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SEC assigns divisions, adopts new football, basketball formats

'Cats placed in East; UK's Newton unhappy with addition of eighth league football game

TCP staff report

At long last, the Southeastern Conference presidents came to an agreement on how to divide the new 12-team SEC for football and basketball last week, placing Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Vanderbilt and new league member South Carolina in the Eastern

league memoer south caronian in the Eastern Division, with Alabama, Auburn, LSU, Ole Miss, Mississippi State and new member Arkansas in the Western Division. The presidents also adopted new formats for league play in both football and basketball, ad-ding an eighth league game in football, reduc-tion, the purples of league basketball games. ing the number of league basketball games

from 18 to 16.

An SEC football playoff game will pit the two divisional winners to vie for a Sugar Bowl berth. The SEC basketball tournament will continue, with all 12 league members seeded based on the regular-season standings.

In football, teams will play eight league games per season—annually playing the other schools in their divisions and two permanent foes from the other division. Teams will rotate home-and-home games with the remaining four schools in the other division.

Annually, Kentucky will play the other five schools in its division—Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Vanderbilt plus its two permanent opponents from the Western Divison—LSU and Mississippi State. The 'Cats will rotate home-and-home series every two years with the remaining four schools—Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn and Ole

Miss.
In basketball, teams will play 16 league games per season—home-and-home series with the other five schools in their division, single games with the six schools from the

University of Kentucky athletics director

UK ATHLETIC OFFICIALS REACT:



Athletics director C.M. Newton has been critical of the eight-game football schedule.



so he'll approach the move postively.



Rick Pitino is glad to see the schedule reduced, but would like to play Dale Brown twice.

C.M. Newton said he was pleased with the two-division setup. "We have two traditional rivals in all sports in Tennessee and Vanderbilt," Newton said. "As long as those rivalries were not disrupted I didn't really care."

Newton, however, was strongly critical of the league presidents for expanding the league football schedule to eight games, for a varie-

·Overall records of SEC football teams already hurting because of the strength of the

league, will only get worse.
"I just hope the presidents who voted for an eight-game schedule are going to be willing to stand by their football coaches when they go 7-4 and 6-5;" Newton said. "I really fear that's what is going to happen. I think will be given better better better that the standard of the s

we're going to beat each other up pretty badly.

•The extra game will make Kentucky's
job—trying to become a football "have" instead of a "have-not"—that much harder.

"We were very much opposed to the eight-game schedule and remain so," Newton said. T've not been convinced that it's the best thing for the conference. I'm sure it's not the best thing for Kentucky right now.

"That's not to say that we've changed our goals," he added. "Our goal is to be one of

the top teams in this league."

•The extra conference game means less flexibility in scheduling non-conference op-ponents. With eight yearly conference games and the annual Indiana game, which is contracted to run through the year 2000, UK has only two spots open each year to other non-conference foes.

"We have to play with the schedule they send us," Newton said.

•Even if UK wanted to play a yearly foot-

ball game with Louisville, and school officials have been slow to warm to such an idea, it

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"This puts a definite damper on that," Newton said. "We sit here with a long-term contract with Indiana. We've got eight monster games in the league and another monster games." in Indiana. We don't need another rival. You can only go to the well so many times."

·Basketball was treated like a step-child in

"To be honest, basketball was not much of consideration in this at all," Newton said. "We tried to make it a consideration."

Still, Newton said, the decision has been made. Kentucky has no other recourse than

to play with the cards that have been dealt.
"I don't want to make any presidents mad,"
Newton said, "but I do think this is something that the presidents four and five years down the road will be faced with. And that is the protection of their coaches. I don't see parity. I see people knocking each other off and I really think the days of having three or four teams that are 8-3 and 9-2 and II-0, they're gone. I'm not against competition, but I am against competition if we're going to make the coaches scapegoats

Speaking of coaches, Bill Curry and Rick Pitino were less yocal in their comments.

Curry said he thought the idea of divisional play was good. "I've said all along that it's impossible to gauge the long-term effect of expansion," he said. "But I think the divisional play had been been said to be a super setup will add another dimension. It should be a lot of fun for everybody involved."

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When questioned about the prospects of facing another league opponent each year, Curry
chose to go with his "stay-positive" approach.
"I'd put the eighth game under the category
of items that are not in my control," he said.
"Since we cannot do anything about it, we'll
take it as a positive and go from them."

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Pitino, who has been campaigning for the league to reduce its basketball schedule to 16 or 14 games for some time, said he was pleased with all but one aspect of the move. "I'm sorry to see LSU go (from our division)," he said. "It's a natural and good rivalry for us. On the other hand, we can build a rivalry with South Carolina, which has an excellent basket

SEC DIVISIONAL FORMAT

FASTERN DIVISION

School	Permanent football opponents
Florida	Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Auburn, LSU
Georgia	Florida, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Auburn, Ole Miss
KENTUCKY	Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, LSU, Miss. St.
South Caroli	na Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Arkansas, Miss. St.
Tennessee	Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, South Carolina, Vanderbilt, Alabama, Arkansas
Vanderbilt	Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Ole Miss
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WESTERN DIVISION

School	Permanent football opponents
Alabama	Arkansas, Auburn, LSU, Ole Miss, Miss. St., Tennessee, Vanderbilt
Arkansas	Alabama, Auburn, LSU, Ole Miss, Miss. St., South Carolina, Tennessee
Auburn	Alabama, Arkansas, LSU, Ole Miss, Miss. St., Florida, Georgia
LSU en entra	Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Ole Miss, Miss. St., Florida, Kentucky
Ole Miss	Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, LSU, Miss. St., Georgia, Vanderbilt
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□EXPLANATION: The SEC has adopted a new eight-game football schedule, effective for the
1992 season. Each team will play all divisional opponents, plus two opponents from the other division, each season. An eighth league opponent will be played, on a home-and-home basis, from
the four remaining non-permanent foes. For example, Kentucky will annually play the other five schools
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OSCAR L. COMBS

CATS' PAUSE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

Rrrrring, rrrrring! Is that you, Chris Webber?

Ring, ring, ring. Hello, is this Chris Webber's home? May I speak with Chris?

Hello, Chris, I understand you're going to visit the University of Kentucky campus this weekend, that you've narrowed your choices of a future college to Michigan State, Michigan, Duke and

You still there, Chris?

Just wondering if you caught the game on television Saturday between Kentucky and Notre Dame and what was your reac tion, but first I thought you might want to know what folks are saying down in the Bluegrass State about this young bunch of

You see, the live television ban prohbiting Kentucky from the airwaves is history so folks around the nation can see college ball-Pitino syle that only Kentuckians witnessed a season ago

And despite the fact Kentucky won't be allowed to play in the NCAA tournament next March, Wildeat players have formed their own tournament. It's a rather long one. It started last week against Penn and goes for 28 games. The entire regular

No, Kentucky isn't loaded with the talent of say, a UNLV or an Arizona, but it does have a strong foundation for the future. As soon as Rick Pitino can land another strong, talented inside player to go with freshmen Jamal Mashburn and Gimel Martinez, and a couple other recruits, watch out. It'll be tap city for those who have enjoyed UK's three-year absence from the NCAAs.

You still there, Chris? There are a cou-

ple other things you might want to hear. Christmas may still be three weeks

away but you couldn't tell it the way Kentucky basketball fans have been rejoicing since the Wildcats have stormed out of the gate with a perfect 3-0 record, in-cluding a pair of impressive victories away from friendly Rupp Arena

Excuse me, Chris, but I gotta tell you this one story. This fella Pitino, he loves Italian food and he's got more business deals going than Donald Trump-car washes, restaurants, his own personalized basketball, golf clubs—you name it and he's got a piece of the action.

And you'd think that type fella would have a pretty long Christmas list, right?

I hear his list is so short that it doesn't go any farther than one, No. 1, as in the nation's No. 1 high school basketball senior. Have any idea who that would be

No kiddin, Chris? Really?

Well, you could make this a mighty fine Christmas for the Pitino family, not to speak of about two million or so Kentuckians at the same time. They take their basketball pretty seriously down here. It's almost like life and death.

Ole Ricko has about everything down

here in the Bluegrass and he's just plain tired of most toys other men dream of. All he wants for Christmas is one big.

talented basketball player to complete the puzzle that will take UK to the promised land of the NCAA tournament in 1992. If he gets just one more great frontcourt player, you'll see Kentucky playing right up to April Fool's Day and this will be

Hey, Chris, you gotta love this coach Hey, he's a player's coach. Early to bed and early to rise. Plays basketball every morning at six o'clock. Always looking for a new challenge. No mountain is too tall, no sea is too deep.

Rick's already been to the Final Four, did that a few years age with Billy Donovan and a bunch of mirrors at Providence. That was pretty exciting but there were some non-believers. Some claimed it was luck. Wish I had such good luck

After that he went to that big court in Anter that he went to that big Gourt he sky, you know, the NBA and Michael Jordan country. He toyed around with the New York Knicks and the Big Apple. Got tired of the big city life after reintroducing Pat Ewing and Madison Square Garden to the NBA playoffs. The hallenge had all worn off.
Having conquered the NBA, Rick

wanted a real challenge. You gotta admit when he announced his intentions to take over the UK program and rebuild it, there were many skeptics. The NCAA did a masterful job of demolishing the UK program. Not much was left after LeRon Ellis and Chris Mills jumped ship, except some kids with hearts bigger than lions.

Hey, Chris, hang on, I won't be much

In just over a year, Pitino has the 'Cats on track, back to the big-time. Everyone said there was no way UK could avoid a second straight losing season, an un precedented string in Kentucky history After all, Kentucky enjoyed over a half-century of non-losing seasons before Ed-die Sutton failed in his last try as the NCAA dangled the rope from the old oak

But Pitino must have been raising rabbits in his kitchen because he somehow whipped up a 14-14 mark. It was almost 15-13, had the 'Cats not stumbled in the season finale at Notre Dame in March.

Perhaps that's why this Notre Dame game was so important to not only Pitino but the Wildcat players. Already this season, UK has beaten a team on a neutral court that it lost to last season. That's progress, Chris. If you don't believe me, ask this character named Rick

Kentucky's victory over Notre Dame no doubt, will push the Wildcats into the nation's Top 25 for the first time in three years as evidence begins to surface that the Big Blue program is alive and well

once again.
Still there, Chris?

The 'Cats' exciting 98-90 victory over the Irish also had dozens of national sports reporters and a crowd of almost 40,000 buzzing about the exciting basket ball magic second-year coach Rick Pitino has weaved into Big Blue Country.

Did you read any of the press clippings,

And throughout the nationally-televised game by ABC-TV, color analyst Jim Valvano did not try to hide his enthusiasm for the Pitino-style game, so much so, that he predicted the Wildcats would be the team of the 1990s. In two years, Valvano said, Kentucky would be back in the thick of the race for NCAA

Still listening, Chris? What do you think? Sounds like a strong endorsement by Mr. Valvano?

One last thing, Chris, I don't know if you followed Kentucky that closely last season or not, but Kentucky was embarrassed, sorta, by Kansas about this time last winter. The score was something like 150 zillion to 80 or something like that. Folks around these parts are still trying to pinch themselves into thinking it was a bad nightmare.

Chris, it really did happen, the worst blowout you'd ever want to see, unless you wore the losing team's uniform. Embarrassed? Ever see 15 grown men walk out a gym with brown sacks over the head? That's what they should have done. The little Italian was

breathing fire from the nostrils.

To say there were some bruised egos would be stating it mildly. In this day and time when you beat someone by 50 or more on your home court and you know you have to pay the visit back to the other

you have to pay the visit back to the other team, well, you know what I mean.

This weekend, when you visit Kentucky, the Wildcats will be rolling out, er, I think, the welcome mat for the Kansas Jayhawks. Hey, Chris, do I see a smile creeping across your face? Say you wouldn't mind being involved in something like this?

Well, you can bet some 23,000-plus fans are licking their chore for this one.

fans are licking their chops for this one. And oh yes, I don't know if any of the fans will be able to spot you, but if they do, don't be surprised if they plead with you about making sure Rick Pitino has a very Merry Chrismas.

Sorry I've taken so much of your time and I hope I haven't taken you away from your homework tonight, but thought you might enjoy having this little chat about the Kentucky program. Who knows, someday this brief history lesson might come in handy if you should decide to make Big Blue Country your own Kentucky home

UK NO LONGER STEPCHILD

Two years ago Kentucky was the step-child, and not a very dear one, at the Big Four Classic. Other schools' officials and fans snickered here and there, made un-tactful jokes, even did a little "kicking while the dog was down" routine, but the shoe was on the other foot Saturday.

Writers and broadcasters were saving nice things about the Kentucky program, how exciting the style of play the Wildcats employ and how the players

seemed to be so happy and loose on the court. And about how this Kentucky team was the only team among the four participants to leave Indianapolis with perfect record.

Of course the media always loves an underdog, even if it is Kentucky.

On the other hand, the kicks were directed to the likes of Louisville where there simmers rumors of unrest and at Notre Dame where Digger Phelps coaching ability continues to be the topic

of great debate.

Even Indiana and Bobby Knight were subjected to taunts of why they aren't undefeated even though they rest peacefully in the nation's Top 10 and have a bright future ahead

If you readers recall, I predicted in this very space some two years ago that what goes around, comes around. When Kentucky hit hard times, there were those detractors who laughed, giggled and devoured the Wildcats' shortcomings. Does misery love company? You'd better believe it and some UK fans are no different, but they should be.

Now hard times are beckoning U of L, when with the academic response to the property of the

what with the academic woes, Prop 48 and other rumors of malcontent.

I'd like for Kentucky followers to be not so forgetful about UK's past misfor-tunes and remember how Wildcat fans felt. Kentucky followers should find no glee in U of L's problems right now. Treat others as you'd have them treat you. Sure, some U of L followers took satisfaction, but not all of them. I even remember some rooting for UK in the Big Four two years ago when it wasn't fashionable for anyone to cheer for UK. Hopefully, U of L rides out the rough seas and won't have to go through

seas and won't nave to go intough anything like UK has the past couple years. No one should take pleasure from another person's faults. U of L has en-joyed a great tradition over the years and hopefully will correct whatever needs to be corrected. Then, when UK puts a big loss on the Cardinals, it will really mean

UK AND THE HEELS

After Kentucky's return battle with Kansas on Saturday, it will be back to the road for one of the 'Cats' toughest assignments of the season, going into the Dean Dome for a confrontation with the North Carolina Tar Heels on Monday

with ESPN covering the action.

It's quite possible the all-time victory lead will be on the line when the 'Cat ride into town. No big deal, says UNC's Dean Smith, but his team's followers might not be in total agreement.

With Kentucky on probation and going nowhere in the post-season, it's a given Carolina will take the lead sometime this winter and this could be the game. But you can rest assured it will be a real bat-tle over the next five or 10 years. UK athletics director C. M. Newton,

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Sean Woods shook off eight first-half turnovers to help the 'Cats beat UC's press in the second half. photo by Mark Zerot

Kentucky's Reggie Hanson grabs this rebound after UC's Curtis Bostic misses a gimmee.



Kentucky coach Rick Pitino stays courtside to applaud his team after the Wildcats held on to edge Cincinnati club won just one road game all last year. Pitino's

TIME	KENTUCKY	SCORE	CINCINNAT
19:14	Mashburn 8 ft.	2-0	
18:36		2-2	Banks 3 ft. follow
18:05	Pelphrey 22 ft.	5-2	
17:06	Mashburn FTA, FT	6-2	
16:54		6-4	Starks tip-i
16:13	Woods layup	8-4	
15:49	Mashburn layup follow	10-4	
14:34		10-6	Robinson FT, F
14:10	Hanson 22 ft.	13-6	
12:51		13-9	Robinson layup, F
11:44	Farmer 23 ft.	16-9	
11:18		16-10	Robinson FT, FT
11:11		16-12	Jackson FT, F
11:06	Hanson layup	18-12	
10:10		18-14	Starks 4 ft. follo
8:57		18-16	Jones 8 f
8:36	Feldhaus FT, FTA	19-16	
8:28		19-18	Banks FT, F
8:05	Mashburn 16 ft.	21-18	
7:25	Hanson alley-oop layup	23-18	
7:17		23-20	Robinson 6 f
6:55	Brassow 20 ft.	26-20	
6:30		26-22	Banks 18 f
6:14	Hanson FTA, FT	27-22	
5:53		27-23	Banks FT, FT
5:08	Pelphrey 22 ft.	30-23	
4:29		30-24	Bostic FTA, F
3:42		30-26	Banks FT, F
3:31		30-27	Gibson FT, FT,
3:20	Martinez layup	32-27	
3:01		32-29	Starks 6 f
2:47	Pelphrey 22 ft.	35-29	
1:57		35-31	Jones 6 ft. follow
0:35		35-33	Banks FT, F

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18:54	Woods 7 ft.	39-33	
18:37		39-35	Starks 6 ft.
18:16	Mashburn 4 ft.	41-35	
16:13		41-37	Starks FT, FT
16:03	Mashburn 24 ft.	44-37	
15:26		44-39	Banks dunk
14:35	Brassow 22 ft.	47-39	
14:11	Mashburn layup	49-39	
13:39	Hanson layup, FT	52-39	
13:36		52-41	Banks 10 ft.
13:09	Brassow 22 ft.	55-41	
12:01		55-44	Jackson 22 ft.
11:17		55-46	Robinson FT, FT
10:35		55-48	Robinson layup follow
9:29		55-50	Jackson 18 ft.
9:20	Farmer 12 ft.	57-50	
7:54		57-52	Robinson 8 ft.
7:42	Mashburn layup	59-52	
7:13		59-54	Banks 16 ft.
6:34		59-55	Robinson FT, FTA
6:25	Hanson 7 ft., FT	62-55	
6:00		62-57	Robinson FT, FT
5:55	Brassow 22 ft.	65-57	
5:14		65-59	Jones 10 ft.
4:57	Pelphrey layup	67-59	
4:36		67-60	Banks FT, FTA
4:19		67-63	Jones layup, FT
4:01	Mashburn 6 ft. follow	69-63	
3:46		69-66	Jones 22 ft.
2:48		69-68	Jones FT, FT
1:59	Hanson FT, FT	71-68	
0:52		71-69	Banks FT, FTA
0:29	Hanson layup	73-69	
0:10	Farmer FT, FT	75-69	
0:04		75-71	Robinson tip-in
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CINCINNATI — The University of Kentucky basketball Wildcats, departing from coach Rick Pitino's pressing defensive tactics, but still firing from long range, overcame a disadvantage in height, speed and leaping ability to gun down Cincinnati, a 3½-point favorite, before more than 13,000 Bearcat fans in Myrl Shoemaker Center on the UC

campus.

The victory, which came on Wednesday after the Wildcats had opened their 1990-91 season four days earlier with a win over Pennseason tour days earner with a win over Pennsylvania in Rupp Arena, was only UK's second road win since defeating Tennessee 66-65 at Knoxville in January of 1989.

The other road victory was a 78-74 win over

a floundering Florida team at Gainesville last February.

"This is a great win for Kentucky," Pitino said of UK's first appearance in Cincinnati since UK won the famous Stall Game, 24-11, in 1983. "They're a lot more athletic than we are. The only advantage we had was shoot-

SHOOTING WAS KEY FOR UK

The Wildcats hit 28 of 58 shots from the field, including 10 of 24 three-pointers, while the Bearcats struggled offensively, hitting only 21 of 67 for 37 percent, including only two of eight from three-point range.

However, Cincinnati, which trailed the en-

tire game, kept things close by forcing UK into 22 turnovers. The Bearcats' 11 steals in the first half, when they missed 13 of their first 15 shots while UK was six of 12 from the three-point range, allowed them to stay within striking distance (35-33) at the inter-

mission.

Cincinnati's trapping defense forced UK point guard Sean Woods into committing eight of those UK first-half turnovers. He had none in the second.

"I was trying to dribble through," Woods said. "They were sagging. You can't attack that. All you do is run into more men. Coach gave me a little tip. Relax. Don't try to beat it every time. In the second half, I made the quick pass.

Pitino made an adjustment on Kentucky's press offense at halftime. Instead of bringing the ball up the court near the sideline into the teeth of the UC traps—as was the case early, Pitino instructed his guards to stay in the middle of the court in the second half. The 'Cats turned the ball over just six times in the final 20 minutes, none of the errors coming against the UC press.

Using a 20-8 run to open the second half, which was capped with a long three-pointer which was capped with a folig infee-pointer from starting shooting guard Jeff Brassow, the Wildcats went ahead 55-41 only 6½ minutes into the second period. With 2:48 left, UC's Herb Jones scored eight straight points to cut the lead to 69-68.

Kentucky was leading 71-69 when Reggie Hanson drove around substitute Curtis Bostic to give UK a four-point lead with 28 seconds

The Wildcats were spreading the court out on offense at the time, using valuable seconds off the 45-second shot clock, but were still looking to attack the basket.

"We knew what to do," Pitino said. "We knew not to freeze the ball. Move the ball to score and don't let them foul you and get back into the game. We knew to cut back-door at the right time. Last year we were trying to learn what to do while we were out there.

FAST BREAK

BEWARE OF THE BEARCATS

Kentucky coach Rick Pitino predicts a bright future for Bob Huggins and his Bearcats

Cincinnati has just as much athleticism as any team on our schedule." Pitino said at his weekly press conference, one day before the UK-UC clash. "If you were to compare them, you'd compare them to Louisville: a lot of athletic talent. They have people 6-5 and 6-6 that can perform acts of a player 6-8 or 6-9.

'Cincinnati's greatest asset is they have mature players. With players in their junior and senior year, you have the potential to

be an outstanding team. The potential to do some serious damage in the NCAA (tournament) is there."

The Bearcats are expected to give Metro favorite Southern Miss its biggest challenge for the conference title, along with Memphis State and Louisville.

WHERE'S THE TV GUIDE, HONEY?

After a year scrambled due to NCAA sanctions, Kentucky returned to live television (ESPN). Not since its loss at Syracuse in 1989 had the 'Cats been on national televison. The loss to the Orangemen was televised by CBS.

Pitino believes the eye of the camera is a vital recruiting tool. "TV introduces to the junior high and high school kids what big-time basketball is all about. We need to get in that arena once again. I go to a high school gym, I can't believe how many peo-ple imitate Dick Vitale. He does a lot for a program."

TIMEOUT: JAMAL MASHBURN

That never works out."

Louis Banks, Cincinnati's All-Metro Con-

ference forward, then missed his 15th shot in 20 tries. With UK awarded the ball out of

bounds under the Bearcat basket, Richie

Farmer was fouled after taking the in-bounds

just before intermission, calmly sank the two that iced the game.

The Wildcats surprised Cincinnati by departing completely from their trademark

full-court pressing defense.

"That is the first time as a coach I did not

Instead, the Wildcats elected to sag into a sticky, active, half-court defense—mostly

man-to-man-and give Cincinnati the outside

Pitino said because of the Bearcats' athletic

ability, poor outside shooting and the fact that UC is itself a full-court pressing team, he was

afraid UK's press would allow UC to get too many easy baskets in transition.

"At every position except Reggie (Hanson), they were more athletic and jumped higher,"

Pitino said. "At every position except (Sean) Woods, they were quicker and could get up and down the floor faster. So I went in think-

ing I might use a half-court defense. And we

played outstanding. We had to make sure they shot from the perimeter." A key to UK's defense was Brassow, who

drew the assignment on Banks. The Wildcat

NO PRESS? NO SWEAT

press," Pitino said.

The reasons?

shot.

Farmer, who had missed two free throws

In his first two games, Kentucky freshman starter Jamal Mashburn has totalled 30 points while playing more than 25 minutes a contest.

presented a tough test for Mashburn underneath. It's something he can expect every night in the Southeastern

Conference.

"They were giving of elbows and pushing us when we jumped up;" Mashburn, not yet a year removed from his prep days in the Bronx, said. "They got dirty under there.

"A little holding. A little shoving...throwing you off balance. But they are a real good team, though."

In Kentucky's opener before a friendly crowd, Mashburn was free of butterflies. And against Cincinnati, his first college test away from Rupp Arena, Mashburn said he wasn't a bit nervous.

"I just go out to play," he said. "That's what coach wants us to do, go out and play hard. There is a lot of thinking going on out

on the court as far as where to go, where to be at and stuff like that. So you don't really have a chance to get nervous because Rick is always on your back.

THE TURNOVER BUG

During the first 20 minutes, a much quicker Cincinnati team reated havoc in UK's offensive scheme. UK turned the ball over 16 times in the first period.

What did Rick Pitino say at halftime?

"He was really upset about the turnovers and their second shots."

Mashburn answered. "In the second half we kept the ball a little more and we reduced their second shots by boxing out."

Kentucky kept its cool in the second half, committing only six

MORE THAN JUST STATS

•UK players did know first-hand about one particular UC player. Junior College All-America transfer Herb Jones had played in pickup games this summer in Lexington. Jones is friends with some of the 'Cats.

•Eric Davis and Chris Sabo, members of the World Champion Cincinnati Reds, were in attendance.

•From the hard-to-believe department: Kentucky has a friend at Cincinnati radio station WLW in talk show host Andy Furman. While a handful of callers were saying the Bearcats were the better team, Furman differed, praising Rick Pitino's coaching and the Wildcats' defense.

Pitino's Bombinos remain alive. In two games they've drilled 20 of 54 treys for 37 percent.

•Kentucky now leads the series with the Bearcats, 26-10. UK-UC first played in 1904.

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Mashburn, Jamal	8-16	1-4	1-2	5-2 7	3	18	2	2	1	0	28:33
Pelphrey, John	4-6	3-4	0-0	0-7 7	4	11	1	4	0	0	25:50
Hanson, Reggie	7.9	1-1	5-6	1-5 6	3	20	2	4	1	2	35:19
Woods, Sean	2-5	0-0	0-0	0-3 3	4	4	3	8	0	2	31:55
Brassow, Jeff	4-12	4-10	0-0	3-1 4	5	12	3	0	0	0	33:54
Feldhaus, Deron	0-6	0-3	1-2	1-1 2	4	1	4	2	1	0	25:3
Farmer, Richie	2-3	1-2	2-4	0-1 1	1	7	1	2	0	0	14:1
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Starks, Keith	4-11	0-0	2-2	5-0 5	4	10	0	3	0	0	24:36
Gibson, Tarrance	0-2	0-0	1-2	1-23	1	1	1	1	1	1	19:23
Banks, Louis	5-20	0-3	9-14	4-1 5	2	19	2	4	1	2	38:53
Bostic, Curtis	0-6	0-0	1-2	1-3 4	1	1	0	0	0	1	16:43
Jackson, Allen	2-8	1-4	2-2	6-4 10	3	7	1	3	0	4	26:13
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3-pt FG%: 2-8, 25.0%	1st h	alf: 0-4	, 0.0%	2nd ha	alf: 2-4	, 50.0%		Reb	oune	is:	3
FT%: 27-38, 71.1%	1st half:	15-22,	68.2%	2nd half	: 12-16	, 75.0%					

Technical fouls: Jones, Herbert - 1

It worked. "We missed more Points off turnovers KENTUCKY 16, CINCINNATI 23 layups than we did all year last year," Banks

said. "I know I did." The other Bearcats

soph said the strategy

was "getting in his face and forcing him

to take tough shots.

"He'll get his points," he said. "I

anted to get him out

of his rhythm."

did, too. Though Cincinnati held a 46-40 advantage on the boards, including a huge 27-12

edge on the offensive glass, the hosts had trouble converting them into points.

"Oh, my, they just ate up the glass," Hanson said. "When we blocked out, we didn't push out. We put a body on them, but we didn't push back."

"We knew they weren't a good shooting."

"We knew they weren't a good shooting team," Brassow said. "But they are one helluva offensive rebounding team. That's the only reason we almost lost."

Offensive rebounds, though, without en-

suing points, won't get the job done. Cincinnati did get 23 second-chance points, but it wasn't enough to offset its woeful shooting

'It's tough to shoot it that bad and win,' UC coach Bob Huggins said. "Early on, we were out of our offense. We had to much oneon-one play. Later on, we had plenty of op-portunities. We didn't react in transition and finish the play."

Instead, it was Kentucky that finished the play, something the 'Cats could not do on the road last season

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"This was a helluva road win for Kentucky," Pitino said. "Obviously, we're ecstatic. A lot of times last year (on the road), with the fatigue factor being there, when the crowd got going and the other team made its run, it got to us a little bit. Tonight, all the tough losses paid off for us."

Hanson was the game's leading scorer with

20 points, while adding six rebounds. Freshman Jamal Mashburn hit eight of 16 from the field and one of two from the line for 18 points. Sean Woods (12) and John Pelphrey (11) also were in double figures for the Wildcats. Mashburn and Pelphrey had seven rebounds each.

Levertis Robinson and Banks led the Bearcats with 19 points each. Herbert Jones had 11 rebounds and Allen Jackson added 10 for the Bearcats, who lost for the first time in





UK forward John Pelphrey and 'Cat coach Rick Pitino start to celebrate with seconds remaining. photo by Mark Zarol

Point guard Sean Woods, who keyed UK's second half explosion, drives around ND's Daimon Sweet. proto by Mark Zerol

CENTUCKY 98, NOTRE DAME 90



Richie Farmer (32) had perhaps his best day at UK, scoring a team-high 19 points with four assists.



'Cat reserve Jody Thompson has plenty to cheer about as he watches from the Kentucky bench. 'photo by Mark Zerot'

TIME	-Notre Dan	ne p	lay-by-play
	KENTUCKY	SCORE	NOTRE DAME
19:55	Mashburn 21 ft.	3-0	
18:39		3-1	Bennett FTA, FT
18:11		3-3	Singleton FT, FT
17:29	Hanson layup, FT	3-5 6-5	Singleton FT, FT
16:37		6-7	Ellis alley-opp dunk
16:07		6-9	Tower 15 ft.
15:51		6-11	Bennett layup
15:34	Hanson layup, FTA	8-11	
15:15	Farmer 23 ft.	11-11	Ellery 21 ft.
14:18	Pelphrey 8 ft. follow	13-14	
13:57		13-16	Ellis 8 ft.
	Feldhaus 6 ft. follow	15-16	
12:25 11:50	Farmer 22 ft.	15-19 18-19	Boyer 21 ft.
11:38	raillei 22 il.	18-21	Ellis layup follow
10:46	Brassow 23 ft.	21-21	
9:07		21-22	Ellery FTA, FT
8:51	Mashburn 4 ft.	23-22	
8:37 7:13	Hanson FT, FT	23-24	Ellery 7 ft.
6:21	Market Later	25-24	Sweet 8 ft.
5:30		25-28	Ellis dunk
	Brassow 22 ft.	28-28	
4:12		28-30	Ellis FT, FT
3:35		28-32 28-34	Ellis FT, FT Ellis tip-dunk
2:55		28-36	Boyer layup, FTA
2:27		28-38	Tower layup follow
2:07	Pelphrey 22 ft.	31-38	
1:09	Farmer 17 ft.	33-38	
	Pelphrey 24 ft.	36-38	P
0:43	Farmer 10 ft.	36-40 38-40	Boyer FT, FT
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19:51	Pelphrey 21 ft.	38-42	Ellery 18 ft.
19:30	Mashburn FT, FT	43-42	
17:24		43-44	Tower 19 ft.
16:47		43-46	Sweet layup
	Hanson dunk	45-46 45-40	D:
16:11	Feldhaus layup	45-48 47-48	Bennett 14 ft.
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15:42	Feldhaus FT, FTA	48-50	,,,,
15:28	Hanson layup	50-50	
15:08	Brassow 23 ft.	53-50	
14:17	Farmer 22 ft.	53-52	Sweet FT, FT
13:56	runner ZZ IL.	58-52	
13:31		58-55	Ellery layup follow, FT
	Woods FTA, FT	59-55	
	Farmer 20 ft.	62-55	
12:25	Woods layup	64-55	EH 40.0
11:44	Feldhaus lavup	64-57 66-57	Ellis 10 ft.
10:24		66-60	Boyer 21 ft.
	Mashburn 8 ft. follow		
9:14		68-62	Ellis 17 ft.
8:51	Mashburn FTA, FT	69-62	
8:26 8:18	Hanson layup, FT	72-62 72-64	Ellery FT, FT
8:18	Woods FT, FT	74-64	Ellery FI, FI
7:58		74-66	Sweet dunk
7:44		74-68	Sweet layup follow
	Feldhaus FT, FTA	75-68	
	Woods layup	77-68	
6:47	Mashburn FT, FT	77-70 79-70	Bennett 9 ft.
6:26		79-70	Ellery FT, FTA
6:16	Mashburn 15 ft.	81-71	
5:56		81-72	Ellery FT, FTA
5:37		81-75	Sweet layup, FT
			Bennett FT, FTA Ellis FTA, FT
4:11	Woods FTA FT	82.77	
3:39	Hanson layup, FT	85-77	
3:21	Woods layup	87-77	
3:11	That tend his last	87-79	Bennett FT, FT
2:46		87-81	Bennett layup
2:36	Feldhaus 21 ft.	90-81	
2:17	Farmer lawin	90-83	Bennett FT, FT
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NOTRE DAME VS UK R . E . C . A . P by MIKE ESTEP

INDIANAPOLIS - Basketball fans at last Saturday's Big Four Classic survived what was supposed to be Earthquake Weekend, but the 38,043 who stayed for the nightcap of the hoops doubleheader did not escape the Hoosier Dome without feeling the effects of a little seismic activity, University of Ken-

Fueled by pressure defense and outstanding play from guards Richie Farmer and Sean Woods, Rick Pitino's Wildcats erupted for three big runs to shake Notre Dame 98-90 and improve their record to a perfect 3-0 on the season.

Geologists from around the country had predicted the following scenario for Dec. 1: If it was, indeed, an earthquake, it would be the New Madrid Fault; if Notre Dame lost to the Wildcats, it would be Digger Phelps' fault

While that theory might not be 100 percent true, the Notre Dame coach certainly did help Kentucky shake off a rather unimpressive start Saturday, particularly by switching to a man-to-man defense in the second half after an Irish zone had stymied the Wildcats for

much of the first period.

The 'Cats were sluggish on the offensive end in the game's first 16 minutes, rarely getting anything done inside, and found them. selves in a 28-28 tie with 4:40 remaining in the half only on the strength of their three-

point shooting.

That's when Notre Dame forward LaPhonso Ellis took over, quickly, and almost single-handedly, pushing the Irish to a double-digit

Ellis, who finished with game-high totals of 21 points and nine rebounds, broke the tie with four straight free throws and a thunder ous tip-in dunk to give Notre Dame a 34-28 lead at the 3:02 mark. After a UK turnover on its next possession, Ellis found freshman Brooks Boyer on the break for a layup that made it 36-28. Boyer missed the front end of a one-and-one situation at the free throw line seconds later, but center Keith Tower was there for the follow to cap the 10-0 Notre Dame spurt and give the Irish a 38-28 advantage with 2:27 left in the half.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL IGNITES UK

Kentucky players, however, weren't the least bit worried about the Notre Dame scor-

ing spree.
"We don't think about the score during that time of the game because in our style of play we're either going to be up by 10 or down by 10 right before halftime," Woods said. "We've just got to keep on going, keep on going until the other team wears down."

The Irish, without their best ballhandler— point guard Tim Singleton, who left with spasms 12 minutes into the contest and was physically unable to return-immediately began to show signs of weariness and frus-

Kentucky's press, for the first time, started paying dividends, limiting Notre Dame to just two Boyer free throws the remainder of the half. Meanwhile, the Wildcats went on a two minute drill that allowed them to trim the lead to just two at intermission.

Two Farmer buckets—one of them a lefthanded Hail Mary scoop shot around around

FAST BREAK

by Nick Nicholas

RUNNING THOSE EXTRA MILES

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INDIANAPOLIS — University of Kentucky strength coach Ray Oliver, known affectionately around the weight room as "Rock", has helped put the "run" back in the Wildcat playbook. His preseason conditioning class paid dividends last season. And after a year under Rock's guidance, the Wildcats entered fall workouts in even better condition.

In the second half, the 'Cats turned up the pace against Notre Dame, scoring 60 points. While the Irish were having trouble keeping pace, UK, thanks to a second and third wind, could have played on. "In the second half we came out and kept on playing hard and pushed the ball up the court." Deron Feldhaus said. "We had 60 points in the second half. I think they (Notre Dame) got a little tired. They tried to slow it down as much as they could, but they still got tired." but they still got tired.'

Conditioning, says Sean Woods, played a major factor in Ken-

tucky's third win of the season.
"Loyola-Marymount may be the only team in the country whose conditioning is as hard as ours," Woods, who played 33 minutes, said. "If someone else conditions harder than we do...more power to them

"We might get up at five o'clock in the morning and run20 220s (220-yard dashes) or 20 440s, a mile and a half, two and a half, or three miles. Then we might come back in the afternoon at three o'clock and do the same thing. We condition in the pool and do a lot of strength work, as far as weights are concerned, and a lot of biking. And that's on a constant basis. We never get a day off.

"Then after we condition we have to play (practice)."

How persuasive is Rock during preseason conditioning?

"Very persuasive," Woods answered, grinning. "Rock hates when the season comes around because he doesn't have the power to run us in the ground like he does during preseason. But there are a couple of times during the week that Rock gets his chance

to get us. He takes full advantage of that.

"He makes sure we're in the greatest shape we can possibly

ELLERY 2, KENTUCKY PLAYERS 1

Coming into the '90 Big Four, Notre Dame's Kevin Ellery, from Springfield, Ky. had a 2-0 lead on Feldhaus, Reggie Hanson, John Pelphrey and Richie Farmer—in-state Wildcats. Those four, however, settled the score against the '87 UPI Kentucky high school Player of the Year.
"Kevin and I go back a long ways," Feldhaus said. "He's a

great player and he's playing good right now.
"He was up two (ND victories). I kind of keep up with the boys from Kentucky and it felt good to get this win."

DIGGER ON KENTUCKY

Notre Dame head coach Digger Phelps and his Irish defeated Kentucky 80-67 to end the 'Cats' 1989-90 season.

What's the biggest difference in the team that defeated Notre Dame today and the one that lost to the Irish last March, Digger?

Dame today and the one that lost to the Irish last March, Digger? "They have more confidence in Rick's system," Phelps, now in his 20th season at Notre Dame, said. "It took a year for them to get used to it, and he's an excellent coach. They love shooting the threes and they do that very, very well. "They all play very, very well in their roles. When they shoot 12 of 26 (three pointers) that's obviously a very high percentage (46.2 percent)."

MORE THAN JUST STATS

•UK Law? Kentucky senior reserve Johnathon Davis remained in Lexington Saturday morning to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and needed an Indianapolis police escortarranged by Indiana University—to get to the Hoosier Dome. After finishing the test, he boarded a plane and was met by a police escort at the Indianapolis airport. He arrived 30 minutes prior to tipoff. Davis plans on attending UK Law School.

•Kentucky is now 2-2 in Big Four play.

•Indiana (4-1) and Louisville (0-1), two UK foes in December.

played in the first contest as the Hoosiers easily won, 72-52.

Kentucky travels to Indiana to play IU on Dec. 18, and will take on Denny Crum's Cards Dec. 29 at Freedom Hall. ESPN will televise the IU game while CBS has the UK-U of L matchup.

KENTUCKY (3-0)	Fg	3-pt	Ft	Reb.	Pf	Тр	A	То	Blk	S	Min
Mashburn, Jamal	4-9	1-2	5-6	1-3 4	4	14	1	3	0	1	19
Pelphrey, John	4-7	3-4	4-4	1-4 5	4	15	2	0	0	0	37
Hanson, Reggie	6-9	0-0	5-6	1-2 3	4	17	1	2	0	0	30
Woods, Sean	4.9	0-1	5-10	0-2 2	4	13	8	3	0	3	33
Brassow, Jeff	3-8	3-8	0-0	1-3 4	4	9	3	4	2	1	24
Feldhaus, Deron	4-8	1-2	2-4	2-6 8	4	11	4	3	1	1	25
Farmer, Richie	7-11	4-7	1-2	0-2 2	3	19	4	0	0	2	2
Toomer, Carlos	0-3	0-2	0-0	1-0 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Martinez, Gimel	0-0			0-00	0	0	1		0	0	
Thomas, Henry	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0 0	0	0	C	0	C	0	
Thompson, Jody	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Team Rebounds				. 1-0 1							

NOTRE DAME (2-4)	Fg	3-pt	Ft	Reb.	Pf	Tp	A	То	Blk	S	Min
Ellis, LaPhonso	8-12	0-0	5-6	3-6 9	4	21	3	2	0	1	36
Sweet, Daimon	5-16	0-0	5-5	2-1 3	3	15	3	2	0	1	30
Tower, Keith	3-4	0-0	0-0	3-6 9	3	6	1	1	1	0	26
Singleton, Tim	0-0	0-0	4-4	044	0	4	2	3	0	2	10
Bennett, Elmer	5-13	0-2	6-8	0-3 3	2	16	5	6	0	1	33
Ellery, Kevin	4-10	1-2	6-10	4-5 9	4	15	2	4	0	0	32
Boyer, Brooks	3-7	2-3	2-3	0.00	5	10	0	2	0	0	23
Ross, Jon	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1 1	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Ross, Joe	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1 2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cozen, Carl	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0 0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2
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3-pt FG%: 4-9, 44.4% FT%: 28-36, 77.8%				2nd h				Reb	ounc	ls: 4	
Officials: Dick Paparo,	F. Scagl	otta, R	ick Har	zell Tech	nical f	ouls: no	ne	Atte	ndar	ice:	38,04
Points off turnovers											
KENTUCKY 24, NOTH	E DAME	11									
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Second chance point				KENTUCH	CY	38	6	0	-		96
KENTUCKY 10, NOTR	E DAME	13		NOTRE D	AME	40	5	0			90

pointers from forward John Pelphrey accounted for a 10-2 UK run that cut the deficit to 40-38 at the half. **WOODS TAKES OVER**

Ellis just ahead of the horn-and two three-

The teams traded buckets for the first five minutes of the second half before Kentucky's pressing style and depth, coupled with the amazing play of Woods, made it a one-sided

With the score tied at 50-50 and Notre Dame now in a man-to-man defense to better guard against the steady procession of Wildcat three-pointers, Woods, who played his high school ball in the shadow of the Hoosier Dome at Cathedral High School, helped Kentucky take over.

Woods picked Boyer's pocket on the press which led to one of Jeff Brassow's three threes and a 53-50 Kentucky lead. Then Woods penetrated and found forward Deron Feldhaus inside, who kicked it out to Farmer, who drilled a 22-footer to make it 56-52. Woods hit a straight-away 17-footer on one possession, then made a drive to the hoop that netted him a free throw on the next, to make it 59-55. After another three from Farmerwho very well could have enjoyed his best game at UK with 7-of-11 shooting for 19 points, four assists, two steals and no turnovers—Woods finished off the 14-5 Kentucky run with a layup in transition to make it 64-55 with 12:25 left.

"In the first half, they went zone, so I

couldn't get any penetration. Then when I saw they went man. I said. 'Hey, I don't think too many people in the country can stop me one-on-one," Woods, who scored all 13 of his points and dished off half of his eight assists in the second half, said. "And that's what I did. try to get the ball to the

And he did it without the mistakes that had plagued him in the first two games of the year. After committing three first-half turnovers, Woods played an errorless floor game the final 20 minu

"It's still coming, I'm not there yet," Woods said. "I'm just gradually getting into it. As long as I don't think about scoring, that's when I score. But my job is to get other players in position to score."

Notre Dame threatened seriously just one last time, closing to within four at 81-77 with 4:11 to go, but then Woods went to work again, hitting a free throw, dishing to Hanson for a layup, then taking it all the way himself to push the lead to 10 at 87-77 just :30 later.

"Pressing, running teams take over in the second half," Pitino said, explaining his team's second-half dominance. "Teams come out mentally ready for pressure. But as the game goes on, they don't run the ball to their hands as much. They don't split the traps as much. It takes over in the second half.

The way our style goes, people will score on you and get some baskets," Farmer said, echoing his coach. "You keep forcing the

tempo. You'll get your runs."
Feldhaus, who also rebounded from two subpar performances by scoring 11 points and posting a team-high eight boards, put the final nail in the Irish coffin when he swished a three-pointer to make it 90-81 with 2:17 left.

"I had the ball...and I was open," Feldhaus, who has missed all five of his other threepoint tries on the year, said with a smile. "I've been struggling a little bit offensively with my shooting, but I wasn't going to back down and not take it. I was trying to get my confidence back up by making a big three.
"Coach Pitino, if I wouldn't have taken it,

probably would have been mad.

KENTUCKY







KANSAS **YHAWK**

WHEN: DEC. 8, 7:30 P.M.

TV: ESPN

WHERE: RUPP ARENA



Rick Pitino

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Johnathon Davis	F	6-6	195	Sr.	Pensacola, Fla. (Pine Forest)
Reggie Hanson	F-C	6-7	200	Sr.	Somerset (Pulaski Co.)
Richie Farmer	G	6-0	175	Jr.	Manchester (Clay Co.)
Deron Feldhaus	· F	6-7	200	Jr.	Maysville (Mason Co.)
John Pelphrey	G-F	6-7	180	Jr.	Paintsville (High)
Sean Woods	G	6-2	175	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Cathedral)
Todd Bearup*	G-F	6-5	210	Ĵr.	London (Laurel Co./Utah State)
Junior Braddy	G	6-3	190	So.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Mlddleburg)
Jeff Brassow	G-F	6-5	185	So.	Houston, Texas (Alief-Elsik)
Gimel Martinez	С	6-9	205	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Senior)
Jamal Mashburn	F	6-8	230	Fr.	Bronx, N.Y. (Cardinal Hayes)
Henry Thomas	G	6-4	160	Fr.	Clarksville, Tenn. (High)
Jody Thomas	G	6-5	190	Fr.	Feds Creek (High)
Carlos Toomer	G	6-4	190	Fr.	Corinth, Miss. (High)

*Transfer Todd Bearup becomes eligible for the second semi

player	pos.	ht.	wt.	class	hometown (school)
	G G	6-1	185	Sr.	Clyde, N.Y. (NE Oklahoma A&M)
Terry Brown					Wilmette, III. (High
Jeff Knobel	G	6-3	175	Sr.	
Mark Randall*	F	6-9	230	Sr.	Englewood, Col. (Cherry Creek
Kirk Wagner	F	6-7	210	Sr.	Pasadena, Calif. (Pasadena CC
Doug Elstun	G	6-2	175	Jr.	Shawnee Mission, Kan. (West
Alonzo Jamison	F	6-5	235	Jr.	Santa Ana, Calif. (Rancho Santiago
David Johanning	С	6-10	220	Jr.	Wichita, Kan. (Hutchinson CC
Mike Maddox	F	6-7	210	Jr.	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Putnam North
Malcolm Nash	F	6-7	195	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Vashor
Sean Tunstall	G	6-2	175	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Vashor
Adonis Jordan	G	5-11	160	So.	Reseda, Calif. (Cleveland
Patrick Richey	G-F	6-8	180	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Lee's Summit
Richard Scott	G	6-6	220	Fr.	Little Rock, Ark. (Little Rock Centra
Steve Woodberry	G	6-4	175	Fr.	Wichita, Kan. (Wichita South

*Mark Randall, due to a leg injury, will likely miss the Kentucky game

KENTUCKY





NORTH CAROLINA

WHEN: DEC. 10, 9 P.M.

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Sean Woods



Jamal Mashburn





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Johnathon Davis	F	6-6	195	Sr.	Pensacola, Fla. (Pine Forest
Reggie Hanson	F-C	6-7	200	Sr.	Somerset (Pulaski Co.
Richie Farmer	G	6-0	175	Jr.	Manchester (Clay Co.
Deron Feldhaus	F	6-7	200	Jr.	Maysville (Mason Co.
John Pelphrey	G-F	6-7	180	Jr.	Paintsville (High
Sean Woods	G	6-2	175	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Cathedral)
Todd Bearup*	G-F	6-5	210	Jr.	London (Laurel Co./Utah State)
Junior Braddy	G	6-3	190	So.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Mlddleburg
Jeff Brassow	G-F	6-5	185	So.	Houston, Texas (Alief-Elsik
Gimel Martinez	C	6-9	205	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Senior
Jamal Mashburn	F	6-8	230	Fr.	Bronx, N.Y. (Cardinal Hayes)
Henry Thomas	G	6-4	160	Fr.	Clarksville, Tenn. (High)
Jody Thomas	G	6-5	190	Fr.	Feds Creek (High)
Carlos Toomer	G	6-4	190	Fr.	Corinth, Miss. (High)

MORTH CAROLINA ROSTER

player	pos.	ht.	wt.	class	hometown (school)
Pete Chilcutt	F	6-9	230	Sr.	Eutaw, Ala. (Tuscaloosa Academy)
Rick Fox	F	6-7	238	Sr.	Nassau, Bahamas (Warsaw, Ind.)
King Rice	G	6-1	189	Sr.	Binghamton, N.Y. (High
Hubert Davis	G	6-4	177	Jr.	Burke, Va. (Lake Braddock)
Scott Cherry	G	6-3	175	So.	Ballston Spa, N.Y. (Central Catholic
Kenny Harris	G	6-2	180	So.	Petersburg, Va. (High
George Lynch	F	6-7	210	So.	Roanoke, Va. (Flint Hill Prep
Henrik Rodl	G-F	6-7	195	So.	Heusenstamm, W. Ger. (Chapel Hill)
Matt Wenstrom	C	7-0	250	So.	Katy, Texas (Mayde Creek
Eric Montross	С	7-0	245	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Lawrence North)
Derrick Phelps	G	6-3	180	Fr.	Pleasantville, N.Y. (Christ The King)
Brian Reese	F	6-6	205	Fr.	Bronx, N.Y. (Tolentine)
Clifford Rozier	F	6-9	220	Fr.	Bradenton, Fla. (Southeast
Kevin Salvadori	С	6-11	210	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Seton-La Salle)
Pat Sullivan	F	6-7	205	Fr.	Bogata, N.J. (High)

Kansas and Kentucky say goodbye Saturday at Rupp

Phog Allen, Adolph Rupp will be watching

The University of Kentucky basketball team's humiliating 150-95 loss to Kansas last season at Lawrence should be considered a matter of "let the dead past bury its dead" as representatives of two of the finest



Russell Rice

Cats' Pause Columnist

roundball traditions in the nation meet tonight in Lexington for the 20th game in a series that UK leads by an overwhelming 16-3 margin.

This 40th year since the series began with a highly publicized contest in Lexington in 1950 also could mark the end of the series for many years to come, and not because Jayhawk coach Roy Williams "poured it on" a Wildcat squad whose ranks had been depleted by NCAA

Williams explained later that Rick Pitino's refusal to quit pressing left the Jayhawks with no choice but to

quit pressing lett the Jaynawks with no choice but to keep playing at a fast pace.

In that first year as UK coach, Pitino let it be known that he would rather be playing teams in large metropolitan areas, particularly up East, than on the sparsely populated plains of Kansas.

Pitino's reasoning is simply a matter of maximum exposure in highly populated areas that by the sheer weight of numbers contain the most promising high school players.

Wildcat athletics director C. M. Newton, a former coach, echoed that sentiment recently when he stated "From the standpoint of recruiting, it makes a whole lot more sense to go to New York City than to Lawrence, Kansas, for example. We're not recruiting anybody from

On the other hand, we have a Kansas program that had as its first coach none other than Dr. James A. Naismith, who as a 30-year-old gym instructor invented the game of basketball at the International YMCA Train-School in Springfield, Mass., in the autumn of

Naismith was succeeded as Jayhawk coach by his former pupil, Dr. Forest "Phog" Allen, who became known as the "father of basketball coaching."

The Kentucky-Kansas connection began in the fall of

1930, when the Wildcat basketball program welcomed as its new coach Adolph Rupp, a Kansas graduate who had compiled a successful (66-17) record at Freeport (Ill.) High School.

"I played on two national championship teams at Kansas," Rupp recalled later, "I was a member of what Phog called his 'meatpackers,' which meant that we got in the game when things were pretty well settled, one way or

'I had the misfortune of playing behind two fine All-Americans, Paul Endacott and Charlie Black. When we had a class reunion many years later and were lining up for a picture, I told Paul, 'Let me hold that ball. I never got a chance to hold it while I was playing,' "I embraced much of my basketball philosophy from Allen and Naismith, including my personal belief in second to how I chould conclud myself with my teams.

regard to how I should conduct myself with my teams, the public, and others.

The 1950 Kentucky-Kansas game was the first and only time teams coached by Dr. Allen and Rupp faced each other. We have documented the details of that game here before, so we'll just mention the bare essentials before

moving on to the present.

In a nationally publicized battle of All-Americans, Bill Spivey, UK's first seven-footer, completely dominated the Jayhawks' Clyde Lovellette as UK won 66-39 in



Adolph Rupp (pictured right alongside his college coach, Phog Allen) about his playing days

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Lovellette hit only four of 17 shots, scoring 10 points. Spivey hit nine of 16 and finished with 22 points. The Wildcat ace also batted 11 balls away from Lovellette.

The Wildcats finished 32-2 and were national champions that season.

We also have mentioned before how much Rupp was in awe of his old coach. While accompanying Rupp to Lawrence many years ago, we visited Dr. Allen, who was at his daughter's home recovering from a stroke.

It seemed as if the powerful Bluegrass Baron of Basketball was worshipping at a shrine.

"In a way it's too bad Adolph had to spend so much time on the bench with me," Dr. Allen said, "because he was a pretty good player.

'However, considering the way things turned out, it obviously was a blessing in disguise. He became a stu-dent of the game. He was my prize pupil." Rupp teams defeated his alma mater in the five games

played during his UK tenure. Upon succeeding Rupp

after the 1971-72 season, Joe B. Hall's UK team beat Kansas 77-71 in Lexington. However, Ted Owens and his

Jayhawks got on the board, so to speak, the following year, defeating the Wildcats 71-63 at Lawrence.

Kansas got its second victory over UK, 83-66, early in the 1985-86 season at Lawrence, handing Eddie Sutton his first loss as UK coach. Sutton's Wildcats finished that season 32-4, advancing to the finals of the Southeast

So for the time being, UK says goodbye to an honored rivalry and to visits to Allen Field House on Naismith Drive in Lawrence. Perhaps the twain shall meet again in NCAA-Tournament play after UK goes off probation next

Meanwhile, the spirts of Rupp and Allen undoubtedly

will be present at this final regular-season meeting.
Rupp once said that St. Peter had promised him that
he could coach "both teams" when he got to Heaven. Dr. Allen probably had something to say about that.





Sports briefs about University of Kentucky athletics

Kentucky, Ole Miss lead conference with 13 on SEC football honor roll

Football Wildcats have now won or shared SEC classroom honor six times in last seven seasons

TCP staff report

Kentucky and Ole Miss each placed 13 players on the 1990 Southeastern Conference Football Academic Honor Roll, the league of-

fice announced recently.

By sharing the lead with Ole Miss, it marked the sixth time in the last seven years that the Wildcats have led or shared the lead in honors won. Since 1980, UK has placed a

league-high 82 players on the squad. Following in order were Georgia (10), Alabama (9), Florida (8), Auburn (7), Vanderbilt (7), LSU (6), Mississippi State (5)

Greg Lahr led UK with a 3.66 grade point average in finance. Freddie Maggard was next with 3.6 in communications, followed by

with 3.6 in communications, followed by Larry Jackson, 3.53 in social work.

Other Wildcats on the honor roll, in alphabetical order, are: Jim Graves, 3.09 (communications); Ryan Hockman, 3.09 (secondary education); Randy Holleran, 3.00 (communications); Bill Hulette, 3.00 (management); Greg Hunt, 3.00 (accounting); Joel Mazzella, 3.09 (management/prevalisins). Todd Burs, 3.19 (higherty Brad medicine); Todd Perry, 3.28 (biology); Brad Smith, 3.33 (finance); Dean Wells, 3.29 (marketing), and Gary Willis, 3.18 (market-

Five 'Cats—Hulette, Lahr, Maggard, Perry and Wells—were repeat selections to the honor roll.

To qualify for the honor roll, a player must compile at least a 3.0 grade-point average, either cumulative or during the past year. The player also must earn a letter during the cur-

'In our athletics world, the true mission of the educational institution has been overlooked too many times," UK coach Bill overlooked too many times," UK coach Bill Curry said. "Our job is to educate students. I'm particularly proud of our players who have continued to uphold a wonderful tradition of leading the way in the classroom. I'm very proud of these 13 men.

"Our CATS (Center for Academic and Tutorial Services) staff, under Bob Bradley, should also be commended for their contribute.

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OTHER ACADEMIC HONORS

Lahr, Perry and Wells—have also been selected to the GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-District IV team and will be added to the Academic All-America ballot. Academic All-America teams are voted on by sports information directors around the country.

Lahr, a 6-foot-5, 270-pound junior from Pickerington, Ohio, was named second-team

CATS ON HONOR ROLL

Player, GPA	Curriculum
Bill Hulette, 3.0	management
Greg Lahr, 3.66	finance
Freddie Maggard, 3.6	communications
Todd Perry, 3.28	biology
Dean Wells, 3.29	marketing
Jim Graves, 3.09	communications
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Academic All-America last season

'CATS IN ALL-STAR GAMES

Thus far, two Wildcat football players have been chosen to play in postseason all-star

Holleran has been invited to play in the Blue-Gray game, the Japan Bowl and the East-West Shrine game.

Split end Phil Logan has been invited to

play in the Blue-Gray game.

As was announced earlier, Curry will be an assistant coach in the East-West Shrine

64 WILDCATS EARN LETTERS

Curry also announced that 64 Wildcats earned varsity letters during the 1990 season. The class breakdown of 18 seniors, 14 juniors, 20 sophomores and 12 freshmen is as follows:

■SENIORS (18) — Al Baker, John Bolden, Jeff Brady, Bobby Henderson, Randy Holleran, Bill Hulette, Greg Hunt, Rodney Jackson, Daniel Lee, Phil Logan, Joel Mazzella, Mike Meece, Steve Phillips, Pat Porter, Scott Rayburn, Billy Swanson, Chris Tolbert, Dean Wilks.
■JUNIORS (14) — Jerry Bell, Neal Clark, Joey Couch, Kevin Disotelle, Jim Graves, Bill Hawk, Larry Jackson, Greg Lahr, Courtney Longacre, Freddie Maggard, Dale See, Derrick Thomas, Mike Thomas, Gary Willis

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SOPHOMORES (20) — Brad Armstead, nuck Bradley, Matt Branum, Jon Collins, Travis Chuck Bradley, Matt Branum, Jon Collins, Iravis Hahn, Ryan Hockman, Kurt Johnson, Jody Matthews, Eugene McClellan, Neil Page, Todd Perry, Doug Pelfrey, Travis Powers, Chris Reedy, Brad Shuford, Brad Smith, Reggie Smith, Craig Walker, Sterling Ward, Dean Wells.

#FRESHMEN (12) — Zane Beehn, Steve Berry, Bill Campbell, Darryl Conn, Brian Evans, Marty Moore, Matt Riazzi, Don Robinson, Terry Samuels, Salim Shahid, Adrian Sherwood, Duce Williams

Hicks gives UK first football commitment

TCP staff report

Dan Hicks, a 5-foot-10, 175-pound running back and kick returner who rushed for more than 2,700 yards the past two seasons at Lexington's Tates Creek High School, has committed verbally to play football at the Univer-

The signing period for high school foot-ball players begins in February.

"I was born in California, moved to Flor-

ida, then came to Kentucky and I've finally

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Lady Kats finally crack OSU Buckeyes 107-73

TCP staff report

The Lady Kat basketball team, avenging three straight losses to Ohio State, defeated the Lady Buckeyes 107-73 last Wednesday in

Memorial Coliseum.

Last year, OSU beat UK 89-86 in triple overtime. In 1988, OSU won 82-80, and in OSU won 76-71.

Kristi Cushenberry scored 24 points in leading the Lady Kats to their fourth victory in as many starts. Also scoring in double

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Rupp Arena in running to host future NCAA tourney games

Lexington could be host city for first two rounds of 1994 Southeast Regional

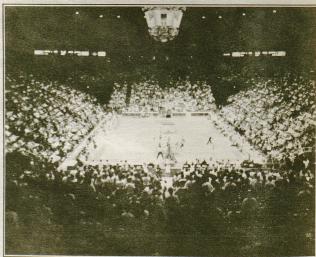
TCP staff report

Rupp Arena, the University of Kentucky's home basketball floor, has been announced as one of the sites recommended for first- and second-round games of the 1994 NCAA

The NCAA Division I men's basketball committee also announced the sites it will recommend to the NCAA Executive Committee for regional games in 1994. The Executive Committee was scheduled to act on the recommendations at a meeting earlier this

The recommended regional sites are Miami Arena in Miami, Fla.; Thompson-Boling Arena in Knoxville, Tenn.; Reunion Arena in Dallas, Texas; and the Sports Arena in Los Angeles, Calif.

Recommended along with Rupp Arena as a Southeast site was the Suncoast Dome in St. Petersburg, Fla. The other first- and second-round arenas would be Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y., and the Capital Iseum in Unionicale, N.T., and the Capital Center in Landover, Md., in the East; Kan-sas Coliseum in Wichita, Kan., and The Myriad in Oklahoma City, Okla., in the Midwest; and Dee Events Center in Ogden, Utah, and Arco Arena in Sacramento, Calif., in the War. in the West



NCAA tournament action will return to Lexington should Rupp Arena be selected to host the 1994 Southeast Regional.

Rupp Arena has hosted a number of NCAA events, including the Mideast Regional Finals in 1984, the Final Four in 1985 and the Southeast Regional Finals in 1989.

Under NCAA rules, of course, Kentucky

would not be allowed to play in Rupp Arena during the 1994 tournament should Lexington be selected as host. NCAA rules forbid a team to play on its home court in early rounds of the tournament.

Jamal Mashburn a freshman? You're pulling my leg

Rookie does everything but sell popcorn

Most 6-foot-9, 240-pound basketball players can't shoot the three-point shot, handle the ball well enough to lead the fast break or play any position on the floor. Jamal Mashburn of Kentucky can. Still, UK coach

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Cats' Pause Columnist

Rick Pitino has to remind himself not to expect too

much, too soon from his talented freshman.

"You look at him and think he is 21 years old," Pitino said. "But he's going to have some lapses because he's just 17. He is a very gifted player but he is still a young

(Mashburn turned 18 on Nov. 29).
"He really knows how to play the game, though,"
Pitino added. "He understands how to pass and screen. He could play guard, forward or center. And to boot, he's a super nice young man.

ne's a super nice young man.

"He can do everything you want. I would like to see him run the floor a little better, but that will come. The only thing he really needs as time passes is to mature and gain experience. I just have to remember that."

Mashburn has obviously made a believer of Pitino.

The UK coach feels the freshman, who averaged 26.3 points and 10.5 rebounds per game last season for his New York prep team, is one of the nation's top three freshmen

Mashburn's teammates certainly agree

Mashburn's teammates certainly agree.

"When you see a guy that size put the ball between his legs, hang in the air, absorb punishment and still score, you know he is a special player," UK junior John Pelphrey said. "He has all the tools. He is really still

Pelphrey said. "He has all the tools. He is really still just a kid, but knowing how good he already is he should really be encouraging to UK basketball fans.

Kentucky senior Reggie Hanson has faced some of the nation's premier players the last three seasons. He also knows that Mashburn has skills that cannot be taught. "He is a physical player but he also has a lot of finesse about his game," Hanson said. "He is a strong, powerful kid but he can also do a lot of things with the basketball. You look at him and think he can score inside but he can go outside and score, too."

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Even Dick Vitale, the colorful analyst for ABC-TV and ESPN, has fallen love with Mashburn. "The Mash Man looks sensational," Vitale said. "He's going to make a lot of Kentucky fans happy."

Mashburn, who received votes at all five positions in the balloting for "Mr. Basketball" honors in New York last year, would like to play point guard like Magic Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers, his favorite professional player.

sional player.
"I can handle the basketball and like to handle it,"
Mashburn smiled and said. "I would love to play point
guard. Coach Pitino knows I can shoot the 'three'. That
is one of the reasons he recruited me. I'll play wherever
he wants me."

Now that is at power forward. But he will also spend time at small forward and could be used as a backup

Mashburn, like most freshmen, has to improve his defense. He also needs time to adjust to Pitino's fastpaced offense.

paced offense.
"Jamal has got to concentrate on running the court,"
UK assistant coach Herb Sendek said. "Every day he is getting better and if he wants to go to the next level (NBA), he's got to do some things and he knows it.
"His defense is improving, too. He just needs to develop more of a defensive mentality and learn to stop people every time. He can do that, too."

I just go out and produce. The expectations people have are not too high because I want the same thing. I set high goals for myself. Sometimes I may set them too high but that way if you fall short, you can still be a good player.

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The UK freshman likes a transition game and can finish a fast break with a variety of dunk shots. He catches the ball well on the move and is difficult to defend

ches the ball well on the move and is difficult to defend near the basket.

"He has as good (a pair) of hands as I've seen on a player," Sendek said. "If he catches the ball in low, he's hard to stop. He can post up, throw a behind-the-back pass or shoot the three-pointer. You just have to see him daily to really appreciate him."

Mashburn would not be at Kentucky, but for Pitino.

He knew Pitino because of Pitino's years coaching the New York Knicks. He knew little, though, about UK's

basketball tradition.
"I had not really heard about UK in basketball,"
Mashburn said. "I didn't know it was a major basketball

What about the five NCAA championships UK has

"We don't get much on UK in New York," Mashburn said, "but I knew coach Pitino and then I really liked

UK when I got here for my visit.
"This is the best place for me to be and I have the greatest coach in the world. I know he's not really a ticket to the next level, but he'll help me and make me

work hard to improve my game."

Mashburn doesn't worry about being overwhelmed by media attention

"I enjoy the press to an extent," he said. "I know there will be good times and bad times with the press. I just have to be smart about what I say and not make any

brash predictions."

Neither does he worry about the expectations that others have for him, but he knows UK fans are expecting

others have for him, but he knows OK hans are expecting big things from him this year.
"I just go out and produce," Mashburn said. "The expectations people have are not too high because I want the same thing. I set high goals for myself. Sometimes I

may set them too high but that way if you fall short, you can still be a good player."

Those who have watched him practice since Oct. 15 expect Mashburn to reach most of his lofty goals.

"He's just unbelievable," UK junior Deron Feldhaus, who lost his starting job to Mashburn, said. "He can already do things most players can peeer do and if already do things most players can never do and it comes so easy to him.

"He can put the ball on the floor like a point guard or shoot the three-pointer like a two guard. He has that wide body in the lane. He's smart. And he is a great kid off the basketball floor.

"Nothing fazes him. He just takes it all in stride and goes right on. I would hate to play against him when he is a senior because he is going to be a great, great

ONLY ONE WAY TO SATISFY PITINO

Going 28-0 is the only way Rick Pitino would be totally satisfied during the 1990-91 basketball season However, the UK coach is going to stay positive no mat-ter what record his team has as part of his long-range

"If we win six big games," he said, "it'll be positive because of the focus on where we are trying to go."

Last year, UK fans might have been satisfied with six wins. Pitino took over a team decimated by NCAA sanc tions and player defections. Ten wins seemed a realistic

UK, though, went 14-14 and that has raised expecta-tions this year. Even a warning from Pitino that 16 wins might be a lofty goal has done nothing to dampen the fans' enthusiasm.

"We will try to go 28-0," Pitino said. "Believe me, after every loss we will be devastated. But after a loss we'll turn the next page and try to get better."

Pitino knows his team must learn to win on the road

to be a tournament contender next year, when it goes off NCAA probation.

NCAA probation.

Games at Louisville, Indiana, North Carolina and Cincinnati along with nine Southeastern Conference contests are designed to make UK a better road team.

Next year, however, look for Kentucky to play more than 13 games in friendly Rupp Arena.

"Kentucky should never have 13 homes games," Pitino said. "It is not economically smart for getting into the CICAA) in the part of the part o

(NCAA) tournament. We've got to have 16 or 17 home

That doesn't mean Pitino wants what analynst Dick
Vitale calls M&M's—mismatches. He wants home games
that will test UK like the one he already has scheduled
for next season with Massachusetts.

"They are smart, will be a good road team and will have all their players back," Pitino said. "That's a good

home game for us."

Today, though, Pitino is trying to stay focused on what it will take to make UK a better team next year. One thing he knows the Wildcats must do is learn to play better man-to-man defense. But Pitino won't just keep his

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TCPCROSSWORDPUZZLE By Dan Krueckeberg

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HICKS COMMITS TO UK.

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found a home," Hicks said. "I don't want to leave all my friends now, and UK will be a

great place to play."

Hicks rushed for 1,500 yards from his tailback position last season and had more than 2,000 all-purpose yards. He returned three punts and one kickoff for TDs. He rushed for more than 1,200 yards his junior year.

reported to have 4.4 speed in the 40-yard dash, expects to start his career under UK coach Bill Curry as a wide receiver and kick returner.

LADY KATS CRACK BUCKEYES_

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figures for UK were Stacy McIntyre (20), Jocelyn Mills (17), Pattresa Leonard (11), and

Mia Daniel 10.

"We wanted the victory," Cushenberry said. "The previous losses (to Ohio State) meant a lot. We just wanted to get them back because we thought we deserved to win the

Sophomore guard Averill Roberts led OSU, which fell to 1-l on the season, with 21 points. Senior forward Vickie Pullie scored l6 and dished out four assists. Sophomore Nikki Keyton added 12 points, who shot just 40 percent from the field and were outrebounded

by 22, 56-34.
"I feel like the pressure defense and our ability to run was the key," Lady Kat coach Sharon Fanning said. "When you look at it from an overall intensity standpoint, the bottom line was team chemistry, working together, seeing each other, playing hard and finding a way to counter what they threw at

OHIO STATE (73) — Perozek 3-5 0-0 7, Burcy 0-2 0-0 0, Roberts 8-18 5-6 21, Sebastian 0-0 0-0 0, Taylor 0-5 1-2 1. Geary 0-4 0-0 0. Pullie 6-13 4-4 16. Snavely 0-1 0-0 7. February 1-6 2-3 4, Howard 3-4 0-0 6, Keyton 5-10 2-7 12, Turner 0-0 0-0 0, Dunnigan 2-2 2-2 6.

Totals 28-70 16-24 73.

KENTUCKY (107) - McIntyre 8-14 4-5 20, Cushenberry 11-17 0-0 24, Hobgood 1-2 0-0 3, Davis 1-13 2-4 4, Leonard 4-7 3-4 11, Love 0-0 2-2 2, Daniel 4-6 1-2 10, Eberhart 0-0 0-0 0, Reasor 0-0 2-2 2, Campbell 0-1 0-1 0. Killen 0-0 0-0 0. Mills 7-10 3-4 17, Jordan 1-1 0-0 2, Grav

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I'm not going to say I told you so, but...

Preseason picks weren't off target by much

New old saying: He who bloweth not his own horn is likely not to be heard.

So toot, toot, toot.

I went back to my preseason SEC prediction column



Stan Torgerson Cats' Pause Columnist

of August 20 and compared it with the final standings Not bad!

Since this is written before the Tennessee-Vanderbilt and Auburn-Alabama game, I'm going to take the liberty of assuming Tennesee and Auburn will win. If so, here is our preseason forecast followed by post-season

observations.

No. 1. Forecast, Auburn. Actual, Florida.

Preseason comment: "Too big, Too strong. Too deep.
Too everything. Senior Bowl director Eric Tillman told us
this could be the best SEC team in 15 years. We agree."

this could be the best SEC team in 15 years. We agree.
Actual. No one, including Pat Dye, knows why the
1990 Tigers were less than magnificent. A very good
team but not the best of the last 15 years.
No. 2. Forecast, Tennessee. Actual, Tennessee tied
Auburn for second and third.

Preseason comment: "If any team will beat out
Auburn, the Volunteers are that team."

Actual. The loss of tailback Chuck Webb could not
be the bear forecast. It washes and the Volunteers

have been forecast. It weakened the Vols badly. No. 3. Forecast, Florida. Actual, Auburn and Ten-

nessee tie for two and three.

Preseason comment: Forecast, Florida. Actual, Auburn

and Tennessee tie for two and three.

Preseason comment: "My vote for the surprise team of the year goes to the Gators. They are certain to be the SEC's most exciting bunch to watch."

Actual. Right on the money. The Gators were the sur-prise team of the year and they were the most exciting to watch. You are seeing the beginning of a dynasty in Florida, comparable to Alabama in the 70's. No. 4. Forecast, Ole Miss. Actual, Ole Miss. Preseason comment: "While the Rebels also play Auburn and Tennessee, they don't meet either Florida or Auburn, a definite plus

Actual: Again right on the money. The Rebels lost to Auburn and Tennessee, the only teams with winning records on the Ole Miss schedule.

No. 5 Forecast, Alabama. Actual, Alabama.

Preseason comment: "Bama catches Florida, Tennessee
and Auburn. They could lose all three and a 4-3
cnference record will put them in the middle of the final
standing."

Actual: They beat Tennessee but lost unexpectedly to Georgia, finishing with a predicted 4-3 conference record and a spot in the middle of the final standings.

and a spot in the middle of the final standings.

No. 6. Forecast, Georgia. Actual, Kentucky.

Preseason comment: "Sooner or later two great recruiting years will have to pay off and while we don't think it will be sooner, Georgia has enough good football players to be very competitive."

Actual: I ought to wash my mouth out with soap for those preseason comments. I really didn't have faith in the Bulldogs then and I don't now. I let myself get influenced by people who think the present Georgia staff can win. I'm not one of them.

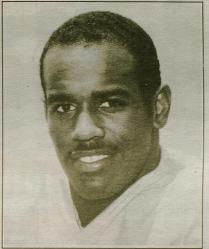
No. 7. Forecast, Kentucky, Actual, Georgia and LSU,

No. 7. Forecast, Kentucky. Actual, Georgia and LSU,

tie.

Preseason forecast: "We don't think Kentucky is great, but the teams below them are less great so the Wildcats will win seventh by default.

Actual: I think Bill Curry got everything out of his







Left: The arrival of UT receiver Alvin Harper was compared to the late Elvis Presley; (top right) Al Baker and UK were not great but Bill Curry was able to get the most out of troops; and (bottom right) and Mississippi State fell to UK and to the rest of the SEC. Just as this columnist predicted.

troops there was to get. Three and four and sixth place in league play is not bad for this bunch.

No. 8. Forecast, LSU. Actual, LSU and Georgia tied for seventh and eighth.

Preseason forecast: "There's probably more whistling while walking past the graweyard going on at LSU than any other SEC school." any other SEC school.

Actual: How LSU fans could expect a big year without a quarterback and with only three offensive and five defensive starters returning is beyond me. You don't win

games on your past reputation. No. 9. Forecast, Mississippi State. Actual, Mississippi

Preseason comment: "Is Mississippi State capable of better than a ninth-place finish? Yes. Will they be able to

better than a ninth-place finish? Yes. Will they be able to do it? Doubtful."

Actual: Despite a 5-6 overall record, the Bulldogs were 1-6 in conference play. Look at their schedule. Tennessee, Florida, Auburn, Alabama and Ole Miss, plus Kentucky and LSU. No wonder.

No. 10. Forecast, Vanderbilt. Actual, Vanderbilt. Preseason comment: "Watson Brown maintains that new assistant coaches and the wishbone formation will make Vanderbilt a winner in 1980. No way, Jose."

Actual: Jose was right. He'll be right again in 1991, 1992, 1993 and on and on and on. No way to win at Vanderbilt.

Final observation: This season followed form more closely than any year in recent memory. There were a couple of unusually lop-sided scores (Tennessee 45-3 over Florida and Florida 48-7 over Auburn) but only two major upsets—Alabama 9-3 over Tennessee and Vanderbilt 24-21 over LSU.

A good year overall. Not a great one.

NOT FOR BROADCAST

•When Harvey Williams played for LSU against. Tulane this year it was the first time since 1987 the talented tailback had faced the Tigers' traditional rival. In 1988 he was hurt and in 1989 he was grounded for disciplinary reasons.

Ouring 1927, while looking for a trophy to be given the winner of the Ole Miss-Mississippi State game, it was suggested the goal post be sent to the winning team each year. The schools settled for a regulation size goldplated football mounted on a pedestal, now referred to as the "Golden Egg."... •When Florida and Georgia play their annual game in Jacksonville, Fla., each school gets 35,000 tickets. This guarantees half the stadium will be red and half will be orange...

• From an article in the Knoxville Journal, about thirdstring Tennessee quarterback Lloyd Kerr's lack of progress. "When you're the No. 3 quarterback you tend to coast in practice and daydream in team meetings."

•SEC coach-of-the-year honors are obviously •SEC coach-of-the-year honors are obviously between Florida's Steve Spurrier and Ole Miss coach Billy Brewer. This is one year they ought to split the prize and award two trophies. Both men did absolutely superb jobs. Spurrier took a group at Florida with nothing to play for except pride and made the Gators winners. Brewer took a squad of not extraordinary Ole Miss talent and razon-thin depth and made them winners. In return Spurrier and Brewer should both be winners, as well...

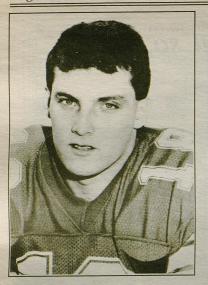
 Ocare to talk about a real student-athlete? Wide receiver Chris Warlick of Washington University in St. Louis skipped his team's game against Colorado College to deliver a paper at the National Convention of the American Society of Human Genetics. The subject was, "Isolation of a Yeast Artificial Chromosome Clone from DMS26 Near a Gene for Familial Hupertrophic Care." D14S26 Near a Gene for Familial Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy and Identification of Two New Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism Probes at this Locus.'

•The Tennessee press department in a profile of senior wide receiver Alvin Harper: "Harper's arrival at UT was like the second coming of Elvis. He was expected to carry the Vols to a national title and sing 'Blue Suede Shoes' all in his first season."

• Auburn ms instricts eason.
• Auburn senior players were introduced prior to the Tigers' 33-10 victory over Georgia. The loudest cheers of the introductions were for Mr. and Mrs. David Rocker of Georgia, parents of Tracy Rocker, winner of the Lombardi Trophy in 1988, and David Rocker, a finalist for the same award in 1990. Says the Auburn press department: "They (the parents) have contributed as much to the success of Auburn football as any other family in Auburn history."

THE LAST WORD

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden:
"Tve always said that if short hair and perfect manners won football games, Army and Navy would play every year for the national championship."









TOO MANY QB'S? N

When asked if five quar were too many, Wildo coach Bill Curry responde ly by saying never. From right, Freddie Maggar Smith and Ryan Hock showed they could run the And with freshmen Pool and Mike Kinney ready their arms after a season practice field, the chase t will be interesting when practice gets underway.

PAST, PRESENT & THE SPRING

A 4-7 season doesn't sit well with Bill Curry; UK coach already eyeing spring practice

TCP staff reports

Kentucky's 42-28 setback at Tennessee concluded Bill Curry's first season in Lex-ington, giving the coach and his Wildcats a 4-7 record. 3-4 in the Southeastern Conference. While conference foes Tennessee Auburn, Ole Miss and Alabama get ready for their respective bowls, Curry and his staff concentrate on recruiting and off-

Before too long spring will arrive, and along with it 46 returning lettermen, 14 of whom were first-stringers on the 1990

The main focus next spring will be on five quarterbacks and who will be heading into the summer billed No. 1.

Toss in an anxious freshman class— many were redshirted this past season— and spring practice should be extremely competitive leading up to the Blue-White

Following is Bill Curry's final 1990 press conference, held Nov. 28:

Bill Curry's opening remarks: Curry: We've talked the last week or two about this senior class; how well they responded to the transition, to the difficul ty early in the season; how it would have been so easy for them to just kind of cruise in—I've seen that happen so many times. But they would not do that. So we were able to have some success as the season wore on. Then we noted after Saturday's game how many young players had contributed and played very, very well. That's a tribute to the recruiting that has been done here in the past. That we could actually lose three quarterbacks or have to use three quarterbacks and to have all three of them to step in and play well, for us to continue to compete because there are a lot of times you lose your quarterback and you're just through

So a lot of good things happened. We made a lot of progress with our program. made a lot of progress with our program. The coaching staff will improve drastically from this year to next. That's my job, and some of the fundamental detailed things that go along with championship football that were not developed the way they should have been this year.

The way we feel we would love to start spring practice today. But I don't think they

(NCAA) are going to let us do that. So we'll get on with recruiting, which looks very, very good. NCAA rules do not allow me to be specific, but I can tell you it looks very, very good. That's about all I'm allowed to say. We are very proud of our student athletes. We had 13 who made the all-SEC academic team. That's about par for the course for this program. Thanks

again to the players who were recruited by Coach (Jerry) Claiborne and his staff and to Bob Bradley and our CATS center, our academic support system which is second to none. Kentucky led the league in All-SEC academic performers in the 80's. So it's incumbent on us to continue that tradition and to continue to improve the foot-ball aspect of our work, too.

There's just an awful lot of activity going on. We will meet with the players today and make sure they understand what we expect of them for the rest of the semester and final exams. We'll then send them home for Christmas and they'll come back and hit the ground running with our off-season program—which is very demanding—in January.

That's kind of what's going on.

Media: How would you sum up the legacy of this year's senior class?

Curry: That's a good question. The legacy is the last principle of championship performance that we teach. We're not the only ones who teach it but we say it this way: You never quit. You never give in. You never concede. You never admit defeat. That's the way our seniors performed all year long.

No matter what happened and no mat-ter how difficult our circumstances were, the senior class kept coming back and pro-viding leadership. And it was different

people at different times.

Al Baker had a great year. Randy Holleran had a great year. Phil Logan came on with a fantastic performance down the stretch. Rodney Jackson was outstanding. Billy Swanson was outstanding. There are so many; I know I'm going to leave somebody out. Joel Mazzella. John Bolden did a lot of great things for

hole group that really responded.
Bill Hulette went from, in my opinion,

a very average player to an excellent player during this season and was able to con-tribute enormously in the last half of the

They left that kind of work ethic and determination. Of course, the previous classes have done that as well.

Media: You played three quarterbacks this season and you also have two freshmen you're high on. Is that too many quarterbacks and are you con-

sidering moving any to another position? Curry: You know the term oxymoron: a self-contained contradiction? There is no such thing as too many quarterbacks. That's impossible. You can't have too many of those. Those guys are priceless. You've got to have guys who can come in and

To be able to replace Freddie (Maggard) with Brad Smith and replace Brad Smith with Freddie and then replace Freddie with Ryan Hockman was a fantastic thing for us, and to have each one of them run out

Daryl Dickey gets part of the credit for that, too. But to have them here is the first

thing that had to happen. We don't want 15 great quarterbacks out there running around, but we certainly want to have several at all times and we're blessed to have that. And we'll have some more after this year's

recruiting class.
We'll have some depth at a lot of positions going into next season.

Media: Do you envision opening up the quarterback situation this spring or is it Freddie's job or is it too early to say?

Curry: Freddie will be the starting quarterback and whoever else is there will compete with him. But anybody can win a job in the spring. Anybody can lose a job in the spring. But the people who have earned the

privilege of being No. 1 should start the spring at No. 1. And they have an advan-tage if they do what they are supposed to and improve, then the whole team ought to improve because everybody else ought to be scratchin' and fightin' to try and catch

Media: Losing five tight ends, is that

your biggest concern?
Curry: We're losing five tight ends and every single one of them made a major contribution in one way or another. I don't know if I have ever seen a position with that quality of player and quality of people. There is an awful lot of human interest material in that group with some of the difficulties they had.

It will be tough to replace them, but we're fortunate that Neil Page is going to be a great player, we think. He's already an outstanding player. Mickey Dean is a good player. And, we'll have to recruit

We've got a couple of candidates that vere redshirted this year that could play tight end.

We'll have some work to do there

Media: Recently, you've r looking into junior college po Is that an area (tight end) v might be looking for in the ranks?

Curry: I'm not going to get in positions and talk about junic because I don't know yet. We wallowed to talk to 'em until last v have some in to visit and we'll e but I'm not just going to sign out of junior college because to be losing tight ends. If I somebody like a Rodney lackson by Henderson I'd sure te inter I don't know if we've done that

Media: Could you tell us a

off-season training program? Curry: In January, it's pro devoted to power, strength, add ed bulk and lean body mass. we'll start in February and M more agility and conditioning call Phase II. We do that up until break. Then we come back to sp tice. But we'll continue to lif through.

After spring practice we g power and strength for a while into a conditioning process the ready for fourth quarters all the

It's a cycle. And we have a tr

1990 KENTUCKY INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS (Season)

Net rushing yards	780 yards, Al Baker (ranks 8th in school
Most rushing TDs	
Completion percentage	58.0%, Freddie Magga
	37, Phil Log
	35, Al Bak
	34, Terry Samue
Most pass reception yards	565, Phil Log
Most points scored	72, Al Baker (tied
Most touchdowns scored	12, Al Baker (tied
Most kickoffs returns	21, John Bolden
Most tackles	174, Randy Holleran (tied

	(Game)	
Most passes attempted	46, Freddie Maggard vs I	ndian
Most passes completed	27, Freddie Maggard vs II	ndian
Most yards passing	282, Freddie Maggard vs	India
Longest scoring pass play	73, F. Maggard to Al Baker,	VS. L
Most pass receptions		
Most pass reception yards		
Best punting average (min. of five)	49.8, Bill Hawk	VS. L



MANY OB'S? NEVER

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person in Mike Florence (strength coach) who runs it for us.

Media: If you had to improve in one area with either the freshman or redshirt freshmen, would speed be that area? Or can you put your finger on one

Curry: If you force me to say one thing, it would be speed. There are a lot of things we need to do. If you went around the country and polled all the head football coaches, 90 percent of us would say speed.

There are very few teams that can really, really run. You saw two of 'em the last two Saturdays, Florida and Tennessee. That accentuated the fact that we need to be able to run faster.

We are not a slow team, but we're certainly not any burners.

Media: Obviously a problem was the defense giving up big plays. How much did lack of speed factor into that and how much did inexperience play a part?

how much did inexperience play a part? Curry: A whole bunch of things go into giving up big plays. You can divvy up the responsibility any way you want to. We've got to do a better job at it, that would be No. 1. No. 2 is we do need more speed. And No. 3, we do need more experience. But we will have all of those by the time we line up next year.

Media: What was your biggest

Curry: I don't know, there were some really happy moments. You've got to remember that I grew up in College Park, Ga., and my grandmother lived in Athens. My father is a graduate of the University of Georgia. He was here that night (when UK beat Georgia 26-24 on Oct. 27 in Lexington). That was kind of fun.

From a performance standpoint, the way we fought back late in games *most* of the time, *almost* all the time. That factor would be the highlight of the first year because that's a pattern that needs to develop. Sometimes we came from behind and won the game. Sometimes we came from behind and didn't quite make it, but we always came back. Now I would like very much for us to not put ourselves in those awful positions anymore, to where we

were always having to have to come back. That's not a moment but it's a factor that is a highlight to me of what was done this

Media: Now that you've got a season under your belt in the program here, how has your recruiting approach changed, if at all, when you were first

hired as UK's head coach?

Curry: Yes (it's changed). When I first got here I couldn't really say that there are a lot of good football players in the state of Kentucky. I didn't know. But there are. And we've got to keep 'em here. That's our job and that means doing a quality job in recruiting. But that doesn't start now.

This year's class, we started working on them last year. On signing day we called people that we wanted to sign this year, the ones that we were already sure of; we called them that night. We said, 'We just want you to know one thing, we want you.'

We started then and we've been in touch with them ever since. We feel like we're

going to do very well in that area.

The other thing that I didn't know is whether or not we could really attract top players from other areas, but I believe that it's been demonstrated that we can in this setting. We have some advantages that Coach Claiborne, Coach (Fran) Curci and previous coaches did not have—all this excitement and C.M. Newton being on the scene and all these new facilities, Coach

Claiborne basically built all this.

We have the advantage and the obligation to use it right. But when you bring

a young person here to see what's going on here and you've got Rick Pitino running around out there, when we take him to those basketball games and sees these facilities and his parents and he are able to see the graduation rate and the way the academic rate is set up, the stadium and the backing of this state, then this is a great

So we've got a lot to recruit to.

Media (WLEX's Alan Cutter asked this question): Bill, if you were putting together a report card on yourself dur-ing your first year as a coach, how would you do?

Curry: I would do it in a manner that would be very obscure to you. I would not pass out our grades publicly. Our coaches would appreciate that, too

Media: Are you pleased with the

coaching job?
Curry: No. I haven't been through a los ing season in a long time and I've got to tell you I don't intend to go through any more. There are a lot of things that we will work very hard on and do better. That's about all you'll get out of me. We'll do better.

Media: Do you anticipate any staff changes as far as any of your assistants looking for a head coaching position?

Curry: There is some interest in some people on our staff for head coaching jobs. could lose some. I'm not going to remove anybody.

The long-term potential of this staff is superb. The kind of job that we can do is just excellent, and we will do that. I would like not to lose anybody, but I don't hold on to my guys. If they really want a head coaching job I'll help them get it.

Media: How many coaches might yo potentially lose before next season?

Curry: It's something you can't put your nger on. It's not to the interview stage. If it gets to that I'm sure it will be made c. There have been just some inquiries so far.

Media: More than one or two? Curry: No more than...really there is only one at this moment. Can UK continue upward swing?

The way Kentucky performed during this season's second half, Bill Curry's troops walked off the field at Neyland Stadium with respect. Heading into the tunnel for the final time in 1990, this club was much improved from the one that took the field Sept. 1.

Can the progress continue?

Whether or not that question can be answered satisfactorily depends greatly on

The following areas are invaluable to improvement: high marks in recruiting; a healthy off-season in the weight room and around the track; and position moves allowing the 22 best players to fall in the UK starting rotation.

Fourty-six lettermen return as do 20 freshmen with four years of eligibility remaining.

Graduating receiver John Bolden says it's only time before Curry and his staff fit all the pieces together for a successful campaign.

"Nothing but success can come from what we did this year and the past three years that I've been here before that," Bolden predicts. "UK is on the upward swing and they are going to get more thent. There is a lot of talent here already.

Swing and usey are going to get more talent. There is a lot of talent here already. It's just a matter of putting it together."

Much in the same manner as redshirt freshman Terry Samuels did during the second half this past season, especially at Tennessee. Samuels saved his finest performance to date for the Vols, rushing for 60 yards, catching five passes for

41 yards as well as plowing path after path.

One of 17 players to change positions last spring, Samuels enters the off-season on a high. Though Samuels, much like his teammates' reaction to a 4-7 season,

He's openly concerned about his starting fullback position for 1991. The competion is heavy, according to Samuels. Fielding questions from a couple of all-ear reporters, Samuels, similar to his blocking, modestly brushes aside productive

Yesterday's 325 yards rushing on 72 attempts, 34 receptions and two touchdowns are old nev



Samuels to get stronger

"I'm not very strong at ali," Samuels, who notes he's finally learned to balance school work and football, says. "There were a lot of tackles that maybe I could

have broken had I been stronger.''
The former tight end is not a 240-pound-weakling (preseason 330-pound bench press). And strength coach Mike Florence always can add weight(s) to Samuels' bench

Press.

"I have a lot of facets of my game that I need to work on," Samuels continued Please see, UPWARD SWING, page 26

place in an effort to find our best players.

I think, especially today, you have to do that because there are not any truly dominating football programs anymore. Nobody's got 250 great players, because you're not allowed to do that any more. So

if your third tight end is better than your first string defensive tackle—a better football player—then you better get him over on defense, get him lined up and get him playing. That's what you have to be able

Media: With Al Baker's departure, talk about the tailback positio

Curry: Tailback is really interesting. Mike Thomas is a big-league talent. It's terribly unfortunate that he got hurt when he did. Unfortunate for Mike and probably unfortunate for us in the early going, but in the long-term very fortunate for Al Baker and Terry Samuels. As Terry surfaced it became clear when Craig Walker got hurt and Tim Harris got hurt that we didn't have any choice. Al had to go to tailback and Terry had to get in the game because it was clear he was one of our best 22 players. Then we began to move the ball

me with those two.
Mike Thomas is a real talent. Craig Walker has some contributions that he can make. Tim Harris, the same thing. Little ol' Matt Riazzi, a walk-on from Ohio, on and showed that he can compete for playing time.

Then we have Donnie Redd, who has a chance to be a great player. I'm not sure we have tackled him yet in full speed drills. Once he got healthy—late October—he got full speed, and Lord have mercy, he's such a player. Clyde Rudolph, we've been thinking of him as a receiver and he may be, but when we lined up in the wishbone and

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The place that concerns me the most is inside linebacker, where we lose Holleran and Swanson who are two veteran, hard-nosed, good football players. We've got good young players behind them. Marty Moore and Reggie Smith are going to be fine and there are some good ones behind them, but who just haven't played as much.

That will be my biggest concern. But we'll be O.K. there.

Media: From this senior class, who's

going to play in the NFL?
Curry: I'm so biased about my players that it's probably not good to ask me. I think we've got a bunch of guys who can play. If I started naming them it would hurt somebody's feelings. And also, as sure as the world, there is somebody I don't think can play and will. It happens all the time. I guarantee you we've got some NFL-caliber people in the group.

Media: Do you anticipate a lot of posi-tion changes this spring or will you be

more solidified?

Curry: We'll be a little more solidfied we'll still experimen

What you've got to do is to find your est 22 players and get them on the

If a guy comes to me and says, 'Look, I'm a quarterback, I'm going to play quarterback and that's what I want to play,' and if I promise him I'm going to leave him there, then I'm going to leave him there I'm not going to pressure him or (hint) in little subtle ways to move him. Other than

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put those two in the backfield it looked like had two potential great backs,

though they aren't large.

I don't care how big a tailback is if he can play. There are more tailbacks in the NFL under 5-9 than there are over 5-10. Look at those running backs sometime. You don't have to be big, you just have to be good. And these gives are good.

these guys are good.

So we've got a lot of potential at tailback and there are some good recruits that we think we have a good chance at who could come in here and take the job away from all

Media: Do you see Delandual Conwell as

a fullback or a tailback?

Curry: Delandual Conwell is going to be a player. I think he's going to be a big guy, so he could play fullback or tailback. But he'll probably start out as a fullback. He's only a little over 200 (pounds) right now but he's got a big frame. He runs from the fullback real-ly well and blocks well and he has great hands. As you know, we love to have excellent hands in the fullback position.

Media: You lost a lot of receivers.

Curry: Yeah, we lose a lot in the receiver area. I'm concerned about that, but we also have some good players coming back in Kurt Johnson, Neal Clark and others. But to lose Steve (Phillips) and John (Bolden) and Phil (Logan) that's *a lot* of talent that we're losing.

Media: It sounds like when we get together next year you're going to have a pretty young team. You lose a lot of gifted seniors. Is it going to be a trade-off situation where you have things in place, yet a of your key players are going to be awfully young?

Curry: Yeah, but a lot of those young players have played a lot and they got their nose bloodied this year. We went into the season with essentially a brand new secondary and we sure paid our dues. Experience back their and experience in the offensive line—we started (Chuck) Bradley, who hadn't played much at all; (Greg) Lahr, who had played some; and (Matt) Branum, who had not played at all—even though we lose two starting guards in (Bill) Hulette and (Joel)
Mazzella we have people back who have
played an awful lot of football.
So in places like the secondary and up front

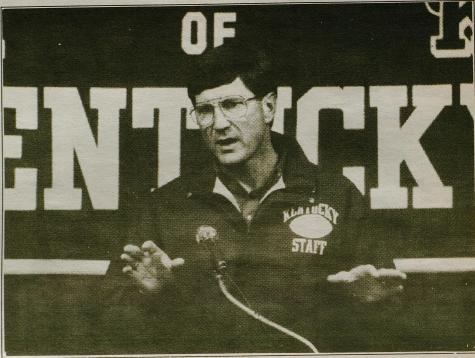
on offense and up front on defense and at wide receiver, those guys have played a lot. The place that concerns me the most is inside linebacker, where we lose (Randy) Holleran and (Billy) Swanson who are two veteran, hard-nosed, good football players. We've got good young players behind them. Marty Moore and Reggie Smith are going to be fine and there are some good ones behind

them, but who just haven't played as much.
That will be my biggest concern. But we'll be O.K. there. I think the fact that everybody has played so much will more than compensate for the seniors we're losing. I certainly hope so. We're going to miss 'em, but I hope we can fill in for 'em

Media: Is your defensive scheme limited to moving a player in the "strike" position (outside linebacker) to the "mike" or "will" slot (inside linebacker)?

Curry: It really isn't, in fact our scheme lends itself to moving the best player around to take advantage of a weakness. A guy like Zane Beehn for instance or Dean Wells, or Derrick Thomas who has had a year under his belt at that kind of position.

Those three players and players like them, and we have some freshmen who we redshirted this year who have the potential to be similar, we can play them most anywhere with our scheme without having to change many people's assignments. In fact, you've seen our strikes lined up inside. Stacked.



Bill Curry (above) says his system is geared to change players to different positions without negatively affecting performance. So spring time is experiment time for Curry and his staff.

Somehow stunted off the ball or on the ball That's the flexibility of the scheme and one of the strengths of it. We can flex them from our normal position or flex them from somewhere else.

It looks very complicated, and it is to the offense, but it is not to the defensive players because the only thing you have to learn if you're a defensive player is head up, inside shoulder and outside shoulder. Who you line up on makes very little difference. You know what your technique is supposed to be if you're on the outside shoulder, and you play that technique. The same thing with inside

and the same thing on the nose.

So it looks complicated but you can teach technique with that kind of scheme. We need to teach it better than we did this year. You can play football from there. It's not

just harem-scarem, run and stunt, get in the gaps and hope for the best. The system should get better and better in using the best things that the outstanding players can do

Media: Can you envision moving Zane Beehn to inside linebacker?

Curry: We can move anybody. I mean this sincerely, we can move anybody anywhere. And we'll do that in the spring

We played the Alabama Derrick Thomas at inside linebacker an entire spring to see how it would go. It ended up that he did not play there much in the fall, but he played

there enough to destroy some defenses.

We could do that with our Derrick (Thomas) or the others that I have mentioned. We wouldn't hesitate to do some things like that.

The other thing that is going to be a tremendous help next year is our perimeter players are all coming back, except for Jeff Brady. Now that's a notable exception and a

All those young guys that got so many reps this year on the practice field and in games...Larry Jackson is not so young but he didn't get out there until about the middle of the season because of his hernia

1991 WILDCAT FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

Lettermen returning: 46 Starters returning: 14

Lettermen lost: 18 Starters lost: 8

Starters returning on offense (6): left tackle Greg Lahr, Left guard Todd Perry, center Matt Branum, right tackle Chuck Bradley, quarterback Freddie Maggard, and fullback Terry Samuels.

Starters returning on defense (8): strike Dean Wells, defensive tackle Jerry Bell, nose guard Joey Couch, end Derrick Thomas, rover Larry Jackson, hit Gary Willis, free safety Brad Armstead and cornerback Sterling Ward.

Starting specialists returning (2): place kicker Doug Pelfrey and punter Bill Hawk.

hernia operations. Campbell, Salim Shahid, Duce Williams. Those guys are good foot-ball players. They can run and hit.

Having them knowing what to do is going to be a big plus for us.

Media: Are you satisfied that your Media: Are you satisfied that your younger guys in the secondary have the tools to do the job, but just need the experience and more reps to get better?

Curry: Yes. Our players are good enough. We've said that from the very beginning. Sterling Ward will be much improved. Brad Armstead will be much improved. A lot of times they were having to play this year they.

times they were having to play this year they were nicked and nobody said anything about it. If we were going to spell them we were going to spell them with true freshmen, and that was dangerous. When we did, sometimes the true freshmen got burned, but they played

As the season wore on they did better things, mainly (Adrian) Sherwood and (Don) Robinson. I think Sterling Ward is going to be much improved. Here again, we've got some redshirt freshman secondary players who will really help.

Media: You've talked before about how basketball can help your recruiting efforts. But obviously the UK fans felt they were put at a disadvantage when the UK-Tennessee football game was scheduled the same day as the Penn-UK basketball game. Would you perfer the overlap not happen in the future?

Curry: I'm all for anything that accomodates the fans, because they pay the freight. We want to be very sensitive to their

Of course, Mr. (C.M.) Newton and all the other people in the administration are sensitive to those needs. Sometimes those things are unavoidable.

I'm sure we'll be responsive to those fans who were not pleased with that.

We sure want to do everything we can to make them happy.

Have the matchups in bowl games ever been worse?

The parades may be more exciting this year

Will the college football bowl scene ever be the same? Pity the Sugar Bowl this season for making a deal with a now-disappointing Virginia team to face the eventual Southeastern Conference champion, almost surely



Todd Hallum

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Tennessee.

Because of these so-called arrangements the Sugar Bowl is stuck with the Cavaliers, who recently went from No. 1 in the land to out of everybody's Top 25 in a month's time after losing to Georgia Tech, Maryland and Virginia Tech. In addition, the Cavs may face the SEC champs without Shawn Moore, who injured his thumb during the next-to-last game of the season.

Why do bowl people have to make deals with schools so early? Look what has happened to Penn State, which is not appearing in a New Year's Day game, and probably no matchup for the national championship.

After seeing most of the bowl matchups this season, some people may just sleep-in this New Year's Day and wait until next season. If fact, it may be better to watch the parades instead.

Besides adding confusing titles to most of the

Besides adding confusing titles to most of the "classics," the bowl committees have to be looking at themselves as the monsters they have created. Is it worth it to wrap up the bowls so early? After watching this season, the answer is emphatically, no!

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Inat's not to say that all bowls should be trashed this season because there are some rare bowls that made out like bandits. Take for example the inaugural Blockbuster Bowl, which came up with Florida State and Penn State to kick off its first-ever bowl game. Or the Cotton Bowl, which has a matchup of Miami and Texas that will go a

which has a matchup of Miami and Texas that will go a long way in determining this year's national champion.

Let's face it, bowl people are money-oriented and the only things on their minds is filling up the stadiums and getting an attractive television package. Teams that don't bring fans or deliver in the ratings are not going to be considered for some of the bigger bowls.

There will be an interesting situation next season, when limitations will be lifted entirely as to when bowl invitations may be irred.

invitations may be issued.

Will deals be cut even earlier? Will Notre Dame be wrapped up in some bowl in August, even before the season starts? Or will some bowl selection commmittee take a mediocre team such as Virginia for a New Year's

Bowl people are funny by nature. For some reason, they don't seem to trust each other and are scared of getting stuck with a poor matchup. The NCAA already has proclaimed the selection date unenforceable. So chaos

could be in order for next season.

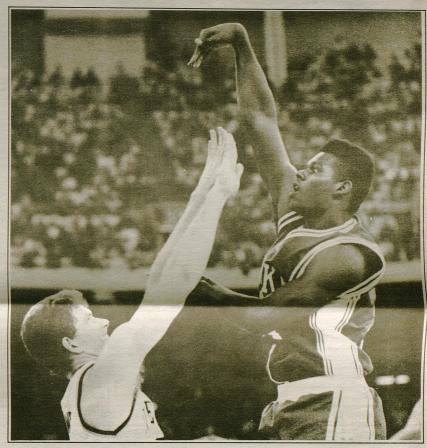
With the way some bowl deals went this year, it will be very interesting what type of transactions occur in the future. At this time it would be hard to even guess. Let's hope better heads prevail.

UK NOTEBOOK:

 Bobby Mashburn, father of Wildcat freshman Jamal Mashburn, was in attendance at UK's home opener against Pennsylvania. The elder Mashburn is a former boxer. In fact, he is good friends with Muhamad Ali and fought against the likes of Ken Norton and Joe

Trazier, just to name a couple...

One opponent that UK fans should pencil in during the non-conference portion of next season's basketball schedule is the University of Massachusetts. Rick



Bobby Mashburn, the father of UK freshman forward Jamal Mashburn, above, was in town to see the super rookie's first college game. Jamal didn't disappoint, either, hitting five of seven field goals, dishing out three assists, scoring 12 points, grabbing four rebounds and committing no turnovers in

Pitino's alma mater will probably face the Wildcats sometime in December.

Stay tuned.

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*Kudos to the sports staff of Lexington TV station
WKYT-27 for its production of "UK Big Blue Game
Day," which recently was shown in the Lexington area.
The 30-minute show depicted what transpires behind the
sense of a home football game played in Commonwealth Stadium, focusing on what actually goes on
before, during, and after a game. One of the features was
a live microphone worn by UK's Bill Curry before and
during the Vanderbilt game...

One of the leading candidates for the head coaching job at Mississippi State is Mississippi native and former Pitt and Texas A&M coach Jackie Sherrill. Others include former Clemson head coach Danny Ford, former SMU boss Bobby Collins, and Bulldog assistant Jim Carmody, who was an assistant at UK many years ago. By the way, no word yet on the status of former UK assistant Chin Garbar, who was on Edler's staff this

assistant Chip Garber, who was on Felker's staff this

•Former Florida head coach Charley Pell has been

mentioned as a possible candidate for the head coaching position at Troy State. And again, Carmody also is

mentioned.

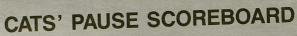
Incidentally, UK line coach Rick Rhoades was the head coach at Troy State in 1985-87 and won the NCAA Division II championship in '87...

•Word out of Georgia is that there could be some assistant coaching changes on Ray Goff's Bulldog staff, swith most of the coachaguaging covering on the frequency of the coachaguage of the co

with most of the maneuvering occurring on the offensive

•The Kickoff Classic is looking into the possibility of matching Florida and Miami for next year's game. Gator coach Steve Spurrier recently said he endorses the game and would welcome a showdown with the Hurricanes. The two schools played each other on a home-and-home basis every year from 1938 until 1987...

•Speaking of Florida, when was the last time one state had three schools in the top echelon of college football's major polls? Entering last weekend's games, Miami, Florida State and Florida appeared in the Top 10 of most polls. In answer to our own question, it was probably in 1985. That's when the same three schools finished in the top 15 in the nation. Florida was No. 5, Miami No. 9 and Florida State No. 15...



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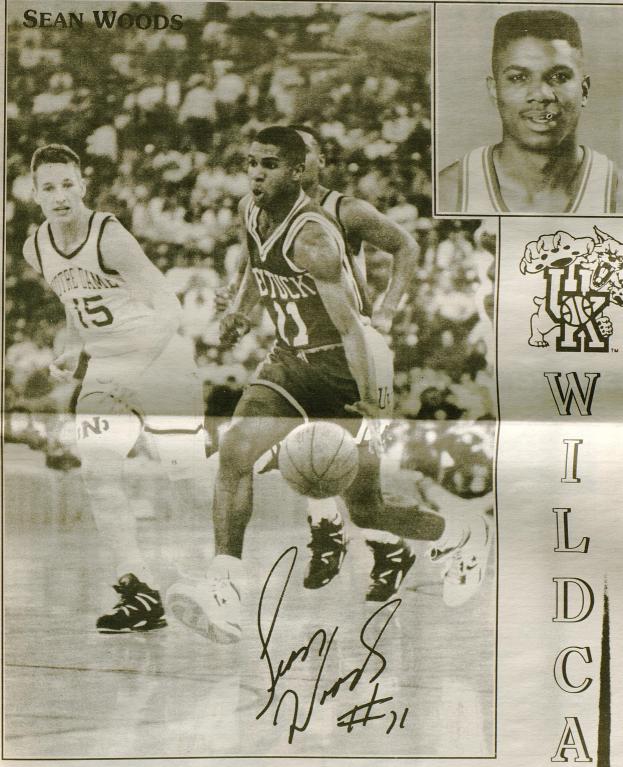
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SNAPSHOT

top UK rebounder

Jamal Mashburn, 7

Deron Feldhaus, 8

John Pelphrey/Reggie Hanson, 6

KENTUCKY BASKETBALL STATISTICS

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Richie Farmer	3-0	50-16.7	12-21 5	57.1	8-15	53.3	6-10	60.0	4-1.3	5-0	7	3	0	2	38-12.7		
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at Florida					Feb. 23
ALABAMA					Feb. 26
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Score one for TCP

I wanted you to know that I enjoy TCP. It was about the only communication I could get the last two football and the last basketball season. Scores are not in the newspapers

I especially want to thank you for publishing the schedules for the UK football and basketball events. It seems the University athletics department is not sending out football or basketball schedules to season ticket holders that purchase football tickets. I often wonder if this is intentional or a yearly mistake. Alumni and loyal supporters do move out of state where information is not as readily available. I've had two season tickets for 22 years. I again thank you for your consideration of loyal out-of-staters with Kentucky roots

Also, the surcharge of \$10 per season football ticket is unfair to loyal supporters of university athletics. Non-season ticket holders and opposing fans do not pay the surcharge. I can't think of a better way to improve athletic department revenue than getting it from our opponents. Why not just incorporate the \$10 in the face price of all tickets? Season ticket holders price would not increase nor would they be penalized and all others would pay an equivalent amount. Seems fair to me and as a bonus the football revenues would be increased \$1.33 for every non-season ticket sold. I would guess \$100,000 per season. I bet Bill Curry would bille the time the season ticket sold.

Currently season ticket holders pay the most to attend games. In addition, any or all season ticket holders that could not attend certain games could be arrested for selling tickets for actual cost, because the price paid is greater than the face value. The athletic department sent out a letter regarding scalp-

ing to remind us of the law. As much as I would like, I can't make all the games and do have to sell some tickets to "can't wait to go" relatives or friends.

Thanks again

Terry Rock Toledo, Ohio

Out to pasture?

Many times last year, I drove my fourwheel truck to the pasture. Why, you ask? So I could listen to Kentucky play basketball. The only radio station I could get was from Glasgow, Ky.

Glasgow, Ky.

Remembering one night in particular, it was during a severe thunderstorm. The rain was coming down in sheets, the wind was rocking my truck, lightning struck a tree not too far from me. I knew things were bad when my faithful dogs did not follow me out to the pasture. When I got back to the house I found out there was a tornado watch out.

I found out there was a tornado watch out. I thought my chances were over since WHAS started broadcasting Kentucky games again. This Thanksgiving I drove to Dallas, Texas, to visit my daughter. When it was time for Kentucky to play Pennsylvania, I turned on her stereo. I could not tune in WHAS very well. So I got into my car and drove to a lake near Rockwall, Texas. It worked, Cawood came in clear. While listening to the game someone pulled up behind me. He had his lights on bright and they blinded me when I looked in the rear view mirrow. I did not move, I was listening to (Jeff) Brassow make his second three-pointer. Then the blue lights came on, I stepped out of the car. The patrolman wanted to know what I was doing. I told him I was visiting my daughter and I was listening to Kentucky playing basketball.

I further explained that my daughter lived in an apartment complex and the reception on her radio was not good. So I drove to the lake so I could get better reception. The patrolman shook his head and laughed. He then drove off. When I got back to my daughter's place, I told everybody about the incident. They thought I was crazy, I know I am not crazy, it is my love for Kentucky basketball.

Jim Skaggs Bethpage, Tenn.

Like what I see

I just received my first-ever issue of *The Cats' Pause*. If all of the issues hereafter are like this one, I will truly be elated. This is just what I have been looking for to keep me informed and up to date on my beloved Big Blue.

I have been a UK basketball fan since I was seven years old—back in our third NCAA championship season—and will be until the Lord takes me away.

Lord takes me away.
Please keep up the good work and continue
to keep me on your mailing list.
Yours Thankfully

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Mickey R. Lovell Lockport, Ill.

P.S. I also root for all of UK's athletic programs, but Big Blue Roundball is No. 1.
P.P.S. They don't print anything about our teams up here in Yankeeland, so, thanks again.

Good company

In renewing our subscription of *TCP*, may

Ray Polly. He is homebound and never misses a Kentucky basketball game. He stuck by (UK) through all the problems and looked forward to the next season. He tapes all games and watches them many times. Without Kentucky basketball he would spend many lonely days.

We are looking forward to an exciting new season.

His birthday is Dec. 18. I wish you would write a little "Happy Birthday", to him in a future *TCP*.

(Editor's note: ALL TOGETHER NOW: "Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to Ray, Happy Birthday to you!")

Rough schedule ahead

This little bit of information for TCP readers who don't get to read The Sporting News. In its Nov. 19 issue—'Rugged Schedules: A top-five ranking of the most difficult non-league schedules for teams that have reached the NCAA Tournament in recent years, 1) Loyola Marymount, 2) Marquette, 3) Kentucky, 4) UNLV, 5) Michigan State. Honorable mention goes to Alabama, Arizona, Louisville and North Carolina.''

Very interesting.

Stanton Ellison Lexington, Ky.



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BUK TV NETWORK SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Broadcast Time
Dec. 15 (Sat.)	UT-CHATTANOOGA	RUPP ARENA	Live/1:30 p.m.
Dec. 21 (Fri.)	Western Kentucky	Freedom Hall	Live/8 p.m.
Dec. 27 (Thur.)	EASTERN KENTUCKY	RUPP ARENA	Live/8 p.m.
Jan. 9 (Wed.)	MISSISSIPPI STATE	RUPP ARENA	Delayed/10:30 p.m.
Jan. 12 (Sat.)	at Tennessee	Knoxville	Delayed/10:30 p.m.
Jan. 16 (Wed.)	at Ole Miss	Oxford	Delayed/10:30 p.m.
Jan. 19 (Sat.)	VANDERBILT	RUPP ARENA	Delayed/10:30 p.m.
Jan. 23 (Wed.)	FLORIDA	RUPP ARENA	Delayed/10:30 p.m.
Feb. 23 (Sat.)	at Florida	Gainesville	Delayed/10:30 p.m.
March 2 (Sat.)	AUBURN	RUPP ARENA	Delayed/10:30 p.m.

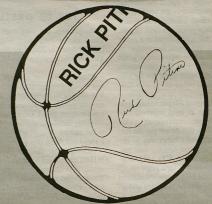
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Date	Event	Broadcast Time	Coordinates
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Dec. 15 (Sat.)	UT-Chattanooga at Kentucky	Live/1:30 p.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Ful
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Jan. 13 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Jan. 16 (Wed.)	Kentucky at Ole Miss	Delayed/10:30 p.m.	TBA
Jan. 19 (Sat.)	Vanderbilt at Kentucky	Delayed/10:30 p.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Jan. 20 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Jan. 23 (Wed.)	Florida at Kentucky	Delayed/10:30 p.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Jan. 27 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Feb. 3 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Feb. 10 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Feb. 17 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Feb. 23 (Sat.)	Kentucky at Florida	Delayed/10:30 p.m.	TBA
Feb. 24 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
March 2 (Sat.)	Auburn at Kentucky	Delayed/10:30 p.m.)	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
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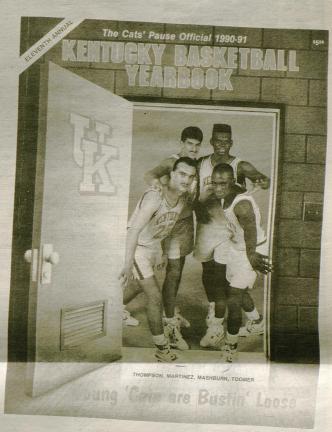
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SEC leaves its mark in recent Hall of Fame ceremony

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Four SEC gridiron greats honored

Of the 16 players inducted into the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Tuesday at the Waldorf Astoria Ballroom in New York City, four earned their credentials in the Southeastern Conference

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Scoop Hudgins

Cats' Pause Columnist

Entering as all-time great players were Alabama center Vaughn Mancha and the late Dr. Ed Molinski, guard and linebacker on the Tennessee teams of 1938, '39, '40.

Mancha led the Crimson Tide to two Sugar bowls and the Rose Bowl. "Big Ed" as a devastating player for the Vols in the Orange and Sugar Bowls.

Ray Graves, Tennessee center of 1939, '40, '41, was inducted on his coaching record at Florida, where his teams played in three Gator bowls, a Sugar and an

teams played in three Gator bowls, a Sugar and an Orange. He developed Steve Spurrier, Heisman Trophy winner who just completed a successful first year a

head coach at his alma mater.

The fourth SEC man is "Pistol Pete" Williams, a
Naval Academy halfback of the 1940's, who was inducted as a referee of SEC games for 26 years (1957-83). He joins George Gardner, making the SEC the only con-

joins George Gardner, making the SEC the only conference with two officials so honored.

The other players inducted for their outstanding exploits on the football field were: Don Bosseler, Miami, fullback (1953-56); Ron Burton, Northwestern, halfback (1957-59); Earl Campbell, Texas, fullback (194-77); Jack Cloud, William & Mary, fullback (1946-48); Jack Ham, Penn State, linebacker (1968-70); Leroy Keyes, Purdue, halfback (1966-68): Mike McGee Duke, guard. Halfback (1966-68); Mike McGee, Duke, guard (1957-59); Jim Plunkett, Stanford, quarterback (1968-70); Max Starcevich, Washington, guard (1934-36), and John Tavener, Indiana, center (1941-44).

The two deceased coaches honored were Dick Colman of Princeton and Harry Baujan of Dayton. The other

deceased player is Wayne Milner, Notre Dame end.

The players are nominated by the Foundation members, then selected by the 12-man Honors Court, chaired by Fred Russell, sports editor emeritus of the Nashville Banner.

The Foundation awarded seven specialized scholarships of \$5,000 each to scholar-athletes. Solomon Graves, LSU quarterback, represented the SEC with a 3.59 GPA and admission to medical school.

Admiral Thomas Hinman Moorer, highly decorated

SEC PLAYERS INDUCTED

- Vaughn Mancha, Alabama, center
- Ed Molinski, Tennessee, guard and linebacker
- Ray Graves, Tennessee, center
- "Pistol Pete" Williams, SEC official (26 years)

former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff who played college football at the Naval Academy, is the Foundation's Gold Medal honoree for 1990. Born in Mount Willing, Ala., he was valedictorian of the Class of 1927 at Cloverdale High School in Montgomery, entered the Academy in 1929 and was commissioned an ensign in 1933. He advanced to rear admiral in 1958, vice admiral in 1962 and admiral in 1964. A fighter pilot in World War II, Moorer received the Purple Heart, and the Silver

Star for "extremely gallant and intrepid conduct."

He retired from active duty in 1974 and received his second Defense Distinguished Medal from Secretary James Schlesinger, who noted that "Tom Moorer has

James Schlesinger, who noted that "Tom Moorer has always put his country's interest before anything else." Moorer currently is senior advisor of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C. It is inspiring to note that SEC area football players are recognized for their leadership on the field, and in the class, as outstanding citizens, and as gallant and in-trepid fighters in time of war.

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who is responsible for the current series with UNC, has had a change of heart and the series will end after this game.

Originally, the thinking was for a four-

Once Pitino came aboard and made Newton aware of his desires to play non-conference games in the East where Rick plans to recruit heavily, the series became expendable. The thinking being that UK already has traditional, tough non-conference games with Indiana and Louisville and would probably have to add a strong team in the New York area. thereby needing a couple weaker op-ponents to open the season.

That was much of the same thinking when the series was canned back in the '70s by Cliff Hagan and Joe B. Hall. At that time, the mainstays on the nonconference portion were Indiana, Kansas and Notre Dame plus a television game with the likes of Syracuse, Illinois, St. John's or Ohio State. It was also at a when there was one less game permitted by the NCAA.

Still, it's sad to see the UK-UNC series go by the boards, especially in the future when UK will be at full strength and in a position to actually compete with the Tar Heels. It seems like the last two series caught UK just at the wrong time

No one in his right mind could understand why UK would play Carolina last season and this year. But don't blame Dean Smith. He only did the accepting. The invitation was issued by Newton and no one realizes the mistake better than

The next to last series came in the '70s during the transition between the late Adolph Rupp and Joe B. Hall. Actually, the series lasted through Joe Hall's fourth season, the year he was 10-10 at one point before the 'Cats rallied with a 10-game winning streak to win the 1976 NIT.

There were two other games, one special made-for-television game played at the Meadowlands in New Jersey. UK lost that one under Hall.

All told, the 'Cats haven't been very successful against the Tar Heels. The single most important game was played in 1977 at College Park, Md. where Carolina held off UK 79-72 in the East Regional finals to advance to the Final

Four in Atlanta.

Over the last seven games, UK's lone win was at Louisville's Freedom Hall in

That 90-78 victory came after the infamous 98-74 loss to Indiana and set the tone for the rest of the season as UK upset then undefeated Indiana in the Mideast Regional at Dayton on the way to

Middeast Regional at Dayton on the way the Final Four in San Diego.

There, the 'Cats lost in the champion-ship game to UCLA, which was playing its last game under the legendary John Wooden

Since 1963, Kentucky has won only two of 12 games against the Tar Heels. Overall, the Wildcats are 6-14 against the ACC club.

HITS AND MISSES

• All the big shots were in Cincinnati for the UK-UC game last Wednesday. Seated in the endzone was the UK official party consisting of UK president Charles Wethington, former Governor Martha Layne Collins and husband Bill, football coach Bill Curry, former coach Jerry Claiborne and a host of other officials.

Most of those had attended a UK alumni

Most of those had attended a UK aummigathering earlier in the day in Cincinnati and a fund-raising effort to help build a new indoor football complex at UK...

•If you're keeping record, Kentucky is now 2-0 in its newly, revised nationally television schedule. And for all who have called and written, we've published inside called and written, we've published listed this edition all the information you need to watch the games with your television satellite dish. We've also listed the radio and television stations that are part of th and television stations that are part of the UK network as well as the starting times and telecasting times for this year's schedule. So you'll be able to follow the 'Cats all season, let us suggest that you make a copy of this schedule and tape it near you television set as we won't be able to publish this entire list again. A special thanks to the folks at Sports. Communications for providing the

•In the recent blood drive between the universities of Kentucky and Tennessee, the Volunteers came out on top. Volunteer representatives won in a close contest, with the gap being less than 175 points. Overall, 3,500 pints of blood were donated



IN TOWN SATURDAY

Wonder if Chris Web ber, who will sign with either Michigan State, Michigan, Kentucky or Duke next spring, was watching the Kentucky-Notre Dame game? Webber will be in town this weekend for his official visit on the Wildcat campus.

UPWARD SWING

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"This year I thought I did okay. I did average. I know I have more talent that will evolve with time as I get better.

Samuels anticipates some reinforcements to come from this past season's scout team, a unit displaying many talented freshmen. "On the scout team defense," Samuels

says, "I saw a lot of people that have potential as far as playing a lot next year. They (defensive line) gave a lot of heat. I feel we're going to be a great team in the near future. When I say near future I mean next

Freshmen Pookie Jones and Donnie Redd are mentioned frequently. With three returning quarterbacks plus freshman mate Mike Kinney. Jones will have to climb a tall ladder to play next season. As for Redd, his op-portunity is an easier one and he should be shuffled in with tailbacks Mike Thomas, Craig Walker and possibly others.

Here is what Samuels said regarding the two admired freshmen:

About Jones: "They have a scout bowl each week, where scouts from the defense and offense play, and he is bad. I've never seen a quarterback move as he does. He can run the ball and he can throw also. A lot of black quarterbacks are stereotyped to where

they only run the option and run, run and run. He's got an arm on him also. So that makes him sort of a triple threat, as far as getting the ball off, running the ball, passing the ball. He has great vision, too.

About Redd: "He's real slippery. It's like he's running through the Everybody is falling off of him.

"We have a drill called gauntlet. It's where three defensive men are five yards apart and

three defensive men are five yards apart and we (running backs) have to run through each one. The first time he came out I didn't see anybody tackle him. And he put the same move on everybody. He's very clusive."

Offensively, Bolden says along with a good mix of veterans—he mentioned Samuels, Freddie Maggard and Kurt Johnson—UK fans will be excited about the new faces. So new the media will be double-checking Wildcat iersevs. checking Wildcat jerseys.

"There was a whole lot of hidden talent

on our scout team," Bolden said. "Coach just wanted to get them physically ready because a whole lot of those guys on the scout team were freshmen. They gave our (No. 1) offensive team a whole lot of troubles on the defensive side.

"I wish," Samuels concluded, "we could take about two weeks off and start the season over again.'

LARRY VAUGHT -

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Wildcats in a man-to-man exclusively and lose a game to

improve next year's play.

"We won't stay in one defense too long," he said. "We'll always change defenses. Later we will play manto-man 70 to 75 percent of the time.

Pitino is confident that Kentucky's star will rise again

He just hopes fans remember not to expect too much,

"To be 14-14 last year we had to practice five hours a day, seven days a week," Pitino said. "It will still take that effort to get those wins and we all have to remember that."

HOCKMAN'S FIRST OPPORTUNITY

Kentucky had the ball on its own 13-yard line and

reflictly had the dail of the source of the perfect time for a quarterback to make his college debut.

"Actually, it was a good situation," UK sophomore Ryan Hockman said. "Their linemen were tired and not rushing as hard. They didn't have their top defensive backs in the game.

So Hockman, who had not taken a snap at UK, went to work. He completed 10 of 13 passes for 134 yards in

the final 14:30 and got his first UK touchdown on a one-yard run in the 47-15 loss to the Gators.

"Ryan stood in the pocket and delivered," UK coach Bill Curry said. "I was very proud of him."

That didn't change Nov. 24 at Tennessee. Hockman was forced into early duty when starter Freddie Maggard reinjured his shoulder. The sophomore responded by completing 15 of 29 passes for 143 yards and two touchdowns

Hockman was just happy to play. He had become the forgotten player in UK's quarterback situation. Maggard and sophomore Brad Smth had both started due to in-juries. Redshirt freshmen Pookie Jones and Mike Kinney were being hailed as the players of the future

Curry praised Hockman weekly but never found a way to play him.
"I remained confident even when I wasn't playing,"

Hockman, who threw for 2,030 yards and 37 touchdowns at Harrison, Ohio, said. "I would be lying if I said I didn't want to play, but I never doubted whether I could

Others might have but they shouldn't after watching

Hockman proved he could stand in the pocket, deliver the football on target and take a hit. He also showed

more foot speed than Maggard or Smith and made good decisions about when to throw or scramble

Hockman also showed poise the UK coach had not always seen in practice.

"You are put in situations like this in practice so nobody but you really knows if you can respond," Hockman said. "Until you do it, others won't know how

you will react.
"I knew I could respond and expected to play well. In my role to be successful I have to think I am going to get in and help. It's not an easy role but it is not that

difficult.

"If you keep believing, you'll improve and get your chances. I just took advantage of the chance I had."
By doing that he put himself in the quarterback sweepstakes Curry will conduct next spring and fall. No way can the UK coach play all five quarterbacks and that could present a problem trying to keep each happy.
Curry, though, has a different perspective.
"Not having any quarterbacks is a problem," he said.
"My job isn't to worry about who is happy or who isn't.
We'll use the player who can help us win."
Next year, though, deciding who that player is will be more difficult because apparently UK will have both quality and quantity at quarterback.

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Back Thru The Wildcat Years

One Year Ago

- An underdog Wildcat team took Indiana to the wire before losing to the Hoosiers 71-69 in the Big Four Classic at the Hoosier Dome

at Indianapolis.

The Wildcats forced the youthful Hoosiers into 25 turnovers while committing 15 of their own and led 32-21 at halftime. Then they came back and scored 11 straight points after IU had cut the lead to two.

The Hoosiers finally went ahead by 10 with 4:50 to go and were still 10 ahead two minutes later, but UK outscored them 9-1 the

remainder of the way.

Kentucky's last chance for an upset came when freshman guard Sean Woods, dribbled downcourt, penetrated, and threw up an 18-footer with no time on the clock. The ball hit the back of the rim, bounced high and off points. John Pelphrey added 13 points and 11 rebounds. Freshman center Lawrence Funderburke had 16 points and 10 rebounds

10 Years Ago

For the second time in four days, UK was able to defeat a Big Ten foe—the first was Ohio State, 70-64, in Lexington—because Charles Hurt again came up with a big defensive play, because the Wildcats reserves bought time until the veterans could return from foul trouble and because they outhustled their opponents to a comfortable reboun-

ding edge. (37-28).

This time the opposition was fifth-ranked Indiana, which the Wildcats defeated 68-66 before 17,254 Hoosier fans in Bloomington.,

Dirk Minniefield hit a pair of free throws to give the 'Cats a 66-64 lead. With Hurt playing on the wing of a 1-3-1 defense, Ted Kitchel tried to pass inside to Landon Turner. Before the 6-foot-9 junior could get control of the ball, Hurt slapped it down, saved it from going out of bounds and passed to Minnifield with less than 30 seconds to go

Fred Cowan and Sam Bowie shared scoring honors for UK with 14 points each. Cowan and Melvin Turpin each had five rebounds. IU's Isiah Thomas led all scorers with 20 points.

15 Years Ago

∠UK's inability to hit from the outside against a North Carolina zone enabled the Tar Heels to move from a 42-40 halftime lead to a 59-50 advantage after six minutes of the se-

cond half, as UK lost 90-77. Carolina went to 4-0 and UK 0-2 for the year. Jack Givens led UK with 24 points while Larry Johnson scored 18 and Rick Robey 14. Mitch Kupchek and Walter Davis led the Tar Heels with 24 and 19 points, respectively.

35 Years Ago

For the first time since Adolph Rupp took over at UK in 1930, the Wildcats droptook over at UK in 1930, the Wildcats dropped their home opener, a stunning 73-61 loss to a Temple team led by Hal Lear and Guy Rodgers before II,000 fans in Memorial Coliseum. Junior Ray Mills led UK with 14 points. Phil Grawemeyer scored II while sophomore Vern Hatton had 10, Rodgers had a grame-high 34 points.

a game-high 24 points.

The loss dropped UK to 12th in the AP polls, sixth in UPI.

WILDCAT QUIZ

Bring on the Jayhawks

1. True or False? Kansas has never defeated

2. True or False? Not a single UK player or coach is a native of Kansas.

3. Who led the 'Cats in scoring during last year's game against Kansas in Lawrence?
a) Reggie Hanson
b) Deron Feldhaus

- c) Derrick Miller
- d) Richie Farmer
- 4. Who was UK's leading rebounder in that
- Kansas game?
 a) Reggie Hanson
 b) Jeff Brassow
- Deron Feldhaus
- 5. Which Kansas assistant played point guard
- for the Jayhawks?
 a) Jerry Green b) Rick Galloway

- 6. When did UK and Kansas first met on
- b) 1950
- 7. Who is the Jayhawks' only returning
- starter?
 a) Rick Calloway
 b) Mark Randall
- c) Jeff Gueldner d) Danny Manning

10. True or False? Kansas coach Roy Williams is an alumnus of which North Carolina school? a) University of North Carolina b) North Carolina State c) UNC-Charlotte d) Duke

8. Who eliminated Kansas from last year's

9. Who led the Jayhawks in rebounding last

NCAA tournament?
a) Robert Morris
b) UNLV

a) Rick Calloway b) Pekka Markkanen

c) Mike Maddox

UCLA d) Georgia



Answers

8. UCLA (71-70)
9. Mark Randall Mark Russell 1950

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