

First, in the SEC:
Auburn is a composite choice for 10th, while Louisiana State is 13th, Georgia is 23rd, Tennessee is tied for 28th, and Alabama is 33rd. No other conference teams were even mentioned.

Louisville is tied for eighth with Kansas in the Composite Top 20. (Kansas is Cats' Pause's choice for the national championship. Check the standings in the annual yearbook, coming out this week.)

From the Big Ten, Illinois is rated fifth, and Indiana is 31st.
In any guessing game such as found in these pre-season magazines, some are printed early, and late breaking news items are not factored into those ratings.

Such is the case in the SEC, with both Louisiana State and Georgia affected by roster adjustments.

Some magazines this fall had 7-1 freshman center Tito Horford headed for the University of Houston. Others had him placed at LSU, which was correct until the first weekend this month. Horford supposedly could have been the missing piece in coach Dale Brown's puzzling defending conference champs.

Georgia, of course, lost sophomore center Cedric Henderson to the Italian professional leagues, where he lasted less than two weeks. Of course, Henderson's whole career at Georgia was a stormy one, as Horford's promised to be at LSU before he was dismissed by Brown.

Some publications had LSU ahead of Auburn. With all that has happened, I'd think you would want to adjust both LSU and Georgia downward in the national polls. However, both teams had many returning players who were keys to their 1-2 SEC finish of 1985.

Auburn, of course, captured the South's imaginations and hearts with its SEC tournament championship and strong NCAA play last spring. That they are thought of highly this year should be no surprise. With the entire team returning, plus three highly touted recruits moving in, Auburn deserves to be highly regarded.

Probably no other team in the country had a coach, Sonny Smith, announced his retirement before the end of the season, then see his team refuse to lose for him until they'd reached the regional semi-finals in NCAA play in March.

That changed Smith's mind. He's back. For years, he'd been considered one of the friendlier coaches in the SEC, and one quick with a cute word to print. Now, he's being considered a top coach, too.

Kentucky, by the way, may be the biggest mystery team in the SEC.

One small note on UK here. In the past 10 years or so, when the pre-season magazines have rated UK strongly, such as within the top five or six, UK is usually very good.

But, whenever UK is ranked down in an area between 15 and 20, or they are unranked, the teams have not fared that well.

In years when they have been ranked between, say, ninth and 15th, UK has tended to fall below those expectations.

That's one of the nice parts of this year's mystery. With a new coach, the track record could change. Whether that change is a plus, or a minus, remains to be seen.

Louisville, of course, has one of the worst records of any of this year's choices during his 19-18 campaign. Coach Denny Crum continually cited his injury situation during his 19-18 campaign.

The high ranking for the Cards this year, certainly, take the injuries, especially 6-5 guard Milt Wagner's foot, into consideration.

With Wagner back, and the largest group of freshman in any team's plans, U of L is being considered as was UK of 1983-84.

That UK team had 7-1 forward Sam Bowie back after two years on the bench with a leg problem.

How much of an improvement U of L makes, perhaps, will hinge as much on the frosh contributing at certain positions, as it will on Wagner.

Since Crum virtually ran off 6-11 starting center Barry Sumpter this summer with a grade problem, 6-10 frosh Purvis Ellison has been placed in the spotlight. Forwards such as Tony Kimbro and Kenny Payne will have to make heavy contributions.

Perhaps there are some strange selections among the nine magazines.

Dick Vitale and Ray Meyer, with their years of coaching experience, seem to have legitimate advantages in picking their own Top 20s.

But, each could harbor some old feelings from their days on the bench. Neither is being accused here, but certainly, each would have much more knowledge of teams from the midwest, since that's where they coached (Detroit and DePaul, respectively).

Then, some choices make you wonder.

Game Plan, which features the heaviest amount of gambling advertisement, seems to be settled in with old, reliable names.

Street and Smith's, perhaps the most respected pre-season magazine, also goes heavily with name teams.

It is Hoop Magazine which has the most unusual selections. Hoop goes with Syracuse, which should be a legitimate contender for Number One, as its top pick.

But, from here, Hoop varies greatly with its prognosticating brothers. After Syracuse, Hoop picks Auburn (the league's best individual choice) second, and Washington of the Pac 10 third. Washington, on the strength of that third place selection, finds itself in a three-way tie for 14th in our Composite Top 20 (with Memphis State and Notre Dame).

Of much interest to UK fans, also, will be watching other teams placed under the burden of high pre-season expectations.

By that, we mean teams that are name teams, but usually not quite so highly ranked as a one-through-five team year in, year out.

Among that group come both Michigan and Georgia Tech.

Certainly, such a question concerning either of these teams is not a cut, merely an observation.

Michigan was on top of the world last year, and returns all five starters. However, they struggled so much in the NCAA, winning sloppily, then losing to eventual champion Villanova.

Georgia Tech, too, played so well last year, only to lose to eventual runner-up Georgetown in the East finals. Tech returns four starters, and as many as three have been mentioned on some all-America check lists for 1985-86.

How those three, guards Mark Price and Bruce Dalrymple, and center John Salley hold up under the burden of "high expectations" will go a long way toward determining their season.

If there is any question about the burden of "high expectations," ask Illinois and coach Lou Henson. The Illini returned a pat hand in 1984-85, and even added some promising freshmen and transfers.

Part of their "high expectations" in 1984-85 came from nice success the year before. Of course, some of that was from two close losses to UK's 1983-84 Final Four team. Remember the two-point UK win on Christmas Eve in Champaigne, Ill., and the three-point regional championship win in Rupp Arena.

For whatever reasons, such as inconsistency, a backache, and the mental adjustments required, Illinois never quite lived up to what was expected, and they certainly had a good year.

Georgetown may have been written off by a lot of selectors, but they could bear watching.

John Thompson's team just missed immortality in Rupp Arena last April when they were upset by Villanova.

Had they won, it would have been two in a row for Patrick Ewing and the rough-playing Hoyas. They would also have been 36-2 on the year. That record would have been a half game better than UK's 1948 Fabulous Five, who were 36-3 in their first championship season.

Those 36 wins still stand as the most ever by a national championship team.

With a lot of that talent back, Georgetown should be a major factor. So should North Carolina, with all the important people back, plus some good freshmen.

Kansas got very little respect from the magazines this fall. But, Larry Brown returns his entire starting team, lost just one substitute point guard, and added two highly touted newcomers.

Supposedly, point guard is his weakness. But, any team with 6-10 sophomore whiz Danny Manning, plus three starting seniors, has to be watched. Brown's been through the NCAA experience before, and his seniors know how to win.

With all of that, the question remains:

Who will be Number One in the spring.

The safe money says those schools we've mentioned.

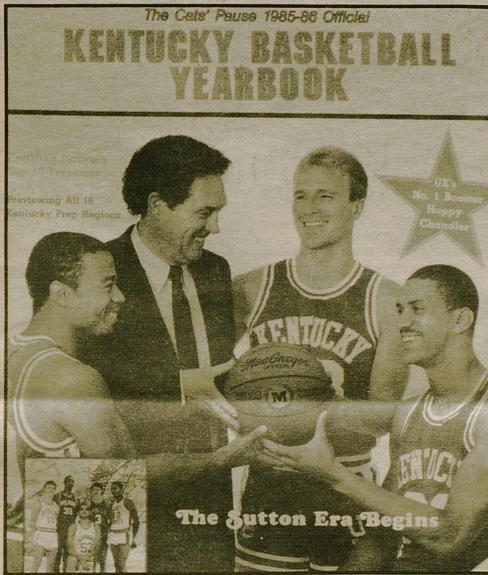
But, is there another Villanova out there somewhere, lurking just behind the darkness at some goal, waiting to slam dunk the college basketball world?

Auburn? UNLV, Pepperdine, Oklahoma (with Waymon Tisdale gone to the pros, no one

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The Bottom Line On Wildcat Basketball

"New Look" Wildcats Crush Czechs

Giving Wildcat fans a new look, Kentucky and its three-guard offense walloped Czechoslovakia, 98-52 before 22,569 fans at Rupp Arena.

The game was an exhibition tune-up for UK's home-opener this Friday against Northwestern State (La.).

"I thought all three (Ed Davender, James Blackmon and Roger Harden) played outstanding tonight," said first-year UK coach Eddie Sutton. "All five starters did a great job. The three guards scored 40 points (actually 43). . . it wasn't so many points that they scored off the offense, it was how many points we got off the defense.

UK's initial trio committed only five turnovers on the night. Harden, one of only three seniors on UK's squad, was a perfect six for six from the field, including one three-point goal.

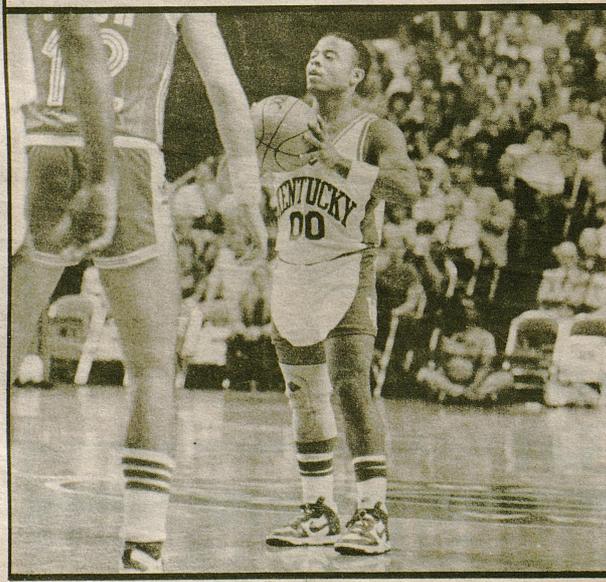
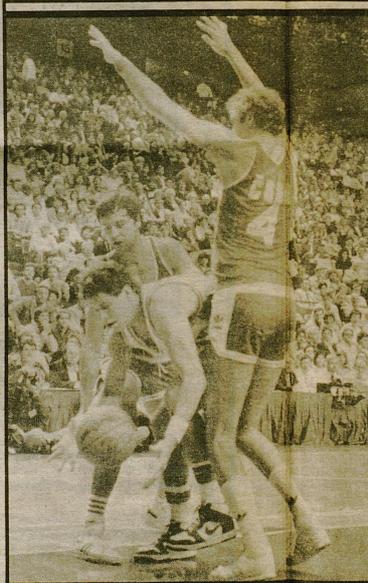
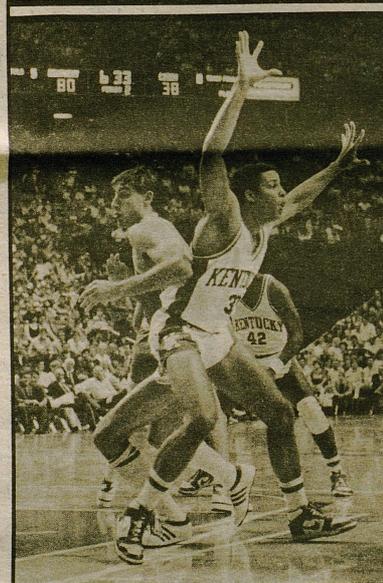
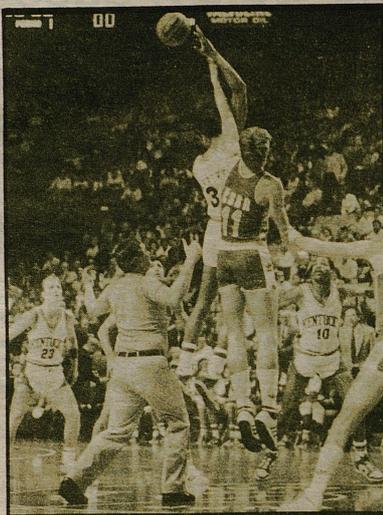
All in all UK's starting guards connected on 18 of 21 attempts. The Wildcats' fierce man-to-man defense forced 18 Czechs' turnovers. Kentucky was led by All-American forward Kenny Walker. The 6-8 senior 21 points and snared five rebounds in 27 minutes of action. "Sky" also blocked two shots, including an awesome "in your face" rejection of seven-footer, Skala in the first half.

Following Walker's leading totals were Sutton's three-starting guards. Blackmon, Davender and Harden netted 16, 14 and 13 points, respectively. Kentucky's other starter, forward Winston Bennett, also tallied 13, along with a team-high seven rebounds.

With the loss Czechoslovakia dropped to 2-5 on its tour. The Czechs' coach, Pavel Petera, said that Kentucky and Kansas were the two best teams he had faced so far.

"Maybe Kentucky the best," noted Petera. "Kentucky and Kansas. "This team played us very good." Not only defense, offense and defense. Probably Kentucky the best."

All 12 Wildcats played and only freshman Irving Thomas failed to score. The home team was nearly flawless from the charity strip as UK drilled in 23 of 27 attempts. Zdenik Boehm led his team on the night with 13 points. Jaroslav Skala tied Bennett for game-high honors in the rebounding category, pulling down seven.



UK DEFENSE COMPLIMENTS OFFENSE

Offensively struggling in the first five minutes of the contest, Kentucky began to click with the help of Walker and Blackmon.

Holding only an 8-6 advantage, Walker, facing the basket, connected on a 15-footer for his first basket of the contest. Following two free throws by Davender, Blackmon picked off a Czechs' pass at midcourt and raced in for the layup.

Kentucky now led 14-6, and was in control for the rest of the night.

Blackmon, who scored 10 of his 16 points in the first half, seemed to be really on his game.

"I have to thank Coach Sutton for that," mentioned Blackmon, "because he's a great coach and he's always telling me to keep confidence in my shots."

For the night Blackmon had three thefts, followed by Bennett (2), Walker (1), Davender (1) and Thomas (1).

UK finished the night hitting on 37 of 67 shots from the field (56.9 percent), while its opponents drilled in only 23 of 55 attempts (41.8).

"For this early I think we've made a lot of progress, defensively," Sutton said. "We've got enough fire-power that we can score points. Defense is the thing that will be the stabilizer.

"In defense of their ball club, they had to be a little tired. . . anybody that plays their schedule has to be tired."

Czechoslovakia has already played in such cities as Nashville (Vanderbilt), East Lansing (Michigan State), Madison (Wisconsin) and Lawrence (Kansas).

"This is not a good indication, said Sutton, "because the teams we'll be playing from now on will be better than this ball club (Czechs')."



Czechoslovakian National Team, 98-52

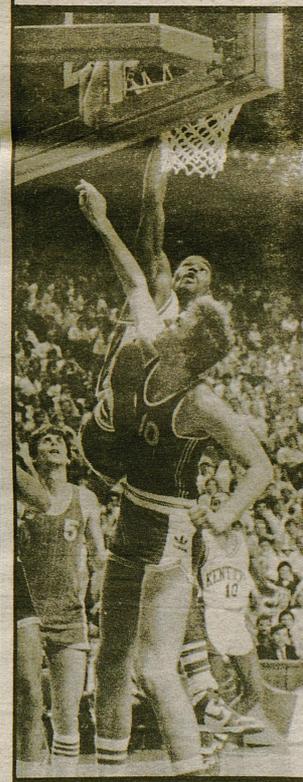
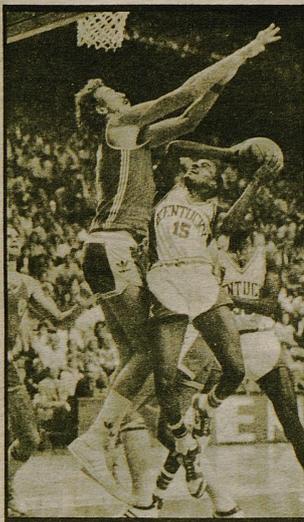
IN SECOND STANZA UK Poured IT ON

While leading 43-25 at halftime, Kentucky continued to make things miserable for its foreign visitors.

Starting the second half Bennett and Walker were difficult to handle underneath the basket. During an 18-7 spurt Walker hit on shots, ranging from an 11-footer to a tomahawk jam. Bennett helped the Cats increase their insurmountable lead by connecting on a four- and two-footer, and two free throws.

By the time the 13:25 mark lit up on the Rupp Area scoreboards, UK had a comfortable 63-32 advantage.

The play of the game, which brought the crowd to its feet, came with the host leading, 70-38. Bennett deflected a Czechs' pass. . . picked it up and passed the ball near the left baseline to 5-5 Leroy Byrd. Byrd immediately lofted a pass to Harden, who caught and shot a four-footer all while in mid-air.



KENTUCKY CENTERS WERE EFFECTIVE

Even though they did not start, UK's two centers contributed greatly to the enormous final margin.

Sophomore Cedric Jenkins showed that he could be aggressive against the Czech's seven-footer, Jaroslav Skala. Jenkins scored seven points and pulled down five rebounds. He even dished out a fancy assist underneath to Paul Andrews to widen UK's lead, 27-15.

Robert Lock also had a fine performance before suffering from a foot injury (a sprained arch) midway through the second half. Lock finished the evening with five points on two of five from the field and one of one from the charity line.

The Monday following the game trainer Walt McCombs said that Lock is practicing with the squad and will be ready for Friday night's game.

Depth Chart

Tennessee Offense

QB
11 Daryl Dickey
19 Jeff Francis
17 Greg Hargis

FB
28 Keith Davis
36 Pete Panuska
21 Jeff Powell

TB
35 William Howard
32 Charles Wilson
43 Sam Henderson

P
Bob Garmon

K
92 Carlos Reveiz
41 Bob Garmon

WR
88 Tim McGee
87 Joey Clinkscales
18 Troy Hale

TE
81 Jeff Smith
89 Tim Hendrix
3 Nate Middlebrooks

RG
75 John Bruhin
60 Tony Williams

LG
76 Harry Galbreath
74 Brian Hunt

SE
27 Eric Swanson
9 Vince Carter
83 Sam Graddy

RT
68 Bruce Wilkerson
63 Phil Stuart

C
66 Todd Kirk
50 Johnny Hibbett
72 Ray Robinson

LT
57 Daryle Smith
67 Kevin Simons

Kentucky Offense

QB
9 Bill Ransdell
18 Kevin Dooley
17 Tim Jones
12 Bill Allen

FB
44 Chris Derry
29 Tom Wheary
42 John Groves

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16 Jay Tesar
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81 Matt Lucas
87 Martin Pennington

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65 Joe Prince
73 Butch Wilburn

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57 Dermontti Dawson
64 Joe David Turner

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19 Cisco Bryant
89 Mark Sellers

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77 Tom Richey
72 Sam Rotella
75 Mike Jones

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61 Ken Lange
51 Conrad Carney

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76 Vernon Johnson
67 Bruce Bozick
62 Bo Saith

Kentucky Defense

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11 Carmichael Caldwell
8 Ron Mack

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6 Russell Hairston
13 Gary Sexton
30 Eric Haas

RH
3 Tony Hayes
24 David Johnson
11 Carmichael Caldwell

MLB
53 Jeff Kroner
45 Chris Chenault
95 Parry Barnes

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88 Guy Neal

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91 John Shannon
94 Mike Velotta

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96 Jon Dumbauld
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86 Greg Kunkel

Tennessee Defense

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7 Chris White

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16 Tommy Sims
39 Tim Welch

RC
14 Terry Brown
8 Victor Peppers

LC
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86 Terry McDaniel

OLB
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82 Charles Kimbrough

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40 Lavoisier Fisher

ILB
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33 Keith DeLong

OLB
55 Bryan Kimbro
96 Tyrone Robinson

RT
59 Mark Hovanic
99 Anthony Howard

NC
98 Richard Brown
91 Mike Whitehead

LT
77 Richard Cooper
65 Robby Scott

Broyles Boycotts Beer-Sponsored Award

Cleaning Out The "Not For Broadcast" File

About once a year we clear out the "Not for Broadcast" file. This is the week. Here are most of the bits and pieces of trivia gathered, but as yet unused.

Only one SEC team has won 600 football games. That team is Alabama and they are in very select company. The 600 game winners include Penn State, Texas, Notre Dame, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Michigan, Yale, Harvard and Nebraska. Nebraska just made the list this season.

LSU's junior outside linebacker, Michael Brooks, has been nominated for the "Butkus" award presented by the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando, Florida. The award honors the nation's top collegiate linebacker and is named for Chicago Bears' all-time great, Dick Butkus. Brooks, who has been having a super year, has been called by LSU head coach Bill Arnberger, "the most complete linebacker in the country".



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

Speaking of the Butkus award, Frank Broyles, University of Arkansas Athletic Director, withdrew his school's linebackers from consideration for this honor. The grounds were that Butkus does commercials for Miller Lite Beer. We find that very interesting in view of the fact that the ABC College football telecasts, on which Broyles works as an analyst, are co-sponsored by Anheuser Busch, Stros and Coors. Does that mean if an Arkansas player can't take the Butkus award because of its faint relationship to a beer that Broyles can't accept a paycheck because of the direct association between college football, television and beer sponsors? We hardly think Broyles refuses his checks. How ridiculous!

Friday, December 13, there will be a special "Dinner of Champions" at Mississippi State honoring baseball coach Ron Polk. Already booked to appear are such big names as John Tudor, ace left hander of the St. Louis Cardinals, who was coached by Polk at Georgia Southern when the Bulldog mentor guided that team. In 1974-75; Jim Morrison, Pittsburgh Pirates infielder, who was an All-American for Coach Polk at Georgia Southern; Jack Lazorko of the Seattle Mariners who played for Polk at Mississippi State on the 1977 and '78 teams; and first baseman Will Clark, currently of the San Francisco Giants organization and winner of the Golden Spike award as the amateur player of the year in 1985. Other big names to attend will be Coach Ron Fraser of the Miami Hurricanes and Coach Mark Johnson, head coach at Texas A & M and formerly an assistant under Polk at State. Proceeds of the event go to benefit research against multiple sclerosis.

It appears Alabama's Ray Perkins and LSU's Bill Arnsparger are traveling the same path. Both were head coach of the New York pro Giants. Both are now leading SEC teams. And, of course, when they played recently, their teams finished tied, 14-14.

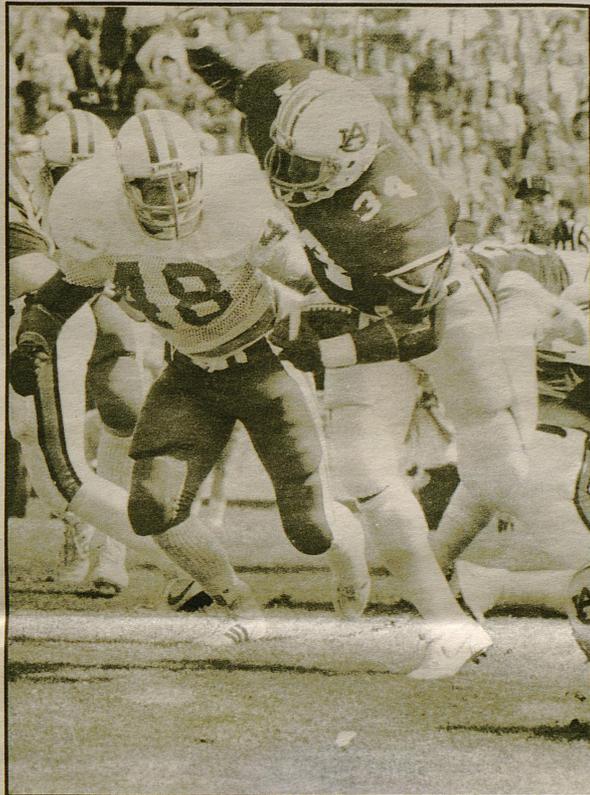
Auburn defensive end Neal Vinson has a roommate. Well, make that two roommates. One is Brent Gilbert. The other is a pet oak snake. Vinson calls the snake Barnabus and says he'll keep him as long as the snake lives. Barnabus is now 3 feet long and getting longer. Vinson says Barnabus will be six feet long when fully grown. Wonder what the future Mrs. Vinson, whomever she may be, will say about that.

Oskie Wow Wow? Since the time of General Neyland, Tennessee defenders have been yelping that phrase whenever a pass has been intercepted. What does it mean? The Vols aren't sure, either. "I don't know exactly what it means," says UT secondary coach Ron Zook. "Something about fighting Indians and circling the wagons".

In the Tennessee-Georgia Tech 6-6 tie game, Tech's linebacker Ted Roof was credited with an unbelievable 26 tackles. That's a full season's work for some players. The Tech defensive coordinator called it "as fine a performance by a linebacker as I've seen in 20 years." I can believe it.



State Baseball Coach Ron Polk



Bo Jackson

Bo Jackson has been asked repeatedly during the season if he has an insurance policy against injury. He has said he does, but he has declined to discuss it further saying it's a "personal matter." Recently he took a different approach. "Yes," he said, "I have an insurance policy — our offensive line."

Sam Henderson, Tennessee's 240 pound fullback had his torn up knee repaired with Gore-Tex fibers replacing the torn natural ligaments. The mechanical man?

The nearest rivalry, geographically, in the Southeastern conference is Alabama and Mississippi State. The two schools are only 88 miles apart.

When Kentucky appeared on TV this year against Georgia, it marked the second straight year the Wildcats had been on the tube back-to-back against LSU and the Bulldogs. Unfortunately for Kentucky they lost all four games, 36-10 to LSU and 37-7 to Georgia in 1984 and 10-0 against the Tigers and 26-6 to the Dogs in 1985.

Speaking of Georgia, their placekicker, Steve Crumley, is the only straight on kicker in the SEC.

Mississippi State offensive guard Rusty Brown is a native of Petal, Mississippi, home of Alabama head coach Ray Perkins. As a matter of fact, Brown, when a high school senior, won the Ray Perkins award given annually to the most valuable member of the Petal High football team and then promptly signed with the Bulldogs.

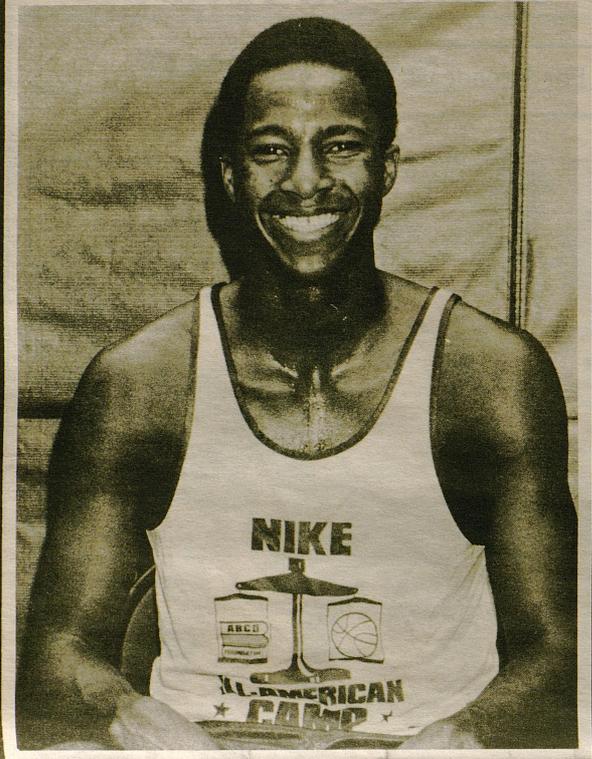
Alabama played Southern Mississippi in the next to the last game of the 1985 season. Then the Tide turns right around and plays the Golden Eagles in the first game of the 1986 campaign, meaning that two out of three Bama games from 1985 to 1986 will be against the same team. Southern will also open the 1987 season against the Tide.

Virginia Tech, like Tulane, is becoming a favorite SEC opponent. Tulane met five SEC opponents this season and has four on the schedule next year. Meanwhile, VPI has booked Vanderbilt for 1986 and '87; Kentucky also in 1986 and '87, and Florida in 1988. Virginia Tech played the Gators this year, too.

Shades of the Frank Broyles attitude we mentioned a few paragraphs ago. The Wilson Sporting Goods Company is making a new football for its college customers. It seems the NCAA has come up with a new rule prohibiting the use of balls with professional football league logos on them. College teams have been using footballs with "NFL" stamped on them. The new product, which will be the exact same size and weight and have the features as the ball presently used, will be called the Wilson "1001" but the name and stamping will be changed to comply with the new NCAA rule.

The last word. Kentucky basketball fan in a letter to the Lexington Herald-Leader after their story appeared about players taking money from boosters. "I feel like someone has told me Santa Claus was a PLO terrorist."

Meet A Blue-Chipper



Brian Oliver

No Weakness Here, As Oliver Does It All Well

BRIAN OLIVER, 6-3, 185 lbs., SR., 20.0 ppg., 10.0 rpg., Wills H.S./Amyrna, GA. Does not do any one thing spectacularly but receives rave reviews for his consistency and overall game. "Brian could average 35 points a game but is to unselfish to do that," said Wills Coach Charlie Neal. "He has no weakness. He is a complete player, a winner and plays every facet of the game very hard." Great scorer when he needs to be and is a reliable defender ... not a pure point guard now, but is expected to become one in college ... just takes a sound, fundamental approach to the game ... started as a freshman and was Wills' second leading scorer before breaking his arm ... averaged 21 points per game as a sophomore ... ranked as the No. 11 player in America by Bob Gibbons in a July poll published in the Chicago Sun Times ... 3.8 student who wants to major in architecture ... Georgia Tech might have the inside track, but Duke and Texas are also in the picture.

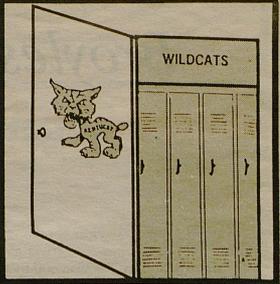
Cats-Vols Rivalry Dates Back To 1893 When UK Won 56-0

Tennessee is Kentucky's oldest rival on the gridiron. The series between the two schools dates back to a 56-0 win by the Wildcats in Knoxville in 1893. The Wildcats and Vols have met a total of 80 times with Tennessee owning a 48-23-9 advantage. Kentucky won last season's meeting 17-12 at Knoxville.

When Kentucky and Tennessee meet Saturday

at Commonwealth Stadium, it will mark the third time in history the Wildcats entered the contest trying to capture a winning season. In 1973, Fran Curci's first edition of Wildcats lost a hard-fought 16-14 decision to the Vols. In 1979 after a 2-5 start, Curci's Wildcats lost a chance to play in the Hall of Fame Bowl, when Vol placekicker Alan Duncan connected on a field goal in the final seconds to give Tennessee a 20-17 victory. Both contests were played

Inside The Locker Room



ED DAVENDER

(About being able to concentrate even with a big lead)

Davender: Well, it wasn't really hard to concentrate because we know if we didn't play defense we were going to come out of the game. That's the only thing we had to keep on our minds — to keep playing hard.

(About being able to finally play another team besides themselves)

Davender: The last few weeks we worked really hard and really got tired of playing each other in practice and in the scrimmage games. We were really ready for some red meat tonight.

(About having confidence tonight)

Davender: Well, I felt we were going to be in command ever since the game started. That's just the type of confidence Coach Sutton has built in us; and that's the type of pride we're going to take when we come out and step on the court. I think we really executed offensively and defensively.

(About playing International rules)

Davender: I wouldn't mind playing International rules. You don't have to worry about taking the ball out. You just get it and go. For the big guys they can just dunk it in off the rim. I think that's what basketball is all about.

JAMES BLACKMON

(About being able to concentrate with game decided in the early going)

Blackmon: On offense we had a tendency to letdown a little bit. But we all know that if we let down on defense, like Ed said, we'll come out of the game. So, everybody played 100 percent on defense. And when our defense comes around we create a lot of steals. And that's when we do a lot of scoring.

(About the game)

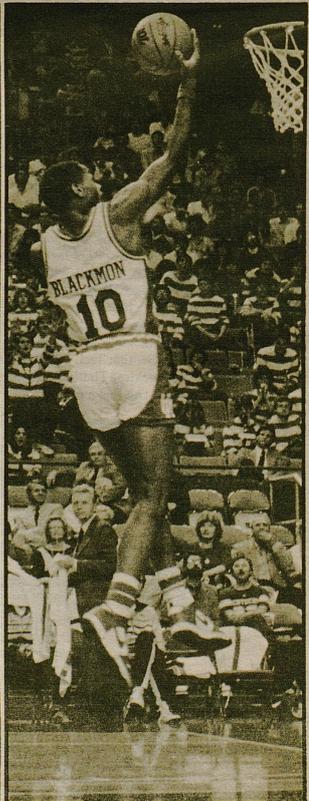
Blackmon: The team we played tonight had a very unique offense. I don't think we'll face too many teams that will run a weave out front and try to pick you way up. I think we had a slow start on offense ... but our defense helped us get the early lead.

(About playing International rules)

Blackmon: I think you have to be aware at all times, because when you make a defensive mistake they grab the ball. I think that was kind of good on our part because we've got to get the ball out and run with it.

(About having a good attitude)

Blackmon: First of all, I have to thank Coach Sutton for that because he's a great coach and he's always telling me to keep confidence in my shots. So, when my shots are falling I think my whole game's coming around. I've also been trying to concentrate on defense a lot.



Davender And Blackmon 'Get Up'

Following Terps Brought Wheeler To Kentucky

Likes Living In 'Laid Back' Lexington

Growing up in a suburb outside of Washington D.C., Mark Wheeler had grown accustomed to the University of Maryland football program, which at the time was under the direction of UK head coach Jerry Claiborne. At that point in time Wheeler was invited by Claiborne to visit the Maryland campus which was about a 50 minute drive from his home in Northern Virginia. While visiting, Wheeler was so impressed with Claiborne and his coaching staff that he decided to help the former Maryland head coach build a troubled program at Kentucky. This transpired later that month when Claiborne became the new Wildcat head coach. Furthermore, Wheeler wanted the opportunity to attend a school which was struggling so he could be able to receive immediate playing time.



Todd Hallum
Cats' Pause Columnist

"I had followed the Maryland program," remembered Wheeler. "I was impressed with Coach Claiborne and some of his assistants when I first met them. Coach Claiborne gave me a call that December of that recruiting year (1981) when he had just come down here. I thought I would have a better chance to play at Kentucky than anywhere else."

While enduring the hustle and bustle of the metropolitan area of Washington, D.C., Wheeler also thought a change of scenery would be the appropriate place to spend his collegiate career as a student athlete.

"I like the school and the atmosphere," remarked Wheeler. "Lexington is real laid back compared to Washington which is high on levels of stress. I needed a change and Kentucky fit the bill".

During his freshman year, Wheeler had the misfortune of absorbing a punishing blow of former UK linebacker Kevin McClelland. The bone-jarring tackle happened during an intersquad scrimmage. The result of Wheeler's injury - a separated shoulder. Consequently, he was redshirted by the UK coaching staff and switched to tight end when spring practice began in '83.

Even though his 6-2, 205 pound frame is not suitable for most major college football programs, Wheeler compensates for the lack of natural size with his speed and quickness.

"It was scary," said Wheeler, referring to his new position. "I didn't know much about tight end and I was basically a receiver in high school. At the time I had to transform from being out wide on the field to moving onto the trenches."

As UK's designated pass receiving tight end, sharing playing time with his roommate Matt Lucas, and redshirt freshman Joe Curry, Wheeler acknowledges that the role suits him fine. "I like my role as a receiver at the tight end position and have come to accept it," said the UK junior.

However, Wheeler likes the idea of performing at a position where he can not only grab passes but also throw a block or two when running plays are called.

"I get as much a thrill of throwing a block as I do catching a touchdown pass," said Wheeler. "The tight end position enables me to work both with the receivers and offensive lineman. So we (tight ends) work with both of them."

Remaining healthy this year in the Wildcat lineup has been an annoying problem. Ever since making a spectacular catch over the middle against Clemson, Wheeler has been nursing some partially fractured ribs.

"It (rib injury) was really the first time I had to play games in pain," recalls Wheeler. "You find how much you want to play after you are hurting. Bill Ransdell, Matt Lucas, and Ken Pietrowiak are warriors. Those guys are the ones that play in pain. But you have to learn how to accept it and go on".

Despite the nagging ailment, Wheeler is also one of the ring leaders of the speciality teams. As the snapper on punts, he has made numerous hits on punt returners. Against LSU and East Tennessee State, Wheeler recovered a fumble (LSU) and caused another versus ETSU.

"I like hitting people who have been hitting me all game," remarked the Arlington, Va. native whose high school Bishop O'Connell faced the best competition in the Washington, D.C. area.

"A lot of times as a center there will be nobody over me," explained Wheeler. "I feel it's important to run down as fast as I can and down those guys (punt returners). So, this is where I feel like I can make something happen."

Wheeler takes pride in being a member of the speciality teams and realizes the momentum during the course of a ball game can swing with one mistake.

"The kicking game is a branch of the football game where one play can change the whole outlook," said Wheeler.

If there is one team where Wheeler would dearly love to create a big play against, either on the speciality teams or as a tight end it would have to be against arch-rival Tennessee.

"The Tennessee game will always be the biggest game of the year," said Wheeler. "It's for the bragging rights. There's no other team I would like to spoil their SEC title hopes than Tennessee. It will be a fun game. It always is."

His parents probably will be unable to attend the traditional affair with the Volunteers this Saturday afternoon because Wheeler's family lives about nine hours away in Kansas City, Mo. Just last year, the Wheeler family moved from their home in northern Virginia and must travel nine hours east instead of west to watch their beloved son play in Commonwealth Stadium.

"They only get to see maybe one game a season," said Wheeler, who is the oldest of seven children. "It's been a little bit of a strain. We're a very close family and I do miss seeing them very much".

For his future endeavors, the UK tight end is seeking the possibility of entering the world of politics. This past summer, Wheeler served as an intern to Kentucky Senator Wendell Ford in Lexington.

"It gave me a lot of insight of the political process," said Wheeler, who is a political science major. "I hope to work in a law office in Frankfort this summer."

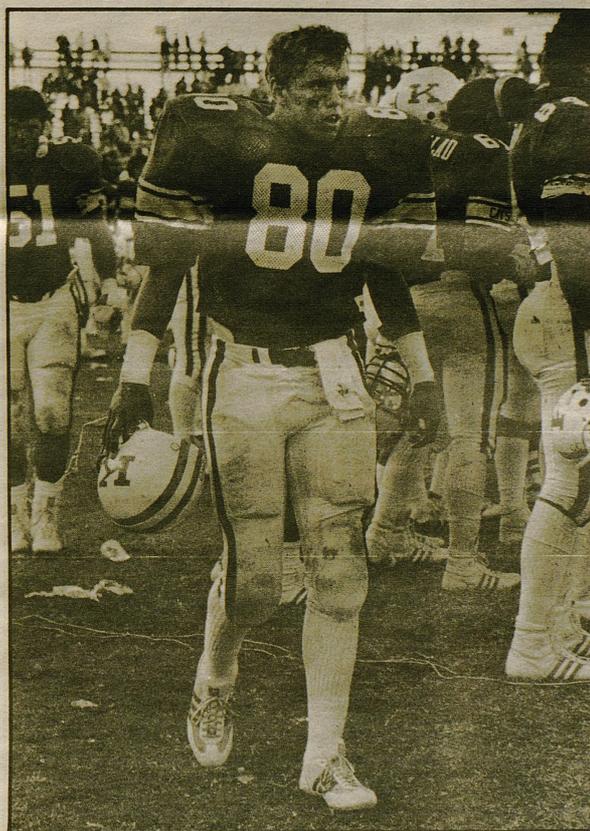
However, if politics doesn't materialize, Wheeler has long-range plans of maybe moving into the field of sports law and become a professional agent.

"One of my long-range goals that I have dreamed about is being a pro agent."

As an athlete himself, Wheeler thinks he could relate better with professional players than say law graduates who haven't participated in major college athletics.

"I think as soon as a player knows that you have played and have been in the same situations then they will respect you more. That would be a great selling point for me."

UK NOTEBOOK: Tennessee owns a 48-23-9 series advantage over Kentucky, which is traditionally played for the beer barrel. . . The last time Tennessee played in Commonwealth Stadium was two years ago when the Volunteers shutout the Cats, 10-0 before a CBS regional televised audience. . . UT quarterback Daryl Dickey, is the son of former UT head football coach Doug Dickey. Dickey was given the unenviable task of taking over for the injured Tony Robinson, who suffered ligament damage in his knee in the Vols' exciting 16-14 victory over Alabama in Birmingham. Dickey has filled in admirable and the Volunteers have not lost one game ever since he started calling the signals under center. Since Robinson's injury, UT's only setback was a 6-6 tie with a tough Georgia Tech squad. . . Redshirt freshman Keith Davis has been somewhat of a surprise this season at the tailback. Listed as a third-string back at the start of the season, Davis has displayed breakaway speed and



Mark Wheeler

dashing moves in becoming a legitimate 'home run' threat for the Vols. . . UT defensive coordinator Ken Donohoe, who used to call the defensive shots for the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant while at Alabama, has his defensive unit shutting down opposing offensive attacks. Going into the UT-Mississippi game, the Vols have not given up a single touchdown in their last three games (Georgia Tech, Rutgers, and Memphis State). Under the tutelage of Donohoe, who replaced Larry Marmie (now Arizona State's defensive coordinator) this year, the Big Orange defensive troops have been playing inspired football. One player that has certainly contributed to that success has been linebacker Dale "Hit Man" Jones. Jones, a junior, is a devastating hitter is considered one of the SEC's premier linebackers. You can bet the interior of UK's offensive line will have their hands full trying to keep Jones under wraps. . . The prediction for the UK-Tennessee game: UK by four -- (21-17) on a late Bill Ransdell touchdown pass to guess who? Mark Wheeler.

Pulaski's Hanson Signs At Kentucky

Reggie Hanson, a 6-foot-7 forward from Pulaski County High School in Somerset, Ky., has signed a national letter-of-intent with the University of Kentucky, according to head coach Eddie Sutton.

Hanson averaged 18 points and 11 rebounds as a junior last season in earning All-District, All-Region and All-state honors.

"Reggie is a truly outstanding player," said Pulaski County coach Dave Fraley. "He is working hard on developing his outside game to complement his strong inside game."

"Reggie will fit well in Coach Sutton's style. He is lean, wiry and very quick. He is an aggressive defensive player who is a good shooter. I think that's what Coach Sutton looks for in his forwards. He can play the small forward, he can play facing the basket and he's got good shooting range. Plus, he's an eager student of the game and a very intelligent kid."

Hanson said there was no doubt about where he wanted to attend college.

"It wasn't a tough decision at all," said Hanson. "I've pretty much been a Kentucky fan since I was a kid. I knew all along I wanted to be a Wildcat. I feel very good about my decision. I think I'll fit in very well with Coach Sutton."

Sutton said he was pleased that Hanson decided to join the Wildcats.

"Reggie is an outstanding player who will contribute to our squad," said Sutton. "We're excited that he has decided to become a Wildcat."

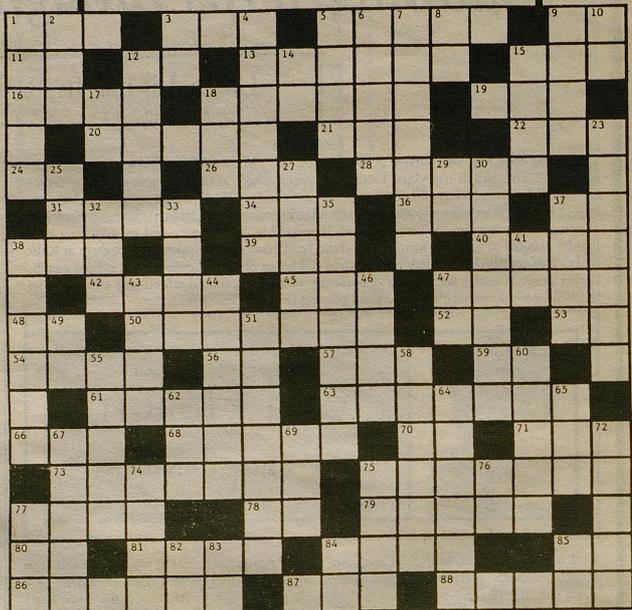
Hanson is the first high school player to sign with Kentucky since Sutton took over the reins last April.

The early signing period, which began today, continues through Nov. 20.



Joe B. Hall Attends Exhibition Game

TCP Crossword Puzzle



By Dan Krueckerberg

SUGAR BOWL HI-LITES

ACROSS

- 1 Their Chinese Bandits shutout Clemson in '59 Sugar Bowl
- 3 The kick
- 5 Hog star Alworth of '62 Sugar Bowl
- 9 Initials of '80s S.B. runner Walker
- 11 Initials of coach of "Team Named Desire" of '45 Sugar Bowl
- 12 Initials of '57 Vols' S.B. coach Wyatt
- 13 Bobby _____ play earned him the first Sugar Bowl MVP in '48
- 15 Corn item
- 16 Persistent pain
- 18 1st name of Vol standout of '57 S.B. who returned as a coach in '77
- 19 Nebraska coach Devaney of '67 S.B.
- 20 '80 S.B. standout Ogilvie
- 21 Short for "Nelson"
- 22 Temple coach "_____ Warner of 1st S.B.
- 24 Biblical for "you"
- 26 Bridle part
- 28 TCU's Baugh of '36 Sugar Bowl
- 31 Speak in grating tone
- 34 The _____ of Charley Justice and Charley Trippi highlighted the '47 Sugar Bowl
- 36 _____ A: governing body
- 37 Initials of '67 S.B. receiver Perkins
- 38 Grown boys?
- 39 _____-American
- 40 Tide type
- 42 Beat severely
- 45 Always in the Sugar Bowl now
- 47 Popular Broadway musical
- 48 Initials of '66 S.B. Gator coach
- 50 Has played in most Sugar Bowls; 10
- 52 Roman numeral for # of Sugar Bowl appearances for Georgia
- 53 Initials of Texas' S.B. coach Royal
- 54 Direction
- 56 Time period abbr.
- 57 1040 people
- 59 Abbr. for a Bible part
- 61 Rice's '61 S.B. coach Jess
- 63 Described 28 Across
- 66 Employ _____
- 68 All _____ lead to the Sugar Bowl
- 70 Abbr. for state of '66 S.B. winner
- 71 Auto food
- 73 Finally won after 3 S.B. losses
- 75 202 yards in '77 Sugar Bowl
- 77 1st name of the "Rifleman" of '61 S.B.
- 78 State abbr. for '71 S.B. winner
- 79 To go into
- 80 Symbol for "Iridium"
- 81 Bear's only S.B. _____ was by 1 point
- 84 Too _____
- 85 Initials of coach with 5 S.B. wins
- 86 Dutch _____ TCU won 2nd & 5th S.B.
- 87 One of the polls
- 88 Dame of '81 S.B.

DOWN

- 1 B.C.'s coach; beat Vols in '41 S.B.
- 2 Married to Sugar Bowl in '76
- 3 Pain expression
- 4 Appeared in '66 and '74 Sugar Bowls
- 5 H of F coach "Rappy" Waldorf
- 6 Feminine names
- 7 Brought 2 undefeated, untied squads to S.B. and lost both times
- 8 Initials of 46 Down
- 9 Tramp
- 10 Initials of '47 S.B. winning coach Butts
- 12 _____ 8 wins is a S.B. record
- 14 Initials of Hunter; ran 93-yyd. KO return in '73 S.B.
- 15 A carbon _____
- 17 Abbr. for "Her Majesty"
- 18 Work _____
- 23 _____, passing won for Tech in '54 S.B.
- 25 Before _____
- 27 Lost both Sugar Bowls in war years
- 29 Initials of MVP Matt of '77 S.B.
- 30 Superb QB of '70 S.B.
- 32 Oklahoma A _____ M won '46 S.B.
- 33 TCU's Dietzel: 1-1 in Sugar Bowls
- 35 Has 5 Sugar Bowl victories
- 37 Foray
- 38 Kicked winning FG in '65 S.B.
- 41 Verb suffix
- 43 '73 N.D.-Bama clash must _____ as one of the best in S.B. history
- 44 Upset Vols in '57 S.B.
- 46 Snavely coached Tar Heels in 2 S.B.s
- 47 Abbr. for "audio-visual"
- 49 State abbr. for S.B.'s "Junkyard Dogs"
- 51 _____ Kentucky team broke Sooners' 31-game win streak in '51 S.B.
- 55 QBs do it _____
- 58 1st S.B. star and later its president, Tulane's Claude "Monk" _____ victory
- 60 The '68 S.B. brought a _____ victory
- 62 See 25 Down
- 64 Texas A&M coach Homer of '40 S.B.
- 65 'Bama's Tony _____ han of '78 S.B.
- 67 Held in reserve
- 69 Mizzou coach Faurot of '42 S.B.
- 72 '64 Sugar Bowl QB Sloan
- 74 Phone or gram prefix
- 75 Sandwich shop
- 76 Compass abbr.
- 77 Maryland coach Tatum of '52 S.B.
- 82 Pac-10 state abbr.
- 83 Initials of QB Shealy of '80 S.B.
- 84 Initials of coach Ara of '73 S.B.
- 85 Initials of 'Bama's Rogers of '73 S.B.



Last Week



Trying To Be Himself Is Sky's Main Goal

Consistent Intensity Is The Key

Kenny Walker knows great things are expected of him during the 1985-86 basketball season.

However, he has a simple plan to combat the pressure of those high expectations.

"The main thing I have to do is just be Kenny Walker," says the University of Kentucky senior. "I just have to go out each day and relax. I can't worry about what other people expect or what the future might hold. Some players mess up because they start worrying about too many other things.

"I don't want that to happen to me. Not this year. That's why the best way for me to deal with things is just to be Kenny Walker."

Just being Kenny Walker, though, isn't easy. The talented 6-8 Roberta, Ga., product had such an outstanding 1984-85 campaign that he is already being touted for national Player of the Year honors this season and has been named to seven preseason All-America teams.



Larry Vaught
Cats' Pause Columnist

"I appreciated being mentioned as Player of the Year but today there are so many great players that you just can't single one out," says Walker, who averaged 42 points in UK's intrasquad games. "Guys are always waiting to knock you off. That's why I have to play extra, extra hard this season to prove that I deserve all the compliments I've received."

He certainly had the statistics last season to establish himself as one of the nation's best players. He averaged 22.9 points and 10.2 rebounds per game and was the first player since Bernard King of Tennessee in 1976-77 to lead the Southeastern Conference in both categories.

Walker also led Kentucky in blocked shots (37), field goal percentage (55.9) and minutes played (36.7 per game). He became UK's 16th all-time leading scorer and enters this season with 1,359 points.

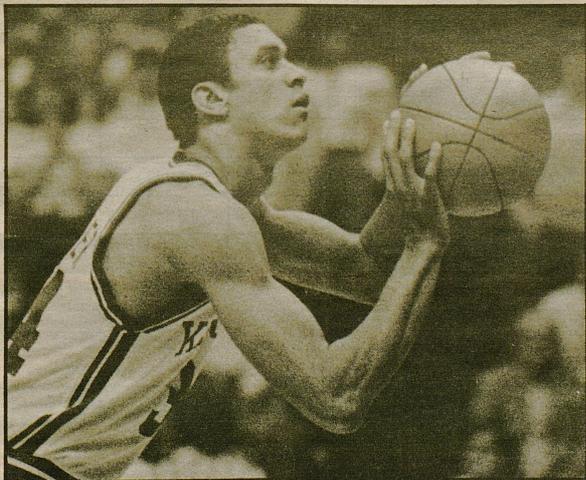
"Kenny Walker amazes me every day," says UK junior guard James Blackmon. "He's spectacular all the time. He can score at will but he also plays great defense. He's our leader and we listen to him."

Walker, who has scored in double figures 42 straight regular season games, led by example last year. This season he plans to be more vocal.

"In the past I've led by example but I have the ability to be more vocal," says Walker. "I can see myself leading this team the way Magic (Johnson) does the Lakers. I want to have a smile on my face and show people I'm enjoying the game."

"But I also want to keep my intensity up the way Magic does. The only way to play this game is to play hard no matter whether you are playing Georgetown or Ole Miss."

That attitude is why players respect Walker. He plays hard at both ends of



Admires Magic Johnson's Intensity

the floor every game and puts winning above individual accomplishments.

"The whole country knows Kenny Walker is the epitome of a player," says UK freshman Irving Thomas. "He can do it all. He has so much more athletic ability than the average player. He's a fierce competitor but he's also a great guy."

Walker is a goodwill ambassador for the Wildcats off the court. He's generous with his time and has made numerous public appearances the last three years.

"Kentucky basketball is important to a lot of people in this state," says Walker. "I don't mind sharing my time with a kid in the hospital or at the Special Olympics. I like people."

Walker also likes new Coach Eddie Sutton, who plans to diversify the offense more this season to take some pressure off Walker.

"Our guards are going to shoot more this year and if they make those outside shots it will take pressure off me and the other inside players," says Walker, who led UK in scoring in 28 of 31 games last year. "I also want to show that I can hit consistently from 15 to 18 feet."

"I had an opportunity to shoot from the outside as a sophomore but I didn't. I felt I should take a back seat to Sam (Bowie) and Melvin (Turpin). I tried to play under control and now some people think I can't shoot outside. Our offense this year, though, will allow me to take that outside jumper."

Walker was almost unstoppable near the basket last season. If he shows he can hit consistently from the outside he will have NBA scouts drooling over his future.

"I really don't know how Kenny handles all the attention he receives," says teammate Paul Andrews. "But nothing bothers him. He can have a great game or an average game and come back the same way the next day."

"He has a lot of pressure on him but he can handle it. And he always gives 100 percent in practice or games. That's his trademark."

And Walker won't change. Preseason honors don't inflate his ego and he isn't letting the thoughts of a lucrative NBA contract interfere with his upcoming season.

"The last two or three years I've had some of the fun taken out of the game," says Walker. "I want to have fun again this year. I love this game and take it seriously."

"That's why I want my teammates, and opponents, to know that I mean business this year. I want them all to see that special glow in Kenny Walker's eyes and know that Kenny Walker has come to play."

DON'T EXPECT Kentucky to sign any football players from Lexington this year.

"Lexington just doesn't have any real blue-chip players this season," says UK Coach Jerry Claiborne. "There are some outstanding younger players but no real standout seniors."

"There are some good players out in the state but not as many as in the past. The state does have some fine underclassmen, though."

Claiborne feels the lack of quality players this year again shows the harm of no spring high school football practice in Kentucky.

"I think the lack of quality players is a reflection of not having spring practice," says Claiborne. "If Kentucky had spring football practice it would produce more Division I football players. Kids here are at a disadvantage."

CLAIBORNE TRIED to warn everyone before the season started that it would not be easy for UK to record a third straight winning season.

Few people, including the players, listened to the veteran coach. Everyone just assumed UK would win at least seven games and earn a third straight bowl trip.

But look back at the warning Claiborne issued. He said, "It's easier to have a winning season than it is to build a winning program. It's tough to win year after year. It takes a lot of dedication and work to maintain a winning program."

As usual, Claiborne hit the nail right on the head again.

THIS IS A big weekend for Kentucky. First Coach Eddie Sutton will put his basketball Wildcats on the floor for his first official game in Rupp Arena. Northwestern State should be no match for the Cats.

Sutton's first UK team should be exciting. The team will run more than in past years and should play a more aggressive defense.

Saturday the football team ends its season against Tennessee. A victory over the Vols would ease some of the disappointment of the 1985 campaign and also give the Cats a third straight winning season.

It should be an emotional game for the UK seniors and the crowd at Commonwealth Stadium. The seniors have provided many thrills over the last three years and deserve a rousing ovation in their final contest.

Look for Kentucky to upset the Vols. The seniors want to go out winners and I expect Kentucky to regroup to play its best game of the season.

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ARIZONA AT ARIZONA STATE	STATE 6	ARIZONA 1	STATE 7	STATE 7	STATE 10	STATE 7
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Is Winning Athletic Competition Important?

WKU's Haskins Feels There's More In Life

Defending the college game. Western Kentucky University basketball coach Clem Haskins was bristling last week about the priorities in college basketball.

"I'm sick and tired of being evaluated as a coach on the number of wins we have," he said. "I'm not the smartest guy in the world to sit here and philosophize with you, but I know that one of the major problems we have in our society today is the idea to 'win at all costs.'"

"We're not all cheating," he grumped. "We're not all after the almighty dollar."

But on the other hand, Haskins said, there are legitimate reasons to make rules changes and change directions in college basketball as well.

"It's gotten where it doesn't matter who you cheat, who you hurt, as long as you win," he said. "And that's wrong. (pause) It's wrong. And this sickness has got to stop."



Bob Watkins
Cats' Pause Columnist

Then the coach launched into a diatribe about his profession, what has been lost or forgotten in the bigness of the basketball industry.

"We don't get credit for running a clean program.

"We don't get credit for the number of kids who graduate.

"We don't get credit for having class kids in our program.

"We don't get credit for playing as hard as we can.

"Those things ought to count more than how many wins you have."

Then Haskins sunnied up a bit.

"But you know, what I say doesn't mean one helluva lot. Why? Because I'm not a top 10 coach. You only get visible when you win!"

"You go talk to Eddie Sutton or talk to Denny Crum or talk to John Thompson and the whole world will read it. But people won't read what Clem Haskins has got to say. They say 'hey, what's he know? The guy's losing. He's under .500.'"

"Well, I've got a helluva lot to say and I'm sick and tired of people running this great game down."

Haskins sat down—if stiffly—to vent his anger and frustration over not only the rising number of alleged cheaters in college basketball, but also because he believes he and his program have been ignored, accorded second class status behind the Universities of Kentucky and Louisville.

He is right.

The value system in intercollegiate athletics is ambiguous and old. Perhaps it is time coaches like Haskins got a chance to amplify their views.

"First of all I don't have all the (clean up) answers," he said. "But from my heart I can say that I try and do things the right way. And I think there are many many coaches out there who try and do things right."

But because of money, profits and bigness and the greed that comes with it, college sports has gotten badly out of balance with reality.

"The incentive to cheat is there, yes," he said. "I have a family to feed. If you ask me at some point if I put my family ahead of worrying about NCAA rules, I'll say yes. The pressure's there to win. Hey, I put nothing ahead of my family. It all comes back to the almighty dollar and that's the whole problem."

"There are guys out there who will use their players to get up the ladder, win 20 games, move up," Haskins continued. "He wants to make \$300,000 a year and it doesn't matter how. Hey, I'd like to make \$300,000 too. But I don't have those kind of goals to the point that I'd use a kid to get there. I'm not going to use my players."

Haskins cited an example.

"When we signed Kannard Johnson we were accused of cheating to get him. People were saying 'how could Western get a kid like that without cheating?' It couldn't be that you got him because you outworked the other guy, because a parent had confidence that you would see to it that the kid got his degree.

"My goals for a kid who comes here is this: The last time he walks through the door he'll have a degree, he'll be ready to deal with the real world, take care of his family, balance a bank account. Those things are just as important as hitting a 20-foot jump shot and for me to win a national championship."

Haskins smiled again, lightened up.

Considering the Western coach's avowed values and resoluteness it is ironic and disappointing that he may well be fired next spring unless his team wins 20 or more basketball games.

But if Western does not renew Haskins contract, "it's going to be the university's loss not mine," he said. "I'm not worried about that because I've proven I can coach at this level. I'll go someplace else and coach."

Haskins added that he expects to "be coaching at Western Kentucky University the next two or three years."

Rally round the flag, boys

Kentucky basketball coach Eddie Sutton said last week that he thinks the NCAA will not come down hard on his program over alleged rules violations.

Three weeks after the Lexington Herald-Leader stories stirred such a flap nationally about UK basketball, indications are that Sutton is probably right.

"About the article, I was pleased because there were no allegations about recruiting violations. But I'm apprehensive too," Sutton told writers at the annual SEC media bash at the Raddison. "There's no doubt it has hurt us in recruiting. But that means we'll just have to work harder."

"Nobody in this room can tell how damaging it's going to be. But I think if you go back and check the NCAA's record you'll find they've been fair. Normally they've been tougher on violations in recruiting."

"I have to believe the NCAA won't do very much. We've called the kids we've been recruiting and told them what we think. Now, whether they believe us or not you can't tell. But we just tried to be honest about it."

He added, "It ought to help too that Eddie Sutton has run a clean program everywhere he's been."

The UK coach said his mail and telephone feedback has been supportive.

"I think the whole state is rallying around the Kentucky program. I think it'll end up being stronger than it's ever been," he said.

Sutton discussed other matters as well.

■ On UK basketball boosters.

"Booster clubs are very important, but they've got to be controlled," Sutton said. "I sure don't want them helping me recruit because they don't know the rules. I think UK has made some very positive steps in this area."

Sutton was resolute in adding, "If I knew everything then that I know now, I'd still be here. Because this is the best job in the roundball world."

■ The coach's 'laid back' image.

"Depends on what you mean by laid back," he said. "I want to have fun and I do. And I want my players to have fun. But I'm not going to be able to please everybody. From the time you take a job it's always down hill slide from there. The angle of the slide depends on how much you win. But the honeymoon's over as soon as you play. I know that and I'm not trying to run a popularity contest. I'm here to coach."

■ Pressure?

"People talk about pressure at Kentucky. But there's not any more pressure here than anywhere else," he said.

■ About Kenny Walker.

"I said last year before I even thought about taking the (UK) job here that he should have been college player of the year. Because Kenny meant more to Kentucky than Patrick Ewing did to Georgetown."

The UK coach, who said he is the least best qualified to analyze teams in the SEC this season, did promise that "the best defensive player in the SEC is going to be Ed Davender, no doubt about that."

"And (James) Blackmon is like Alvin Robertson was at Arkansas. He's a great athlete. And Roger Harden is a step slow, but he makes up for it with savvy, knowledge of the game."

"I think our guards are going to shoot better this season than they did last year," he predicted.

Comment: The three made 14 of 20 field goal tries against Czechoslovakia.

■ The SEC overall.

"I want to say that the SEC is the best league in America. How do you measure a league? By looking at the last two teams. And there are no weak sisters in this conference."

"If I were naming the next three they would be the ACC, the Big 10 and the Big East."

Comment: A reporter's poll picked Kentucky to finish third behind Auburn and LSU.

I'm picking Tennessee to win the SEC.

"Tennessee has a new dimension this year it hasn't had before," said LSU coach Dale Brown. "It's been a long time since they've had a big man (6-10 freshman Doug Roth)."

Georgia coach Hugh Durham picks the Vols as the league's darkhorse.

Tennessee's Don DeVoe said that Roth will definitely be in the starting lineup. "He has to be for us to be as good as we want to be in March. I think we're going to be a good team. The chemistry seems to be there."

Georgia's Joe Ward

Georgia senior forward Joe Ward told a reporter last week that he thinks UK's team may be far better than expected because of the flap.

"I'm almost envious of UK because of all this (allegations)," Ward said. "Last year we had the Cedric Henderson scandal and we used it to fire us up when we'd go to other places to play and people would wave dollar bills at us. It made us closer as a team. And we were going out with the idea to kick some butts, show people. I think Kentucky will have that going for them too: It could be a real positive force."

LSU's Dale Brown

Elmer Gantry?

LSU coach Dale Brown got up to 'testify' when it came his turn at last week's media bash in Lexington.

Brown is college basketball's answer to Jerry Falwell. Or is he?

"I'm sure some people like to make me out to be an Elmer Gantry," he said. "But I just think that some coaches today are more concerned with contracts, panelled offices, cars and summer clinics than they should be."

The LSU coach was adamant on another count as well. The NCAA rules structure "is rotten."

And, he went on, "I wasn't surprised to read those things in the Lexington Herald-Leader (about UK's alleged rules violations). I wouldn't be surprised to read it in the Baton Rouge papers or the Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Because the system is rotten."

"And another thing," Brown continued. "I think the former athletes (in such cases) should be penalized. They shouldn't be allowed to get away with this immunity business."

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Cotton Was One Of Rare Two-Sport Athletes

But Wouldn't Recommend Dual Roles Today

Charles "Cotton" Nash was one of the few professional athletes to ever play both basketball and baseball. And he wouldn't recommend any youngsters trying to do it today.

"It takes quite a toll on you," said Nash in an interview at his Lexington home recently. "There aren't many players that can do it successfully. Danny Ainge (of the Boston Celtics) tried to do it and you know he had to give up one for the other.

"There were very few athletes that tried it," Nash continued. "I couldn't. I played two years in pro basketball and 10 in pro baseball."

Nash, of course, is best remembered by University of Kentucky fans for his collegiate accomplishments in the early 1960s. Under the late Adolph Rupp, Nash was a three-time All-American and All-Southeastern Conference performer. Nash is currently fourth on UK's all-time scoring list with 1,770 points.



Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

Up to that time, Nash was the most popular player in UK's history, according to current sports information director Russell Rice. Rice wrote in his book, *The Wildcat Legacy*, that Memorial Coliseum may have been the "House that Rupp Built" but that it was the "House that Nash filled."

"I appreciate him writing that," said Nash. "But I believe that, through the years, every Kentucky basketball player has been popular, especially if he was one of the better players on the team. It's just like Notre Dame football, except that today it's more intense.

"When I was playing, there wasn't that much media coverage," Nash continued. "I think we were only on television three times during my whole career. Today, UK's on three times a week. Back in those days, people hardly recognized me. Today, Kenny Walker can't even walk downtown without drawing a crowd."

But Nash always drew a crowd whenever he was on the basketball court. He played the center position even though he was only 6-5, and he was always the "center" of attention whenever he touched the basketball.

"We played under the old school of thought that the option of the game was to outscore the other team," said Nash. "The emphasis wasn't on defense like it is today. My senior season, we must have scored at least 100 points 10 times. The only way we could do that was to outrun the opposition back down the court. We weren't very big. I was 6-5 and we had two forwards at 6-3. But I enjoyed that style of play. Today, it's more of a power game. The scores are in the 40 and 50-point range. Today, you walk the ball downcourt, throw it in to your 7-foot center when the time is almost expired on your 45-second shot clock and then run back upcourt and settle into a zone. It's not very enjoyable to watch."

Watching is what Nash and his fellow freshmen players did their first year. Nash says he liked that system better than the current rule today that allows freshmen to play on the varsity level.

"There are some guys that have played immediately there in the past few years at the university that weren't quite ready to handle the pressure," Nash stated. "When I came to UK, we had a chance to sit in on the last part of the varsity practice and we saw what it would take to compete here. I learned a lot from watching Coach Rupp and Coach (Harry) Lancaster."

Nash said the varsity practiced one hour and 45 minutes each session, and every second counted.

"I don't think many people know this, but Rupp didn't have a conditioning program," he said. "I mean, we didn't lift weights or run or do any of that stuff they do today. But under Rupp you didn't need to do any of that. Once you were through with one of his practices, you were ready for bed, you were so tired. That's what made Rupp a good coach, because he got such quality play from his players during games."

Nash's positive comments about Rupp may surprise a few people who thought he and the Baron never got along with each other. But Nash says people just got the wrong impression.

"During my sophomore season, we went 22-2 and made it to the regional finals," said Nash. "People expected more out of me the next season. And I think Coach Rupp and the coaching staff expected me to do everything. But my junior year I had some injury problems and my scoring average fell down a little bit. We had a poor season (19-9) and the coaches got mad at me and I got mad at them. I was mad at them for getting so testy about my injuries. At that time, losing nine games was terrible. We'd only lost those few games the season before. Besides, Rupp had brought in a couple of junior-college players he thought would pan out but didn't. One of them quit in the middle of the season. People thought we were fighting, but I never had any animosity for Coach Rupp."

Nash's senior season the Wildcats went 21-6 and at one time were ranked number-one in the nation. He averaged 24 points per game and was voted runner-up for national Player of the Year.

"My final season was probably my most enjoyable one," Nash stated. "We weren't expected to do anything but we won our first 10 games and were ranked number one. Everybody was shocked."

But Kentucky lost in the regional tournament and Nash was a runner-up to Gary Brandt of Ohio University for Player of the Year honors.

"I was more concerned with being named All-American anyway," Nash said. "I read somewhere recently that UK has had only three consensus All-Americans in the past 20 years: Dan Issel, Kyle Macy and myself. I was surprised by that, but very pleased."

Nash, of course, played baseball under Lancaster at UK and he was on the track team for a couple of years as well.

"Several collegiate basketball players at UK also played baseball during that time," Nash said. "We only played about 20 of 25 games in the spring because of the weather."

Recruited out of Lake Charles, La., Nash had played four varsity sports his junior and senior seasons. He helped his high school team win the state football championship and even set a discus toss record in track. He averaged 30 points each game on the basketball court and was a pitcher-infielder for the baseball team.

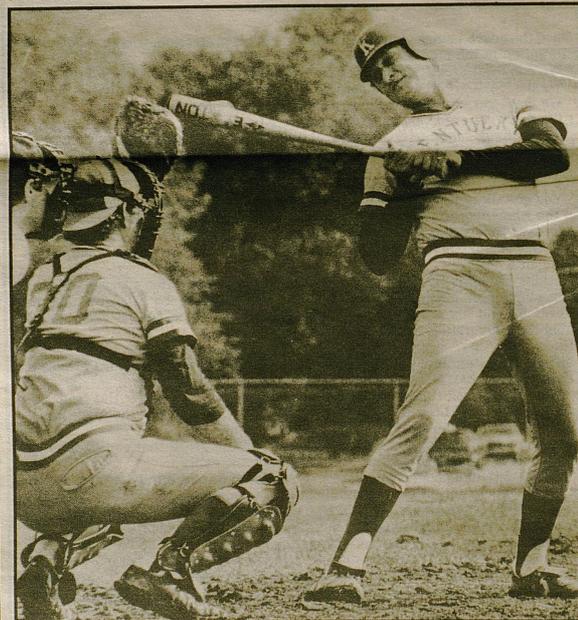
"When I came to Kentucky, I had three choices as to which sport I could play," Nash said. "I could have signed a football scholarship with a couple of schools. I could have signed with a professional baseball organization. Or I could have signed with a number of basketball schools. At the time, there was no better place to play than Kentucky. If you want to play college basketball, this is the best place to go."

When Nash graduated from UK, he had three options open to him once again. He could either play pro baseball or basketball or attend dental school.

"I wanted to do all three but couldn't," Nash stated. "You couldn't be a part-time student in dental school and I wasn't ready to quit playing. So I went straight to the California Angels' baseball team and after that to the Los Angeles Lakers' training camp in basketball. After the basketball season was over, I went back to the Angels' camp and reported late. I found that this was physically and mentally impossible. I felt I enjoyed baseball better. So I decided on baseball."

Nash played with the Angels, Twins and White Sox organizations, usually with their Triple A teams, for 10 years, and played parts of three years in the major leagues.

"For the Twins, I played behind a fellow named Harmon Killebrew. I was basically a first baseman. I set a few home run records in the cities I played in. I once hit 33 at Evansville in the American Association and then the next year hit 37 for Portland of the Pacific Coast League. When I was with the White Sox, I played in a no-hit game. I got the final put-out on Joel Horlen's no-hitter. While I was with the White Sox, we missed making the World Series in the last week of the 1967 season."



Former UK Slugger Cotton Nash

Nash spent most of his career with the Twins' organization. His best seasonal average was around .290.

"I was at my peak with the Twins," he said. "But they had such great players then, like Killebrew, Rod Carew and Tony Oliva. You've gotta be in the right place at the right time and I wasn't. You've gotta be the type of player a team wants. For example, a home run hitter in the St. Louis organization had might as well move on somewhere else. Whitey Herzog (the St. Louis manager) wants singles' hitters who can run. Baseball is more politics than any other sport."

When the American Basketball Association opened in the late 60s, Nash was invited to play with the now-defunct Kentucky Colonels in Louisville. He played with the Colonels for one season.

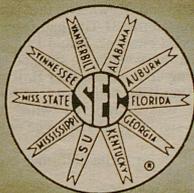
"I went straight from the White Sox to the starting lineup of the Colonels in two weeks," Nash explained. "By the time that next baseball season was over, I was washed up."

Nash finished his baseball career in 1972 and spent some time as a coach. Now, he and his wife, the former Julie Richey of Mt. Sterling, live in a 2-story home off Alumni Drive. It sure beats the life of a professional athlete, according to Nash. During his playing career the family must have lived in at least 20 towns. The couple has three children: Pat, 19, Richey, 17, and Audrey, who is an eighth grader at Morton Junior High.

"We just thought it was time to settle down and this town is perfect for that," Nash said. "I'm now involved in real estate and am currently looking to start a business."

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Oscar L. Combs

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Conference media guide sports game jerseys from each of the ten SEC schools, along with a Spalding basketball and two pair of Converse shoes. . . SEC assistant commissioner Steve Townsend once again did a fabulous job with his media guide, which has been the best in the nation since he took over a few years ago. . . Following the suggestion of the ten SEC coaches, the annual media days were transferred to Lexington as a means of creating more publicity for the post season tourney which will be staged at Rupp Arena next March. Next November, the same media days will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee, site of the 1987 SEC Tourney. . . The Kentucky-Tennessee battle has been moved up to 12 noon Saturday instead

of the usual 1:30 p.m. to accommodate SuperStation WTBS. The game will be carried live as part of the Southeastern Conference "Game of the Week." . . While on the subject of television, the Kentucky-Northwestern State game can also be seen live over the UK Television Network which includes WKYT-TV, Channel 27 in Lexington and WAVE-TV, Channel 3 in Louisville and other stations throughout the Commonwealth. . . While the media predicted Auburn to win the SEC basketball regular season title with LSU second and Kentucky third, the media's preseason All-SEC team included two unanimous choices, Kentucky's Kenny Walker and Auburn's Chuck Person.

Jim Griesch

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would expect it), or another someone out there?

This could be a fun year. . . even with all the Kentucky smashing now in vogue in Lexington.

Composite Standings

1. Michigan (3).....168	24. Maryland.....10
2. Georgia Tech (4).....159	25. UCLA.....9
3. North Carolina (1).....150	26. Virginia Tech.....8½
4. Syracuse (1).....149	27. DePaul.....7
5. Illinois.....147	28. Houston.....5½
6. Duke.....127	28. Tennessee.....5½
7. Georgetown.....126	30. Villanova.....5
8. Louisville.....113	31. Indiana.....4½
8. Kansas.....113	32. Arizona State.....4
10. Auburn.....112	33. Alabama.....3½
11. Oklahoma.....63	33. Virginia.....3½
12. Kentucky.....54	35. Pittsburgh.....1½
13. Louisiana State.....45	36. St. Joseph's.....1
14. Memphis State.....43	36. Texas-El Paso.....1
14. Notre Dame.....43	36. Pepperdine.....1
14. Washington.....43	36. Montana.....1
17. UNLV.....37½	
18. North Carolina State.....35½	
19. Alabama-Birmingham.....28	
20. Navy.....25½	
21. St. John's.....21½	
22. Iowa.....16	
23. Georgia.....14	

OTHERS RECEIVING AT LEAST ONE-HALF VOTE AS AN HONORABLE MENTION SELECTION:

New Mexico, Cleveland State, Dayton, Miami (Ohio), Xavier, Boston College, Arkansas, Ohio State, Purdue, Marquette, Old Dominion and Nebraska.

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE												Date: Nov. 14, 1985		Site: RUPP ARENA																					
VISITORS (Last Name, First)																																			
No.	NAME	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	B																						
11	D. Matlchy	3	5	0	0	4	2	6	26	0	0	0	1																						
13	K. Brabenc	4	9	0	0	0	3	8	21	0	3	0	0																						
4	J. Skala	4	9	2	4	7	5	10	24	0	2	4	1																						
6	V. Havlik	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	25	3	4	0	0																						
9	Z. Boehm	6	11	0	0	0	1	13	33	1	2	0	0																						
5	J. Zuffa	1	8	1	2	0	0	3	20	0	3	0	2																						
12	V. Vyoral	0	1	2	2	0	0	2	17	0	1	0	0																						
10	J. Okac	3	4	0	0	1	3	6	14	0	1	2	0																						
14	G. Dietl	2	4	0	0	1	4	4	14	1	1	0	0																						
7	J. Kover	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	1	0	0																						
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)												5		200		6		18		6		4													
TOTALS												23		55		5		8		21		52		200		6		18		6		4			
FG %: 1st Half 11-29=37.9												2nd Half 12-26=46.2		Game 23-55=41.8		Deadball		Rebounds		1															
FT %: 1st Half 2-4=50.0												2nd Half 3-4=75.0		Game 5-8=62.5																					
HOME																																			
No.	NAME	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	B																						
25	Winston Bennett	4	10	5	6	7	0	13	26	0	0	0	2																						
34	Kenny Walker	9	14	3	4	5	2	21	27	2	2	1	0																						
10	James Blackmon	6	8	4	5	4	3	16	24	3	1	1	3																						
15	Ed Davender	4	7	6	6	2	2	14	25	5	2	0	1																						
23	Roger Harden	6	6	0	0	2	1	13	23	2	2	0	0																						
42	Richard Madison	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	18	0	0	0	0																						
55	Cedric Jenkins	2	7	2	2	5	0	6	17	1	4	0	0																						
14	Paul Andrews	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	10	0	1	0	0																						
30	Irving Thomas	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	9	1	1	2	1																						
44	Robert Lock	2	5	1	1	3	3	5	8	0	0	0	0																						
32	Todd Ziegler	2	3	0	1	3	0	4	5	0	0	0	0																						
00	LeRoy Byrd	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	8	2	0	0	0																						
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)												2		200		16		9		5		8													
TOTALS												37		65		23		27		39		13		98		200		16		9		5		8	
FG %: 1st Half 16-30=53.3												2nd Half 21-35=60.0		Game 37-65=56.9		Deadball		Rebounds		5															
FT %: 1st Half 11-15=73.3												2nd Half 12-12=100.0		Game 23-27=85.2																					
OFFICIALS:																																			
John Clougherty, Charles Vacca												SCORE BY PERIODS		1st H.		2nd H.		OT		OT		FINAL													
Technical Fouls:												Czechoslovakia		25		37						52													
Attendance 22,569												Kentucky		43		55						98													

Bob Watkins

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Brown was like a verbal kangaroo, bouncing from one subject to another and then back again. His allotted time was supposed to be 20 minutes, but his 'testimony' went on for nearly an hour.

He was alternately appealing and blunt, pointing out that "two of the greatest dynasties in sports are UCLA and Kentucky. And if they have to cheat maybe the system isn't right."

Nobody shouted 'Amen, brother,' but then preacher Dale seems to need no prompter once he gets a head of steam up.

"I think the system is fouled and needs changing," he said. "But what do I think the chances of NCAA making changes are? Well, is there a number lower than zero?"

About his own career, 13 years at LSU, Brown rolled on. "I'm not charging up the mountain anymore. I decided last summer in the woods on a trip to the Rhine Valley that it's just not that important anymore. I feel less pressure than ever before."

The subject of Tito Horford inevitably came up and Brown said that the Horford incident at LSU "is a combination of all our problems. If Tito had been five feet tall I wonder if I would have given him a second chance? Would I have been so Christian about it? Because, yes, I did say back there when we stopped recruiting him that I wouldn't take him if he came crawling up the Assembly Hall steps. But I did. I just wonder if I'd have been so Christian if he had been five feet tall?"

Brown remains convinced that Horford was 'tampered with' by other recruiters he will not identify after the player signed on at LSU. The coach noted that Horford arrived at LSU with 12 pesos.

"Hey, if you can take 12 pecos and stretch it as far as he did...then ought to be on President Ronald Reagan's economic council."

Dale Brown is always entertaining. Difficult to understand sometimes, but always entertaining.

Missing...

Whatever happened to basketball All-American Bob Burrow ('56)?

Burrow is assistant superintendent of schools at Fort Knox.

Comment: Burrow's son Brett will be Vandy's starting center. "It's hard to believe it (college) has gone by so quickly," the senior Communications major said last week.

SEC coach highlights

Basketball coaches from the Southeastern Conference were in Lexington last week. They had a lot to say. What follows are highlights and comments.

■ Bob Boyd, coach at Mississippi State on losing that state's top recruiting prospects the last two years — Kenny Payne to Louisville and Andy Kennedy to North Carolina State. "(Keeping in-state prospects) 'is something we have to shore up in our program. But I'm not very good at recruiting and frankly I don't like it."

"But kids are pretty impressed when (Jim) Valvano comes to town. I mean here's a guy who has just been on Good Morning America and he's come to Louisville, Mississippi."

Boyd added, "I think Kenny Payne is going to be something special and you will see that in him at Louisville."

■ Lee Hunt, coach at Ole Miss on drug testing for members of his basketball team: "We tell the kids about it when we're recruiting them and we've been doing it for 2 years and it's a good thing. We test them one time a week. If the test comes up positive we have it rechecked twice. If it's still positive, the player is suspended for a year. Dismissal (from the team) gets their attention."

■ Sonny Smith, coach at Auburn on pressure to win since his Tigers are preseason ranked No. 10 and favored to win the Southeastern Conference. "Pressure? Hey, my waistline has gone from a size 36 to 32, I can't find shirts to fit anymore and if they hung me my rump wouldn't be enough to snap the rope."

■ Dale Brown, coach at LSU, on his job: "John Wooden told me once that you can try too hard. And maybe I did when I first came to LSU because I was so thrilled to get the job being an unknown. I try not to inject narcissism into this, but I'm afraid I did inject some ego."

Comment: How's that?

■ C.M. Newton, coach at Vanderbilt (sometimes called Harvard South). "Proposition 48 won't have any effect on us, but I think it will have a very positive effect nationally. We'll have a student/athlete again as opposed to gladiator/athletes."

■ Alabama coach Wimp Sanderson on the coaching box. "Well, C.M. (Newton) likes it. But he smokes a pipe and wears slippers. But I can live with it."

■ Don DeVoe, coach at Tennessee on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) where a score of 700 would be required under Proposition 48. "I think it's amazing how well kids are able to rise to (higher) standards wherever they are set. We and Mississippi might be behind say, Florida and Kentucky, but we would catch up."

■ Norm Sloan, coach at Florida on high school talent in his state. "I think we've gained the confidence of high school coaches in our state now and the big time prospects who used to be told they'd better go out of state if they wanted to be successful, are staying in state now. Florida is one of the states recruiters are looking at more today. We have AAU tournaments, we have (Bill) Cronauer's summer camps and we have excellent high school basketball now."

■ Hugh Durham, coach at Georgia on paying student/athletes a stipend. "You're talking about giving athletes in 10 sports say, \$200 a month. Because you're not just talking about stipends for athletes in the revenue sports. You're talking about all of them. For 10 months that would cost the University of Georgia \$600,000. We could afford that. But how many other schools could afford it?"

■ Eddie Sutton on signing Reggie Hanson. "I like him. I like rabbits, greyhound type players."

Parting shoes...ah shots

■ Jock Sutherland said last week that the University of Kentucky's basketball sneakers looked as if they belonged on the feet of Russian foot soldiers.

It seems that Mychal Thompson of the Portland Trail Blazers isn't happy with his team's footwear either. Of the Blazers' red high tops, Thompson said, "They make you look klutzy and they clash with the uniforms. The high tops make the guys look like they're wearing Santa Claus boots."

And so it goes. ■

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Six Years Ago

*Guard Kyle Macy of Kentucky was the only unanimous choice on the All-Southeastern Conference basketball team chosen by the conference coaches. Joining Macy on the first team were Tommy Springer of Vandy, forwards John Stroud of Ole Miss, Rudy Macklin of LSU and center Reggie Johnson of Tennessee.

*One hundred and sixty-six people attended the annual Southeastern Conference basketball press day in Birmingham, Ala. The writers tabbed LSU as the SEC favorite, winning over Kentucky by a narrow margin. LSU had 624 votes to 608 for Kentucky. Tennessee was picked third, Alabama fourth and Georgia fifth.

*The Kentucky football team lost a Hall of Fame Bowl bid and finished the season with a losing record (5-6) as Alan Duncan of Tennessee kicked a 25-yard field goal with five seconds remaining in the game to give Tennessee a 20-17 win. The Vols took an early 10-0 lead but UK went ahead with two second-quarter touchdowns, a 57-yard run by Chris Jones and a nine-yard pass from Terry Henry to Felix Wilson. James Berry scored for the Vols in the third quarter and then UK evened the score 17-17 on Rick Strein's 25-yard field goal. The Cats were marching for what they hoped would be

the winning score. Fullback Shawn Donigan, however fumbled at the Tennessee 44 late in the fourth quarter. The Vols then kept the ball on the ground to set up Duncan's three-pointer.

*Kentucky's cross-country team finished 20th in the nation in the NCAA meet last week. UK's Mark Nenow placed 13th while Dave Bensema was 40th.

Ten Years Ago

*The Lady Kat cross country team finished 10th in the national cross country meet held at Iowa State. Six UK runners attended the meet in Ames, Iowa. Janna Anderson was the first UK finisher, placing 22nd with time of 18:37.

*Coach Wynn Paul's UK swimmers coasted to an easy 67-45 victory over Western Kentucky. UK won nine of the 13 events. Dave Cornell, a sophomore, and Rich Rubenstein, a senior, were UK's top individuals, both winning two events.

*Displeased with his guard play UK coach Joe Hall is holding two-a-day practice sessions during the Thanksgiving break and is moving Jack Givens to guard. Givens will now be a swingman and battle Larry Johnson and Truman Claytor for the guard spots. James Lee is being counted on as the Cats' sixth man.

Fifteen Years Ago

*Kentucky will open their roundball season against Northwestern and Adolph Rupp says his talented team will not have seven-foot Tom Payne and veteran Mike Casey in the starting lineup. Rupp will start Mark Soderberg at center, Larry Steele and Tom Parker at forward, Terry Mills and Kent Hollenbeck at guard.

*No. 3 in the nation, Kentucky opened its season with a 115-100 hard-fought win at Northwestern. The host team kept close until the final seven minutes, when UK switched to a zone defense. Tom Parker paced UK with 23 points and Larry Steele added 20. Mark Soderberg scored 15, Tom Payne 14, Terry Mills 13 and Kent Hollenbeck 11. Ron Snoger of Northwestern led all scorers with 35.

*Michigan rallied to within six points but Kentucky came back to win its home-opener, 104-93. Mike Casey scored 25 points and Larry Steele 24, hitting nine of 13 shots. Tom Payne hit eight of 11 shots and sparked the Cats late with 17 points. Kent Hollenbeck added 16 points and Mark Soderberg 10. Henry Wilmore was outstanding for Michigan, netting 17 of 21 shots for 40 points.

Thirty Years Ago

*The UK football team finished sixth in the 12-team SEC race with a 3-3-1 conference slate. UK was 6-3-1 overall. Ole Miss won the title at 5-1 while Auburn was second at 5-1-1.

*UK end Howard Schnellenberger was the only Wildcat named to the AP All-SEC team. Vandy halfback Charley Horton was the top vote-getter. UK quarterback Bob Hardy made the second 11-man team. There was actually no quarterback selected on the first team.

*Dick Dunkel's prediction rates the Kentucky basketball team fifth in the nation behind San Francisco, North Carolina State, Iowa and Dayton. UPI (United Press International) has UK ranked second in the nation behind San Francisco.

*UK football players Bob Hardy and Howard Schnellenberger will play in the annual Blue-Gray football game, playing under present LSU athletic director and former UK assistant Paul Dietzel.



Wildcat Quiz

1. Yes or No? Does UK hold a series advantage over the Tennessee Volunteers in football?

2. When was the last time UK defeated Tennessee in Commonwealth Stadium?

3. Yes or No? Did Fran Curci have a winning coaching record over Tennessee?

4. True or False? In the UK-Tennessee rivalry, Kentucky has never shut out the Vols.

5. What NFL team did former Wildcat Larry Sciple play for?

- a) Baltimore Colts
- b) Chicago Bears
- c) Miami Dolphins
- d) Kansas City Chiefs

6. What UK player set the school record for the most points scored in a career?



Answers

- 10. Andy Molls (420 yards in 1981) (2 pts)
- 9. False (Gamage coached the Cats seven years) (8 pts)
- 8. Florida State (8 pts)
- 7. Atlanta Falcons (8 pts)
- 6. Bob Davis (180, 1935-37) (8 pts)
- 5. Miami Dolphins (8 pts)
- 4. False (UK has held the Volunteers scores 17 times) (8 pts)
- 3. No (Curci was 3-6 against the Vols) (8 pts)
- 2. 1981 (21-10) (8 pts)
- 1. No (8 pts)



- a) Bob Davis
- b) George Adams
- c) Sonny Collins
- d) Pete Venable

7. What NFL club drafted former UK offense lineman Warren Bryant?

- a) Los Angeles Rams
- b) Atlanta Falcons
- c) New York Jets
- d) Pittsburgh Steelers

8. Against which of the following teams did the Wildcats return the most kickoffs in one game?

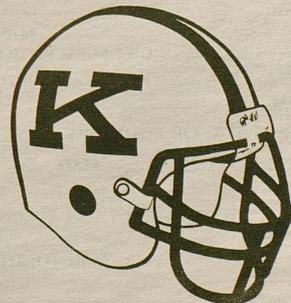
- a) West Virginia
- b) Florida State
- c) LSU
- d) Ole Miss

9. True or False? Harry Gamage never was the head football coach for the Kentucky Wildcats.

10. What former UK player holds the school mark for most punt return yardage in one season?



Warren Bryant



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