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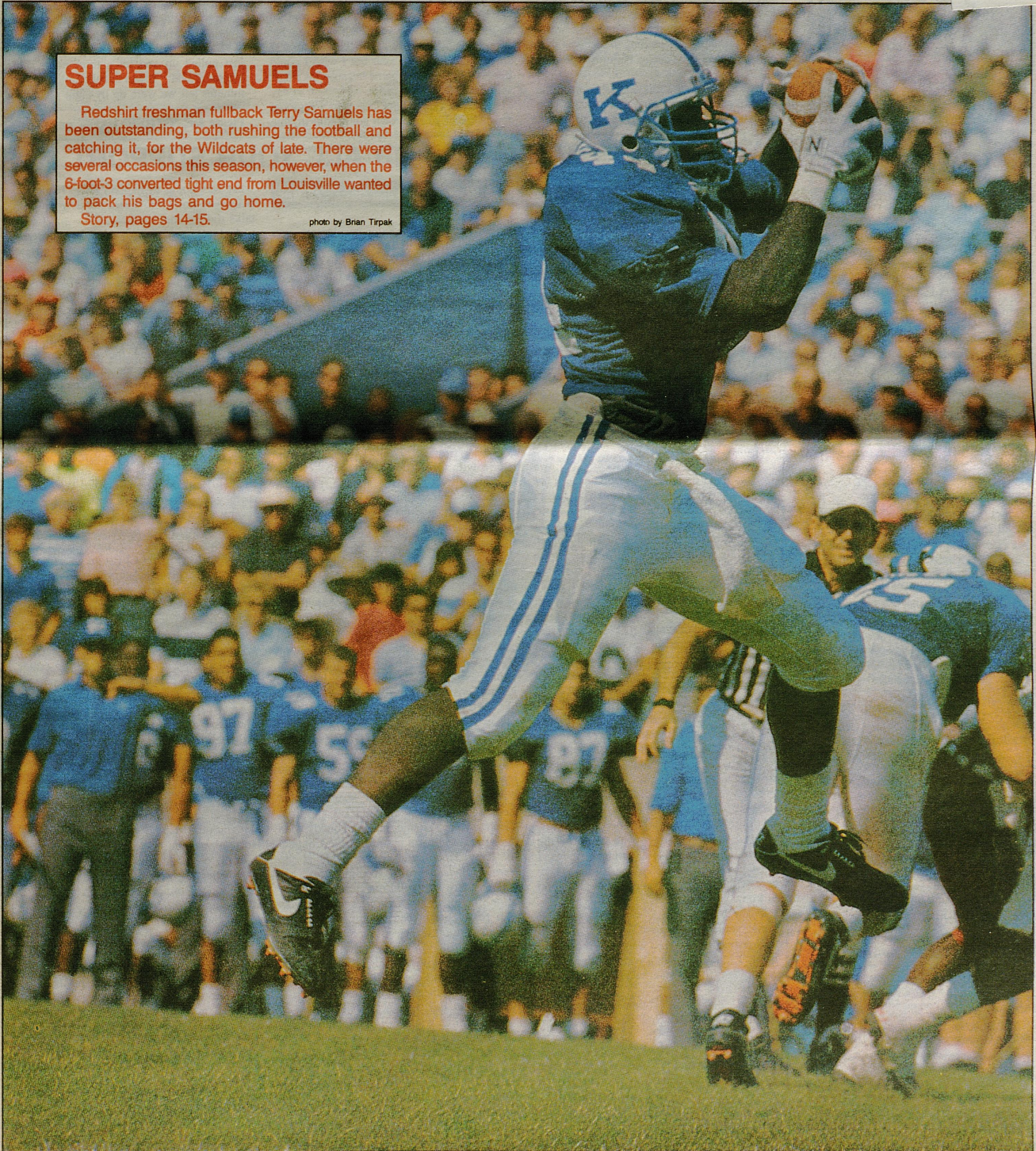
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SUPER SAMUELS

Redshirt freshman fullback Terry Samuels has been outstanding, both rushing the football and catching it, for the Wildcats of late. There were several occasions this season, however, when the 6-foot-3 converted tight end from Louisville wanted to pack his bags and go home.

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'Other' Dale Brown verbally commits to Pitino's 'Cats

by TCP columnist LARRY VAUGHT

Dale Brown is still having trouble believing that he's really good enough to play basketball at the University of Kentucky.

However, UK coaches apparently have no doubts that the 6-foot-3 guard from Gulf Coast Community College in Gulfport, Miss., can play after he made a verbal commitment recently to sign with the Wildcats.

"He's just a special kid," Bob Weathers, his junior college coach, said. "He doesn't have one ounce of ego in him. He's a nice, quiet kid who really doesn't believe how good he is."

"He is a refreshing young man in a world of hot dogs and ones looking to see what they can get out of the system. He's just a terrific kid."

He's also a terrific shooter. Last season, he shot 43 percent from three-point range even though many of his attempts came from four,

When Brown returned to Mississippi, Weathers asked him why he picked UK.

"He looked at me and said, 'Coach, I can't tell you why. You just had to be with me. I loved it,'" Weathers said. "Normally he doesn't show a lot of emotion but tonight he was all smiles."

five or even six feet behind the three-point line.

"He'll shoot some shots—maybe from 24 or 25 feet—and miss, and you'll wonder what he's doing," Weathers said. "He put up 277 three-point shots last year but I wish I could get him 75 shots per game because his range is unlimited."

Weathers remembers last year's regional journal final when Brown got in foul trouble

and played sparingly. Gulf Coast was 20 points down with 12 minutes to play when he inserted Brown back into the lineup.

"Dale came down and six times in a row just pulled up and hit a three-point shot," Weathers said. "It was unbelievable. With six minutes left we were up by eight points. He

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A SPECIAL THANK-YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

by TCP editor/publisher OSCAR COMBS

As most of you know, I have been recuperating from heart bypass surgery for the past couple months. Today, with the blessing of the good Lord, I'm back at work and eagerly looking forward to the future.

I must say that the past two months have brought a new perspective to my life and those around me. When you experience a situation such as mine you learn what is really important in life and what isn't.

I have many friends who have gone through the same illness and they've often told me of their experiences but you really never understand until the heart being operated on is yours.

Most of all you learn just how quickly one's life could pass before you and how important your faith in God is. Because of this, I'm a much stronger person today, both spiritually and physically.

You also discover the real meaning of love of family and friends. No person on earth has a more loving family and friends than I, especially my wife, Donna, and daughter, Amy.

I'd like to say a special thank-you to Dr. Ted Sisk, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church where we are members, and to Rev. Wayne Smith and Rev. David Blondell, for their prayers and visits at the hospital. I really value their wonderful, Christian friendship.

I wish I could write each and every person who called or mailed a card or scribbled on their subscription renewal a get-well message to me. To all those faithful friends and subscribers, I will be forever grateful and never forget your friendships.

To our crew at *The Cats' Pause*, Russell, Mike, Nick and Lala, and all our columnists and photographers, thank you for carrying on so well that hardly anyone missed me.

I've always said we had the best staff in the world and this proves it.

To my many good friends at UK—athletics director C.M. Newton, assistant Gene DeFillippo, SID Chris Cameron and Mr. Wildcat, Bill Keightley—who came by the hospital and visited often, thanks, fellas. I know you had more important matters to take care of, but it certainly makes one feel good to know you're remembered.

With the six weeks of confinement at home, several of my good friends like coach Rick Pitino and his staff wanted to make sure I didn't make too many trips to places like Brookings Chili restaurant. So in came the fruit baskets.

Word must have gotten around town. Within a couple days, my den looked like a fruit market, thanks to my good friend Larry Coffey at Landmark Newspapers, Ed Parsons at Post Printing and Walt LeRoy at Computer Color Corporation, Larry Siers and Jim Stice at Gateway Press as well as several others. And a special thanks to Jim Host for his thoughtfulness.

A few others wanted me to work a little

harder and longer so in came planters, you know the kind you're supposed to keep watering year around. Thanks coach Bill Curry for starting that fad. A few minutes later in came another batch from coach Joe B. Hall and Central Bank and then our good friend Glen Leveridge and Bank of Lexington. All told there are 20 or so planters dotting the jungle at 1056 Turkey Foot Road.

When you have a little surgery you also receive lots and lots of letters. They, like the fruit, flowers and planters, really lift your spirits, especially when you experience an occasional day when everything doesn't go exactly as you planned.

Hearing from old friends like Ed Ray, who is now with Coca-Cola USA up in Connecticut, was great. You talk about a true Kentuckian who bleeds blue. Ed is at the top. Ed, it's great to know everything is going so well. Keep that chin up and we're looking forward to seeing you again.

Also calling were SEC associate commissioners John Guthrie and Brad Davis. Guthrie once was head coach at Georgia and is one of college basketball's greatest goodwill ambassadors and Davis, of course, is the former Kentucky SID. Brad called after a get-well card was returned as undeliverable from the hospital and was afraid something went wrong. No such luck, Brad. Just kiddin'.

It was nice to hear from sports personalities like LSU athletics director Joe Dean, who was very supportive of our *Kentucky Basketball Yearbooks* over the years when he was vice-president of Converse. Then was a nice note from ABC-TV analyst Dick Vitale and *Basketball Times* publisher Larry Donald.

And of course my local friends in the media. People like Ralph Hacker and Tom Leach at WVLK Radio, my good buddy Alan Cutler and the folks at WLEX-TV Channel 18, Jerry Tipton and Mike Fields at the *Herald-Leader* were all so thoughtful.

Then there was good ole Bernie Vonderheide, the university's public relations boss who really brightened up my day with a special cartoon drawn just for me. Bernie, that was tops!

Also there with that daily dose of encouragement was the terrible trio, as I now think of them, the trio being Tom Mills, Billy Wise and Earl Cox at the KHSAA.

All longtime friends of mine, these fellas will never let one's spirits get down. Billy watched over me like a mother hen. Somehow, he has special privileges at St. Joseph Hospital just because he had the same type bypass operation a few years ago and I could swear he was in the operating room, actually taking part in my operation. Every time I turned around, here's this guy telling me

what was going to happen next. Honestly, Billy, you don't know how much your little talks did for me.

And one week after my operation, the terrible trio shows up at my doorstep, ready to take me out for lunch. What a crew!

And to my good buddy Earl who, as I've said before, helped me get started in the sportswriting business, well, he brought me the best get-well message of all.

The Monday morning after the IU-UK game, he hands me the game program autographed by everyone in the press box. Some people long for an autographed program by Ty Cobb. Others want a piece of history signed by George Mikan. To me, this is the ultimate collector's item and it will never be for sale, Earl. Thanks ole buddy.

And last, but certainly not least, a very special thanks to two special Christian friends, Keith Madison and Ted Wise, who spent many, many hours with me the past several weeks.

Most of you know Keith as UK's outstanding baseball coach. What most of you don't know is what a great Christian teacher who practices what he preaches with young people.

Ted, who is promotions director for Lexington television station WDKY-TV Channel 56, has been a friend of mine for almost two decades going back to the weekly newspaper business. Seems like every time I raised my head or picked up the phone, it was either Keith or Ted calling to see if there was anything they could do to help out.

And a very sincere thank you to all of those who wrote or called at the hospital or home. Although I don't know many of you, I want you to know how much Donna and I appreciate your prayers, thoughtfulness and friendship.

The surgery was a complete success, thanks to the wonderful staffs at the Good Samaritan Hospital and the St. Joseph's Hospital and the doctors.

To my ole good buddy Lee Shine, there's not a better ticker doctor in the country. And as my wife, Donna, said, Dr. Shine refused to give up until he found out the problem.

And the other doctors involved with Dr. Charles Martin, the surgeon, people like Dr. John Loventhal, Dr. Donald Wakefield and Dr. John Thomas, well you know they're the best or they wouldn't have me out running six miles a day like they did in less than four weeks.

I don't know about anyone else, but as ole Ernie Banks used to say, "It's a great day fellas, so let's play two."

Sounds like good advice to me.

Thanks again,

Oscar



OSCAR L. COMBS

CATS' PAUSE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

In my book Bill Curry's 'Cats are undefeated

Hey, folks, I'm back!

After writing more than 500 consecutive columns for *The Cats' Pause* dating back to the first issue in September of 1976, I had often wondered how it would feel to take a week or so off and not have to write the weekly story.

My friends, you won't hear me complain again. Having been away from this computer for the past two months, I'm more than delighted to be pecking away once again.

Before we get to the serious business of talking UK sports, let me just say there's absolutely no truth to the rumor that the current football team put me in the hospital back in early September.

Yes, it's true I experienced some strong pains on the day of the Central Michigan-Kentucky game and that I was admitted to Good Samaritan Hospital the day after UK's less than impressive victory.

And yes it is true that just two days after UK was shocked by Rutgers I underwent triple bypass surgery on my heart. And yes, I did ride right past Commonwealth Stadium without stopping as thousands of fans were filling the stadium for the Indiana-Kentucky game a week later.

But folks, I have to believe I've been watching a different Kentucky team than most of you. Why? Well, Kentucky, according to our most recent issue of *TCP* enjoys just a so-so 3-5 mark as the Wildcats head into the homestretch with little hope of a winning season.

This may be the picture most of you have been viewing, but I've obviously been watching another team. You see, the Wildcats I've seen *in person* are undefeated with a perfect 3-0 mark. (*Doctors permitted me to attend the Miss State and Georgia games if I promised not to get too excited. Actually, I left the press box with three minutes left in the Georgia game but I sneaked through a tunnel and caught the final two minutes.*)

With Vanderbilt coming to town this week, even the most cynical fan would have to admit the 'Cats' chances of picking up their fourth victory are pretty good. That would give Kentucky a 4-0 mark with yours truly in the pressbox. After the Wildcats take care of the Commodores, those skeptics obviously will be snickering as the big, bad Florida Gators journey north.

No, I have no plans to return to the hospital that day. What I'm counting on is for our good friends in Georgia to destroy the Gators' confidence Saturday (like they usually do this time each year) and have the Gators primed for an upset. Besides, I hear the weatherman is going to bring us some unusually cool weather for the sun worshippers. And then, you've gotta believe.

After that comes good ole Tennessee on the same day that UK officials somehow managed a scheduling boo-boo with Rick Pitino's Cats opening at home against Pennsylvania less than three hours after the football Wildcats collide with the Vols

in Knoxville. That's going to make for some mighty stiff speeding tickets from those Tennessee cops who love to run their citations quota up in late November every other year.

Now if I were the ever-loving guy who emphasizes UK basketball at the expense of neglecting UK football, I'd just say it's impossible to be in two places at once and that the Wildcats' opening basketball game takes priority over the gridiron.

Such a decision would preserve my undefeated season football record at 5-0 (yes, UK will shock the Gators) and save me from the likelihood of a heart attack in the midst of a 60-0 bombing at the hands of the Vols. And I would get to Rupp Arena very early.

But if this recent little trip to a couple hospitals taught me anything, it taught me to do what's right and never give up. I wouldn't miss this game for anything.

Even my ole good buddy Haywood Harris, the longtime sports information director and now assistant athletics director at Tennessee, sent me a real nice card and said he was looking forward to visiting with me Thanksgiving weekend.

With an invitation like that, how could I not be in Neyland Stadium, for what will turn out to be one of the greatest Kentucky upsets in history? Just you wait and see. I know I'll be there and still make it back to Rupp Arena, even if it takes a blue car with Tennessee State Patrol stripes painted on the side.

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Speaking of the season since we last visited with you, there is little question it has been a disappointing one to most everyone, especially for coach Bill Curry and his staff.

This was a club most projected to be stocked with enough talent to go 7-4 on the season and a post-season bowl. Early losses to Rutgers, Indiana, North Carolina and Ole Miss killed those chances, but there has been definite progress in recent weeks.

Actually, the loss to LSU probably was as big a disappointment to me as any of the season. The Tigers were primed to be knocked off, but UK's inability to spring the upset shouldn't be taken so bitterly. Kentucky has a reputation in Bayou Country as always playing the Tigers close, but coming away without a cigar.

More disappointing than just the wondrous record is the fact the SEC obviously is down this year.

Had Kentucky been of the caliber we thought a few months ago, the Wildcats very easily could be 6-2 or even 7-1 right now. But this is why the games are played.

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There's no way of estimating how important Kentucky's last minute come-from-behind victory over Georgia will be to the current team, or for that matter, the future of the Kentucky program.

With that victory, UK has the oppor-

tunity to build a modest two-game SEC winning streak and if the 'Cats should beat Vandy, they just might believe they can play toe-to-toe with Florida. Remember what Tennessee did to the Gators?

Football is such a game of emotions, both high and low, and Kentucky has already experienced enough of the latter this year. When the final seconds ticked off the clock two weeks ago, you would have thought Kentucky was playing a Top 10 team with a post-season bowl at stake. Neither was the case, but the reality of a come-from-behind victory over a tradition-rich football program like Georgia was more than enough satisfaction.

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As the football season winds down (and by the way, don't close the books on this season until UK is hit with its sixth loss), Rick Pitino has his hoopsters gearing up for the winter campaign and fans are going to be excited with this crop of youngsters.

So far, freshman Jamal Mashburn has been the talk of the town and the young New York prepster should have an immediate impact on the SEC as well as the UK program.

Pitino's goals include improving on last season's 14-14 mark, but that in itself would be a remarkable achievement.

Many automatically expect 18 to 20 wins. Before such a thought sweeps through your mind, consider that Kentucky must play Cincinnati, Indiana, Louisville and North Carolina on the road as well as Notre Dame in Indianapolis and Western Kentucky in Louisville.

Of all those games, don't expect UK to be the favorite in any except Western. There could be four or five losses right there. Last season, UK won only at Florida in the SEC. At home, UK was undefeated in the SEC.

When you take all this into consideration, you realize it's going to be pretty doggone tough to improve on a perfect 9-0 mark at home in the SEC. Okay?

Now where is Kentucky going to win on the road in the SEC? Obviously, it's going to be much tougher to win at Florida. The odds are even greater at LSU, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Auburn and Mississippi State. And the 'Cats will be underdogs at Vanderbilt and Ole Miss. That leaves zero.

That would make a 9-9 conference mark. In non-conference games, Kentucky figures to be the favorite with Penn, Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee-Chattanooga. That leaves a home game with Kansas in a contest where either club could be the favorite. If UK should win all the Rupp Arena non-conference games plus the Western game and lose the other non-conference games, UK would be 5-5 going into the SEC.

You now can see where the Wildcats will have to overachieve this season, perhaps just to match last season's

record. But then we've all learned not to underestimate Rick Pitino's coaching, and a 20-victory season would have fans dancing in the streets.

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By this time next week most of the nation's top prep seniors will be committing to various colleges during the early November national signing period.

It appears UK's recruiting efforts will continue right on through next spring and to be perfectly honest about it, this second signing group for Pitino has been both good and bad.

The bad news first is that most recruiting experts around the country are saying UK's signees won't rank anywhere in the nation's Top 10. Most are saying that Kentucky has been forced to deal with second level recruits after finishing second on several top ones.

Now the good news.

The good news is that the next full crop of signees Rick Pitino will ink will be next November in Year No. 3 of the Rick Pitino era. And that's the timetable all the experts forecasted in predicting when UK would be able to once against compile a recruiting class in the nation's Top 10.

A couple of weeks ago even Pitino casually alluded to the return this winter to live television on a national basis and its positive effects on recruiting. Kentucky was prohibited from being on television last season, except tape-delayed.

Pitino says it's not only important to be on national television, but it's important for the televised games to be played at Rupp Arena where recruits can feel the excitement of the Kentucky fans and how the players respond to the crowd.

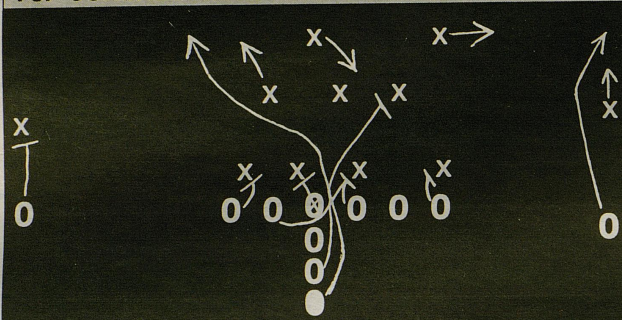
Prep underclassmen all around the nation will see Kentucky's 'Cats this winter as every single game will be on television of some kind with several scheduled for ESPN, CBS and ABC.

FIRST AND TENS

UK officials say they are considering a switch to play all September home football games at night in future years. In the past, only October games which have been scheduled during the local Keeneland race meet have been played at night. UK officials say the move is being considered because of the hot temperatures in September and that UK has amassed an amazing record during night games at Commonwealth where UK hasn't lost a night game since 1986. They say there is no connection with the switch and WHAS Radio, the 50,000-watt Louisville station which broadcasts both UK and UL games. UL home games generally start at 4 p.m., and when UK games start at 1:30 p.m., they are replayed on a taped-delayed basis late at night. By playing at night, fans farther away could pick up the games on WHAS live although they could hear them tape-

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TCP COACHES' QUESTION-AND-ANSWER FEATURE



WITH UK RUNNING BACK COACH WALTER LEWIS

by TCP associate editor MIKE ESTEP

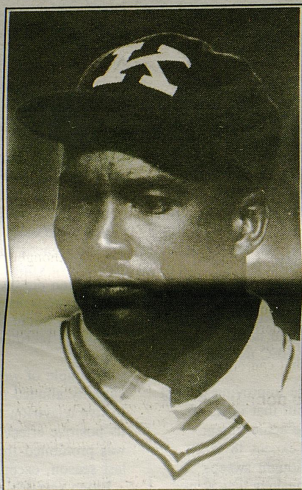
When Walter Lewis was in his early teens, the address on his mailbox said he lived in Brewton, Ala.

But on Autumn Saturdays, though his body was still right there in Brewton, Walter's mind was miles away—he was Archie Griffin of Ohio State, racking up yardage on the way to one of his two Heisman trophies; or he was Ricky Bell of USC, scoring a TD against Griffin's Buckeyes in the Rose Bowl.

Walter was playing Little League football then, and as he says now: "I was kinda in my own little world."

Some years later, long after the lure of Ohio State and USC had passed and he was putting the finishing touches on one of the finest careers ever for a quarterback at the University of Alabama, Lewis was still in his own little world. A world he shared with some of the great names ever to call signals at the Capstone—Ken Stabler, Bart Starr, "Broadway" Joe Namath, Richard Todd, Jeff Rutledge, Scott Hunter and Harry Gilmer.

When Lewis finished his four-year career (1980-83) at Alabama, he had racked up 5,690 yards of total offense (1,433 rushing, 4,257 passing), still the best in Tide history. His junior year, in 1982, Lewis completed 102 of



164 passes (62.2%), the best single-season percentage in school history. In his senior season, in 1983, Lewis set the single-season total yardage mark with 2,329 yards (338 rushing, 1,991 passing). His 1,991 yards through the air that season still ranks third in school history for a single season. Lewis is currently the No. 2 career passer in Tide history behind Scott Hunter, having completed 286 of 504 passes (56.7%) for 4,257 yards and 29 TDs. An engineering major, he was Academic All-SEC in 1981 and 1983, All-SEC in 1983 and ninth in the 1983 race for the Heisman that went to Mike Rozier of Nebraska.

Following a brief pro career, Lewis returned to Alabama as running back coach in 1989, then followed Bill Curry to UK in that capacity.

In the following Q&A, which was broken into two separate interviews because of time considerations, Lewis talks about his playing days at Alabama and his relationship with legendary coach Bear Bryant, UK's "Big Back" offense, gives a thumbnail sketch of each of his Wildcat running backs and discusses the future of Kentucky's backfield, in terms of redshirt freshmen and recruiting:

WALTER LEWIS: FROM THE BEAR TO THE WILDCATS

The first part of the Lewis Q&A, which follows, took place immediately after Kentucky's 17-15 homecoming victory over Mississippi State Oct. 13:

The Cats' Pause: You were the last quarterback to play for Bear Bryant. What kind of significance does that hold for you? What kind of man was he to play for?

Walter Lewis: I think with me and coach Bryant, our relationship...what I really liked about him was he was fair in handling me in my particular situation. He knew what to do at the right time with me. And that was a big plus for me. I appreciate him for that, and him as a coach.

TCP: You were a part of two big wins for coach Bryant. First, you came off the bench to quarterback Alabama to the last two touchdowns in the come-from-behind win, over Auburn in all teams, that gave Bear his record-setting 315th win. What was that like?

Lewis: It was kind of, I guess, a dream come true. When Alabama was recruiting me they said, "Hey, you may be the quarterback that throws the winning touchdown pass to break that record." I had thought about that, but not to that extent. And that actually happened in that game. From that standpoint it was a plus. I really enjoyed that. Getting out there and working hard, and seeing the guys really pull together and try to win that thing for him, that was a big thrill for me, too, as a team. There are a lot of memories. Linnie Patrick making the great run. Then having the opportunity to throw the pass. Because I wasn't playing well that game at the beginning. I came along and made the play when I had to make it. It was a very happy time for me.

TCP: You were also at the controls for the 21-15 win over Illinois in the 1982 Liberty Bowl, Bear's last game at Alabama.

Lewis: Yes, I had an opportunity to be a part of that. It was a very emotional time. Couldn't even hardly talk the whole game. I gave an



LEWIS TALKS THINGS OVER ON THE SIDELINES WITH WILDCAT RECEIVER STEVE PHILLIPS.

interview after the game and I couldn't even articulate anything. A lot of players that were leaders came forth and said things prior to the game that really touched my heart. The electricity of it is something that I'll always remember. I think we really pulled together as a unit, because we had experienced a lot of adversity during that year. Those are memories that stick with me about that particular game.

TCP: You see a lot of film clips on television of coach Bryant presiding over practice from that tower he had and giving those great pep talks in the locker room. What kind of inspiration has he been to you and what do you still carry around with you from your time with him?

Lewis: Coach Bryant was a fundamentalist. He really believed in fundamental things in football. Just preparing for this game today, I was sitting back there by myself and I just starting thinking. I said, "How would coach Bryant...how did he prepare for his games?"

Lewis talks things over on the sidelines with Wildcat receiver Steve Phillips. photo courtesy UK sports information department

What were the things he did to get himself ready?" And I was thinking about that. Then coach Curry asked me a question: "What did coach Bryant say to y'all in certain situations before a game?" I said he'd say, "Expect the unexpected. Be surprised. Always know the time. Always know the situation you're in." Things of that nature. That's what I related to him. And that fact, having an opportunity to play for coach Bryant, those things come back to me and they help me to coach and help me to get my guys ready.

TCP: At that time, when you were still playing, did you think down the line you might want to be a coach?

Lewis: I didn't think along those lines. Because I was learning so much. At that age you're learning and exposed to so many things. I wanted to be able to share those things with my friends and people that I played with that were younger than me and what have you. I always felt like I could coach, you know. I

went there and got a degree as an electrical engineer. You learn so much out there that you felt like you could go out there and do it. Our senior year I thought about possibly being able to coach. Coach (Ray) Perkins used to talk to me about coaching all the time.

TCP: That's what I was going to ask, if you and coach Bryant ever had that conversation: about you going into coaching.

Lewis: No, we never had that conversation. We never had that opportunity.

TCP: You still own a number of Alabama records: Total yards for a season, total yards for a career. You were All-SEC, Academic All-SEC, MVP of that Liberty Bowl game, even got quite a few votes for the Heisman following your senior season. When you look back at your career at the Capstone, what are you most proud of?

Lewis: One of the things that I'm most proud of...several quarterbacks got booed. Jeff Rutledge. Richard Todd. Steadman Sheaty. All those guys got booed. Don Jacobs. One thing I never got while I was there was get booed. That's one of the things I had on my mind when I was getting recruiting. I said I never want to get booed. That's just on a funny note. But on a serious note, going to Alabama gave me an experience where I had a chance to grow as an individual and expand myself. I don't think I could've gotten it anywhere else, at that particular point and time in my life. There were a lot of instrumental things under coach Bryant and his staff. Those are things I can carry on. I paid a serious price. But the rewards I got from paying that price were far greater than anything that I could have experienced (if I hadn't gone to Alabama). That's it in a nutshell, what Alabama, being able to go there and play, what it meant to me.

TCP: Were you the first black quarterback back to Alabama?

Lewis: I was the first black quarterback to start at Alabama. Michael Landrum was a year ahead of me, he was there prior to me coming. He was the first black quarterback there at Alabama, the first black to play.

TCP: How significant is that to you?

Lewis: It's not significant at all. I didn't go there with that being a goal. I went there to play. I'm just thankful that I was good enough to get out there and participate enough to play.

TCP: Were you accepted right away by the Alabama fans?

Lewis: I was blessed in the fact that as freshman...you know I guess I classify myself as being an overachiever. I got into some situations where I was able to grow early. And made some key plays which developed favor in the fans' minds. Each year you have to prove yourself through your experiences with your players. I had to grow with that. I was a freshman playing among guys that had been there years before. I had to gain their respect. And that respect came from my performance. You know I've had some situations where people were down because we may have been losing and what have you, and may have been a bit harsh toward me, but I never experienced a downside where fans got down on me at all.

TCP: Growing up in Brewton, Ala., did you follow Alabama?

Lewis: I followed Alabama...I didn't follow 'em close, close, close. I followed teams like USC, Ohio State. When I was coaching on Archie Griffin was big-time during that time. I never really concentrated on Alabama very much. A little, but not a whole lot. I think as I grew older...in high school I started looking at 'em a whole lot.

TCP: Was that because they didn't start recruiting black athletes as a whole until...

Lewis: No, it wasn't because of that. It's just that I played Little League football on Saturdays and never had time to concentrate on

those type things. I was kinda in my own little world.

TCP: Like a lot of the UK players that you are coaching now, you underwent a coaching change when coach Perkins came in and replaced coach Bryant when he retired before your senior season. What's that like as a player when a new staff comes in?

Lewis: Sometimes you have resentment because you're used to a groove and you don't know what to anticipate. I was there with coach Bryant and I wanted things to be in a structure like he had and stuff like that. I wasn't ready to change because I felt like we were really getting into the niche of things. I felt like I was beginning to master a certain offense and then it was going to be taken away. I went in there to challenge him (Perkins). You know, "Show me what you're all about." He did that and, hey, I forgot all about the other stuff. I got excited about what we were doing. Once you give that a chance, then the transition is easy. But you have to be willing to do that.

TCP: Now you're the coach in that same situation. What has that been like?

Lewis: Same deal. I put myself in a situation that coach Perkins was in: "Show me what it is that's going to make us a good team." I've had to do that with my players. And that's helped me deal with them, too, to understand what they've been about.

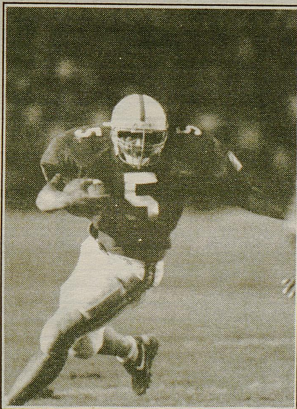
TCP: What kind of pro career did you have? I know you played with Memphis in the USFL, Montreal in the CFL and New England in the NFL.

Lewis: I had a chance to play two years in Memphis, a half a year in Montreal and a year with New England. My pro career was up and down. There were a lot of instances where circumstances were uncontrollable. I couldn't control the circumstances. It didn't go the way I had wanted it to go. I had some fun, but still, it just didn't go the way I had planned it to go.

TCP: How did you go from playing with New England in 1987 to coaching at Alabama in 1989?

...and that's exactly what Al Baker, left, and Terry Samuels have done in recent weeks.

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Lewis: I visited down there. Coach Curry heard me speak to the group and he asked me to coach.

TCP: Was that your first association with coach Curry?

Lewis: No, I had been associated with him before.

TCP: On one hand, you were one of Bear's Boys. And on the other hand, a lot of the friction that coach Curry got down there was because he wasn't one of Bear's Boys. Did you have any negative reaction from that? Did you get caught in the mid-

dle of anything?

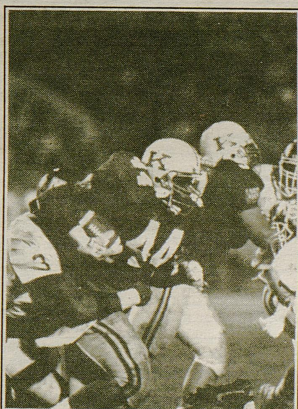
Lewis: Well, I was kind of caught in the middle of certain situations. I won't go into any great detail. One has to decide for himself what he wants and what he wants to partake of. I was supportive of coach Curry while he was at Alabama and I'm very supportive of him while he's here. I believe in what he's trying to accomplish, and that makes all the difference in the world. There were some things with my family that we wanted to experience in the coaching realm. We had an opportunity to come to Kentucky and do it.

TCP: Were you given the option of staying at Alabama?

Lewis: I didn't give 'em a chance to (ask me to stay). I knew what I wanted. I knew what I wanted and I decided to come up here before they even had a chance to ask.

TCP: You were used to winning at Alabama, both as a coach and a player. You come up here to Kentucky where they're not used to winning that much. What are some of the contrasts between Alabama, where they expect to win, and Kentucky, where they only hope to win?

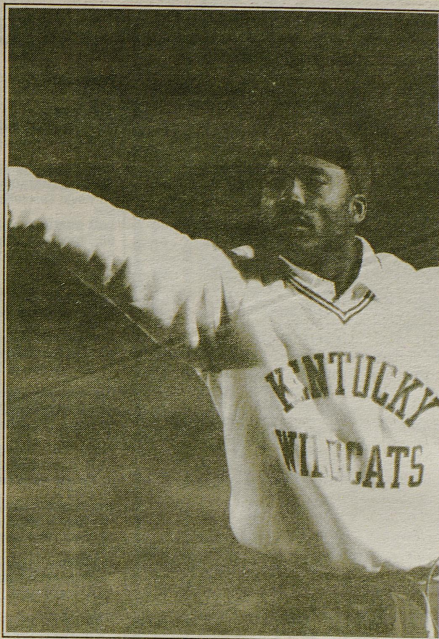
Lewis: They're not winning all the time at this point. I think there's an air about football down there that's different from here. And it comes through tradition. There's definitely a tradition there. We feel like that can change



here at Kentucky. That's a contrast. Football is big down there. Just like there's hockey in Montreal. Hockey's big there, football is second. Here at Kentucky, what I've experienced, football is something that is big here, too. But I don't think it's as big, at this point.

TCP: Coach Curry has been saying that winners think about what they want to happen and losers think about what they don't want to happen. Do you see a big separation here between those two extremes?

Lewis: There's a learning process that all players have to go through. You have to think yourself into certain situations. You're not ac-



Lewis says he tells his backs that he can only point them in the right direction, they have to take over from there...

photo by Mark Cornelison

customized to doing that. But once you learn that you can grow. There's a big thing with that about coach Curry. That's true. Before I even made a move on a guy at Alabama I had already kind of thought about it, you know, what I'd do in this particular situation to prepare myself for it. Those are the things we're teaching our guys to do. When you're able to do that it helps them to be better ballplayers.

This interview, which makes up the second part of the Lewis Q&A, was conducted Oct. 30 at the E.J. Nutter Center following a UK practice several days after the Georgia game:

TCP: Since we talked the last time, there has been a dramatic turnaround in the rushing attack. You've increased your rushing yards per game from 82.8 to 126.9, you've upped your per-carry averaged from 2.2 to 3.2 and you're coming off back-to-back 200-yard performances on the ground. Why the big change?

Lewis: I think it's just a matter of getting confidence and being comfortable with what you're doing. We've made some changes, putting Al (Baker) back at tailback and Terry (Samuels) at fullback. It's made a difference. And understanding blocking schemes, things of that nature.

TCP: Does it just take a little time...

Lewis: It takes time for a team to mesh, too. Our offensive line is beginning to understand what is needed to be able to be successful. That makes a difference.

TCP: Talking about the big backfield, whose idea was that?

Lewis: Well, it's a conglomeration of ideas. Coach Curry's. Mine. Tommy Bowden's. It's just a conglomeration of ideas. Some people have to grow and Terry grew like we wanted him to grow. That enabled us to make the decision that we made.

TCP: Did you expect the move to work out this well, this quickly?

Lewis: I didn't know what to expect. You just have to put people you felt like were the

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'89 UK RESULTS (6-5)

UK	Opponents	
17	INDIANA	14
13	NORTH CAROLINA	6
3	at Alabama	15
12	AUBURN	24
33	RUTGERS	26
27	LSU	21
23	at Georgia	34
31	CINCINNATI	0
15	at Vanderbilt	11
28	at Florida	38
10	TENNESSEE	31

□ Home games in ALL CAPITALS



KENTUCKY DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

Split end
80 Phil Logan (6-2, 190, Sr.)
25 Steve Phillips (6-2, 209, Sr.)

Left tackle
71 Greg Lahr (6-5, 270, Jr.)
50 Kevin Disotelle (6-3, 268, Jr.)

Left guard
68 Todd Perry (6-4, 265, So.)
61 Bill Huletta (6-3, 262, Sr.)

Center
53 Matt Branum (6-2, 261, So.)
64 David Parks (6-2, 247, Fr.)

Right guard
63 Joel Mazzella (6-1, 265, Sr.)
61 Bill Huletta (6-3, 265, Sr.)

Right tackle
65 Chuck Bradley (6-5, 278, So.)
50 Kevin Disotelle (6-3, 268, Jr.)

Tight end
85 Rodney Jackson (6-2, 240, Sr.)
81 Bobby Henderson (6-2, 245, Sr.)

Quarterback
18 Freddie Maggard (6-2, 212, Jr.)
19 Ryan Hockman (6-2, 195, So.)

Fullback
44 Terry Samuels (6-2, 240, Fr.)
5 Al Baker (5-11, 227, Sr.)

Tailback
5 Al Baker (5-11, 227, Sr.)
32 Mike Thomas (5-1, 205, Jr.)

Flanker
8 Kurt Johnson (5-7, 140, So.)
7 Neal Clark (5-9, 169, Jr.)

Placekicker
21 Doug Pelfrey (5-11, 178, So.)
10 Don Rubin (5-9, 185, Jr.)

DEFENSE

Strike
42 Dean Wells (6-3, 230, So.)
59 Zane Beehn (6-4, 220, Fr.)

Defensive tackle
78 Brad Shuford (6-3, 285, So.)
98 Jerry Bell (6-3, 275, Sr.)

Nose guard
48 Joey Couch (6-1, 250, Jr.)
57 Jody Matthews (6-0, 252, So.)

Defensive end
56 Derrick Thomas (6-2, 227, Jr.)
87 Jim Graves (6-6, 245, Jr.)

Mike linebacker
40 Randy Holleran (6-1, 238, Sr.)
84 Billy Swanson (6-0, 225, Sr.)

Will linebacker
84 Billy Swanson (6-0, 225, Sr.)
46 Reggie Smith (6-3, 209, So.)

Bandit
39 Jeff Brady (6-1, 228, Sr.)
3 Duce Williams (6-0, 186, Fr.)

Rover
17 Larry Jackson (5-11, 200, Jr.)
26 Salim Shahid (6-3, 187, Fr.)

Hit
2 Gary Willis (6-1, 177, Jr.)
38 Don Robinson (6-3, 185, Fr.)

Free safety
1 Brad Armstead (6-0, 179, So.)
20 Chris Tolbert (5-11, 182, Sr.)

Cornerback
4 Sterling Ward (5-11, 174, So.)
24 Adrian Sherwood (5-11, 165, Fr.)

Punter
13 Bill Hawk (6-0, 208, Jr.)
18 Freddie Maggard (6-2, 212, Jr.)

'90 UK SCHEDULE/RESULTS

UK/Date	Opponent	
20	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	17
8	at Rutgers	24
24	INDIANA	45
13	at North Carolina	6
29	at Ole Miss	35
17	MISSISSIPPI STATE	15
20	at LSU	30
26	GEORGIA	24
Nov. 10	VANDERBILT	
Nov. 17	FLORIDA	
Nov. 24	at Tennessee	

□ Home games in ALL CAPITALS



1990 UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown (High School/JC)
1	Brad Armstead	FS	6-0	179	So.-L	Henderson (Henderson Co.)
2	Gary Willis	HIT	6-1	177	Jr.-Sq.	Gainesville, Fla. (Buchholz)
3	Duce Williams	ROVER	6-0	186	Fr.-RS	Bethel Park, Pa. (High)
4	Sterling Ward	CB	5-11	174	So.-L	Lexington (Bryan Station)
5	Al Baker	FB	5-11	227	Sr.-2L	Cadiz (Trigg Co.)
6	Scott Gilley	CB	5-10	186	Fr.-RS	Tampa, Fla. (King)
7	Neal Clark	SE	5-9	169	Jr.-L	Paducah (Tilghman)
8	Kurt Johnson	FL	5-7	140	So.-L	Paducah (Tilghman)
9	Bill Campbell	FS	5-10	171	Fr.-Sq.	Lexington (Tates Creek)
*10	Troy Hobbs	FL	5-9	130	Fr.-Sq.	Miami, Fla. (Southridge)
10	Don Rubin	PK	5-8	160	Jr.-JC	Miami, Fla. (Taft JC)
11	Brad Smith	QB	6-3	205	So.-Sq.	Lakeland, Fla. (High)
12	Craig Walker	TB	5-10	209	So.-RS	Louisville (Fairdale)
13	Bill Hawk	P	6-0	208	Jr.-L	Santa Ynez, Calif. (Cal-Lutheran)
14	Brent Claiborne	PK	5-9	161	Fr.-Sq.	Owensboro (Davess Co.)
*14	Mike Kinney	QB	6-3	208	Fr.-HS	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)
15	Brian Scott	P	6-1	195	So.-Sq.	Hardy (Belfry)
16	Pookie Jones	QB	6-2	180	Fr.-HS	Murray (Calloway Co.)
17	Larry Jackson	ROVER	5-11	200	Jr.-Sq.	Mayfield (High)
18	Freddie Maggard	QB	6-2	219	Jr.-L	Cumberland (High)
19	Ryan Hockman	QB	6-2	201	So.-Sq.	Harrison, Ohio (High)
20	Chris Tolbert	HIT	5-11	182	Sr.-3L	Pensacola, Fla. (BT. Washington)
21	Doug Pelfrey	PK-CB	5-11	178	So.-Sq.	Edgewood (Scott)
22	Greg Hunt	FL	6-0	192	Jr.-Sq.	Richmond, Va. (Fork Union)
23	Donnie Redd	TB	5-9	170	Fr.-HS	Danville (High)
24	Adrian Sherwood	CB	6-0	170	Fr.-HS	Texas City, Texas (High)
25	Steve Phillips	SE	6-2	209	Sr.-L	Fairfield, Ohio (High)
26	Salim Shahid	ROVER	6-3	187	Fr.-RS	Louisville (Male)
27	Clyde Rudolph	FL	5-7	155	Fr.-HS	Pensacola, Fla. (BT. Washington)
28	Dale See	FB	5-6	227	Fr.-Sq.	Columbus, Ohio (St. Charles)
29	Brian Evans	FL	6-0	174	Fr.-RS	Louisville (Pleasure Ridge Park)
30	Daryl Conn	BANDIT	6-1	190	Fr.-HS	Franklin (Franklin-Simpson)
31	Mark Chatmon	SE	5-8	156	Fr.-Sq.	Milwaukee, Wis. (South Division)
32	Mike Thomas	TB	5-11	214	Jr.-L	Somersal, N.J. (Franklin)
33	Bob Shehan	SE	5-11	170	So.-Sq.	Florence (Boone Co.)
34	Tim Harris	TB	5-10	191	So.-Sq.	New Castle (Henry Co.)
35	Cale Langford	SE	5-10	171	Fr.-Sq.	Chatsworth, Ga. (Murray Co.)
36	Matt Riazzi	TB	5-7	181	Fr.-Sq.	Kettering, Ohio (Archbishop Alter)
37	Shane Ball	LB	6-3	205	Fr.-HS	Henderson (Henderson Co.)
38	Donald Robinson	HIT	6-3	185	Fr.-HS	Richmond, Va. (John Marshall)
39	Jeff Brady	BANDIT	6-1	228	Sr.-2L	Melbourne (Newport Catholic)
40	Randy Holleran	LB	6-1	238	Sr.-2L	McKeesport, Pa. (High)
41	Delandun Conwell	FB	6-1	195	Fr.-HS	Ironton, Ohio (High)
42	Dean Wells	STRIKE	6-3	235	So.-L	Louisville (Holy Cross)
43	Ken Johnson	BANDIT	5-11	205	Fr.-RS	Ellwood City, Pa. (Riverside)
44	Terry Samuels	FB	6-2	252	Fr.-RS	Louisville (Male)
45	Marty Moore	LB	6-1	235	Fr.-RS	Fort Thomas (Highlands)
46	Reggie Smith	LB	6-3	209	So.-L	Cleveland, Ohio (Benedictine)
47	Neil Page	TE	6-4	259	So.-Sq.	Roswell, Ga. (Riverside Military Acad.)
48	Joey Couch	NG	6-1	255	Jr.-2L	Paintsville (High)
49	Roger Sullivan	LB	6-4	222	Fr.-HS	White Oak, Pa. (McKeesport)
50	Kevin Disotelle	OG	6-3	268	Jr.-Sq.	Houston, Texas (Northshore)
51	David Langdon	OT	5-11	283	Fr.-Sq.	Manchester (Clay Co.)
52	Wesley Jackson	C	6-3	265	Fr.-RS	Louisville (Manual)
53	Matt Branum	C	6-2	261	So.-L	Florence (Boone Co.)
54	T.J. Maynard	C	6-4	264	So.-Sq.	Flatwoods (Russell)
55	Travis Hahn	OG	6-3	263	So.-L	Louisville (St. Xavier)
56	Derrick Thomas	DE	6-2	227	Jr.-L	Lexington (Bryan Station)
57	Jody Matthews	NG	6-0	252	So.-L	Villa Rica, Ga. (High)
58	Sean Smith	LB	6-3	232	Fr.-RS	Louisville (Male)
59	Zane Beehn	STRIKE	6-4	223	Fr.-HS	Owensboro (Apollo)
60	Courtney Longacre	C	6-3	266	Jr.-Sq.	Louisville (Fairdale)
61	Bill Huletta	OG	6-3	262	Sr.-2L	Morganfield (Union Co.)
62	Dude Harper	C	6-2	235	Fr.-HS	Clemson, S.C. (Daniel)
63	Joel Mazzella	OG	6-1	275	Sr.-2L	Parkersburg, W.Va. (High)
64	David Parks	C	6-2	247	Fr.-RS	Villa Rica, Ga. (High)
65	Chuck Bradley	OT	6-5	278	So.-L	Louisville (Fern Creek)
66	Louis Casanova	OT	6-0	234	Fr.-Sq.	Upper St. Clair, Pa. (High)
67	Chris Sammarone	C	6-3	235	Fr.-HS	Youngstown, Ohio (Chaney)
68	Todd Perry	OG	6-4	272	So.-L	Elizabethtown (North Hardin)
69	Jason Dombroski	NG	6-2	279	Fr.-RS	LaGrange (Trinity)
71	Greg Lahr	OT	6-5	281	Jr.-2L	Pickerington, Ohio (High)
72	Aaron Purdie	DE	6-6	260	Fr.-HS	Toledo, Ohio (E.L. Bowsher)
73	Jeff Weihe	DG	6-4	261	So.-Sq.	Louisville (Holy Cross)
74	Dean Wilks	OG	6-3	311	Sr.-3L	Proctorville, Ohio (Fairland)
75	John Perine	DT	6-5	280	Fr.-HS	Mobile, Ala. (Vigor)
76	Mark Askin	OT	6-5	270	Fr.-HS	Louisville (St. Xavier)
77	Chris Reedy	OG	6-3	240	So.-Sq.	Elizabethtown (High)
78	Brad Shuford	DG	6-3	285	So.-Sq.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Greenhill)
80	Phil Logan	SE	6-2	196	Sr.-3L	Louisville (Holy Cross)
81	Bobby Henderson	TE	6-2	245	Sr.-L	Theodore, Ala. (Tyler CC)
82	John Bolden	FL	6-0	175	Sr.-3L	Louisville (Male)
83	Mike Meece	TE	6-6	243	Sr.-2L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Madeira)
84	Billy Swanson	LB	6-0	231	Sr.-L	Paducah (Tilghman)
85	Rodney Jackson	TE	6-2	252	Sr.-L	Tyler, Texas (Tyler CC)
86	Eugene McClellan	DE	6-3	281	So.-Sq.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Country Day)
87	Jim Graves	STRIKE	6-6	251	Jr.-Sq.	Lexington (Henry Clay)
88	Scott Rayburn	TE	6-4	252	Sr.-Sq.	Kenova, W.Va. (Berkeley)
89	Mickey Dean	TE	6-4	236	So.-Sq.	Sarasota, Fla. (High)
90	Barry Rich	DG	6-1	265	Fr.-RS	Tompkinsville (Monroe Co.)
91	Daniel Lee	DE	6-5	265	Jr.-Sq.	Marianna, Fla. (Cottondale)
92	John Collins	NG	5-10	262	So.-Sq.	Madisonville (North Hopkins)
93	Patrick Porter	TE	6-3	230	Sr.-Sq.	Flemingsburg (Fleming Co.)
94	Robert Stinson	NG	6-5	260	Fr.-HS	Cadiz (Trigg Co.)
95	Tim Calvert	FL	5-9	159	Fr.-Sq.	Mount Washington (Bullitt East)
96	John Merkle	DT	6-5	250	Fr.-HS	Memphis, Tenn. (Evangelical)
97	Chuck Latimer	STRIKE	6-5	240	So.-Sq.	Lorain, Ohio (Admiral King)
98	Jerry Bell	DE	6-3	291	Jr.-2L	Louisville (DeSales)
99	Damon Betz	NG	6-5	270	Fr.-HS	Wilmingon, Del. (Tower Hill)

NOTE: Asterisks (*) indicate duplicate numbers □ T-CP chart □ SOURCE: UK sports information department

'89 VU RESULTS (1-10)

Opponents		
7	at Mississippi State	42
54	OHIO	10
14	ALABAMA	20
10	at Memphis State	13
11	at Florida	34
16	GEORGIA	35
16	at Ole Miss	24
0	VIRGINIA TECH	18
11	KENTUCKY	15
13	TULANE	37
10	at Tennessee	17

□ Home games in ALL CAPITALS



VANDERBILT DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

Split end
17 Clarence Sevillian (6-0, 185, So.)
26 Eric Weir (6-2, 174, Fr.)

Left tackle
78 Bobby Craycraft (6-5, 278, Jr.)
64 Eric Dahlberg (6-6, 269, Fr.)

Left guard
62 Thor Erikson (6-2, 270, Sr.)
56 Harlow Dodge (6-5, 280, Jr.)

Center
57 Kevin Brothen (6-2, 287, Jr.)
54 John Dooling (6-4, 281, Fr.)

Right guard
60 Jim Arnouts (6-2, 281, Sr.)
72 Ryan Bell (6-3, 259, Fr.)

Right tackle
71 Tom Vincent (6-6, 280, So.)
68 Grant Glewwe (6-5, 286, Jr.)

Tight end
19 Kerry Clem (6-5, 232, Jr.)
86 Mark Mikesell (6-4, 265, Fr.)

Quarterback
11 Marcus Wilson (6-2, 200, So.)
10 Mike Healey (6-1, 195, So.)

Tailback
2 Corey Harris (6-1, 199, Jr.)
22 Mark Johnson (5-7, 197, Sr.)

Fullback
34 Carlos Thomas (5-10, 217, So.)
20 Sam Chalmers (6-1, 233, Fr.)

Wingback
33 Anthony Carter (5-11, 212, Jr.)
24 Derrick Payne (5-7, 178, So.)

Placekicker
89 David Lawrence (6-4, 222, So.)
90 Robbie Chura (5-6, 150, So.)

DEFENSE

Left end
97 Rod Keith (6-3, 232, Jr.)
52 John DeWitt (6-5, 238, Fr.)

Left tackle
94 Tom Wroblewski (6-4, 255, Jr.)
65 Rob Jewell (6-4, 277, Fr.)

Right tackle
51 Mike Gandolfo (6-1, 228, So.)
98 Joel Walker (6-4, 252, Jr.)

Right end
53 Kenny Pulce (6-3, 254, Sr.)
83 David Neal (6-4, 221, Fr.)

Weak linebacker
31 Shelton Quarles (6-1, 202, Fr.)
41 Gary Rogers (6-3, 208, So.)

Middle linebacker
59 Ashley Stanford (6-2, 227, Fr.)
91 Louis Wooldridge (6-1, 223, Jr.)

Strong linebacker
40 Gerald Collins (6-3, 244, Fr.)
92 Derrick Bossier (6-2, 228, Fr.)

Left cornerback
12 Robert Davis (5-11, 188, Fr.)
4 Scott Walker (6-1, 201, Jr.)

Free safety
27 Aaron Smith (5-11, 188, Fr.)
9 Robbie Young (6-1, 189, So.)

Strong safety
30 Steve Medes (6-2, 207, Jr.)
39 Rico Francis (6-0, 196, Fr.)

Right cornerback
9 Robbie Young (6-1, 189, So.)
47 Derek Wilham (5-9, 182, Fr.)

Punter
89 David Lawrence (6-4, 222, So.)
82 Jeff Owen (5-7, 166, Jr.)

'90 VU SCHEDULE/RESULTS

VU/Date	Opponent	Score
7	at Southern Methodist	44
24	LSU	21
28	at Alabama	59
14	SYRACUSE	49
6	at Auburn	56
29	at Georgia	38
13	OLE MISS	14
Nov. 10	at Kentucky	
Nov. 17	ARMY	
Nov. 24	WAKE FOREST	
Dec. 1	TENNESSEE	

□ Home games in ALL CAPITALS



1990 VANDERBILT FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown (High School/JC)
1	Derrick Gregg	SE	6-3	193	Jr.	Huntsville, Ala. (Lee)
2	Corey Harris	TB	6-1	199	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Ben Davis)
3	Alvin Leavell	TB	5-9	168	Fr.	Duncanville, Texas (High)
4	Scott Walker	CB	6-1	201	Jr.	Wynnewood, Pa. Mt. SAC JC
5	Chris Donnelly	FS	6-0	187	So.	Germantown, Tenn. (High)
6	Brett Hayes	FB	5-10	200	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (St. Bernard)
8	Jeff Brothers	QB	6-1	175	Fr.	Franklin, Tenn. (Brentwood Academy)
9	Robbie Young	CB	6-1	189	So.	Evansville, Ind. (Benjamin Bosse)
10	Mike Healey	QB	6-1	195	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio (St. Xavier)
11	Marcus Wilson	QB	6-2	200	So.	Louisville, Ky. (Butler)
12	Robert Davis	CB	5-11	191	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Whites Creek)
13	Joe Peebles	QB	6-3	188	Fr.	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Oakland)
14	Gabriel Whatley	QB	6-1	180	Fr.	Stone Mountain, Ga. (High)
15	Nizam Walter	CB	6-0	181	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Banning)
16	William Brown	CB	6-1	185	So.	St. Louis, Mo. (Cleveland Naval Academy)
17	Clarence Sevillian	SE	6-0	185	So.	Flint, Mich. (Beecher)
18	Eric Bentley	LB	6-2	214	So.	Huntsville, Ala. (Buckhorn)
19	Kerry Clem	TE	6-5	232	Jr.	Tallahassee, Fla. (Florida)
20	Sam Chalmers	FB	6-1	233	Fr.	Rochester, Pa. (High)
21	D.J. Bradley	CB	6-0	192	Fr.	Midland, Pa. (Beaver)
22	Mark Johnson	TB	5-7	197	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala. (Tarrant)
23	Kenny Prus	SS	6-0	175	Jr.	East Brunswick, N.J. (High)
24	Derrick Payne	TB	5-7	178	So.	Memphis, Tenn. (Hamilton)
25	Tony Jackson	WB	5-8	165	So.	Saginaw, Mich. (Nouvel Catholic)
26	Eric Weir	SE	6-1	174	Fr.	Houston, Texas (Stratford)
27	Aaron Smith	FS	5-11	188	Fr.	Troy, Ohio (High)
28	Matt Justice	SS	6-1	211	So.	Liburn, Ga. (Parkview)
29	Charles Taylor	SE	5-10	190	Jr.	Pacific, Calif. (San Francisco CC)
30	Steve Medes	SS	6-2	207	Jr.	Runnemede, N.J. (Bishop Eustace)
31	Shelton Quarles	LB	6-1	202	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Whites Creek)
33	Anthony Carter	WB	5-11	212	Jr.	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)
34	Carlos Thomas	FB	5-10	217	So.	Memphis, Tenn. (Craigmont)
35	Derrick Sartor	DT	6-2	262	Sr.	College Park, Ga. (Lakeshore)
36	Mario Altman	SE	5-9	153	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Princeton)
37	Charles Bolton	KS	6-4	181	Jr.	La Jolla, Calif. (The Bishop's School)
39	Rico Francis	SS	6-0	196	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
40	Gerald Collins	LB	6-3	243	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Roosevelt)
41	Gary Rogers	LB	6-3	208	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Indian Hills)
43	Byron King	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	Missouri City, Texas (Dulles)
45	Floyd Risser	LB	6-1	219	So.	Hacienda Heights, Calif. (Los Altos)
47	Derek Wilham	CB	5-9	182	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Ben Davis)
48	Joel Weingart	LB	6-2	210	Jr.	North Benton, Ohio (St. Thomas Aquinas)
51	Mike Gandolfo	DT	6-1	228	So.	Houston, Texas (Stratford)
52	John DeWitt	DE	6-5	238	Fr.	Fl. Smith, Ark. (Southside)
53	Kenny Pulce	DT/DE	6-3	254	Sr.	nashville, Tenn. (Whites Creek)
54	John Dooling	C	6-4	281	Fr.	Alton, Ill. (Marquette)
55	Jason Bailey	LB	6-2	217	So.	Chatsworth, Calif. (Montclair Prep)
56	Harlow Dodge	OG	6-5	280	Jr.	Dunwoody, Ga. (High)
57	Kevin Brothen	C	6-2	287	Jr.	Oak Lawn, Ill. (Marist)
58	Alan Young	DE	6-4	245	So.	Woodstock, N.Y. (Kingston)
59	Ashley Stanford	LB	6-2	227	Fr.	Russellville, Ala. (High)
60	Jim Arnouts	OG	6-2	281	Sr.	East Lansing, Mich. (High)
61	Clint Small	C	6-2	234	Fr.	Austin, Texas (Stephen F. Austin)
62	Thor Erikson	OG	6-2	270	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala. (Berry)
63	Chris Cohorn	OT	6-5	279	Fr.	Bowling Green, Ky. (High)
64	Eric Dahlberg	OT	6-6	269	Fr.	Mt. Prospect, Ill. (St. Viator)
65	Rob Jewell	DT	6-4	277	Fr.	Horse Cave, Ky. (Hart Co.)
66	Hubert Jordan	C	6-4	239	Jr.	Liburn, Ga. (Parkview)
68	Grant Glewwe	OT	6-5	286	Jr.	Richardson, Texas (Pearce)
69	Tim Richards	OT	6-6	289	So.	Columbus, Ga. (Brookstone)
71	Tom Vincent	OT	6-6	280	So.	Brownsville, Ky. (Edmonson Co.)
72	Ryan Bell	OG	6-3	259	Fr.	Detroit, Mich. (Catholic Central)
73	Ray Kovacsics	OL	6-3	300	Fr.	Massillon, Ohio (Washington)
74	Lloyd Griffin	OG	6-5	279	Fr.	Spring, Texas (Klein Oak)
75	Jason O'Connell	OG	6-3	273	Fr.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Country Day)
77	Don Cannon	DL	6-3	277	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Beaumont)
78	Bobby Craycraft	OT	6-5	278	Jr.	Ashland, Ky. (Boyd Co.)
79	Brannon Justice	OL	6-4	320	Fr.	Liburn, Ga. (Parkview)
80	Nabil El Sheshai	TE	6-2	270	Sr.	Dunwoody, Ga. (High)
81	Pat Akos	TE	6-5	255	So.	Parma, Ohio (Valley Forge)
82	Jeff Owen	KS/P	5-7	166	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Montgomery Bell)
83	David Neal	DE	6-4	221	Fr.	Columbus, Ohio (Bishop Watterson)
84	David Legeay	TE	6-2	238	So.	Ft. Mitchell, Ky. (Covington Catholic)
85	Larry Smith	TE	6-4	266	Fr.	Arlington, Calif. (Sam Houston)
86	Mark Mikesell	TE	6-4	265	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
87	Wayne Owen	TE	6-3	242	Fr.	Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern)
88	Bill Rigling	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	Hamilton, Ohio (Badin)
89	David Lawrence	P	6-4	222	So.	Rome, Ga. (Darlington)
90	Rob Chura	KS	5-6	150	So.	St. Louis, Mo. (DeSmet Jesuit)
91	Louis Wooldridge	LB	6-1	223	Jr.	Carson, Calif. (Banning)
92	Derrick Bossier	DE/LB	6-2	228	Fr.	Hahnville, La. (High)
93	Robert Roselli	DT	6-1	226	Jr.	Emerson, N.J. (High)
94	Tom Wroblewski	DT	6-4	255	Jr.	Beaver Creek, Ohio (High)
95	Tom Bonhaus	DE	6-4	229	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Elder)
96	Brian Diggs	DE	6-8	236	Fr.	Columbus, Ohio (St. Francis DeSales)
97	Rod Keith	LB/DE	6-3	232	Jr.	Hueytown, Ala. (High)
98	Joel Walker	DT	6-4	252	Jr.	Dallas, Texas (Richardson)
99	Kevin Ford	LB	6-5	208	So.	Plano, Texas (High)


□ T/CP chart □ SOURCE: Vanderbilt sports information department

SCHEDULES/RESULTS FOR UK, OPPONENTS

KENTUCKY: 3-5

DATE	OPPONENT	
20	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	17
8	at Rutgers	24
24	INDIANA	45
13	at North Carolina	16
29	at Ole Miss	35
17	MISSISSIPPI STATE	15
20	at LSU	30
26	GEORGIA	24
Nov. 10	VANDERBILT	
Nov. 17	FLORIDA	
Nov. 24	at Tennessee	

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



CENTRAL MICHIGAN: 7-2-1

DATE	OPPONENT	
17	at Kentucky	20
34	CINCINNATI	0
14	at Akron	14
17	BOWLING GREEN	0
31	MIAMI (OHIO)	7
42	at Kent State	0
20	WESTERN MICHIGAN	13
13	TOLEDO	12
16	at Eastern Michigan	12
3	BALL STATE	13
Nov. 10	at Ohio	

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



RUTGERS: 3-6

DATE	OPPONENT	
24	KENTUCKY	8
28	COLGATE	17
0	at Penn State	28
10	MICHIGAN STATE	34
14	at Boston College	19
21	at Pitt	45
0	at Syracuse	42
20	AKRON	17
31	at Army	35
Nov. 10	WEST VIRGINIA	
Nov. 17	at Temple	

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



INDIANA: 4-3-1

DATE	OPPONENT	
45	at Kentucky	24
58	MISSOURI	7
37	EASTERN MICHIGAN	6
42	at Northwestern	0
27	OHIO STATE	27
0	at Minnesota	12
19	MICHIGAN	45
20	at Michigan State	45
Nov. 10	WISCONSIN	
Nov. 17	ILLINOIS	
Nov. 24	at Purdue	


Home games in ALL CAPITALS



NORTH CAROLINA: 5-3-1

DATE	OPPONENT	
34	MIAMI (OHIO)	0
5	at South Carolina	27
48	CONNECTICUT	21
16	KENTUCKY	13
9	N.C. STATE	12
31	at Wake Forest	24
13	GEORGIA TECH	13
34	MARYLAND	10
3	at Clemson	20
Nov. 10	VIRGINIA	
Nov. 17	at Duke	

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



OLE MISS: 8-1

DATE	OPPONENT	
23	MEMPHIS STATE	21
10	AUBURN (JACKSON)	24
21	at Arkansas	17
31	TULANE	21
35	KENTUCKY	29
28	at Georgia	12
42	ARKANSAS STATE	13
14	at Vanderbilt	13
19	at LSU	10
Nov. 17	TENNESSEE	
Nov. 24	Mississippi State (Jackson)	

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



MISSISSIPPI STATE: 3-5

DATE	OPPONENT	
7	TENNESSEE	40
27	CAL-FULLERTON	13
13	SOUTHERN MISS	10
21	at Florida	34
15	at Kentucky	17
38	at Tulane	17
16	AUBURN	17
0	ALABAMA	22
Nov. 10	at Memphis State	
Nov. 17	LSU	
Nov. 24	Ole Miss (Jackson)	

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



LSU: 4-4

DATE	OPPONENT	
18	GEORGIA	13
35	MIAMI (OHIO)	7
21	at Vanderbilt	24
17	TEXAS A&M	8
8	at Florida	34
30	KENTUCKY	20
3	at Florida State	42
10	OLE MISS	19
Nov. 10	at Alabama	
Nov. 17	at Mississippi State	
Nov. 24	TULANE	

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



GEORGIA: 4-4

DATE	OPPONENT	
13	at LSU	18
18	SOUTHERN MISS	17
17	ALABAMA	16
19	EAST CAROLINA	15
3	at Clemson	34
12	OLE MISS	28
38	VANDERBILT	29
24	at Kentucky	26
Nov. 10	Florida (Jacksonville)	
Nov. 17	at Auburn	
Dec. 1	GEORGIA TECH	

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



VANDERBILT: 1-6

DATE	OPPONENT	
7	at SMU	44
24	LSU	21
28	at Alabama	59
14	SYRACUSE	49
6	at Auburn	56
29	at Georgia	38
13	OLE MISS	14
Nov. 10	at Kentucky	
Nov. 17	ARMY	
Nov. 24	WAKE FOREST	
Dec. 1	TENNESSEE	

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



FLORIDA: 7-1

DATE	OPPONENT	
50	OKLAHOMA STATE	7
17	at Alabama	13
27	FURMAN	3
34	MISSISSIPPI STATE	21
34	LSU	8
3	at Tennessee	45
59	AKRON	0
48	AUBURN	7
Nov. 10	Georgia (Jacksonville)	
Nov. 17	at Kentucky	
Dec. 1	at Florida State	


Home games in ALL CAPITALS



TENNESSEE: 5-1-2

DATE	OPPONENT	
31	Colorado (Anaheim)	31
55	PACIFIC	7
40	at Mississippi State	7
56	UTEP	0
26	at Auburn	26
45	FLORIDA	3
6	ALABAMA	9
Nov. 3	TEMPLE	
41	TEMPLE	20
Nov. 10	NOTRE DAME	
Nov. 24	KENTUCKY	
Dec. 1	at Vanderbilt	

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



UK pays tribute to formidable foe, Frank Sinkwich

Georgia All-American was well respected

UK's moment of silence in memory of legendary Georgia halfback Frank Sinkwich prior to the Bulldog-Wildcat thriller in Commonwealth Stadium was duly noted in *The National* sports daily, *The Atlanta*



Russell Rice

Cats' Pause Columnist

Journal and Constitution, and other major news outlets.

However, the gesture was not meant as a publicity-seeker, but as a tribute to an honored foe of almost 50 years ago who led Georgia to its first Southeastern Conference championship and became the first player from the southeast to win the Heisman Trophy in 1942.

Sinkwich, who died of cancer at the age of 70 on Monday prior to the Georgia-Kentucky game, played on Georgia teams that tied UK 7-7 at Athens in 1940 and won a squeaker, 7-6, at the Manuel High School stadium in Louisville in 1942.

The 1942 game was the season opener for both teams and optimism was running high in both camps. The Bulldogs under coach Wally Butts had finished the preceding season 9-1-1, including an Orange Bowl victory over Texas Christian.

The Bulldogs were led by the multi-talented Sinkwich, who had made consensus All-America (11 different sources) in his junior year, when he rushed 209 times for 1,103 yards. That average gain of 5.28 was a school record until Herschel Walker averaged 5.9 yards 39 years later.

Coach A.D. Kirwan's Wildcats had finished 5-4-0 and were plugging giant tackle Clyde Johnson of Ashland, Ky., for All-America honors.

They entered the game as what Alex Bower of the Sunday *Herald-Leader* termed "hybrids—a combination of dark horse and underpooch—but they came out as heroes."

"Not even their best friends would have told them beforehand they could march through Georgia as they did here today," Bower reported later, "but march they did, and part of the time on double."

Kentucky's big break came in the third quarter, when sophomore tackle Bill Griffin knifed through Bulldog pass protectors and jostled Sinkwich's arm, causing the All-American to fumble the football.

After Griffin recovered the fumble on the Georgia seven, Bob Herbert drove to the one and Charlie Kuhn sprinted around left end for a touchdown. However, Kuhn's attempted placement kick for the extra point was blocked.

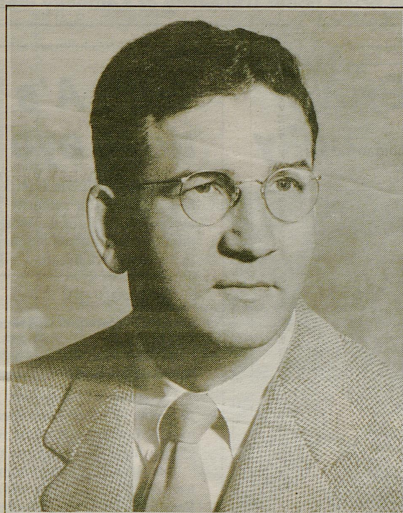
"Georgia's comeback in the fourth quarter was strictly Sinkwich," Bower wrote. "The Yankee from Youngstown, Ohio, passed and pounded from the Georgia 37 to the Kentucky goal line in nine dogged attempts. A 31-yard pass, Sinkwich to Van Davis, put the ball deep in Wildcat territory (UK 22) and Frankie moved it the rest of the way in six smashing tries."

Sinkwich scored from the two on fourth down. Leo Costa kicked his 63rd successful extra point in the 27th consecutive game in which he had connected successfully.

(Costa kicked 43 PATs that season, second on UGA records to George Jernigan, who kicked 47 in 1946).

Although Sinkwich scored UGA's touchdown, he was second in the rushing yards-per-carry department to UK's Phil Cutchin, a junior from Murray, Ky.

Cutchin averaged 4.7 ypc (13x61) while Sinkwich averaged 3.5 yards (22x77). However, the Georgia star completed nine of 18 passes for 108 yards while Cutchin had no completions and two interceptions in five tosses.



GEORGIA, KENTUCKY TIES

Above: Former UK coach A.D. Kirwan (1938-42, 44), and his '42 'Cats almost upset Georgia and its All-America performer Frank Sinkwich, losing 7-6 in the season-opener. Sinkwich died at the age of 70 the Monday prior to this year's Georgia-Kentucky game.

Right: Former Georgia coach Vince Dooley (1964-88) was on hand to watch UK defeat Georgia 26-24. Dooley was doing color for a pay-for-view station.

Cutchin averaged 40.4 yards on nine punts, while Sinkwich's five tries averaged 31.8.

(Cutchin returned to UK after World War II and lettered for Paul "Bear" Bryant's first Wildcat team (7-3) in 1946. Cutchin was backfield coach at UK in 1952-53 before enjoying an outstanding career as head coach at Oklahoma State.)

(Charlie Kuhn, who scored UK's touchdown against the Dogs, was coached by UGA's Butts two years earlier at Louisville Male High School).

With Sinkwich earning Player of the Year honors, the Bulldogs were 11-1-0, losing only to Auburn 27-13. They finished that 1942 season as SEC champions after defeating Georgia Tech 34-0 in Athens and then beat UCLA 9-0 in the Rose Bowl.

The Wildcats were 3-6-1, losing to SEC powers Vanderbilt 7-6, Alabama 14-0, Georgia Tech 47-7 and Tennessee 26-0. They also lost to West Virginia 7-0 while beating Xavier, Washington & Lee and George Washington. The tie game was a 21-21 deadlock with VPI.

During the UK Alumni Association's annual football banquet, Kirwan called his team "bowl pushers," explaining the Wildcats had "pushed" four teams—Georgia (Rose), Georgia Tech (14-7 loser to Texas in Cotton), Alabama (37-21 over Boston College in Orange) and Tennessee (14-7 over Tulsa in Sugar)—into bowl games.

NOTES AND THINGS

•Apologies to congressman and former Rhodes Scholar **Tom McMillen** for spelling his name with an "a" in last week's column...

•Strange to see former Bulldog coach and current athletics director **Vince Dooley** (201-77-10 from 1964-88) in the Commonwealth Stadium press box (he does color



analysis for pay-per-view television) instead of on the sidelines of a Georgia-Kentucky game. With his successor, former Bulldog quarterback **Ray Goff** (1974-75-76) receiving some pressure in seeking to fill Dooley's big shoes, we remember too well the 'Dog cries when Dooley's ninth edition of the Bulldogs (1973) lost to Vanderbilt 18-14 at Nashville on Nov. 20 and to UK 12-7 at Athens the following Saturday in **Fran Curci's** first year as UK head coach. The 'Dogs were 3-3-1 after those losses. They came back to beat Tennessee, lose to Florida by one in Jacksonville and then beat Auburn and Georgia Tech. The record was 7-4-1 after they defeated Maryland 17-16 in the Peach Bowl. But so help us, the wolves were howling after he committed the almost unpardonable sin of losing to Vandy and UK on successive weekends...

•Wildcat coach **Bill Curry's** son, also named **Bill**, attended a 2 p.m. practice at the University of Virginia on Saturday, then hopped in his car and drove more than six hours to be with his father on the sideline of the Georgia-Kentucky game. Young Bill is a long snapper for the No. 1-ranked Cavaliers, who took that Saturday off before a showdown against Georgia Tech last Saturday at Scott Stadium...

•Georgia fans, who swell the attendance at Keeneland when the Bulldogs are in town, had more time to make the transition from racing to football, thanks to the 8 p.m. kickoff time for the 'Dogs versus 'Cats gridiron showdown. And now we understand that the September games next year may be played at night, to get the fans out of the daytime heat. That's all well and good, especially since it will avoid conflicts with the tail end of University of Louisville games, which have priority on WHAS-Radio.

'C A T S C A N S

Sports briefs about University of Kentucky athletics

Juco sharpshooter Brown says he'll attend Kentucky

Donald "Dale" Brown, 6-foot-3, 200-pound shooting guard from Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College, has made an oral commitment to play basketball for the University of Kentucky.

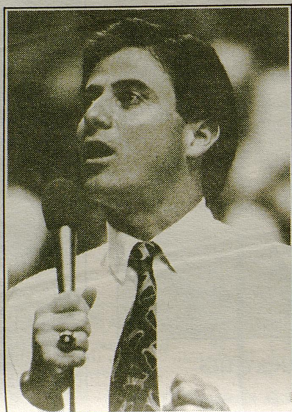
☐ See page two for quotes from Brown's juco coach, Bob Weathers.

UK beat out Florida State, Nebraska and South Alabama for Brown, who will sign during the Nov. 14-21 signing period. He will have two seasons of eligibility.

Brown averaged 18 points, six rebounds and four assists last season, when he shot 51 percent from the field and 43.8 percent from behind the three-point line.

"He might be the best shooter in the junior college ranks," recruiting analyst Bob Gibbons said of Brown, "or at least there's no one better."

Brown is the third player to commit orally to UK. Chris Harrison, 6-3 guard from Tollesboro High School, committed last year. Aminu Timberlake, a 6-9 player from Chicago DeLaSalle High School, committed last month.



Rick Pitino now has his shooting guard.

Wildcat coach Rick Pitino now has one remaining scholarship, which he has indicated he would like to use for a post player.

With A's taken care of, Reds next eye Pitino's Bombinos

UK basketball coach Rick Pitino and his staff will play a celebrity team featuring several members of the World Series champion Cincinnati Reds baseball team Nov. 17 in Memorial Coliseum.

☐ If you go:

Place: Memorial Coliseum.
When: Nov. 17, 9:30 a.m.
Tickets: \$10, \$6, \$4—students, children

The game will help fund two charitable programs—Distinguished Speakers and Community Grants—connected to the Newman Center, the Catholic campus ministry at UK.

Tom Browning, who is organizing the Reds team and expects to play, will announce other Reds participants later. Celebrities joining the baseball contingent will be former major leaguer Doug Flynn and former UK guard Jim Master. Pitino's team will include assistant coaches Herb Sendek, Orlando "Tubby" Smith, Billy Donovan and Bernadette Locke, plus Karen Booker of the Lady Kats staff.

Locke, who joined the Wildcat staff this summer, was Georgia's first female basketball All-American. "She knows how to play the game," Pitino said of Locke. "We'll go to Billy Donovan a little more than

Bernadette, but she'll probably make the starting lineup."

The UK coach said he didn't know how well the Reds play basketball, but added, "They better have a press offense because we will be pressing most of the game."

"Last year, we had difficulty with the writers and radio and TV people," he kidded. "We won by 78 points. We expect much more competition this time."

Ticket holders to the exhibition will be invited to stay for a UK practice and intra-squad scrimmage. Tickets for the exhibition, priced at \$10 for preferred seating, \$6 for general admission and \$4 for students and children, are available at the UK Student Center Box Office, the Newman Center and Court Sports. They also will be available at the coliseum on the morning of the game.

The Rev. Dan Noll, pastor of the Newman Center, said the game with the Reds was set up in early April, "before anyone thought they'd be the World Champion Reds."

"I began praying for them at that time," he said. "You see the results of the power of prayer. I don't know if I can shut it off now. They may be on a roll."

He said the game could raise as much as \$40,000 for the charities.

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SEC CROSS COUNTRY ACTION

•The University of Kentucky men's team finished second and the women's team, which was defending champion, finished seventh in the Southeastern Conference Cross Country Championships in Gainesville, Fla.

Tennessee won both the men's and women's team championships.

The UK men's team finished five points behind Tennessee, which won with a score of 52 points. UK had 57 points, followed by host Florida with 60 points.

Tennessee All-American **Todd Williams** was a repeat individual winner, completing the five-mile run over the University of Florida golf course in a course-record 24 minutes, six seconds.

The Wildcats were led by **James B. Kaiser**, who finished fifth in 24 minutes, 32.2 seconds to earn his second consecutive All-SEC honor.

Teammate **Charlie Kern** also made the All-SEC team with a ninth-place finish in 24:47.2.

Wildcat freshman **Glenn Franklin** finished 11th in 24:58 and senior **Bob Whelan** placed 13th in 25:04.

"The men didn't run badly" UK coach **Don Weber** said, "but it wasn't one of their best races. Some of our runners have run better."

The No. 8 Lady Vols, meanwhile, won for the first time since joining the conference meet in 1994. They were second to UK last

year. Senior **Patty Wiegand** set a course record, winning the women's 5,000-meter race in 16:45, smashing the old record of 17:40.5.

Sophomore **Christa Holms** missed making All-SEC by two places as she finished 12th for the Lady Kats in 17:39. Senior **Laura McSpadden** finished 25th in 18:13.2 and freshman **Dana Dietz** ran 33rd in 18:32.9.

LADY LINKSTERS NO 1

•The University of Kentucky's women's golf team has been ranked No. 1 by *Golfweek*/Taylor Made National Rankings, which appeared in the Oct. 27 issue of *Golfweek* magazine.

The lady golfers, ranked No. 2 the previous week, moved past previously top-ranked New Mexico State after winning their own Lady Kat Invitational Tournament and finishing eighth in Ohio State's prestigious Lady Buckeye Invitational, which included 11 top 25 teams.

The *Golfweek* rankings are based on a points system that considers only tournaments with eight or more teams, 70 percent of which must be four-year schools.

Bettie Lou Evans' squad, enjoying its best fall season, also captured the Lady Seminole Invitational and finished second in the Lady Tar Heel and Tour Tulsa invitationals.

Kentucky received 110 points in the poll, followed by Southeastern Conference rival Georgia and New Mexico with 95



Kentucky head coach Bill Curry to assist in San Francisco's East-West college all-star game.

each.

VANDY-UK TICKETS STILL LEFT

•The UK football ticket office reports that sideline seats still are available for the Wildcat-Vanderbilt clash this weekend at Commonwealth Stadium.

The tickets, among 2,300 returned from the Vanderbilt allotment, are on sale for \$16

at the UK Memorial Coliseum Ticket Office.

EAST-WEST CALLS CURRY

•UK coach **Bill Curry** will be one of the assistants to West Virginia's **Don Nehlen**, who has been named mentor of the East squad in the annual East-West Shrine game on Jan. 26 in San Francisco. **Bill McCartney** of Colorado will coach the West team.

Can Wildcat basketball fans cheer for Dale Brown?

Sure they can; give Dean Smith a hand, too

All along Kentucky told each guard that it was recruiting that it would take the first one that committed. And that's exactly what UK did when 6-foot-3 Dale



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

Brown of Gulf Coast Junior College in Gulfport, Miss., said he was ready to join the Big Blue. (See stories on pages 2, 10).

That decision left 6-4 Eric "Ricky" Brunson of Salem, Mass., and 6-4 Jimmy King of Plano, Texas, who both also visited UK the same weekend as Brown, out of UK's future.

"Recruiting is a funny business," Jack O'Brien, Brunson's high school coach, said. "Kentucky was up front with us all the way." (UK assistant) Herb Sendek called and said Dale Brown was going to visit.

"Kentucky was consistent. They didn't come back and say Brown was ready to commit and what did we want to do. But if you really want a kid and they said they did Ricky, you would think he would have at least had a chance to go home and think about his decision.

"I'm not going to say he was or wasn't coming to Kentucky. When we got a call from Kentucky it really wasn't a shock. He took the news fine.

"The only thing that bothers me is that UK was recruiting four guards and suddenly a fifth one (Brown) was thrown in. But that's the way things go."

UK coach Rick Pitino made recruiting a shooting guard a priority. He wanted someone who can hit the three-point shot.

Kentucky lost 6-6 Tommy Kleinschmidt of Chicago, who is going to DePaul, and didn't figure to pry 6-3 Donald Williams of Salem, N.C., away from North Carolina.

UK earlier had been after 6-6 Lukije Jackson of Beaumont, Texas. His name disappeared after he visited UK and the two sides didn't click.

King refused to give UK an answer on his visit and UK coaches weren't sure where they stood with him. Brunson liked UK but also didn't want to commit during his recruiting visit.

Brown, who wasn't originally scheduled to visit until Nov. 3, didn't have a problem.

"You should never commit on your visit," O'Brien said. "That's insane. Anybody should go home and think about it for 24 hours. That's what Ricky wanted to do but he never had an opportunity to do that."

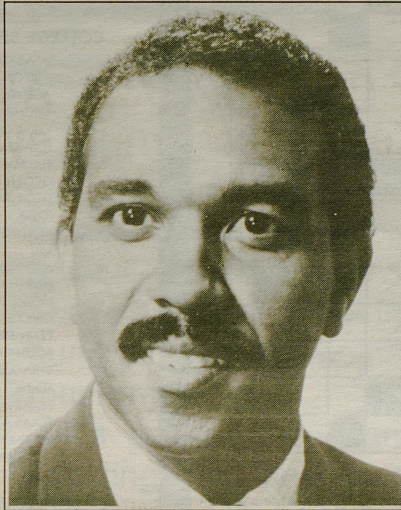
What makes the tale even more bizarre is that Pitino has never seen Brown play or practice because UK didn't start recruiting him until about six weeks ago. With the amount of money and time UK spends recruiting, it's almost mind-boggling that Kentucky would sign a player that Pitino has never even seen bounce a basketball.

However, Sendek and Tubby Smith obviously convinced their boss that Brown had more than a familiar name. He has a picture-perfect jump shot and was a 43 percent shooter from three-point range last year.

Pitino, though, goes by more than statistics in recruiting. He looks for potential and team chemistry. That's why he shocked everyone by signing guard Carlos Toomer of Corinth, Miss., last year. Pitino recruits for his system.

Bob Weathers, Brown's junior college coach, thinks his player is a perfect fit for Pitino's system. And not because his star can shoot from 20-25 feet.

"Rick will never have a discipline problem with Dale," Weathers said. "He's a great kid. If you tell him to do something, he just does it.



Although Rick Pitino didn't see Dale Brown, the shooting guard, play, the UK head coach was more than comfortable with the report given by associate coach Tubby Smith, left, and assistant coach Herb Sendek.

"He's a very humble kid, too. He'll never brag on himself. He's not cocky at all. If anything, it might help him if he had a little more cockiness."

Brown's commitment means UK can now turn its full attention to landing another inside player with the remaining scholarship it has. Earlier 6-9 Aminu Timberlake of Chicago committed to UK but Pitino wants another inside player.

Hoping to get a call from a post man

The Wildcats are actively recruiting four inside players—6-9 Chris Webber of Detroit; 6-11 Bubba Wilson of Wiggins, Mass.; 6-9 Andre Riddick of New York, and 6-8 Thomas Burrough of Oak Hill Academy in Virginia.

UK's recruiting took a new direction when it lost Kelinschmidt and 6-11 Cherokee Parks of California. That sent UK to Plan B but it didn't take long to bring results with Brown's commitment.

Now the question is: Can UK fans really cheer for Dale Brown?

Kentucky already has a trainer named Dean Smith. Who knows, maybe there is a recruit out there named Bobby Knight who can rebound and play defense? If there is, Pitino and his staff will find him the same way they did the other Dale Brown.

Unlimited potential. Those two words have haunted many high school standouts when they played big-time college basketball.

Still, some players do fit that mold and 6-9 Andre Riddick seems to be one. He's only been playing basketball for the fourth year and won't turn 17 until January.

Riddick, though, is rated among the nation's top 50 prep players by most recruiting analysts despite averaging just 14 points and 12 rebounds per game last year for Bishop Loughlin High in New York.

But Riddick, who has Kentucky among his final college choices, did block eight shots per game last year. He did not foul out of a single game, an amazing feat for any shot rejecter in high school.

"He's an extremely good shot blocker and gets off his feet very quick," Bob Leckie, his high school coach, said. "People say they have not seen a better high school shot-blocker than Andre."

His other skills are not quite as advanced. Riddick is still learning to put the basketball on the floor and drive to the hoop. He's also trying to increase the range on his



jump shot.

"We are working on his skills facing the basket," Leckie said. "We've been working on that since last year.

"He does catch the ball extremely well in traffic. Right now he's limited as to what he can do once he catches the ball, but he'll get better. However, he runs the court, rebounds and blocks shots, something that can't be taught."

Riddick has already visited Kentucky, Miami, Pittsburgh and Massachusetts. His final visit will be to Temple.

"He can't make a bad choice with those five schools," Leckie said.

Leckie hopes Riddick will make a college commitment during the early signing period Nov. 14-21. However, the coach wants to see him make all five campus visits he's scheduled.

"I think it is part of the education process that he visit all five after making a verbal commitment to do that," Leckie said. "There's no reason not to honor those commitments and then make a choice."

Andre the Wildcat?

Kentucky is considered the leader for Riddick by many recruiting analysts with Massachusetts second.

Riddick played for the New York City Gauchos with Jamal Mashburn, who is now a freshman at UK. "That's a plus for UK," Leckie said. "The fact Jamal is at UK helps."

So does the early recruiting UK assistant Herb Sendek did when Riddick was a junior.

"Kentucky and Massachusetts were the first two schools to show any real interest in Andre," Leckie said. "He has loyalty to those who have recruited him the longest. He's not impressed by those who have tried to just jump on the bandwagon.

"Herb came in last year and Andre liked him. It meant a great deal to him."

So does UK's basketball tradition and facility.

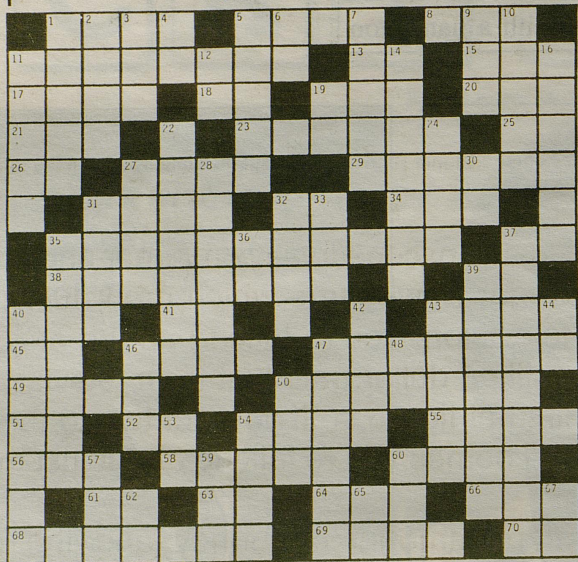
"Kentucky has a lot going for it besides Rick Pitino," Leckie said. "Obviously, having Pitino at Kentucky has impressed Andre. But that's not the only thing about UK he likes."

Leckie thinks the time Pitino spends in one-on-one

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TCP CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Dan Krueckberg



THE CATS & THE SEC RECORD BOOK

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Pay per view in college ranks has unlimited potential

But a scary situation for college athletics

You can add pay TV to death and taxes as something inevitable in your life.

Years from now you'll look back at the Holyfield-Douglas heavyweight title fight and realize that that was



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

the turning point, the event at which pay TV seriously began.

The fight was not one of the great classics for which the public waited breathlessly. A "Thrilla in Manila" it was not.

Yet cable systems all over the country charged from \$34.95 to \$44.95 to put it in individual homes and they got it. Millions and millions of dollars came to the fighters and promoters through pay cable TV and every college and pro official in the country started making future plans.

We recently met with Southeastern Conference commissioner Roy Kramer and talked about the financial future of the SEC in particular and college athletics and pay television in general.

Torgerson: We were stunned at the dollars generated by the Douglas-Holyfield fight on pay television. Has there been much discussion at the collegiate level about the potential for pay TV?

Kramer: There's been a considerable amount of discussion. As you well know, there are a couple of schools in our conference that have been involved in it, particularly LSU, Tennessee, Georgia, even Alabama have done a limited number of games. But we're only seeing the beginning stages of it at the college level. I really have to say, however, that as we move into the '90s we're going to have to be very careful there because it's very scary with the type of money which can be generated in this kind of an operation.

Torgerson: What is the present rule for college closed circuit TV?

Kramer: The rule under our present contracts is if the game is not picked for a contract game under the CFA package, which means for CBS or ESPN, or if it is not selected by WTBS, that game is then owned by the individual institution and may be put on pay television within the two home states of the institutions involved.

Torgerson: Have you heard anyone mention even ballpark figures on what the Sugar Bowl or the NCAA Final Four or even the playoff game in our conference would generate in dollars under pay TV?

Kramer: Let's look at it in a very conservative manner and let's say you had a Sugar Bowl game which drew 100,000 homes on pay television. You're talking about, at \$30 apiece, a three million dollar gate just from television. That's a very minimal figure so if you got two to three hundred thousand homes you're talking about just that much more. It's an enormous amount of money and the interesting thing, and you can see it in these professional fights, you only have to draw a very small percentage of the market to generate those kinds of dollars.

Torgerson: In other words, there is no way free television can match the dollars with rights fees?

Kramer: That's exactly right. You can have 12 million people watching the Sugar Bowl under the present contract and 100,000 people on pay television, that's assuming a \$29.95 charge per home, would almost double the amount of money on the open market. I think that's a very scary area college athletics is going to have to deal

Southeastern Conference commissioner Roy Kramer about possible revenue if the Sugar Bowl and pay TV were linked:

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with in the future.

Torgerson: What you're saying to me is a major college franchise or a major conference franchise, well the sky is the limit as to what its earning potential would be in the years ahead.

Kramer: That's correct. I don't think there's any doubt about that. An event like the Final Four, a conference championship, perhaps a bowl game with two great teams playing in it, there's no way to estimate what that might produce incomewise.

Torgerson: You realize, of course, that what the skeptics are going to say is this gives the schools an even greater incentive to cheat.

Kramer: I'm well aware of that and I think that's an area that all those of us who are involved on a day-to-day basis in the administration of intercollegiate athletics have to be very conscious of and be careful in that area. We have to take steps much like we've taken in the NCAA with the distribution of the money from the one billion dollar basketball contract and come up with creative ways to funnel that money back to the institutions in order to spread the wealth and therefore maintain the competitive ability of a number of schools across the country.

Torgerson: Is there anything or anybody who stands in the way of pay television?

Kramer: There's a great deal of interest by the United States Government and by Congress in the area of free access to television and the kinds of events that are available. There have been a number of hearings on this but at this point, as I understand cable and the ability of cable to sell their product, pay-per-view television is not much different than having a telephone and there aren't many ways to regulate it. Your radio and television stations are using the open airwaves to generate a signal while cable is using telephone lines and that's a totally different operation.

Torgerson: Do you agree that pay TV on cable is just in its infancy?

Kramer: I believe we are. Television is here to stay

but hardly a day goes by that I don't get a letter from someone complaining about how terrible television is for intercollegiate athletics.

Torgerson: Weren't you a little surprised at the prices the sponsors of the Holyfield-Douglas fight had the guts to charge?

Kramer: I was, but I'm not a fight fan. It blows my mind that they were able to sell that event at those prices.

Torgerson: I recently did an interview with Kentucky athletics director C. M. Newton, who said the key to a school's budget was fannies in the seat. Will pay TV keep fannies out of the seats?

Kramer: In my opinion, pay television will probably help more than free television because what you'll do is make a choice between paying \$18 for a ticket to go to the game or paying \$20 or \$30 for pay TV. From that point you don't have nearly as competitive a market place to sell your tickets because that person who's going to watch it on television has to pay a price for that whereas today he has free access to the game.

Torgerson: Isn't this a "one step at a time and we'll see what the future brings" situation?

Kramer: We can't say yes, no, never at all. We have to evaluate the technical advancements coming along. We have to see how we best can use them. Television has been good for intercollegiate athletics. It has produced an enormous amount of money and made it possible for a lot of schools to expand their educational opportunities for women and non-revenue sports.

Torgerson: I don't know about you, but I find the future somewhat scary.

Kramer: I never like to use the word scary. I prefer to say it's going to be challenging.

THE LAST WORD

Ole Miss coach Billy Brewer, whose team is enjoying its best season since 1971:

"I don't know if we've turned the corner yet, but we have our blinker on."



PRAYER BROUGHT SAMUELS THROUGH

Now opposing defenses pray, for mercy, when Wildcat fullback gets the ball

Terry Samuels took it to the Lord in prayer last spring.

Now he's taking it to Southeastern Conference foes.

University of Kentucky football coach Bill Curry knew Samuels had what it took to be a fullback when he shifted him from tight end during the spring.

But could Terry take what Curry had in store for him?

That was the question.

The Kentucky coach pushed Terry to the limit. He prodded. He demanded. For one reason.

Curry knew that this big Teddy Bear of a fellow who showed up at 255 pounds could be the fullback he needed.

But would he melt those pounds off before he drove the Louisville freshman back home? It was borderline at best.

Yet, to Curry it was important that Terry got the message.

"A lot of days he hated my guts and I know that," Curry was to say later of his freshman plunger. "But the day Terry can put a championship ring on and having become a champion...I've had a chance to pitch into that process. That's just an incredible feeling."

Samuels said he never hated Curry's guts. He knew it was a test. A survival test.

There were times that spring his spirit would be willing. But the flesh would be weak. And vice versa. But he stuck it out. He didn't want people back home, especially younger brother Timothy, to regard him as a quitter.

"It was one of the hardest things I've

been through in life as far as a sport goes," Samuels said after a Halloween practice at the UK field. "You wonder if it is that important to you...if everything you do is worth it. But then you see where it pays off."

Samuels said he vividly recalled the words used by Curry in describing his (Samuels') personal hell.

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faith.

His mom, Findy, a Methodist preacher, was there to help him over the rough spots.

"I'd call her up and be crying on the phone," Samuels recalled. "Now, I call her every Thursday before the game and we pray on the phone. When things get down

stairs and He told him not to punt. He told to keep the

ed class. Not only that, he missed Dawn Patrol, too. That's the study hall you are required to go to if you miss a class.

Samuels was suspended for the Rutgers game. It was a major blow.

Samuels was ready to pack his bags.

Again.

"I called and told my mother I was going to leave at the end of the season," Samuels said.

Mother had different ideas. She told him to stick it out.

So did Curry. He told his big fullback not to get down. He said Terry would still figure in the 'Cat offense.

Terry slowly began to change. He had what is referred to as an attitude re-adjustment.

Terry admitted to being a slightly rebellious youth. A cantankerous sort if you please.

"If the coaches told me something I would want to do it my way, and my way wasn't necessarily the best way," Samuels said. "I had to learn the hard way."

Terry also found out who his friends were. He knew he could count on his mom. And his girlfriend, Erica, a UK student, lent a sympathetic shoulder to cry on. Fair-weather friends were quickly weeded out.

"People kind of turned on me after the suspension," Samuels said. "But now, a little media attention, and you suddenly find those friends back."

But Samuels knows who his true friends are. They are people like Mrs. Marcum, the wife of a doctor who works with his mother in a kidney center in Louisville.

UK running back coach Walter Lewis on Samuels:

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Terry, before he leaves here, is going to be a big-time player. I feel that way. It's just a matter of how hard and how much he wants it.

Catching the ball well and making things happen after you catch it, you can't coach those things.

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But he says he could never hate Curry. Just the opposite. Curry was a role model to him then. And now.

"He does everything by the book," Samuels said. "Sometimes you dislike people. But when it's good for you know he's not a bad person."

Prayer ultimately kept Terry Samuels going. He connected with the Man Up-

I turn to Him."

Samuels, like Richard Nixon, still had another crisis to overcome after spring ball. He trimmed down and started looking like a fullback. His running improved.

But then Terry found himself back in a different doghouse.

He committed another unpardonable sin in the Good Book of Bill Curry. He miss-

"She sent me cards all the time," Samuels said. "This gave me a boost of faith. Walter Clement Zion M helped with messages through my

The cards and messages could come at a better time. They lifted spirits and let him know that s cared. And it was the way they

People, he found out, were not concerned about his ability to carry a football.

They cared for Terry the person. "They picked me up and let that I was their friend," Terry said. "Ball didn't have a thing to do with it."

Terry Samuels' first showers of began to flow in his first state, Mississippi State.

He scored his first touchdown on a yard pass play.

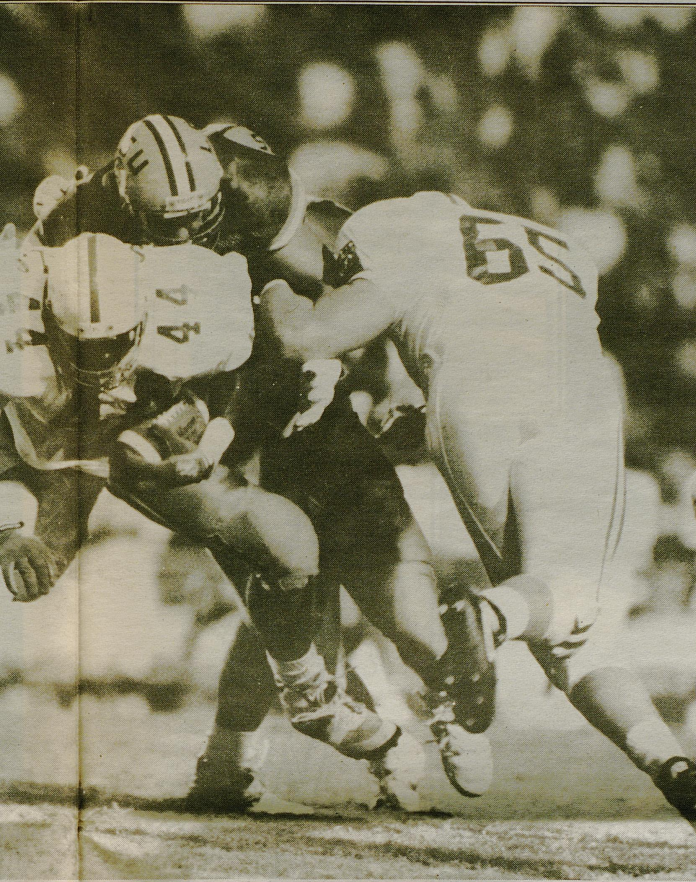
"My mother was sitting right by the bench," Samuels said in a recent momentous occasion. "She was was like we both knew. I had over a lot."

The rebirth of Terry Samuels in its upward swing against LSU Rouge. Samuels picked up 31 yards pressed all with his blocking.

"I was able to spring Al (Baker), Samuels said. "But it wasn't just the running. I had some good pickups on blocking, too. Oh, I had some moments that good overshadowed the bad."

The groundwork was laid for the coming-out party of Terry Samuels quickly went to a different doghouse. Georgia kind. And he and Al Dawgs grasping and gasping for

His running was immense as he led for 76 net yards. His reception was 34. Not a great figure. But 17-yard grab with 1:22 left that a winning field goal by Doug Pel-



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Largely overlooked by most of the media,
 Terry also felt it was crucial.
 "The tight end and I switched routes and
 I caught a five-yarder from Freddie (Mag-
 gard)," Samuels said in recalling the key
 play. "A guy, I believe No. 45 (inside
 linebacker Torrey Evans), came up from
 behind and I spun real fast and two guys
 bounced off of me. I just had one thought—
 to get out of bounds. I felt like it was a big
 play, but I feel I'm required to make them.
 The team needs me to make those plays."
 Not bad for a sick fellow. Samuels came
 into the game with the flu. It was the first
 time he had ever played sick. He said he
 just prayed that everything would be all
 right.
 "Flu or not he got the job done," guard
 Joel Mazzella said. "That's all you can ask
 of him."
 Offensive linemen like Mazzella, Todd
 Perry and Bill Huette love backs like Sam-
 uels and Al Baker.
 "Anytime you have backs like that we
 know they can break it at any time," Maz-
 zella said. "They are running the ball great.
 They are big strong people pushing it in
 there. It just makes the line's job really easy
 when you know you have people like that
 behind you."
 The feeling is mutual, Joel.
 "The line likes blocking for us because
 they know we are going to do everything
 we can with what they give us," Samuels
 said.
 Samuels has his own philosophy about
 running the football. For example, he
 knows there is a hole someplace. He just
 has to find it.
 "It might be a designed play but every-
 thing can't be textbook," Samuels said.
 "Sometimes I bounce out, sometimes in,
 and, yes, sometimes I foul them (the line-
 men) up. But they know I'm doing all I can

to get the extra yards for the team."
 But Mazzella and company will have to
 wait awhile for any monetary rewards from
 Samuels. Given the state of the economy,
 he's not about to rush out and buy them
 watches in appreciation for any block party.
 "I might take them down to a diner and
 give them a couple of napkins," Samuels
 said, laughing. "Oh, I might get them a
 hamburger each."
 Samuels is also a staunch admirer of the
 sudden explosiveness of Baker. He figures
 the two complement each other well. Like
 Hitler and Saddam Hussein.
 "I think Al is one of the best runners in
 the SEC," Samuels said. "When he gets his
 hands on the ball he's a threat."
 Samuels said some teammates have re-
 ferred to them as the Jumbo Backfield.
 But he said they no longer qualify. He's
 down to 230 while Baker has slimmed up
 from 228 or 230 to around 218.
 "We're still kind of hefty...but Jumbo,
 no," Samuels said. "But a lot of people say
 they find us exciting to watch because you
 don't know who is going to make the big
 play."
 Baker is well aware of what Samuels has
 meant to him and the team.
 "He makes key blocks and key runs,"
 Baker said. "When I'm tired I say, 'Dang,
 they're getting ready to run me again.' But
 Terry encourages me. He says do it this
 time and then it's my turn."
 At 6-foot-3, Samuels is a pretty gifted
 athlete. Down to a svelte 230 (from 255 in
 the spring), he figures he can trim about
 two-tenths of a second off his 4.8 time (for
 the 40). He also can dunk a basketball and
 has a vertical jump of "about 30 inches."
 But the amazing thing about Samuels is that
 he says he is "not very strong."
 That's like saying George Foreman's
 biceps aren't very big.

But Samuels insists it's true. He says he
 never lifted weights in high school at
 Louisville Male. Even when he grabbed 21
 passes for 400 yards and four touchdowns
 as a senior.
 "I'm real weak," Samuels said. "I only
 bench about 330 and I never did the squat
 until this summer. But the coaches know
 I can get a lot stronger."
 It's not difficult to imagine what a stronger
 Samuels might do to a defense. It could be
 awesome.
 But then he feels he has to improve in
 other areas as well.
 "I'm as raw as they come," he says. And
 you know what? He means it.
 UK running back coach Walter Lewis
 agrees with Samuels' assessment.
 "Terry has a lot of athletic ability and he's
 still raw; still young and immature in some
 areas," Lewis said. "But he's giving
 everything he has out there. He's having to
 grow up in a hurry."
 And, Lewis says with a grin, he can't
 wait to coach a full-grown Terry Samuels.
 "Terry, before he leaves here, is going to
 be a big-time player," Lewis said. "I feel
 that way. It's just a matter of how hard and
 how much he wants it."
 "Catching the ball well and making
 things happen after you catch it, you can't
 coach those things."
 Samuels had been penciled in as a tight
 end by the previous 'Cat staff. But Terry
 could count, and the numbers at tight end
 were pretty high.
 Last spring he went to UK tight end
 coach Tommy Limbaugh and said he
 wanted to try his feet at fullback.
 Recruited by the Jerry Claiborne regime
 as a tight end, he had been frustrated on
 the scout team during his redshirt freshman
 year.
 He had only to glance at the cluster of

**FAR LEFT: Samuels gets a celebra-
 tory hug from center Matt Branum
 after scoring on one of his two TD
 passes in UK's win over Mississippi
 State.**
photo by Mark Cornelison

**LEFT: As opposing defenses are
 finding out, it usually takes more
 than one man to bring Terry to the
 ground.**
photo by Bill Kammerer

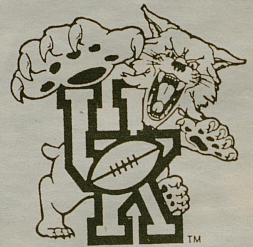
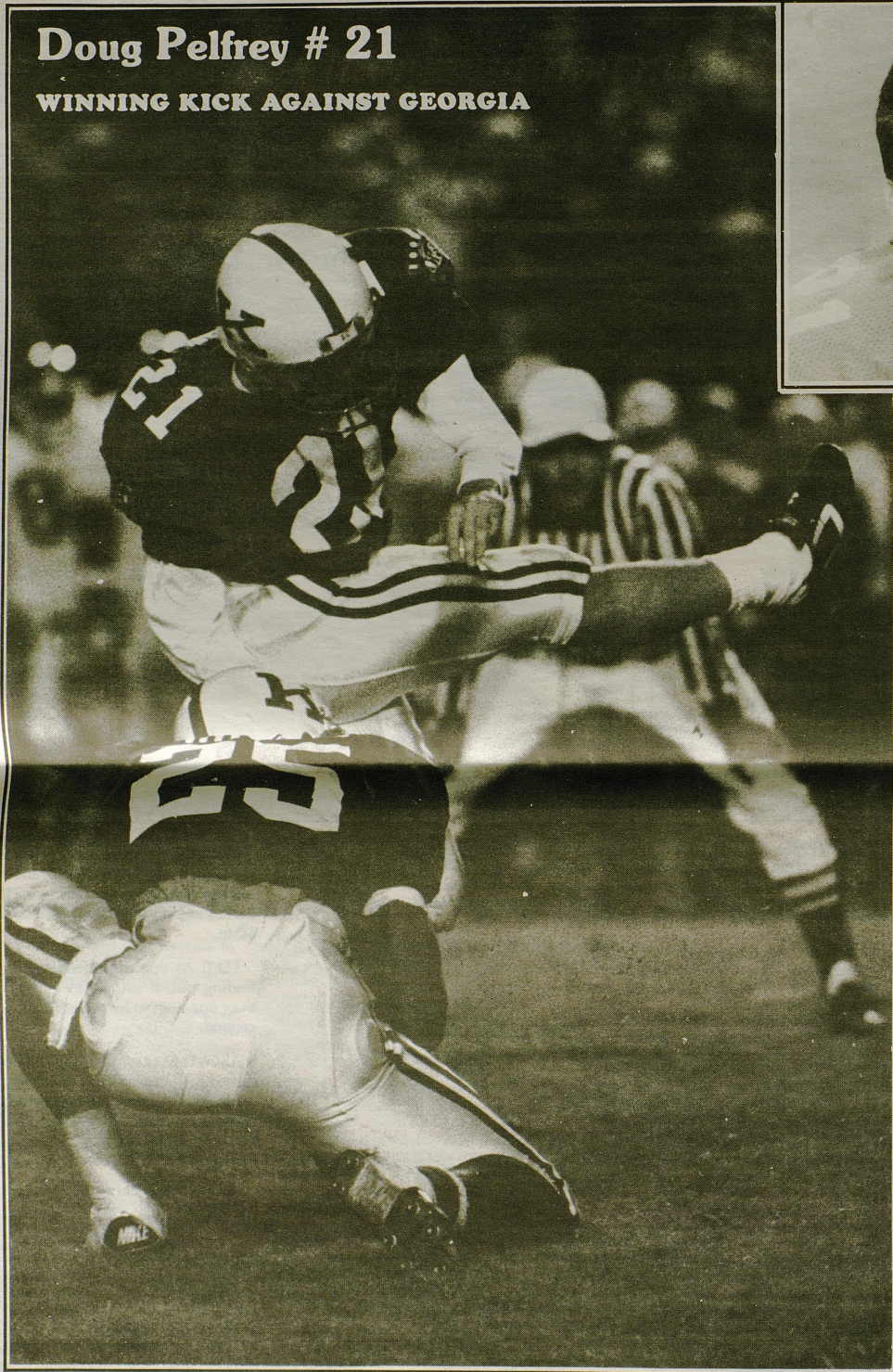
**ABOVE: Samuels turns upfield for
 some of his career-high 76 rushing
 yards in the Georgia game. He also
 made a crucial catch in that con-
 test to set up the game-winning
 field goal.**
photo courtesy UK sports information

tight ends in the spring to know that play-
 ing time might be on a limited basis.
 There were Mike Meece, Bobby Hender-
 son, Rodney Jackson, Neil Page and Patrick
 Porter, among others.
 "I didn't doubt my talents," Samuels said.
 "But I felt I had a better shot at fullback."
 Samuels felt he was in concert with the
 thinking of Curry and company. He could
 see them sizing up his potential to play
 fullback.
 Blocking was the biggest adjustment. As
 a tight end, his blocking was confined to
 a two-yard space in front of him. But as a
 fullback he had to read the defense and then
 see who he blocked. It does get compli-
 cated.
 "Coach Lewis held my hand through
 spring ball and in the fall it sort of began
 to fall in place," Samuels said. "Coaches
 continued to put challenges in front of me."
 Samuels is convinced that hard work pays

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Doug Pelfrey # 21

WINNING KICK AGAINST GEORGIA



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'Cats' game-winning boot finally crosses uprights

A victory Kentucky can always look back on

It was a moment that hadn't occurred in Commonwealth Stadium in a long time.

In fact, even veteran UK announcer Cawood Ledford couldn't recall the last time the Wildcats pulled out a



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

victory on a last-minute field goal.

So, when UK's Doug Pelfrey blasted a 32-yard game-winning field goal with only :07 left against Georgia, he became the first player in recent memory to be carried off the Commonwealth Stadium turf with game-ending heroics.

Sure, most UK fans have seen their share of close games, but most of those had the Wildcats coming out on the short end of heart-breaking losses. (See page 21).

A backward look reveals UK kicking last-minute field goals only in tie games. During the 1986 season, Joey Worley kicked a last-second field goal to tie Rutgers 16-16. The Wildcats got by Indiana 17-14 last year, but that game was saved by a goal line stand, which came with 5:06 remaining.

The fact of the matter is that no Jerry Claiborne-coached UK team won with a field goal in the closing minutes.

So Pelfrey's goal was even more dramatic because UK fans were not used to such heroics. It also might change the negative feelings that usually infiltrate UK home games.

Perhaps those fans now can forget the past and focus on the positive.

The kick was extra special for Pelfrey, a non-scholarship player who basically labored two years in the shadow of Ken Willis, now the No. 1 kicker for the Dallas Cowboys.

Pelfrey had an extra point attempt blocked earlier in the Georgia game, but that never entered his mind when he stepped onto the field and kicked the winning goal.

In fact, Pelfrey said the PAT miss was what UK coach Bill Curry "treats like it was the Peloponnesian War...which nobody cares about."

(For the record, the Peloponnesian War was fought between Athens and Sparta and their allies—431-404 B.C.—and was won by Sparta).

"He said, 'Nobody remembers it and there's nothing we can do about it now,'" Pelfrey said. "He told me to explode through the ball. He said to see myself knocking it through."

Pelfrey also remembered what assistant coach John Guy has preached before each game, which is to see himself successful during a game-winning situation.

"Coach Guy always tells me to visualize winning a game with a field goal," Pelfrey said. "I had no doubt when it left my foot. But I made sure to peek after I kicked it. I hit the ball solid."

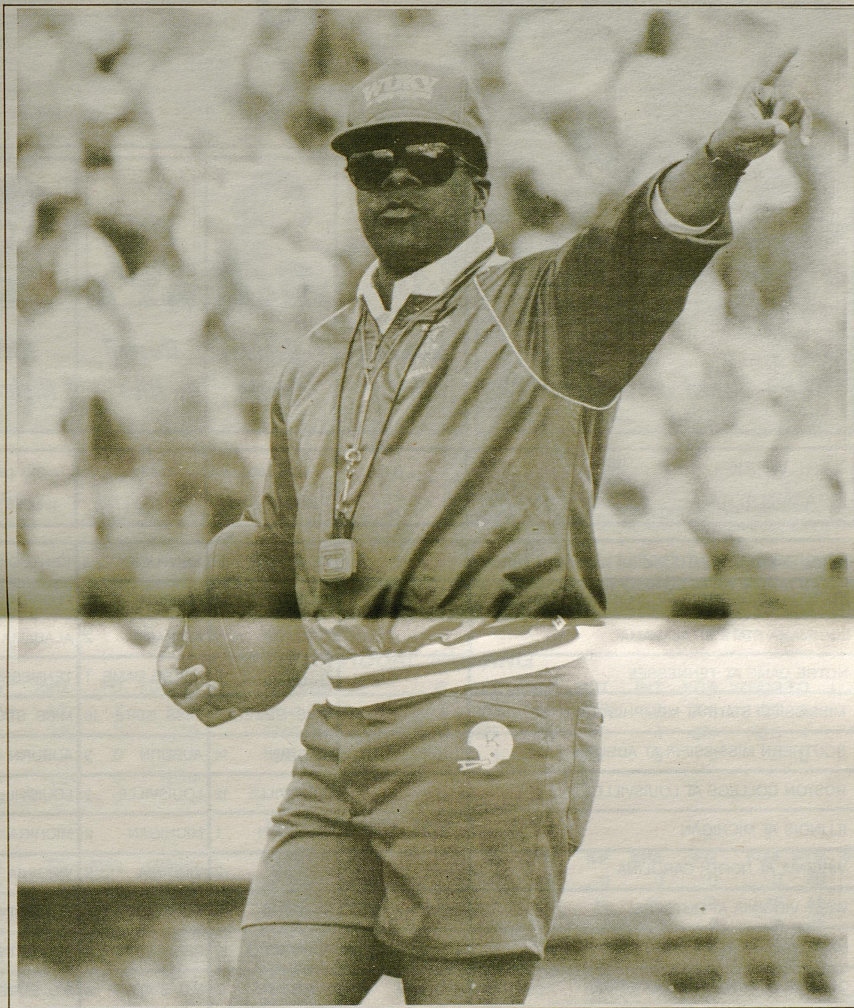
It's strange that for all the exciting games that have been played in Commonwealth Stadium, Pelfrey will be remembered as the guy who finally put UK on the winning side of the scoreboard.

Although his field goal could not change what transpired earlier in what was a 2-5 season entering the Georgia game, it could do wonders in the future.

UK NOTEBOOK:

•After his game-winning field goal against Georgia, Doug Pelfrey was awarded a full scholarship that becomes effective in January...

•Is UK's football schedule tougher this year than first thought? It seems some of the opponents have turned out



Kentucky assistant head coach John Guy (above), in charge of UK's outside linebackers and kickers, instructs Doug Pelfrey to visualize winning a game.

to be much better than expected. Central Michigan, which has one of the top-ranked defenses in the country, has lost only to UK and is sitting atop the Mid-American conference. Indiana got off to a hot start, but has cooled off since facing the meat of its schedule in late October and early November. Rutgers has suffered a rash of injuries, but is competitive. North Carolina has been a surprise team in the ACC, tying Georgia Tech 13-13 and waxing Maryland 34-10. Mack Brown already has won more games this season than during his previous two years at Chapel Hill. Mississippi State, opting for a tie, lost by one point after an extra point kick was blocked by Auburn in the closing seconds. And of course Mississippi was 6-1 after defeating Vanderbilt at Nashville. Finally, LSU, Tennessee and Florida should post winning seasons, which leaves the disappointing Georgia Bulldogs who by all rights should suffer their first losing season since 1977...

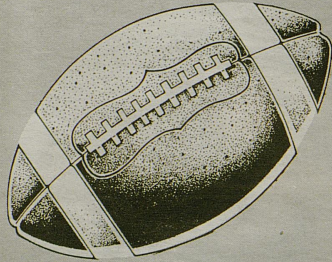
•Former UK offensive tackle Mike Pfeifer was back in town working out at the Nutter Center. He was re-

leased by the Phoenix Cardinals earlier this summer as a free agent because of a foot injury. If everything goes as planned with his rehabilitation program, Pfeifer will be back with the Cardinals in early February...

•If Vanderbilt coach Watson Brown looks a little different on the sidelines at the Wildcat-Commodore tussle this weekend, it will be because he has discarded the familiar headsets. Although he will use them on occasion, Brown said before the season he wanted to be more emotional on the sidelines and let his offensive and defensive coordinators handle more responsibilities. The new approach seemed to work in an early-season upset of LSU, but the Commodores since have fallen on hard times...

•The word out of Tuscaloosa is that Tide fans are blaming the team's offensive woes on quarterback coach Mal Moore, but in all fairness it must be realized that "Bama is using a new offensive system and has been crippled by injuries to such key players as Siran Stacy, Prince Wimberley and Craig Sanderson.

The Cats' Pause



TCP's Board of Experts (?)

CATS' PAUSE SCOREBOARD

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Reader's
Choice



Oscar
Combs



Russell
Rice



Nick
Nicholas



Mike
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Todd
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Pigskin
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LAST WEEK
SEASON TOTAL

20-5 (.800)
180-64-6 (.732)

21-4 (.840)
182-62-6 (.740)

21-4 (.840)
183-61-6 (.744)

20-5 (.800)
175-69-6 (.712)

19-6 (.760)
182-62-6 (.740)

19-6 (.760)
163-81-6 (.664)

VANDERBILT AT KENTUCKY	KENTUCKY 10	KENTUCKY 3	KENTUCKY 10	KENTUCKY 14	KENTUCKY 8	KENTUCKY 12
FLORIDA VS GEORGIA (AT JACKSONVILLE)	FLORIDA 14	FLORIDA 12	FLORIDA 9	FLORIDA 13	FLORIDA 17	FLORIDA 11
LOUISIANA STATE AT ALABAMA	ALABAMA 9	ALABAMA 2	ALABAMA 7	ALABAMA 6	LSU 1	ALABAMA 3
NOTRE DAME AT TENNESSEE	TENNESSEE 2	NOTRE DAME 1	TENNESSEE 12	TENNESSEE 4	TENNESSEE 6	TENNESSEE 2
MISSISSIPPI STATE AT MEMPHIS STATE	MISS. STATE 5	MISS. STATE 16	MISS. STATE 3	MEMPHIS ST. 7	MISS. STATE 3	MEMPHIS ST. 1
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI AT AUBURN	AUBURN 14	AUBURN 3	AUBURN 10	AUBURN 24	AUBURN 17	AUBURN 14
BOSTON COLLEGE AT LOUISVILLE	LOUISVILLE 12	LOUISVILLE 9	LOUISVILLE 10	LOUISVILLE 3	LOUISVILLE 12	LOUISVILLE 3
ILLINOIS AT MICHIGAN	MICHIGAN 1	MICHIGAN 2	MICHIGAN 1	MICHIGAN 4	MICHIGAN 3	MICHIGAN 6
VIRGINIA AT NORTH CAROLINA	VIRGINIA 7	VIRGINIA 3	VIRGINIA 2	VIRGINIA 13	VIRGINIA 7	VIRGINIA 3
WEST VIRGINIA AT RUTGERS	RUTGERS 2	RUTGERS 1	W. VIRGINIA 3	RUTGERS 2	W. VIRGINIA 10	RUTGERS 2
MARYLAND AT PENN STATE	PENN STATE 10	PENN STATE 3	PENN STATE 9	PENN STATE 12	PENN STATE 7	PENN STATE 15
DUKE AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE	N.C. STATE 7	N.C. STATE 3	N.C. STATE 3	N.C. STATE 7	N.C. STATE 8	N.C. STATE 5
ARKANSAS AT BAYLOR	BAYLOR 2	BAYLOR 3	BAYLOR 2	ARKANSAS 3	BAYLOR 4	BAYLOR 3
VIRGINIA TECH AT GEORGIA TECH	GA. TECH 6	GA. TECH 12	GA. TECH 14	GA. TECH 7	GA. TECH 3	GA. TECH 7
AIR FORCE AT ARMY	AIR FORCE 4	AIR FORCE 1	AIR FORCE 6	ARMY 6	AIR FORCE 3	AIR FORCE 2
WISCONSIN AT INDIANA	INDIANA 8	INDIANA 6	INDIANA 14	INDIANA 8	INDIANA 7	INDIANA 9
TULANE AT SYRACUSE	SYRACUSE 12	SYRACUSE 12	SYRACUSE 19	SYRACUSE 20	SYRACUSE 16	SYRACUSE 7
MISSOURI AT IOWA STATE	IOWA STATE 3	IOWA STATE 2	IOWA STATE 2	IOWA STATE 3	IOWA STATE 7	IOWA STATE 3
BRIGHAM YOUNG AT WYOMING	WYOMING 3	BYU 1	WYOMING 3	WYOMING 6	BYU 3	WYOMING 2
HOUSTON AT TEXAS	TEXAS 6	TEXAS 2	HOUSTON 3	TEXAS 3	HOUSTON 4	TEXAS 1
OHIO STATE AT IOWA	OHIO STATE 4	OHIO STATE 2	OHIO STATE 5	OHIO STATE 4	IOWA 6	OHIO STATE 3
MICHIGAN STATE AT MINNESOTA	MICHIGAN ST. 3	MICHIGAN ST. 6	MICHIGAN ST. 3	MICHIGAN ST. 9	MICHIGAN ST. 7	MICHIGAN ST. 1
UCLA AT WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON 14	WASHINGTON 8	WASHINGTON 16	WASHINGTON 11	WASHINGTON 19	WASHINGTON 11
TEXAS TECH AT TEXAS CHRISTIAN	TCU 2	TCU 3	TCU 7	TCU 10	TCU 7	TCU 2
ARIZONA STATE AT WASHINGTON STATE	WASH. STATE 3	WASH. STATE 6	WASH. STATE 9	WASH. STATE 4	ARIZONA ST. 3	WASH. STATE 2

KENTUCKY FOOTBALL STATISTICS

3-5 OVERALL

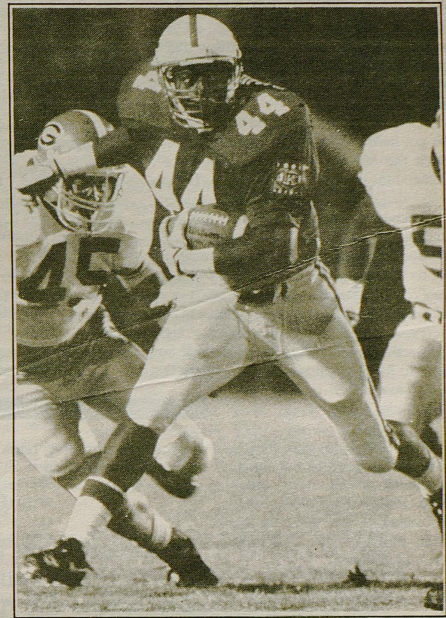
2-2 SEC

TEAM STATS

	UK
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	154
By Rushing	69
By Passing	77
By Penalty	8
NET YARDS RUSHING	1015
Avg. Net Per Game	126.9
Rushing Attempts	322
Avg. Gain Per Rush	3.2
NET YARDS PASSING	1476
Avg. Net Per Game	184.5
Avg. Net Per Attempt	5.2
Passes Attempted	282
Passes Completed	151
Had Intercepted	11
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDS	2491
Avg. Net Per Game	311.4
Total Plays	604
Avg. Plays Per Game	75.5
Avg. Gain Per Play	4.1
PUNTING AVERAGE	38.8
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	7.8
KICKOFF RETURN AVERAGE	20.7
PENALTY YARDS PER GAME	32.0
FUMBLES-LOST	12-5
TOUCHDOWNS	18
By Rushing	9
By Passing	9
By Return	0
TOTAL POINTS	157
Points Per Game	19.6

Opponent

132
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Redshirt freshman fullback Terry Samuels added 76 yards rushing against Georgia to his season total. He's now third among UK rushers with 180 net yards.

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING: TOP 5

PLAYER	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Al Baker	8	111	518	4.7	7	64.8
Craig Walker	7	59	206	3.3	0	27.9
Terry Samuels	7	42	180	4.3	0	25.7
Mike Thomas	4	17	82	4.8	0	20.5
Brad Smith	7	55	38	.7	2	5.4

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING: TOP 5

PLAYER	G	RECP	YDS	TD	AVG	G/AVG
Al Baker	8	28	234	1	8.4	29.3
Terry Samuels	7	21	149	2	7.1	21.3
Phil Logan	8	20	337	2	16.9	42.1
Rodney Jackson	7	18	182	0	10.1	26.0
John Bolden	8	10	113	3	11.3	14.1

FIELD GOALS

PLAYER	G	FGA	FG	PCT	LONG
Doug Pelfrey	8	15	10	.670	50

PUNTING

PLAYER	NO	AVG	YDS	LONG
Bill Hawk	53	39.1	2071	68
Freddie Maggard	3	34.0	102	40

PUNT RETURNS: TOP 3

PLAYER	NO	YDS	TD	AVG	G	LONG
Chris Tolbert	8	90	0	11.3	7	31
Kurt Johnson	7	31	0	4.4	7	8
Neal Clark	6	25	0	4.2	8	9

KICKOFF RETURNS: TOP 3

PLAYER	NO	YDS	TD	AVG	G	LONG
John Bolden	15	313	0	20.9	8	43
Kurt Johnson	10	206	0	20.6	7	33
Neal Clark	2	49	0	24.5	8	25

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

PLAYER	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YDS/G	TD	LONG
Brad Smith	7	156	80	51.3	7	796	113.7	5	43
Freddie Maggard	7	125	80	56.0	4	674	112.3	4	41
Matt Riazzi	7	1	1	100.0	0	6	9	0	6

SCORING: TOP 5

PLAYER	G	TD	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS	PPG
Al Baker	8	8	0	0	0	0	48	6.0
Doug Pelfrey	8	0	15	16	10	15	45	5.6
John Bolden	8	3	0	0	0	0	18	2.2
Terry Samuels	7	2	0	0	0	0	12	1.7
Brad Smith	7	2	0	0	0	0	12	1.7

TACKLES: TOP 5 (special teams not included)

PLAYER	G	NO	TFL	SACK	CF	RF
Randy Holleran	8	143	0	1	(-1)	0
Billy Swanson	8	72	5	(-18)	0	1
Brad Armstead	8	62	0	0	0	0
Joey Couch	8	61	1	(-2)	5	(-36)
Dean Wells	8	54	1	(-1)	0	1

INTERCEPTIONS

PLAYER	G	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	INT/PG
Jeff Brady	7	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.1

SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAM	1	2	3	4	TP	AVG
Kentucky	30	34	57	36	157	19.6
Opponents	24	86	33	63	206	25.8

LEWIS Q&A

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best players on the field at that particular time and go with 'em. I'm just thankful that they've produced the way they have.

TCP: Something that hasn't changed, the backs have done a real good job of catching the ball out of the backfield all year. I think they account for something like 41 percent of your receptions and 32 percent of your reception yardage. Can you talk about that a little?

Lewis: One thing that I told the guys when we got here is that you've got to be able to catch the ball in our offense. You have a tremendous opportunity to do that. They've responded to it. Catching balls after practice, really understanding the importance of pass-catching. I'm crediting them, because they're the ones making it happen. They've got me out on the practice field, throwing to 'em, and they're understanding the importance of it. Al missed one Saturday night (in the win over Georgia) and he came to me and said, "Ugh, I missed it." That's the type of attitude you want to have, when the players realize that every missed ball is an opportunity taken away.

TCP: Can you talk about your backs, just give a short comment about each one? First senior Al Baker, who continues to be outstanding after moving from fullback back to tailback.

Lewis: Al has done everything we've asked him to do: blocking from the fullback spot, running the ball from the fullback spot and also making the transition back to the tailback. I think playing fullback has helped him to understand the tailback spot even more. We've played him in both spots in the same games and he's responded to that.

I think it gives someone out there looking how versatile he can be. Big back. Fullback.

I think one thing that Al is intrigued about is you don't necessarily have to be a big guy to be able to play. He was at 228 or 230 last year, now he's down to 216. He's seeing a difference in his game, what a few pounds shed can do for you.

He's getting more and more confident as far as understanding running on blocks. We talk about that a lot. That's a big deal with our offense and I talk about it a whole lot. Just knowing who you are depending on to be able to spring you for the run. He's understanding that. It's not just a matter of getting out there and running. You have to understand how to run, when to run and when to make a cut. He has a knack for making the right cuts. But when you can understand blocking schemes, then incorporate the running game with that, that enhances your chances of making big runs.

As far as catching the ball, he's leading the team I think in receptions (with 28 entering the Vandy game) and I think Terry is No. 2 (with 21). That's something I pump my guys with. I like for 'em to catch the ball a lot. I like for guys that have an opportunity to catch the ball to want to catch it, because you have that opportunity in this game. It's just a matter of going out there and doing it.

TCP: What about redshirt freshman Terry Samuels, a converted tight end, and the way he's just exploded onto the scene the last four of five weeks?

Lewis: Terry has a lot of athletic ability and he's still raw, still young and immature in

some areas. But he's giving everything that he has out there. He's having to grow up early. What's exciting about Terry is things that we discuss in practice that happen in the games. When he doesn't respond to it in practice he sees where it is important for him to because it'll occur in the games. And that's the best learning tool for him at this point. Terry's having to learn that this is important, that is important, this footwork is important, what have you. The good thing about Terry is that when he learns that he responds to it. That's exciting, to see that what you're saying is correct. He sees that. He's continuing to respond each week. Terry, before he leaves here, is going to be a big-time player. I feel that way. It just a matter of how hard and how much he wants it. Catching the ball well and making things happen after you catch it, you can't coach those things. I tell him all the time, "I can only point you in the right direction. You have to take over from there." He loves playing in the games, he loves participating. And that's what is important. He has that desire.

TCP: What about Craig Walker, who

Kentucky running back coach Walter Lewis, right, discussing recruiting:

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Recruiting is very, very important in how you do. And in order for us to win a national championship we've got to go out and get the players to do it.

You never know how it turns out. Like I say, we're recruiting the top players, or some of the top players, in the nation. We just have to wait until February to see how it all structures out.

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opened the season at tailback and then has seen his playing time diminish because of injuries and the success that you've enjoyed with Al and Terry in there at the same time?

Lewis: Craig has been hampered with an injury. He has a heel spur that has really slowed his game down. That's his particular situation at this time. He understands his role at this point. And that's important too, as far as the morale of our guys. I'm very, very open with 'em. I believe in honesty. Be honest with your players and they'll produce for you. (Fourth-string tailback) Matt Riazzi has a role. He understands his role. He's a vital part of this team. (Third-string fullback) Dale See has a role. He understands his role. He's a substantial part of this team. Mike Thomas, his injuries have slowed him down. But he's bouncing back and making contributions. He made some key plays in the game the other night, game-winning types of plays. So I think understanding among our unit is the most important thing. And that's contributing to the success at this point, where everybody understands what they're asked to do.

TCP: When Mike Thomas is healthy, at

100 percent, what kind of tailback can he be?

Lewis: It's kind of hard to say. I think he has glimpses of being a great one. That's still to be seen. I haven't really even pondered that question. But I think he has the potential of being able to do something special. He got hurt this summer and you could just see it all unfolding. Everything was beginning to happen and he was starting to understand the cuts, running on blocks and stuff like that. He runs hard all the time. I'm waiting for this spring and next year to see what lies ahead for Mike. I think he has the potential to be a great one.

TCP: How about a guy like Donnie Redd, a true freshman who's had hamstringing problems and had to be redshirted this year?

Lewis: Donnie's bounced back. We took him out of practice and let him rehabilitate his leg. We decided to redshirt him and allow him to come into the spring and contribute. He's going to be a force within our offense. He's going to make things happen. We're looking forward to great things out of him

He has great hands, he understands our logic and our language. He's a player that's going to be an asset to our team. I don't know how, at this particular point, but he's going to be a tremendous asset. I know this spring when he gets into the weight room he's going to get stronger and get a little bigger and he's going to be an asset at the fullback spot for us.

TCP: Recruiting is getting heated up pretty well right now and I understand that this year is a good year for running backs all around the country. How does it look from the standpoint of UK bringing in some top-notch backs this February?

Lewis: That's one of the things we set for this staff. We want to go after the top players in the nation. I'm recruiting some of the top running backs in the nation.

Recruiting is very, very important in how you do. And in order for us to win a national championship we've got to go out and get the players to do it.

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TCP: The knock on the current backs, at least from some of the press and fans, is lack of speed. Is that the main thing you would like to bring in right now, a lot of speed demons?

Lewis: I like speed. Guys that make people miss and then take it the distance. That's the most important thing. Catching the ball. Being able to block. Intensity. All those intangible things. There's just a lot of little-bitty things that work into being able to be a successful back. Character. Just all those things. We take all those surveys when we're out recruiting.

TCP: How does this particular Kentucky staff handle recruiting? Does each position coach recruit his own position? Are individual coaches in charge of different areas of the state and nation? How does that work?

Lewis: We recruit in three different structures. We have primary areas in the state, we have secondary areas in the surrounding cities, then we have position responsibilities. So I recruit the top backs, I recruit my secondary area and I recruit my primary area in the state.

TCP: You've been able to go out and watch high school games for several weeks now. On top of all your normal responsibilities in getting your Kentucky team ready to play every Saturday, you're also out on the road every weekend recruiting high school players. What is that like?

Lewis: You just set your schedule where you can accommodate the needs and get out and see the players you need to see.

TCP: Take a given Friday during this period. How many high school games will you be able to go see? How many prospects can you watch in person?

Lewis: It's according to what area I'm in. If I'm in Detroit, if they have Friday games, I may be able to go see two. Two games. And visit several schools during the day. I may be able to see two games. If I'm in Tompkinsville, I may be able to go to that school and see that game. Period.

It's just based on what your priorities are at that time.



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What goes around comes around?

Thrilling win over Georgia may give 'Cats confidence in future close encounters

by RUSSELL RICE

We once held the dubious distinction of holding what must have been a world's record for standing behind the goal posts beyond the end zone and watching an opponent's field goal beat the Wildcats in the closing seconds of a game.

With this in mind near the end of the recent Georgia-Kentucky thriller, we remained in the Commonwealth Stadium press box after other media departed for the field with some three-plus minutes to play.

The scenario was as familiar as watching *Gone With the Wind* for the umpteenth time. The Wildcats go ahead 23-17 on a one-yard run by Al Baker midway of the fourth quarter, but Doug Caswell's 69-yard punt return for a touchdown puts the Bulldogs ahead 24-23 with 6:19 remaining.

The rest is a reversal of history, thanks to Freddie Maggard's fine passing and the toe of Doug Pelfrey, as the Wildcats finally turned the tables on an old nemesis, starting an 11-play drive at the UK 20 with 2:29 remaining and winning with a 32-yard field goal from Pelfrey with :07 on the clock.

For the record, we are going to list some of the games that found this UK supporter at the wrong place (end zone) at the wrong time, but first we'll start on a positive note:

•**1971—Kentucky 14, Vanderbilt 7** (Nashville)—UK Sophomore Darryl Bishop intercepts Ray Burger's pass and returns it 43 yards for a touchdown, crossing the goal line as time runs out.

(We recall that with UK fourth-and-eight on the 44, Wildcat coach John Ray elected to punt, hoping the 'Cats could get a fumble and kick a field goal. When Burger ran the ball on the first play of that series, everybody thought Vandy coach Bill Pace was going to settle for a tie. However, Burger heaved long to Gary Chesley on the next play, but the ball fell short and into the hands of Bishop. It was the first time a Kentucky team had won three games under Ray and the first time the Wildcats had won two games in a row since 1967).

•**1973: UK 31, VPI 26** (Lexington)—Jeff Woodcock intercepts Don Strock's deep pass in the end zone on the last play of the game to give Fran Curci a win in his first game as UK head coach. It also was UK's first game in Commonwealth Stadium.

•**1976: UK 14, West Virginia 10** (Lexington)—Beginning on his own 21 with 35 seconds to play and trailing 14-10, WVU's Dan Kendra found Ben McDay for 10 yards, Tom Bowden for 17 and Steve Lewis for 15 to put the visitors on the 37 with seven seconds remaining. After Wildcat noseguard Jerry Blanton slapped down a Kendra pass on the ensuing play, only two ticks were left. As Kendra faded for the last time, the ball sailed harmlessly out of bounds.

•**1977: UK 19, Tennessee 17**—The Wildcats were ahead 19-17 when UT's Jimmy Streater completed a 15-yard pass to Reggie Harper that moved the Vols to UK's 22 with 1:03 left. After a timeout, Streater rolled left, was hit from behind by Art Still, and fumbled. UK's Kelly Kirchbaum recovered. Derrick Ramsey had only to fall down three times to kill the final 55 seconds from the clock and UK finished the season 10-1-0 and unbeaten in the Southeastern Conference.

•**1984: UK 13, Cincinnati 13** (Lexington)—The Bearcats' Mike Morton misses a 39-yard field goal as UK dodges the bullet

and settles for a tie with 17 seconds remaining.

•**1985: UK 16, Tulane 11** (Lexington)—Following a six-yard touchdown pass from Tulane's Ken Karcher to Troy Wright with 3:43 left in the game, UK drove 71 yards on four plays for the winning touchdown.

Quarterback Bill Ransdell completed three straight passes, the last one coming on a 35-yard screen play to fullback Chris Derry. And on first down from the Green Wave 20, tailback Mark Higgs, returning after a serious knee injury in the spring, veered to the right and outraced the defense for the score with 2:17 left.

Overall, UK's winning drive took only 1:26.

•**1986: UK 16, Rutgers 16** (Lexington)—Trailing 16-13, the Wildcats marched from their own 18 to the Rutgers 15, where Joey Worley kicked a 37-yard field goal to tie the score with one second left on the clock.

(We were standing in the end zone with Rodney Stiles, now a member of the UK athletics staff, and trying to slue the ball between the goal posts. It was that close.)

□And now for the other side of the coin:

•**1971: Tennessee 21, UK 7** (Lexington)—The Vols were leading 14-7 with 3:28 remaining, but the Wildcats were second-and-six on the UT nine-yard-line and anticipating points that would produce a miraculous win or tie. On an attempted pitchout, Vol end Carl Johnson rushed quarterback Bernie Scroggs, jarred the ball loose just as it was about to be released, grabbed it out of the air and ran for the score.

•**1972: Indiana 35-34** (Lexington)—Doug Sexton's 35-yard field goal try with 23 seconds remaining misses and the Wildcats fall to the Hoosiers.

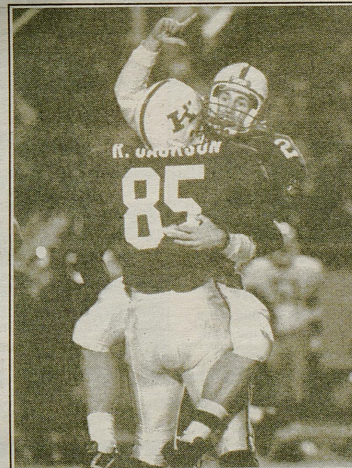
•**1973: Tennessee 16, UK 14** (Lexington)—Ron Steele's 34-yard field goal attempt sails under the bar six inches short as UT beats out UK for a berth in the Liberty Bowl.

(How many UK fans present at that game can remember holder Mike Kypriss jumping

up and down and signalling "good," before suddenly being crushed as the ball falls short?)

•**1978: Georgia 17, UK 16** (Lexington)—Rex Robinson soccer-slams a 29-yard field goal that gives the Bulldogs a 17-16 victory with three seconds to go. The goal was set up by a determined march of 63 yards that took nine plays and never involved a third-down situation. Willie McClendon had runs of 14 yards and 12 yards in the series, part of a 146-yard rushing performance.

DOWN THE STRETCH



Former UK coach Fran Curci and his '80 team took one on the chin at Tulane that still rubs 'Cat fans the wrong way today; but scenes like this one 2 weeks ago over Georgia make things easier.

•**1978: Florida 18, UK 16** (Lexington)—Berj Yepremian's 38-yard field goal with 42 seconds left guns down UK. The Wildcats had raced to a 16-15 lead with 4:45 to play when Rod Stewart scored on a one-yard TD drive, climaxing a 60-yard scoring drive in 15 plays.

Florida began the winning drive on its 14. Ten plays later, the 5-foot-6 Yepremian booted his fourth field goal of the contest.

•**1979: Miami (Ohio) 15, UK 14** (Lexington)—An SEC official from Knoxville throws a delayed flag on what he thinks is a clipping infraction against Kentucky, negating a game-winning touchdown by Chris Jones in the closing moments. The Wildcats still have a chance to win the game, but Tom Griggs' field goal attempt curves just enough to go outside the left upright. Game films showed UK's Jim Campbell never touched the Redskin he was accused of clipping. Too bad. So sad.

(Campbell is now an attorney at law with Ogden, Sturgill & Welch in Louisville. The firm also has offices in Ashland and Lexington. While warming up for the UK Athletic Department's annual preseason golf outing earlier this year, he winched when reminded of that game and, naturally, said he would never forget it. Who could?)

•**1979: Tennessee 10, UK 7** (Lexington)—With a Hall of Fame Bowl bid riding on the outcome, the Wildcats fought the Vols on even terms throughout the game, losing on a 25-yard field goal by Alan Duncan with five

seconds remaining.

•**1980: Indiana 36, UK 30** (Lexington)—Tim Clifford hits Steve Corso, son of Indiana head coach Lee Corso, in the corner of the end zone for a 27-yard touchdown pass with only 27 seconds remaining in the battle for the Bourbon Barrel.

•**1980: Tulane 24, UK 22** (New Orleans)—After Randy Jenkins punted out of bounds on Tulane's eight-yard-line with 12 seconds to go, the Wildcats are penalized for pass interference on two consecutive plays that put the Green Wave on the UK five-yard-line with no time left on the clock. Since the game could not end with a penalty against the defense, Tulane placekicker Vince Manella hit a 22-yard field goal for a shocking 24-22 Tulane win at the Louisiana Superdome.

(Tulane got even, so to speak, with UK coach "Five-Down Fran" Curci, whose Miami team beat Tulane after being awarded an extra down. Of course, Curci refused to concede that victory.)

•**1980: Florida 17, UK 15** (Lexington)—Brian Clark's field goal with no time on the clock beats UK 17-15. The Gators started on their own 32 with only 34 seconds and no timeouts remaining. Rookie QB Wayne Peace hit Ty Young for 25 yards, then threw to All-SEC receiver Chris Collinsworth, who caught the ball as he was going out of bounds. Florida was on the UK 17 with six ticks remaining. The official said Collinsworth was in-bounds; Curci protested vehemently, to no avail.

(Radioman Dick Gabriel and I were standing on the sideline near the spot where Collinsworth caught the ball and went out of bounds. Too bad we weren't making the call.)

•**1982: Kansas 13, UK 13** (Lexington)—The Jayhawks got their big break in the fourth quarter, recovering a fumble on the Wildcat 48. Frank Seurer drove the visitors to the UK 10, where Bruce Kallmeyer hit a 27-yard field goal to tie the score with 20 seconds remaining.

•**1985: Bowling Green 30, UK 26** (Lexington)—Brian McClure hit Greg Meehan on an 11-yard scoring strike to put the Falcons ahead 28-26 with 11 seconds remaining. Bowling Green got two points on a safety as UK attempted a razzle-dazzle return on the ensuing kickoff.

•**1985: Florida 15, UK 13** (Gainesville)—Jeff Dawson's field goal with only 20 seconds remaining gives Florida the win over the 'Cats. "The kids played real hard," Jerry Claiborne said afterwards. "We stopped them all day long except on the last drive."

•**1986: VPI 17, UK 15** (Blacksburg): Chris Kinzer kicks a 49-yard field goal to give the Gobblers a 17-15 victory with 0:01 remaining. That drive came after UK's Mark Higgs was stopped inches short of the goal line on a try for two points.

•**1988: Alabama 31, UK 27** (Lexington)—After trailing 17-0 at halftime, the Tide rolls to 24 fourth-quarter points to foil UK's upset bid. Coach Bill Curry's 12th-ranked Tide goes 86 yards in the final 1:47 to score the winning touchdown on a three-yard pass to tight end Gene Newberry from "Bama signal caller Vince Sutton with 10 seconds left on the clock

•**1989: Florida 24, UK 19** (Lexington)—With Florida leading 24-19, Bill Lang intercepts Kentucky quarterback Glenn Fohr's deep pass with 24 seconds left.

UK'S BATTERIES RECHARGED FOR VANDY

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Kentucky's open date this week couldn't have come at a better time for Bill Curry and his Wildcats.

Quarterback Freddie Maggard, still nursing a sore throwing shoulder, had an extra week to

by TCP associate editor NICK NICHOLAS

prepare for Vanderbilt, which comes to Lexington today for an afternoon matchup.

The week off gave all 'Cats with nagging injuries a time to heal and get ready for the last three weeks of the season—against Vanderbilt, Florida and Tennessee.

Vandy, with a 1-6 record, also had an open date this past week.

The open date marked UK's second this season.

"It (the open date) comes at a very good time again," Wildcat head football coach Bill Curry said the day after his team upset Georgia, 26-24. "Gosh, I don't know what it is with me and quarterbacks, but one of these years we're going to play a whole year with all of our quarterbacks healthy. We may win everything.

"But these guys just keep working and improving and that's all you can hope for. To have an extra week is a tremendous benefit."

"I don't think Freddie is all the way back," Curry pointed out. "But we saw him cut loose (against Georgia) and put velocity on the ball when he needed to. That takes some guts right there because each one of those hard throws with a shoulder that has been dislocated as recently as four weeks ago, that's pain. But he didn't shy away from it. He got hit on it. He got knocked down and landed on it, which scared the daylight out of me, and kept coming back and making big-time throws.

"So while I don't think he's 100 percent physically, he's so gritty he might as well be because he's going to make the plays if you have to have it."

Not only was the open date welcomed by Maggard but by Ryan Hockman, now the backup quarterback, as well.

"Ryan has made good progress," Curry said. "He is so brilliant. I've teased, and I mean this strictly in good humor, that he's so smart he may be too analytical. I've seen that before in good football players.

"He has a very powerful arm and his accuracy has improved and he's proven he can do it under the gun. We put him out there against the starting varsity on the scout team last summer and he was sensational. So I've urged Ryan to think that way other than to analyze everything with that wonderful brain of his.

"I think that has helped and I would be confident putting him in a game now."

You don't say? (notes & quotes)

Three days after his team's win over Georgia, Bill Curry announced placekicker Doug Pelfrey would be placed on scholarship, beginning the '91 spring semester. Heading into Saturday's game with Vanderbilt, Pelfrey, a sophomore who took over for Ken Willis, now the Dallas Cowboys' starting kicker, has connected on 10 of 15 field goals for a .670 accuracy. His longest is a 50-yarder.

But none were bigger than his 32-yard game-winning boot against the Bulldogs.

Said UK running back Al Baker of Pelfrey's clutch kick. "It was a good kick. It's the best kick...I guess ever."

Speaking of Baker, the UK back is currently sixth in the Southeastern Conference in rushing, with a 64.8 yards per game average. Overall, the senior from Trigg County has gained 518 yards, seven touchdowns on 111 carries. That's 4.7 yards per crack. Baker and freshman fullback Terry

Samuels played almost every down on offense against the 'Dogs, combining for 209 yards on 42 carries. Baker, who ran for 133 yards and two touchdowns on 24 carries, was named the SEC's Offensive Player of the Week.

"Terry is a good person to have in there," Baker admitted. "He makes key blocks, key runs. When I'm tired I say, 'Dang, they're getting ready to run me again.'

"He's like: 'Don't worry.' He encourages me. He says, 'You can do it this one time and then I'll get the next play.' We kind of switch up back and forth, about what kind of plays we run and stuff like that.

"He's a great person to be in the backfield with."

Three games all but remain—unless the 'Cats win their last three games which possibly a bowl would be waiting for a team on a four-game winning streak—in Baker's career.

"I'm going to try to go full speed. It will sum up my career at UK. I'm just going to go out and try to play the best I can and not let none of my teammates down."

Did someone mention a bowl game? Well, reportedly one Lexington TV personality talked to a Hall of Fame Bowl representative a couple of weekends past. The Bowl rep told him he was looking at Kentucky, not Georgia.

Bowl invitations can be given out Nov. 24, the day the 'Cats play at Tennessee.

Kentucky in a bowl this season?

If that sounds unbelievable—considering the 'Cats are a mere 3-5—try this one on for size. If Kentucky had beaten LSU three weeks ago, a game Curry said his team should have won, then Kentucky would be trailing only Ole Miss (4-1 in the SEC) in challenging for a Southeastern Conference title. Florida, which improved its league record to 4-1 after destroying Auburn 48-7 in Gainesville last week, is ineligible for the conference title due to NCAA sanctions.

Still, the Wildcats are 2-2 in the league. And after an emotional win over Georgia, there is a positive attitude in the Wildcat camp. After Vandy, Steve Spurrier's Gators, ranked No. 15 before their win over Auburn, pay a visit to Lexington, and will be heavily favored. But if the 'Cats can win those two games they will be fighting for a winning record and a 5-2 mark against Tennessee.

UT, No. 11 before blowing out Temple 41-20 at Knoxville, no doubt will be a big favorite to defeat its northern neighbor. Especially with the game in K-town and UK's well documented lack of success on the road.

But one game at a time.

"It (the win over Georgia) is going to give us a lot of momentum since we've got the open date coming up," senior Bandit Jeff Brady said. "We get to enjoy this one a little bit longer. Hopefully it will bring our team more together and give us more confidence in what we can do against the big teams."

Quarterback Brad Smith's injured right knee will not require surgery. He's expected to be out for five weeks. Smith had started the last four games, completing 80 of 156 passes, a .513 percentage for 796 yards, five touchdowns and seven interceptions.

UK's No. 3 quarterback, should Maggard and Hockman get injured, is true freshman Mike Kinney (6-3, 208 pounds).

Officially, Randy Holleran was credited with 15 tackles against Georgia, continuing his double-digit streak, now at 20. He leads the SEC in tackles with 143. Closest pursuer to Holleran is Mississippi State's senior linebacker Reggie Stewart with 103.

Going into last week's games, Kentucky's total offense ranked No. 8 in the SEC, averaging 311 yards. Defensively, the 'Cats were No. 6 in defense, yielding 368 yards a game.

The next catch for Phil Logan will likely make him the sixth player in Wildcat history to total 1,000 or more career yards in

receptions. He currently has 991 yards, three yards behind Cornell Burbage, ranked No. 7 on the list.

With the win over Georgia at Commonwealth Stadium, the 'Cats now have won 20 of their last 26 games at home. The upset over the 'Dogs also gave Kentucky its eighth straight home win under the lights.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

TEAM	SEC	OVERALL
MISSISSIPPI	4-1	8-1
*FLORIDA	4-1	7-1
AUBURN	3-1-1	6-1-1
TENNESSEE	2-1-1	5-1-2
ALABAMA	3-2	4-4
KENTUCKY	2-2	3-5
LOUISIANA STATE	2-3	4-4
GEORGIA	2-3	4-3
VANDERBILT	1-4	1-6
MISSISSIPPI STATE	0-5	3-5

*Not eligible for post-season play or SEC title

□TCP chart

CONTENDERS FOR SEC AND GAMES REMAINING.

MISSISSIPPI—2 games remaining: Home (1) Tennessee (Memphis), Nov. 17. Neutral (1) Mississippi State (Jackson), Nov. 24.

AUBURN—3 games remaining: Home (2) Southern Mississippi, Nov. 10; Georgia, Nov. 17. Away (1) at Alabama (Birmingham).

TENNESSEE—4 games remaining: Home (2) Notre Dame, Nov. 10; Kentucky, Nov. 24. Away (2) at Ole Miss (Memphis) Nov. 17; at Vanderbilt, Dec. 1.

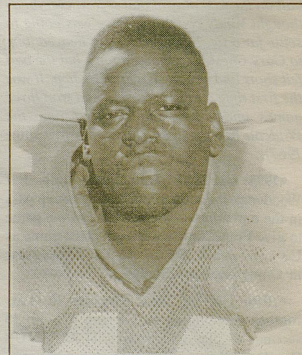
ALABAMA—3 games remaining: Home (3) Louisiana State, Nov. 10; Cincinnati (Birmingham) Nov. 17; Auburn (Birmingham), Dec. 1.

KENTUCKY—3 games remaining: Home (2) Vanderbilt, Nov. 10; Florida, Nov. 17. Away (1) at Tennessee, Nov. 24.

KENTUCKY WILDCATS SPEAK OUT



Jeff Brady on UK's momentum...



Terry Samuels on Al Baker...

Although our team is getting better and better every week, it's just a matter of time before our team explodes, and playing as well as we do in practice and bringing it over to the game field. That's what we did against Georgia.

I don't think with the last staff he really had a chance. He did some good things, but when he messed up they jumped on him. But this staff is more: 'If you mess up come back the next play and get it because we know you can do it.'

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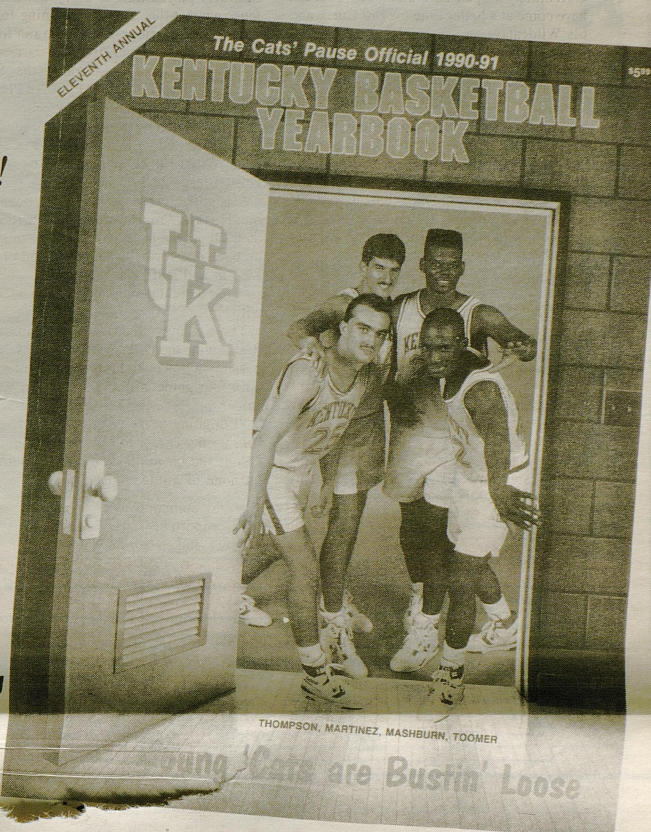
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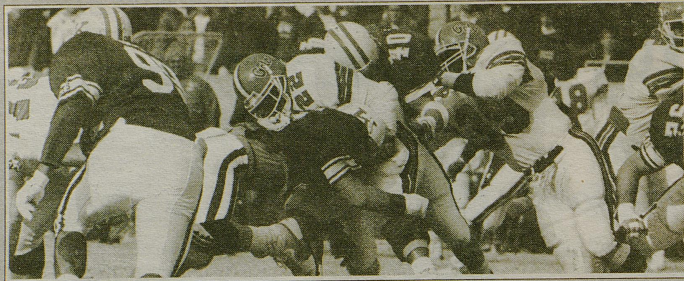
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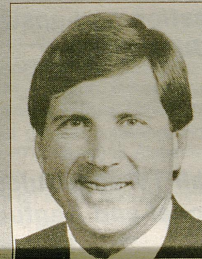
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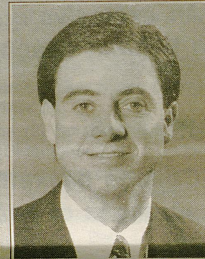


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BILL CURRY



RICK PITINO

Lon Kruger's Gators to take bite out of SEC title?

That's right; watch out, 'Bama, Bulldogs!

Southeastern Conference basketball is back—big, boisterous and booming—fighting its way again, in numbers, into the national arena, the NCAA Tournament.



Scoop Hudgins

Cats' Pause Columnist

Every university anticipates a better team than in 1989-90—bigger, stronger and more skillful in the magical scoreboard shows generated by turnaround dunks, tip-in passes, three-point shots and lightning-like breaks for the basket.

Like SEC football teams, the basketballers cut each other up. A team at the top may rate the first five nationally, yet the bottom team will beat them if they relax.

Picking the order of finish in the SEC race is a foolish fantasy, but we all indulge in this poolside pleasure.

Here goes Scoop; not smart, but seasoned.

1. **ALABAMA.** Coach Wimp Sanderson's attitude makes President Bush seem a "wimp." Positive, forthright, irrefutable, he spreads these qualities over his players and they run over, or through, the opposition.

The Tide has three starters returning, Melvin Cheatum, Robert Horry and Gary Waites, from the team that won the SEC tourney and won most in the NCAA, reaching the West semifinals. Lettermen moving up are Marcus Webb, Ernest Brown and Marcus Campbell. Newcomers who will play are freshmen Cedric Moore and Greg Glass and transfer Latrell Sprewell. Bama is biggest of the SEC's big, boisterous, booming teams!

2. **GEORGIA.** The Dawgs are regular-season defending champs, but lost to Vanderbilt in the tourney and to Texas in the first round of the NCAA. Coach Hugh Durham has won more games than any other current SEC coach, 459, and will win many more.

He has four starters back—Litterial Green, Rod Cole, Marshall Wilson and Neville Austin—everyone except All-America Alec Kessler. A 7-foot-1 freshman, Charles Claxton or 6-11 transfer Antonio Harvey will succeed, not replace Kessler. Guard Jody Patton, who freezes the ball or pops three-pointers, is on hand for the tense moments.

Georgia may win any of the titles, or even the NCAA championship.

3. **FLORIDA.** The veteran Gators have the only coach new to the SEC for 1990-91. Lon Kruger, highly successful at Kansas State. Last year there were five, half the conference. The seven players who started 10 games or more, and three others who played often, are working under their third coach in two seasons.

But Livingston Chatman, Dwayne Davis, Renaldo Garcia, Stacey Poole, Hosie Grimsley, B.J. Carter and Scott Stewart, plus Brian Hogan, Willie Jackson and Tim Turner, are going for the SEC crown, no matter the tutor. Kruger, who has taken K-State to the NCAA the past four years, could guide them there.

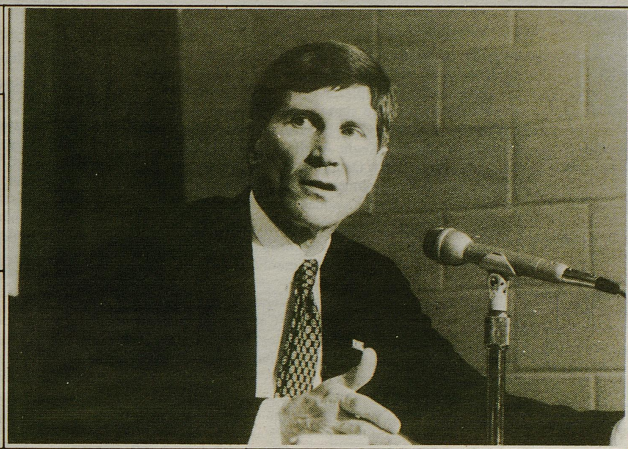
4. **LSU.** Coach Dale Brown lost the guts of his superior 1990 team when Chris Jackson went pro and Stanley Roberts stumbled over academics. But Shaquille O'Neal will lead starters Maurice Williamson and Vernel Singleton, with lettermen Wayne Sims, Harold Boudreax, transfer Mike Hansen and freshman Leneer Burns in a drive for a championship and an NCAA opportunity.

Brown, the motivator, is not about to reduce his mission. He has taken the Tigers to 10 NCAA tourneys, including two Final Fours. He will hit this time, too.

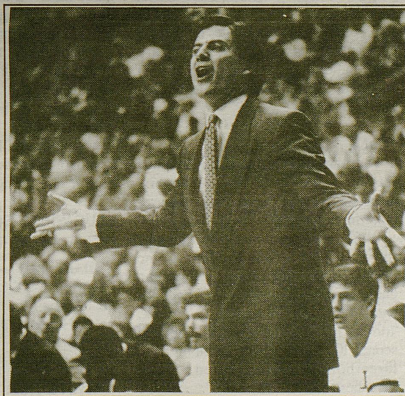
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Larry Vaught

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instructional drills will be invaluable for Riddick, who has remarkable coordination and timing.

"Andre has unlimited potential," Leckie said. "He's just going to keep getting better and time spent working on individual aspects of his game would really help Andre."

Riddick has not met NCAA academic requirements to be eligible next season. He made a 690 on the Scholastic aptitude Test (SAT) in June. A score of 700 or more is needed to satisfy NCAA standards and Leckie has no doubts that Riddick will surpass that figure.

After all, he's already overcome tougher obstacles. "Andre is somewhat introverted," Leckie said. "He's real quiet and stays to himself a lot. Tragedies in his family have made his suspicious of people."

"His father and brother both died tragic deaths. His mother has probably babied him but he's a good kid. He has great values and morals."

"He's well-rounded except for his social skills. As he gets exposure in college and learns to deal with the media he'll progress in those areas. Right now it is tough to get a lot of words out of him but that's okay. He has overcome a lot."

Leckie doesn't think his close bond with his mother and family would prevent him from going to school at Kentucky.

"Distance might be a factor but I don't think so," Leckie said. "I'm sure his mother would like to see him play but she also wants to see him do what he wants."

"I think the mother would miss the child more than the child would miss the mother if Andre went away to school. However, I don't think that's unusual."

Leckie and Riddick know UK has only one remaining scholarship. However, the coach remains hopeful one will be available when Riddick makes his decision.

"When he is ready to sign I hope Kentucky will take him if that is his choice," Leckie said. "This kid is going to be a good college player."

"He's got some skills you can't teach. It is not only the shots he blocked but the ones he intimidates. He can control a game. That's why he'll be a factor in college."

And Kentucky could be the place he becomes a factor.

'OTHER' DALE BROWN

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obviously can't do that all the time but he has that potential."

Kentucky didn't start recruiting Brown until mid-September when UK assistant Tubby Smith came to watch him practice. He came back again and brought assistant Herb Sendek.

UK coach Rick Pitino has never seen him practice or play. However, he heard enough from his assistants to convince him that Brown could be the shooting guard UK needs.

"I think coach Pitino is just going off statistics and what his assistants told him," Weathers said. "This kid can flat-out shoot. His form is as true as you can get. He jumps well, handles the ball better than average and passes well."

Brown had visited Nebraska, South Alabama and Florida State. He was also pursued by Wyoming, New Mexico State, Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State, Texas A&M, Texas Christian and New Orleans.

The 190-pound Brown was an academic non-qualifier when he finished high school in Pascagoula, Miss. He paid his way to Mississippi Valley but called Weathers midway through the first semester. The coach advised him to finish the year and then make a switch.

"He's a local kid and we tried to recruit him out of high school," Weathers said. "We were delighted to get him back. He was outstanding for us last year and I hope he'll be outstanding for two years at Kentucky."

"Dale has the potential because of his size and strength to go beyond college basketball but he also needs to get a good education. I've always stressed that to him."

That's why Weathers wanted to make sure Brown was positive about his decision when he called from Lexington to tell him he was going to commit to Kentucky.

"We talked for five or six minutes and he had an affirmative answer for every question," Weathers said.

When Brown returned to Mississippi, Weathers asked why he picked UK.

"He looked at me and said, 'Coach, I can't tell you why. You just had to be with me. I loved it,'" Weathers said. "Normally he doesn't show a lot of emotion but tonight he was all smiles."

Brown is the third player to verbally commit to UK. Chris Harrison, a 6-3 guard from Tollesboro, committed last year. Aminu Timberlake, a 6-9 forward from Chicago, committed last month. UK has one remaining scholarship.

Scoop Hudgins

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He is an authoritarian coach and a popular business partner. Four starters return from the 10-8 (SEC) and 14-14 (overall) team of '90—Reggie Hanson, Deron Feldhaus, John Pelphrey and Sean Woods. Lettermen Richie Farmer, Jeff Brassow and Johnathon Davis are joined by five freshmen led by highly recruited big men Jamal Mashburn and Gimel Martinez. Pitino will produce a spirited team seeking a short route to the glory days of Kentucky basketball.

6. VANDERBILT. Coach Eddie Fogler surprised most everyone in his first SEC season by taking the Commodores to an upset of first-place Georgia, then their first NIT championship.

Six return who have started nine games or more—Scott Draud, Steve Grant, Charles Mayes, Todd Milholland, Morgan Wheat and Kevin Anglin. Three lettermen, too—Dan Hall, Willy Daunic and Fred Benjamin—a transfer and three freshmen. Another overachieving season will send Fogler's squad into NCAA play.

7. TENNESSEE. Coach Wade Houston moved to the UT campus last year, and brought his son Allan with him. Allan was the team's top scorer and they placed fourth in the SEC.

Three starters return—Houston, Greg Bell and Ronnie Reese—with five more lettermen—Carlus Groves, Steve Rivers, Lang Wiseman, Michael Curry and Jay Price. A squadman, two redshirt freshmen and a transfer complete the squad.

Tennessee will have an aggressive, hustling team with skills to beat teams rated above them and the training to endure the fight to move up. The Houstons are a tough

tandem to control.

8. AUBURN. Tommy Joe Eagles, the crack court Cajun who raised Louisiana Tech up to Division 1-A is lifting the Tigers back into top SEC competition, to sixth last year.

He returns four starters—Ronnie Battle, Chris Brandt, Zane Arnold and Reggie Gallon—plus lettermen John Caylor, Larry Patrick, Champ Wrencher, Roderick Joyce and Richard Smith from that scrappy squad, and three freshmen.

Eagles will fly high at Auburn, the bald mascot, and the long-haired coach.

9. MISSISSIPPI. Ed Murphy, earnest, outspoken, academic, but thoroughly tough coach of the Rebels, has placed sixth in the SEC three of his four years. With four starters returning—Joe Harvell, Tim Jumper, Patrick Eddie and Murphy's son Sean—he might expect to move up. But the odds are otherwise for the one starter lost is super player Gerald Glass, who graduated to the NBA.

Five other lettermen—John Matthews, David Midlick, James Bailey, Chuck Barnes and Marc Wilson—are on hand with six freshmen. Murphy, from Hardin-Simmons, may pan out a "Tender-Hearted Texas."

10. MISSISSIPPI STATE. The Bulldogs have not been able to place better than eighth in the SEC for the four seasons Richard Williams has coached. But all five starters—Cameron Burns, Todd Merritt, Doug Hartsfield and Tony Watts—return, along with lettermen Keith Hooper, Brad Smith, Carl Nichols and Ira Peterson. There are six newcomers. Who knows? This may be the year they click.

Hanson, Mashburn star in Blue-White scrimmages

TCP staff report

Senior Reggie Hanson and freshman Jamal Mashburn, who turned in 30-point performances in the first Blue-White intrasquad scrimmage, continued their dominance in Kentucky's two scrimmages last week.

Hanson scored 45 points and grabbed nine rebounds in leading the Blue team to a come-from-behind, 121-102 victory Nov. 1 in Barbourville. Mashburn scored 26 points and snared eight rebounds for the losing White club.

The next night, in Winchester, Mashburn tossed in 27 points and grabbed 13 rebounds as the Whites topped the Blues 99-92 at George Rogers Clark High School. Hanson chipped in with 25 points and 12 rebounds for the losing Blues.

That's more like it

The play of Hanson and Mashburn was to be expected. Several players, however, showed substantial improvement in the two scrimmages last week.

•After a six-point outing in which he shot just 2-for-8 from the field in the Boyd County scrimmage, freshman guard Carlos Toomer posted back-to-back double-figure games last week. Toomer hit a pair of three-pointers and scored 10 at Barbourville, then hit three three-pointers and scored 13 at Winchester.

"I'm very, very happy with the way Carlos Toomer looked," UK coach Rick Pitino said after the Barbourville scrimmage. "He had been looking lost. I've never seen anyone with such a threshold for work. We got very upset with Carlos a few weeks ago. We found him in the gym at 1 or 2 in the morning working on his shooting."

•The Winchester rifle? After two dreadful shooting nights in the first two scrimmages—he was a combined 4-18 from the field—transfer Travis Ford found his shooting eye at Winchester. Ford was 8-for-18 in the third scrimmage, including 5-for-10 from three-

point land, and led the winning White team with 28 points.

Ford, of course, will not be eligible to play until the 1991-92 season.

•Maybe there's something in the water. Freshman walk-on Jody Thompson, like Ford, suddenly found the range at Winchester. Thompson, who was 4-for-10 in the first two scrimmages, hit five of eight shots, two of them for threes, and scored 16 for the losing Blue club.

Going steady

Meanwhile, three veterans—point guard Sean Woods, forward Deron Feldhaus and swingman John Pelphrey—kept things on an even keel.

•Woods has turned in game-high totals in assists all three games—with 11, 14 and 13—and even out-assisted the White team in the Barbourville scrimmage 13 to 12.

•Pelphrey and Feldhaus, who virtually mirrored each other statistically last season, are doing it again.

BLUE-WHITE SCRIMMAGE #2 Nov. 1, Barbourville

BLUE (121) — Woods 4-10 0-2 16, Feldhaus 5-9 6-6 17, Brassow 3-15 8-9 16, Thomas 3-8 3-4 9, Thompson 2-7 4-4 8, Hanson 17-23 7-9 45, Toomer 3-7 2-2 10.

Totals 37-80 39-43 121.

WHITE (102) — Ford 3-13 9-9 17, Bearup 2-5 0-0 4, Braddy 4-6 0-0 8, Mashburn 10-20 4-11 26, Farmer 5-11 0-0 14, Davis 0-3 0-0 0, Pelphrey 3-17 7-8 16, Martinez 4-16 7-8 15.

Totals 33-91 27-36 102.

Field-goal shooting: Blue 46.3, White 36.2. 3-point field-goal shooting: Blue 34.6, White 36.7. Free-throw shooting: Blue 90.7, White 75. 3-point goals: Blue 9 (Feldhaus, Brassow 2, Hanson 4, Toomer 2), White 11 (Ford 2, Mashburn 2, Farmer 4, Pelphrey 3). Rebounds: Blue 34 (Brassow 9), White 37 (Mashburn 8). Assists: Blue 22 (Woods 13), White 12 (7). Turnovers: Blue 21, White 22. Attendance: 3,650.

Pelphrey has 67 points through three scrimmages, Feldhaus has 61.

Ouch!

Junior guard Richie Farmer had to leave both games due to injuries.

At Barbourville, Farmer—who had hit four three-pointers and had 14 points—sprained his left thumb midway through the second half.

The next night at Winchester, Farmer took a knee in the back from walk-on Todd Bearup early in the game and was taken to UK's A.B. Chandler Medical Center, where he was diagnosed with a badly bruised right side. He was treated and released.

Introducing...

Pitino introduced his wife, Joanne, and former coach Joe B. Hall, both of whom were in attendance at the Winchester game. Of his wife, who also attended the Barbourville game, Pitino told the crowd that her "favorite place in the world is Kentucky."

BLUE-WHITE SCRIMMAGE #3 Nov. 2, Winchester

BLUE (92) — Woods 5-10 2-4 12, Feldhaus 9-17 2-2 20, Bearup 0-5 1-4 1, Thomas 2-6 0-0 5, Thompson 5-8 4-4 16, Hanson 12-25 1-3 25, Toomer 5-13 0-0 13.

Totals 38-84 10-17 92.

WHITE (99) — Ford 8-18 7-11 28, Brassow 2-11 0-1 4, Braddy 3-5 0-0 6, Mashburn 10-21 5-6 27, Farmer 2-4 0-0 5, Davis 0-2 0-0 0, Pelphrey 11-23 1-1 25, Martinez 1-6 2-2 4.

Totals 37-90 15-21 99.

Field-goal shooting: Blue 45.2, White 41.1. 3-point field-goal shooting: Blue 26.0, White 35.7. Free-throw shooting: Blue 58.8, White 71.4. 3-point goals: Blue 6 (Thomas, Thompson 2, Toomer 3), White 10 (Ford 5, Mashburn 2, Farmer 1, Pelphrey 2). Rebounds: Blue 32 (Hanson 12), White 43 (Mashburn 13). Assists: Blue 20 (Woods 14), White 15 (Pelphrey 7). Turnovers: Blue 20, White 21. Attendance: 4,250.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

One Year Ago

✓ Sterling Ward and Albert Burks deflected a Vanderbilt pass in the end zone with time elapsed to give UK a 15-11 win at Nashville, ending a 14-game on-the-road losing streak for the Wildcats. The win also ended a current four-game losing streak and gave the Wildcats a 6-3 record going into the final two games of the season.

UK sophomore tailback Mike Thomas rushed 20 times for 96 yards and a touchdown. Alfred Rawls had 61 yards on 18 carries. Ken Willis kicked three field goals. Quarterback Freddie Maggard, who engineered the winning drive, completed 11 of 21 passes for 127 yards. Vandy's Jeff Healey was 12 of 25 for 210 yards. Healey threw two interceptions.

✓ Carlos Toomer, a 6-foot-4 projected point guard who averaged 10 points and five

rebounds last season for Corinth (Miss.) High School, has made an oral commitment to play basketball for the University of Kentucky.

Toomer thus becomes the second high school player to commit to new UK coach Rick Pitino, who earlier got a commitment from Jamal Mashburn, 6-8 swingman from Cardinal Hayes High in the Bronx, N.Y.

Meanwhile, Eric Montross, a seven-footer who averaged 21 points and 13 rebounds for Lawrence High School in Indianapolis, Ind., and is rated the top high school big man in the country, announced he has narrowed his college list to Indiana, Michigan and North Carolina.

✓ University of Kentucky athletics director C.M. Newton was released recently from the Coronary Care Unit of a Lexington hospital, where he was admitted because of an irregular heartbeat. Dr. James Borders,

Newton's physician, said Newton did not suffer a heart attack. Tests were conducted to determine the cause of the irregular pulse.

10 Years Ago

✓ Larry McCrimmon hit 19 of 30 passes for 272 yards and one touchdown as the Wildcats defeated Vanderbilt 31-10 before a near full house (54,522) on a beautiful homecoming day at Commonwealth Stadium.

Vanderbilt cut a 17-0 UK lead to 17-10, but the Wildcats forged ahead to win their second SEC game of the season and their third victory in nine outings as they broke a four-game losing streak.

15 Years Ago

✓ UK basketball coach Joe B. Hall says he is very surprised and pleased after his Wildcats held their first intrasquad scrimmage game in Elizabethtown. The White team defeated the Blue team 100-82. Freshman Truman Claytor had 22 points, Rick Robey 20. Jack Givens 10 and Larry Johnson 14 for the Whites. The Blues were led by Merion Haskins with 21 points, James

Lee with 17 and Mike Phillips with 16. In their second scrimmage, the Whites won 130-85. Givens poured in 35 points and Robey 32. Phillips had 28 and Claytor 19. Bob Fowler, a frosh, had 24 points and James Lee 22.

20 Years Ago

✓ Two hundred and twenty points were scored as UK held a basketball scrimmage and the 'Cats received other good news when it was learned that guard Mike Casey did not have a bone chip in his right thumb. Kent Hollebeck scored 34 points, Tom Parker 29, Stan Key 25, Terry Mills and Larry Steele 21 each. Larry Stamper had 16 rebounds.

✓ Doug Kotar was the leading rusher on this year's freshman team, which compiled a 4-1 record. Kotar averaged 6.6 yards per carry in gaining 508 yards. Mark Campbell gained 346 yards and quarterback Mike Fanuzzi 305. Frank LeMaster had 210. Fanuzzi hit 47.3 percent of his passes for 316 yards. Jeff Woodcock had 14 receptions, Jack Alvarez 10.

WILDCAT QUIZ

Vanderbilt-Kentucky

1. True or False? Vanderbilt has never defeated UK in Commonwealth Stadium.

2. Who is Vandy's new offensive coordinator? Hint: He used to hold the same title at Tennessee.

- a) Ron Case
- b) Bob Weber
- c) Bill Schmitz
- d) Doug Matthews

3. Which program leads the Vandy-UK series?

4. Which Commodore back caught 15 passes for 653 yards last season?

- a) Brad Gaines
- b) Corey Harris
- c) Eric Carter
- d) Tom Jackson

5. How many turnovers did UK cause versus Vandy last year?

- a) Two
- b) Four
- c) Six
- d) Eight

6. Which former Vandy receiver caught a 75-yard TD pass vs. UK in 1987?

- a) Chuck Scott
- b) Keith Edwards
- c) Carl Parker
- d) Preston Brown

7. This former Vandy kicker booted a 53-yard field goal against UK in 1984.

- a) Johnny Clark
- b) Ricky Anderson
- c) Chuck Boyd

c) Alan Herline

8. Which Vandy assistant coach returned a punt 89 yards against Davidson back in 1968?

- a) Greg Mantooth
- b) Ron Case
- c) Doug Matthews
- d) Rick Christophel
- e) Bill Schmitz

9. Name the former U of L head coach who now coaches outside linebackers at Vanderbilt.

- a) Steve Sloan
- b) Bill Pace
- c) Bob Weber
- d) Tom Weber

10. True or False? Vanderbilt coach Watson Brown has never defeated UK as head coach.



Answers

- 10. False (Won in '87, '88-'89)
- 9. Bob Weber
- 8. Doug Matthews
- 7. Ricky Anderson
- 6. Carl Parker

- 1. True
- 2. Doug Matthews
- 3. Vanderbilt (30-28-4)
- 4. Corey Harris
- 5. Six

Oscar Combs

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delayed before. While it's certainly true UK has appeared to have enjoyed more success at night, UK might want to expand the night games into November

when such clubs as Florida and Tennessee come to Lexington. Most UK fans I know would take sub-zero weather for victories over those two schools...The lawsuit brought by former UK assistant Dwane Casey against Emery Worldwide Freight has been settled out of court and Casey, apparently, was on the receiving end of the settlement. Though part of the settlement stipulated that details would not be revealed, sources say Casey could retire off to some Pacific island if he should so choose, but here's guessing Casey will continue to fight for his right to get back in coaching. He has said in

SAMUELS

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off. He and Baker recently told that to youngsters at Russell Cave Elementary. He feels they got the message.

"If it comes easy its not worth having," he says.

Terry Samuels had never really had it easy. Born in Louisville, he and his younger brother have been reared by Findy, a strong, determined woman.

"My father and mother never really worked things out," Samuels said. "But my mother has compensated for not having a father around. She tells me, 'Terry, your father is around. You have a father up there.' She would then illustrate her point by pointing skyward."

Terry says Timothy, 17, brings out the best in him. He is determined to be a good role model.

"Sometimes he will call me up and tell me he saw me on the replay," Samuels said. "We were rivals and we fought as kids. Still do...but it's because we miss each other."

Terry feels it is very important to be a good role model for Timothy. It wasn't easy growing up in Louisville. One can stray. And he doesn't want that to happen to his younger brother.

The two brothers and Findy never wanted

for anything. Findy saw to that. Food was always on the Samuels table even if there weren't a few of the luxuries other kids had.

Terry was busy as a kid. He played all sports and his idle time was never a devil's workshop. Mom saw to that. "My mother kept me in church," Terry said. "She was always trying to keep me busy and occupied." Samuels was never a bad kid. Mischievous, perhaps. Like two weeks ago when he put hot ice in Salim Shahid's underwear. "He came down the hall screaming," Samuels said, laughing. "I've always done things like that."

But Samuels is dead serious these days about his academics. The suspension has seen to that. He comes in early to get his work done.

"I want to get my academics up," he says. "I got behind early. I'm trying to do better. They are strict on me but I understand what they are doing."

Samuels said a lot of people are telling him the pros may also be in his future. But he's not quite sure what lies ahead in the business world.

"I've got some possibilities," he says. "But my main goal is simple. I would like to take care of my family."

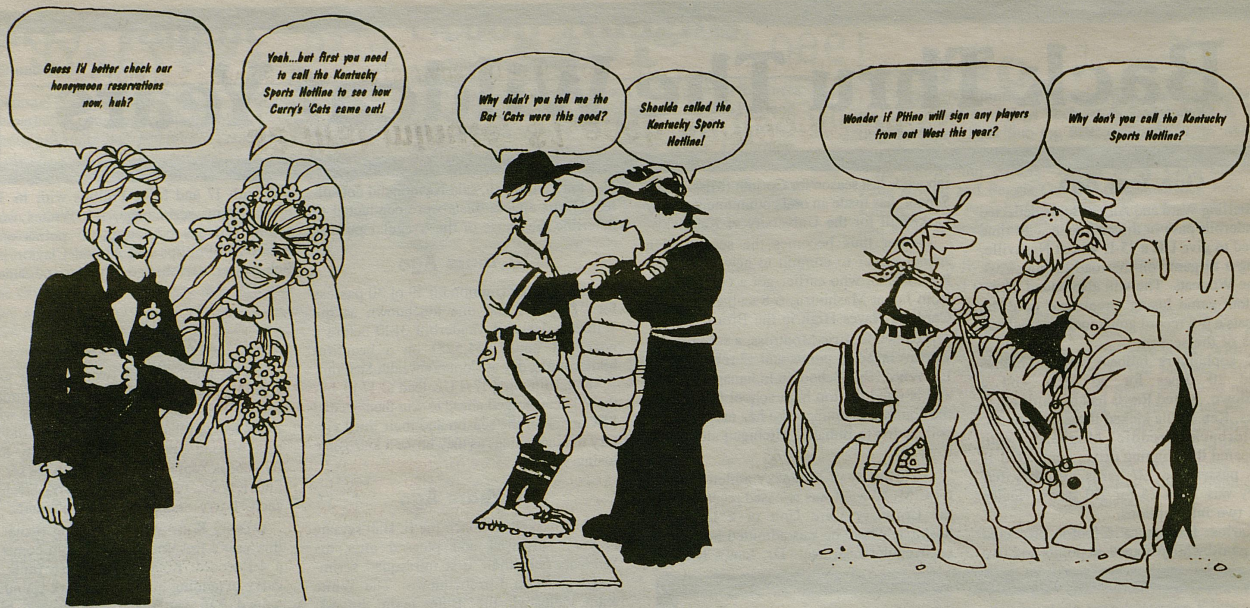
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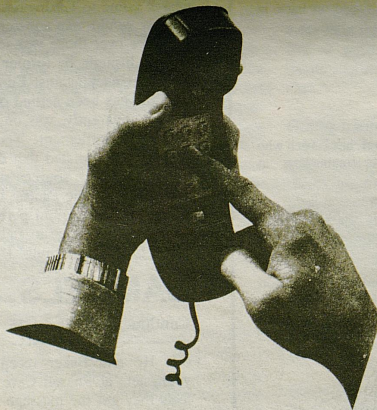
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