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On Walker's  
List Of Priorities**

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NCAA Selection Committee*

**Dick Parsons  
Remembers  
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# UK Basketball Statistics

1984-85 UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY BASKETBALL STATISTICS (28 GAMES)

Overall:	16-12	Home:	11-3	Neutral:	1-1	Away:	4-8	SEC:	11-8
<b>Player</b>	<b>G-GS</b>	<b>Field Goals</b>	<b>Free Throws</b>	<b>Rebounds</b>	<b>PF-D</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>High</b>
Kenny	28-28	218-397-54.9	199-261-76.2	291-10.4	80-1	35	53	635-22.7	36-KAN
WALKER	(C)19-19	152-265-57.4	137-182-75.3	204-10.7	59-1	24	43	441-23.2	33-TENN
Ed	28-9	80-198-40.4	71-95-74.7	34-1.2	52-1	76	68	231-8.3	27-ETS
DAVENDER	(C)19-9	56-140-40.0	47-67-70.1	29-1.5	35-0	56	49	159-8.4	22-LSU
Winston	27-24	78-182-42.9	47-71-66.2	151-5.6	98-9	20	52	203-7.5	14-LOU
BENNETT	(C)19-19	53-121-43.8	30-46-65.2	107-5.6	73-7	15	33	136-7.2	14-FLA
Bret	28-28	73-168-43.5	38-57-66.7	163-5.8	84-5	23	31	184-6.6	13-TENN
BEARUP	(C)19-19	49-101-48.5	28-43-65.1	109-5.7	58-4	13	17	126-6.6	13-TENN
Jess	26-18	65-152-42.8	20-33-60.6	34-1.3	50-1	60	34	150-5.8	17-TOL
BLACKMON	(C)18-14	37-92-40.2	8-15-53.3	23-1.3	35-1	36	21	80-4.4	16-GA
Roger	27-25	55-146-37.7	23-29-79.3	40-1.5	53-0	125	45	133-4.9	12-LOU
HARDEN	(C)19-17	38-105-36.2	20-25-80.0	27-1.4	39-0	87	32	96-3.1	12-VAN
Richard	21-0	39-102-38.2	23-28-82.1	62-3.0	31-1	13	25	101-4.8	16-IND
MADISON	(C)13-0	14-45-31.1	15-18-83.3	23-1.8	14-0	6	10	43-3.3	14-AUB
Troy	25-1	53-97-56.6	9-10-90.0	24-1.0	20-0	18	10	115-4.6	4-OM
MCKINLEY	(C)18-1	44-83-53.0	5-6-83.3	15-0.8	19-0	13	8	93-5.2	14-OM
Faul	19-4	20-43-46.5	1-2-50.0	8-0.4	24-0	17	9	41-2.2	8-SMU
ANDREWS	(C)12-1	9-22-40.9	1-2-50.0	3-0.3	12-0	14	2	19-1.6	7-ALA
Robert	24-4	12-40-30.0	6-15-40.0	50-2.1	42-1	5	11	30-1.3	8-TENN
LOCK	(C)15-0	7-17-41.1	4-9-44.4	27-1.8	18-0	3	7	18-1.2	8-TENN
Cedric	17-0	3-9-33.3	4-7-57.1	23-1.4	7-0	6	10	0-0.6	3-VAN
JENKINS	(C)11-0	3-3-100.0	4-6-66.7	16-1.5	6-0	0	5	10-0.9	3-VAN
Todd	9-0	1-4-25.0	0-4-00.0	4-0.4	0-0	0	0	2-0.2	2-VAN
ZIEGLER	(C)4-0	1-3-33.3	0-3-00.0	3-0.8	0-0	0	0	2-0.5	2-VAN
Leroy	9-0	1-2-50.0	0-1-00.0	2-0.2	7-0	3	3	2-0.2	2-TENN
BYRD	(C)6-0	1-2-50.0	0-0-00.0	2-0.3	4-0	2	2	2-0.3	2-TENN
<b>Team</b>				57			3		

Kentucky	28	698-1540-45.3	441-613-71.9	943-33.7	548-19	395	350	1837-65.6	92-TENN
(C)19		464-999-46.4	299-420-71.2	631-33.2	371-13	269	227	1227-64.6	92-TENN
Opponents	28	701-1492-47.0	369-540-68.3	886-31.6	578-17	423	363	1771-63.3	89-KAN
(C)19		468-1004-46.6	247-367-67.3	593-31.2	392-13	274	217	1183-62.3	82-SMU

MINUTES PLAYED: Walker 1029-36.8, Bennett 772-28.6, Bearup 750-26.8, Harden 671-24.9, Blackmon 599-23.0, Davenport 642-22.9, Madison 330-15.7, McKinley 338-13.4, Andrews 180-9.5, Lock 187-7.8, Jenkins 66-3.9, Byrd 14-1.6, Ziegler 13-1.4

BLOCKED SHOTS: Walker 33, Bearup 17, Lock 7, Bennett 6, Madison 3, Jenkins 2, Davenport 2 (UK 71, Opp. 49)

STEALS: Davenport 28, Walker 27, Blackmon 27, Bennett 23, Harden 23, Bearup 12, Madison 6, McKinley 5, Lock 2, Andrews 2, Jenkins 2, Byrd 1 (UK 158, Opp. 165)

DEAD BALL REBOUNDS: Kentucky 58, Opponents 68

GAME	RESULTS			
	UK-Opp	Attend	High Scorer	High Rebounder
Toledo (H, Nov. 27)	63-54	23,129	Walker, Blackmon 17	Walker 9
Purdue (A, Dec. 1)	56-56	14,123	Walker, Blackmon 16	Walker 7
SMU (H, Dec. 4)	54-56	22,846	Walker 19	Walker 7
Indiana (A, Dec. 8)	68-81	17,214	Walker, Madison 16	Bearup 11
Louisville (A, Dec. 15)	64-71	19,487	Walker 32	Walker 15
East Tenn. (UKIT, Dec. 21)	69-54	21,300	Davenport 27	Walker 9
Cincinnati (UKIT, Dec. 22)	66-55	23,102	Walker 18	Walker 9
Kansas (Louisville, Dec. 31)	92-89	18,920	Walker 36	Walker 19
Auburn (H, Jan. 2)	68-61	22,867	Walker 24	Walker 13
North Carolina St. (H, Jan. 5)	78-62	23,775	Walker 28	Walker 8
Vanderbilt (H, Jan. 7)	75-58	23,432	Walker 22	Walker 10
Mississippi (A, Jan. 9)	57-45	5,479	Walker 28	Walker 12
Alabama (A, Jan. 12)	58-60	15,043	Walker 25	Walker 14
Mississippi State (H, Jan. 16)	58-57	23,628	Walker 15	Walker 8
Florida (H, Jan. 19)	55-67	23,325	Walker 26	Bennett 11
Georgia (A, Jan. 23)	73-81	10,163	Walker 28	Walker 17
Tennessee (A, Jan. 27)	68-61	12,700	Walker 23	Walker 9
LSU (H, Jan. 31)	53-43	22,135	Walker 21	Bearup 8
Auburn (A, Feb. 2)	49-47	10,672	Walker 15	Bennett 8
Vanderbilt (A, Feb. 7)	68-62	15,626	Walker 31	Walker 15
Vanderbilt (H, Feb. 9)	67-52	23,232	Walker 33	Walker 13
Alabama (H, Feb. 13)	51-48	21,125	Walker 19	Walker 8
Mississippi State (A, Feb. 16)	69-82	9,799	Walker 27	Walker 12
Florida (A, Feb. 20)	76-68	10,884	Walker, Davenport 17	Bearup 9
Georgia (H, Feb. 24)	77-79	23,230	Walker 25	Walker 12
Tennessee (H, Feb. 28)	92-67	23,820	Walker 33	Walker 18
LSU (A, Mar. 2)	61-67	13,446	Davenport 22	Walker 13
Florida (B'ham-SEC Tourney)	55-58	13,300	Bennett 14	Walker 8

1984-85 Kentucky Basketball Superlatives		
TEAM		
Points	Kentucky	Opponents
Fewest Points	92-Kansas, Tennessee	89-Kansas
Field Goals Made	49-Auburn	43-LSU
Field Goals Att.	37-Tennessee	37-Kansas
Free Throws Att.	79-Kansas	66-Kansas/Florida
Free Throws Made	55-Georgia	66-Indiana
Rebounds	34.8-Alabama	29-1-Cincinnati
Most Fouls	34-N.C. State	30-Purdue, Miss. State
Fewest Fouls	37-N.C. State/Kansas	41-Purdue
Assists	94.4-Vanderbilt	100.0-East Tennessee St.
Most Turnovers	51-Kansas	42-Alabama, Florida
Fewest Turnovers	34-Purdue	28-N.C. State/Kansas
	10-East Tenn. St.	13-Louisville
	21-Kansas/Georgia	27-Kansas
	22-Purdue	14-Cadiz (Purdue)
	6-Florida	25-N.C. State
		2-Vanderbilt
INDIVIDUAL		
Points	36-Walker vs. Kansas	34-Brooks (Tennessee)
Field Goals Made	14-Walker vs. Louisville	14-Brooks (Tennessee)
Field Goals Att.	25-Walker vs. Louisville	22-Laird (Ole Miss)
Free Throws Made	13-Walker vs. Vandy/Ole Miss	13-Cadiz (Purdue)
Free Throws Att.	20-Walker vs. Kansas	14-Cadiz (Purdue)
Rebounds	19-Walker vs. Kansas	15-Koncak (SMU)
Assists	12-Harden vs. Tennessee	11-Webb (N.C. State)
Blocked Shots	4-Koncak vs. Cincinnati	4-Koncak (SMU)

## NCAA sites, seedings

(All Times TBA, seedings in parentheses)  
EAST REGIONAL

**First Round**  
Thursday, March 14, at Hartford, Conn.  
Georgetown (1) 30-2, vs. Lehigh (16) 12-18; Temple (8) 24-5, vs. Virginia Tech (9) 20-8; Southern Methodist (5) 22-9, vs. Old Dominion (12) 19-11; Loyola, Ill. (4) 25-5, vs. Iowa (13) 26-4  
Friday, March 15, at Atlanta  
Georgia (6) 21-8, vs. Wichita St. (11) 18-12; Illinois (3) 24-8, vs. Northeastern (14) 22-8; Syracuse (7) 21-8, vs. DePaul (10) 19-9; Georgia Tech (2) 24-7, vs. Mercer (15) 22-8  
**Second Round**  
Saturday, March 16, at Hartford, Conn.  
Georgetown-Lehigh winner vs. Temple-Va. Tech winner; SMU-Old Dominion vs. Loyola-Iowa winner  
Sunday, March 17, at Atlanta  
Georgia-Wichita St. winner vs. Illinois-Northeastern winner; Syracuse-DePaul winner vs. Georgia Tech-Mercer winner  
Semifinals  
Thursday, March 21, at Providence, R.I.  
Saturday's second-round winners; Sunday's second-round winners  
Championship  
Sunday, March 23, at Providence, R.I.  
Semifinal winners

## SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

**First Round**  
Thursday, March 14, at South Bend, Ind.  
Purdue (6) 20-8, vs. Auburn (11) 20-11; Kansas (3) 24-7, vs. Ohio U. (14) 22-7; Notre Dame (7) 20-8, vs. Oregon St. (10) 22-8; North Carolina (2) 24-8, vs. Middle Tennessee (15) 17-13  
Friday, March 15, at Dayton, Ohio  
Michigan (1) 25-3, vs. Fairleigh Dickinson (16) 21-9; Villanova (8) 19-10, vs. Dayton (9) 19-9; Maryland (5) 23-11, vs. Miami, Ohio (12) 20-10; Louisiana St. (4) 19-9, vs. Navy (13) 25-5  
**Second Round**  
Saturday, March 16, at South Bend, Ind.  
Purdue-Auburn winner vs. Kansas-Ohio winner; Notre Dame-Oregon St. winner vs. N. Carolina-Middle Tenn. winner  
Sunday, March 17, at Dayton, Ohio  
Michigan-FDU winner vs. Villanova-Dayton winner; Maryland-Miami, Ohio winner vs. LSU-Navy winner  
Semifinals  
Friday, March 22, at Birmingham, Ala.  
Saturday's second-round winners; Sunday's second-round winners  
Championship  
Sunday, March 24, at Birmingham, Ala.  
Semifinal winners

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

**First Round**  
Thursday, March 14, at Tulsa, Okla.  
Oklahoma (1) 28-5, vs. North Carolina A&T (16) 19-9; Southern California (8) 19-9, vs. Illinois St. (9) 21-7; Louisiana Tech (5) 27-2, vs. Pittsburgh (12) 17-11; Ohio St. (4) 19-9, vs. Iowa St. (13) 21-12  
Friday, March 15, at Houston  
Texas Tech (6) 23-7, vs. Boston College (11) 18-10; Duke (3) 22-7, vs. Pepperdine (14) 23-8; Alabama-Birmingham (7) 24-8, vs. Michigan St. (10) 19-9; Memphis St. (2) 27-3, vs. Pennsylvania (15) 13-13  
**Second Round**  
Saturday, March 16, at Tulsa, Okla.  
Oklahoma-N.C. A&T winner vs. Southern Cal-Illinois St. winner; La. Tech-Pitt winner vs. Ohio St.-Iowa St. winner  
Sunday, March 17, at Houston  
Texas Tech-Boston Coll. winner vs. Duke-Pepperdine winner; Ala.-Birmingham-Michigan St. winner vs. Memphis St.-Penn. winner  
Semifinals  
Thursday, March 21, at Dallas  
Saturday's second-round winners; Sunday's second-round winners  
Championship  
Saturday, March 23  
Semifinal winners

## WEST REGIONAL

**First Round**  
Thursday, March 14, at Salt Lake City, Utah  
St. John's (1) 27-3, vs. Southern U. (16) 19-10; Iowa (8) 21-10, vs. Arkansas (9) 21-12; Washington (5) 22-9, vs. Kentucky (12) 16-12; at 11:37 EST: Nevada-Las Vegas (4) 27-3, vs. San Diego St. (13) 23-7  
Friday, March 15, at Albuquerque, N.M.  
Tulsa (6) 25-7, vs. Texas-El Paso (11) 21-9; North Carolina St. (3) 20-9, vs. Nevada-Reno (14) 21-9; Alabama (7) 21-9, vs. Arizona (10) 21-9; Virginia Commonwealth (2) 25-5, vs. Marshall (15) 21-12  
**Second Round**  
Saturday, March 16, at Salt Lake City, Utah  
St. John's-Southern U. winner vs. Iowa-Arkansas winner; Washington-Kentucky winner vs. UNLV-San Diego St. winner  
Sunday, March 17, at Albuquerque, N.M.  
Alabama-Arizona winner vs. VCU-Marshall winner  
Semifinals  
Friday, March 22, at Denver  
Saturday's second-round winners; Sunday's second-round winners  
Championship  
Sunday, March 24, at Denver  
Semifinal winners

## The Final Four, At Lexington, Ky.

Semifinal, Saturday, March 30  
East Champion vs. West Champion; Southeast Champion vs. Midwest Champion  
Championship, Monday, April 1  
Semifinal winners



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## Cats Hit Trail For Western Frontier

Go West, young man!

Those were the sweet words which were delivered to the Kentucky Wildcats late Sunday by the NCAA Basketball Selection Committee.

"I couldn't be happier," beamed Kentucky coach Joe B. Hall, "we're so excited I don't know what to say except the road to Lexington begins in Salt Lake City."

Kentucky's invitation was somewhat of a surprise to many basketball experts around the country who thought that the Wildcats' 16-12 mark would leave them home for an NIT berth.

The NCAA committee thought otherwise, noting the Wildcats' awesome non-conference schedule which included the likes of Kansas, SMU, Purdue, North Carolina State, Cincinnati, Louisville and Indiana. All are in either the NCAA or the NIT.

Once in the field, the Wildcats were sent as far west as possible in quest of earning a spot in the Final Four at Lexington later this month.

If the Wildcats were successful as a Cinderella team, the Cats could well have to beat teams such as Washington, Nevada-Las Vegas, St. John's and someone like North Carolina State, VCU, Tulsa or Alabama.

In other words, the Road to Lexington is anything but a cakewalk for anyone in the West.

But when you're a 16-12 Kentucky, you're just mighty happy to be invited. And that, the Wildcats are.

Kentucky's first round game with Pac-10 co-champion Washington should be a good one with the Wildcats a four or five-point underdog. It's one of the best opening round matchups as evidenced by CBS-TV's decision to televise the contest beginning at 11:30 p.m. Eastern time, from Salt Lake City.

Coach Marv Harshman, who is retiring after his team's final game in the NCAA, and his Huskies were one of the nation's top ten favorites in the pre-season, but injuries took a toll, in midseason before Washington regrouped and bounced back in the late going to take co-champ honors.

Washington's big guns are a pair of West Germans, 6-9 Detlef Schremf and 7-0 center Chris Welp, a 240-pound sophomore. Schremf is the team's leading scorer at 15.8 ppg and leading rebounds at 8.0 rpg while Welp scores at 13.1 ppg and 7.0 rpg.

Forward Paul Fortier, at 6-9, 210 pounds, gives Washington an awesome front line. He scores at 13.1 ppg and 6.4 rpg. Guards are Clay Damon and Shag Williams, a pair of 6-3 youngsters who score at 9.1 ppg and 5.1 ppg respectively.

For the Wildcats to have an opportunity to upset the Huskies, UK

will have to be patient with a Washington defense which has checked opponents at only 43.4 percent from the field. Washington also holds a decisive 34.3 to 26.6 edge in rebounding over opponents.

Perhaps Washington's biggest asset of all could be the fact that the Pac-10 does not use a 45-second clock and Kentucky will be playing in only its second contest of the season without the clock.

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Kentucky's journey to the West is the first time in more than a decade that the Wildcats have ventured west of the Mississippi River for a post season basketball game.

If Kentucky has an advantage in this contest, it will be the Wildcats' stiff competition throughout the season. UK has played all kinds of defenses and offenses so anything which Washington might throw at the Cats shouldn't be new.

Actually, Washington's attack might remind Kentucky of the Wildcat team a year ago when the Twin Towers roamed the hardwoods. Washington has tall timber and likes to employ a power game inside.

Keys for the Wildcats could be the defensive jobs turned in by center Bret Bearup and forward Winston Bennett and how much relief the Cats can count on from freshman Richard Madison.

Offensively, will the Wildcats be able to spring Kenny Walker loose so he can work inside. On the other hand, will Walker be able to shoot over the Washington giants. Walker has faced only a couple true big men (Uwe Blab and Joe Koncak) this season.

Washington and Kentucky did not face any common opponents this season, but the Huskies did whip the likes of Fresno State (53-45), Texas Tech (59-57), Iowa State (72-59), Nevada-Reno (74-62), while losing to Georgia Tech (65-58), Duke (71-59) and Notre Dame (57-50).

Based on comparative opponents, the toughness of schedule and actual game results, this game has the making of a toss-up, perhaps with a slight edge to Washington on overall experience and the conference co-title.

Only one senior will be in the starting five for each team. On a neutral floor, one outstanding athlete can mean the difference. Look for Kentucky to spring an upset by three.

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To say Kentucky was perplexed with the SEC tourney last week would be understating the situation.

The Wildcats appeared to have the Florida game well within hand the entire first half and even as late as the midway point of the second half, but tournaments have a way of misleading a team with single-digit leads.

More than once last week, teams

with eight and nine-point leads early in the game stumbled to losses in the final half. Kentucky was one of those teams. Alabama was another in the championship game against Auburn. North Carolina danced to the same sad music against Georgia Tech in the ACC finals and Indiana suffered the same fate against Michigan.

Kentucky's loss to Florida wasn't totally unexpected in as much as the conference is so well balanced today. People laughed at such a theory a few years ago. Seven champions in seven years is proof enough.

Of course, no one wore more egg on his face than yours truly last week while picking Kentucky to beat Florida, especially in light of having picked the other eight games right on the head.

Practically every person I ran into last week in Birmingham wondered if I had lost my marbles by picking Auburn. I'm happy to report my marbles are still in place.

What most fans don't realize is that tournaments, more often than not, are for losers, not winners. Those who have endured the long double round-robin schedules have proved their worth and earned their trophies. Losers are still grasping for that one last hope.

The pressure is on the team expected to win. Underdogs play loose and free, nothing to lose and everything to gain. And that's why upsets are plentiful in post season tourney.

Another reason is fan support. When was the last time you watched a neutral crowd pull for the favorite? Probably nine out of ten times, the average fan pulls for the underdog. It's the American way, you know.

Like this week. There won't be too many people pulling for the likes of Georgetown, St. John's, Memphis State, Michigan and Oklahoma, unless you're one of their fans.

Take Auburn for instance. Sonny Smith is everyone's darling. He's had a tough year. He beat the system by telling it to find another whippin' boy and told Auburn he would not return.

When Alabama lined up against the Tigers Saturday night in Birmingham, it's a sane bet that every Kentucky, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Georgia, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, LSU and Florida fans was rooting for Sonny Smith and his Tigers. You know the rest.

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It's been seven years since that final slam dunk by James Lee sealed Kentucky's 94-88 win over Duke in the 1978 NCAA Championship in St.

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PROBABLE STARTERS:



KENTUCKY

		PPG	RPG
F	34 - Kenny Walker (6-8, junior)	22.7	10.7
F	25 - Winston Bennett (6-7, sophomore)	7.5	5.6
C	24 - Bret Bearup (6-9, senior)	6.6	5.8
G	23 - Roger Harden (6-2, junior)	4.9	1.5
G	15 - Ed Davender (6-1, freshman)	8.3	1.2

WASHINGTON

F	22 - Detlef Schremf (6-9, senior)	15.8	8.0
F	33 - Paul Fortier (6-9, junior)	13.1	6.4
C	40 - Christian Welp (7-0, sophomore)	13.1	7.0
G	12 - Clay Damon (6-3, sophomore)	9.1	1.9
G	32 - Shag Williams (6-3, junior)	5.1	2.7

# Recipe For NCAA Champ

Ingredients make the cook. As all weekend chefs know: if a dish is good, it's because of the right ingredients.

And as all college coaches know: if a team is to do well in the NCAA tournament then they must have the right ingredients. (Coaches might not use the word ingredient, but the term is still adequate for the story.)

If a recipe...uh team, wants to win the coveted title, certain things must fall into place. And if a team has all the ingredients -- look out!

My culinary expertise may not range beyond the peanut-butter and jelly sandwich stage. And even though my basketball knowledge may not be of gourmet status, I will try to serve you the key ingredients in making an NCAA champion:



## Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

**Team Concepts** -- When in the tourney, more than anything players must realize they're playing for their college, college town, state, and their teammates. Everyone on the squad needs to work as a team -- no crying or pouting because they didn't score their regular season average on a given night. All individual statistics need to be forgotten and all ears should be tuned in to their coach's wise guidance. Not to say that a team shouldn't look for their star player to score 30 points a game, but everything must be geared toward a team effort.

**Good Play From The Bench:** When the brackets are completed for the NCAA tourney, it is considered, with some exceptions, 64 of the best teams in the nation were invited. Besides the obvious (Georgetown and Michigan, compared to Middle Tennessee and Marshall) most of the teams are at an even keel. But if one team's initial five doesn't get off to a good start, the door is then left wide open for the opponent to take advantage of the opportunity. So, a team that can go seven or eight deep will have a definite edge over less fortunate competition.

Ask Coach Joe B. Hall how important it is to have quality depth in NCAA play. If not for depth, Kentucky might not have won the '78 title.

In their first-round game against Florida State in Knoxville, the No. 1 team found itself behind at halftime 39-32. To start the second half Coach Hall started reserves LaVon Williams, Freddie Cowan and Dwayne Casey, along with regulars Mike Phillips and Kyle Macy.

When the final second ticked off Stokely's scoreboard the Wildcats were winners, defeating the Seminoles 85-76, which enabled Kentucky to continue their championship quest.

The UK coach was able to apply some incentive to the three benched starters by putting in three strong replacements. Casey, Cowan and Williams were definitely contributors during the 'Cats' title drive, and they'll be remembered as such.

North Carolina, Indiana, Georgetown and others have always depended on the strong bench in the NCAA tournament. It's a nice asset to have. Coaches try not to leave home without it.

**A Good Draw** -- Playing sites and being paired against certain opponents are key factors. If a team can play close to home (or on its home court for that matter) then this ingredient can be a positive ally.

Familiar surroundings, less travel time and large supportive crowds can be a big help. Even though the situation can backfire, schools have benefited like: LSU (won the Midwest Regionals in New Orleans in 1981), Alabama-Birmingham (defeated Ralph Sampson and Virginia in Birmingham in a 1982 Mideast Regional semi-final contest), Middle Tennessee (in 1982 shocked Kentucky in nearby Nashville during a Mideast game) and Kentucky (captured the Mideast Regionals by beating Illinois last year in friendly Rupp Arena).

Within the brackets lie many unexpected upsets. If a squad is lucky enough to play a team which is coming off an upset victory in the tourney, then that squad may hold the upper hand.

After an upset win, it's hard for a team to get fired up for another game within a limited number of days. It's not impossible for a team to pull off two, three, or four upsets, but with each game the odds of winning get less and less likely.

**Edge on Scouting** -- NCAA games are played on almost every night or day of the week. With this in mind, it's tough to get the inside word on the upcoming opponent. If coaches have the opportunity to scout a game concerning their next opponent, it's a very vital advantage, though all coaches usually have their assistants scout possible future opponents.

It helps if a team has already played their tourney opponent during the regular season. And if a coach knows some sort of tidbit about the opposing squad, believe me he'll use it to his advantage. When it comes tourney time smart college mentors leaves no stone unturned. To my knowledge, I can't think of a dumb coach winning the NCAA, can you?

**Consistency** -- Whatever it is: exceptional outside shooting, relying on tenacious defense or a patient offense, a team must be more consistent in the tournament than in regular season action. If a team has to change its strategy in post-season play because of poor execution, the squad will be sent packing. Mass confusion erupts when a coach has to change his strategy during the regular campaign, not to mention the NCAA. The less confusion, the better.

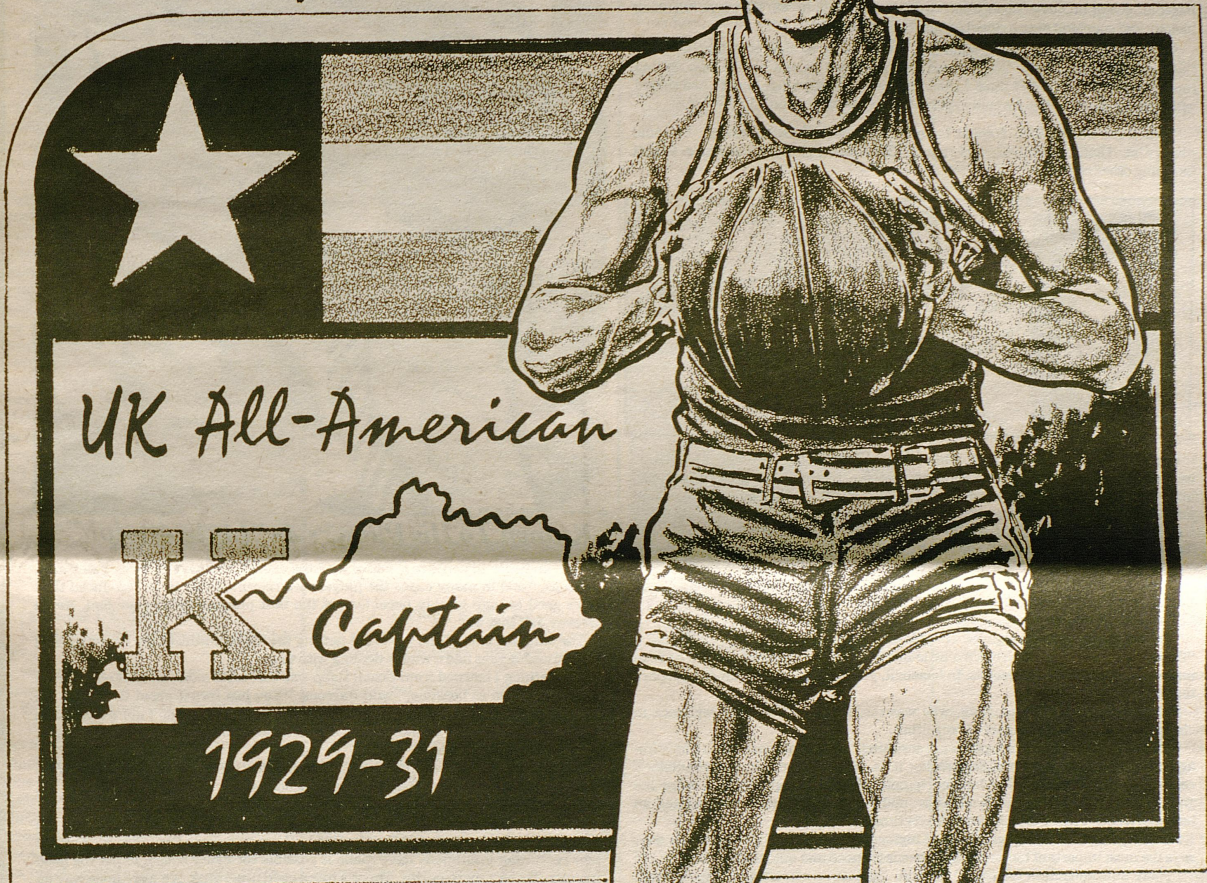
**Clutch Play Down The Stretch** -- Close contests are inevitable in the NCAA. In the tourney every champion has almost always been involved in one close duel. Not being able to hold on to a lead or being outplayed during crucial moments is a definite no-no. Nothing else should be said. Like I mentioned before, it's inevitable.

**Luck** -- This may be the most key ingredient of all. Hitting the 50-footer, getting the close calls, receiving a lucky draw or anything else that has to do with magical wonders is a necessity for a successful NCAA tourney. You know the ole saying, "It's better to be lucky than good."

So comes the end of this recipe for the NCAA hopefuls. You can agree or disagree with these important ingredients. Anyway, I never said I was a cook.



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# Parsons Enjoys The Homelife

## Liked Coaching Baseball Best

After graduation from the University of Kentucky in 1961, Dick Parsons was an assistant football coach at Glasgow High School for two years and basketball and baseball coach at Boyle County in Danville from 1963 to '68. He chose teaching biology and coaching over a possible baseball career.

"At the time, when I was graduating, I was going to sign with the Brooklyn Dodgers," Parsons said. "There wasn't a draft then so you had to sign up and report to camp. But I didn't think I would make a good showing. And if I had signed with a major league club, I would eventually have been drafted into the Army.

"I've often wondered if I could have made it," Parsons continued. "I could always hit. That's the only thing I regret, that I didn't give it an attempt. I don't have any other regrets."



## Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

Parsons returned to UK in 1968. While working on his master's degree in 1968-69, he scouted, recruited and helped with the Wildcats' freshman basketball team. He later accepted a part-time assistantship in basketball in addition to his baseball job. After Rupp retired, he became a full-time assistant under Hall.

He was the head baseball coach for three years, from 1970 to 1972, before joining Hall. His teams went 8-19, 18-15 and 16-10-1. And he helped tutor such future professional players as All-SEC outfielder Derrick Bryant, who played for the Oakland A's, second baseman Doug Flynn, who was a key reserve on the Cincinnati Reds' championship teams and currently is with the Montreal Expos and catcher Marvis Foley, now with the Texas Rangers.

"There was no sport I enjoyed coaching more than baseball," said Parsons. "Baseball is a great sport. You're a little more relaxed. In basketball, you have to make a decision every 15 seconds. In baseball, you've got plenty of time to prepare teams."

But he left baseball to join Hall, who was taking over after Rupp had been in charge for 42 years. He did a lot of recruiting.

"The most difficult job in sports is recruiting," said Parsons. "You can't imagine how disappointing and frustrating it is. The competition is incredible. I remember once I went to see Johnny Neuman play in Memphis, Tenn. After the game, there were 18 coaches waiting around to see him. I must have waited an hour and a half. I saw Derrick Hord play 24 times."

Parsons, who has seen as many as 16 high school basketball games in one day, says the most important factor a player needs is speed and quickness.

"There's no substitute for that," he said. "If I were recruiting today, I would recruit kids who could run and had quickness. Any kid who can jump has quickness. The higher the kid can jump, the quicker he is."

Parsons had to spend a lot of time selling the university, yes, but he also found some of the most talented players who didn't believe they were good enough to play for the Wildcats.



## Known To His Players As "Little Adolph"

"It's an honor to come to a school with the great tradition Kentucky has," says Parsons, "and in many cases the players we recruited had to be convinced they were good enough to play here. One of the best players we've ever had, Kevin Grevey, felt that way."

The toughest part of the job is not getting the student-athlete the recruiter was after. But Parsons had a way of dealing with that.

"Something I learned from Coach Rupp was that after a loss he wanted to forget about it as soon as possible," said Parsons. "You just forget about it. You do the best job you can at selling yourself and the program. If you don't get a kid, that's the way it is. The key is showing enough toughness and courage to bounce back. That's what is important."

Parsons stated that recruiting is a life-and-death matter at Kentucky. Well, those may not be the right words but at a school with a winning tradition like UK it's close.

"Some five to 10 years ago, there were 20 top players in the country most of the basketball schools wanted," Parsons said. "Now, it's more like 60 to 80. And the new recruiting limitations have made it possible for every school to get the good players. There's more parity. There's more good programs. We were once way up on top, but now some schools are catching up."

He said the players are getting better and better.

"They're more specialized," Parsons said. "They work at it and work at it."

Parsons cited as an example the fact that in 1948 UK's NCAA championship team shot only 32 percent as a team from the field. On the 1958 title squad, it was 37 percent. But in the 1978 title season, the Wildcats made 54 percent of their field-goal attempts.

"But I do see a difference in players having trouble dealing with coaches that are real demanding," Parsons noted. "Coach Rupp was very demanding. Rupp had little patience for mistakes. But that demand that you perform flawlessly did force you to concentrate a little more. The task for a coach today is to be demanding and yet communicate. You have to reason with kids today. I think the kids are smarter. They're better educated. They know what's going on."

Parsons was such a tough assistant that the players called him "Little Adolph." Parsons said he was tough, but fair.

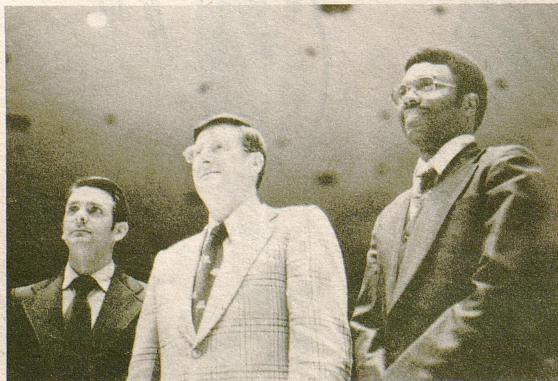
"I was tough on a player if he didn't make breakfast check, go to class, or meet with his academic advisor," said Parsons. "You get criticized for that, but after playing for Rupp criticism doesn't bother you. Criticism and pressure are self-imposed in many cases."

But when Parsons had to make a decision on his future, he got out of coaching. He doesn't rule out a return, however.

"I do miss the game, but I just didn't want to spend anymore time on the road," he stated. "I had a good time recruiting — most of it I did here in Kentucky — but I wanted to spend more time with my youngsters."

Parsons and his wife, the former Celia Lee Cawood of Harlan, have two children: Kathy, 18 and Ed, 21. Kathy, a member of the Dance Kats, is a freshman and Ed is a senior.

"There's more involved than where you're working," said Parsons. "But if you're a recruiter, you're never home. You can't afford to be."



Parsons With Hall And Hamilton

# Comments On UK's NCAA Bid

The following are Kentucky player quotes after learning that they were chosen for NCAA tournament:

**ROGER HARDEN**

(About the name "Kentucky" helping the Wildcats earn an NCAA bid)

I don't know what all was involved. It really doesn't matter to me because all I know is that we're going to Salt Lake. I'm sure Florida is really upset that they didn't get chosen -- they have a better record and beat us twice. But you know, they'll get over it. We're going to Salt Lake City.

(About having the tough pre-SEC schedule this season)

I think that really helped us. I give Coach (Joe) Hall a lot of credit for two reasons: He really prepared us for the conference, and we got to see how we stacked up against some of the better teams in the nation. I think that we're going to go out there and do really well. I really do. I'm really happy that we don't have to end our season on a type of loss that we had against Florida. I think that's a game we should have won. At least we can maybe go out to Salt Lake City and play hard for 40 minutes. If we come up short, at least we played hard for 40 minutes and represented everybody like they should be represented.

(About what he did just prior to the announcement)

I just was sitting around the TV waiting for it to come on with a lot of the fellas. It (the West region) was the first one flashed (on TV) and it was just amazing.

(About if UK didn't get in)

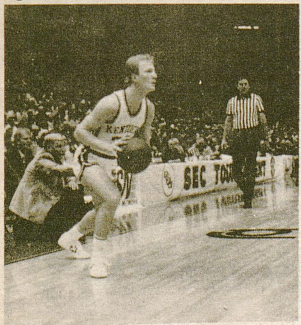
I really thought we weren't going to get in.

(About his attitude on the NCAA game)

From my standpoint I'm going to be a lot more relaxed. I guess just because nobody expects us to do really much out there. A lot of opponents will look at from the standpoint that Kentucky got in because we are the University of Kentucky. That's more power to us, I think.

(About the chance of playing against his older brother (Rob), whose team -- Nevada-Reno is in the West region)

They have a nice squad and I think they can go ahead and beat North Carolina State. That's who they play in the opening game. I think they have that type of potential. Rob's having a lot of fun out there. He's leading the conference in three-pointers. I think he had about 36 (points) a week-and-half ago. So, he's living it up out there.



Roger Harden

**BRET BEARUP**

(About Kentucky's chances of getting in the NCAA after the SEC tournament)

After Auburn won the SEC tournament, I wouldn't give a nickel for our chances.

(About going out to Salt Lake City)

I was going to go out there for spring break. I've got relatives right up the road.

(About where he thought Kentucky would be seeded)

I thought we'd be sent to somewhere out of our own region. I was hoping that we would be sent west, but to tell you the truth, I wasn't even aware that Salt Lake City was hosting it in the tournament.

(About seeing the West region flashed on television first)

I was thinking that if we're going to get into the tournament at all we'd probably be paired against Georgetown in our first game. So, I was happy that we weren't playing them.

(About Washington)

They've got a tough inside game. I guess that's what really carries their team. They say (Detlef) Schrempf and (Christian) Welp are pretty good prospects. We're going to have to handle that good inside game.

(About facing a team whose coach -- Marv Harshman -- is retiring after this season)

Well, I hope Sonny Smith didn't set a precedent there (in the recent SEC tournament).

**KENNY WALKER**

(About Kentucky playing in the NCAA)

We've got another chance. I think we should go out and make the best of it. I think this game (Washington) will fire us up and get us ready to play.

(About the difference in going to the NCAA this year compared to last year)

It's good to be in the NCAA, that's for sure. There's a big difference in now and last year. The thing that we've got going for us this year is that teams may look upon us as not the 'old Kentucky powerhouse' that usually comes to town. I think we'll expect to win and not worry about it. Our record might not reflect what kind of year we could have had, but deep down in my heart I think we've got a lot of great players on this team. If we can put it together I think we can make a run.

(About Florida not making the tournament)

I don't want to really comment on Florida. I was just surprised that they didn't make it into the NCAA. I think they had a great season, but I don't pick the teams to compete in the NCAA. I'm just glad that we're one of them.

(About learning that UK made the NCAA tourney)

I was just glad to have another chance to go out on the floor and play again. I'm glad the Florida game wasn't my last game. I think that we've been up and down all season, and the roads have been real tough. Despite all the bad and all the downs that we've had, I think that we fought back and have made a good showing this season. I think that it's deserving for us to go to the NCAA.

(About learning that UK was matched up against Washington)

Well, I would have been the first to tell you that I would have played anywhere. They could have sent us to Siberia; I would have gone and played over there just so we get in the NCAA. To play Washington; they're a very fine ballclub and have a good front line. They have a lot of talented players on their team. They're going to be real tough to beat. They'll probably be tabbed as the home team since they're much farther west than we are. I think that will be a good game.

(About Washington being physical)

Getting away from the SEC, I think that's going to make our team play much better. When you face the same team two or three times then you just get tired of looking at those guys. I'm tired of looking at those guys. I'm tired of looking at the guys in the SEC. I want to see some new faces. I think that's going to be a little bit of a motivating factor to us to play a new team. Washington is a real tough ballclub, and I just think that we'll come out and be ready to play.

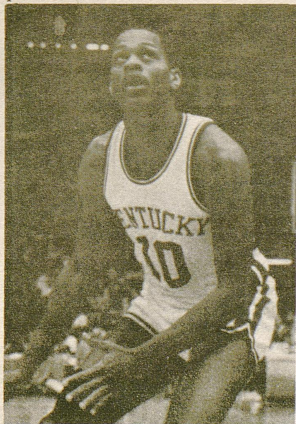


Kenny Walker

**JAMES BLACKMON**

(About team enthusiasm entering NCAA play)

We've just got to keep our heads up and don't worry about that last tournament we had. This is the last shot. You lose this one and you're out. We're just going to have to go out there and play hard and give 100 percent.



James Blackmon

(About seeing Kentucky being named one of the 64 teams)

I was just shocked.

(About playing Washington)

I don't know anything about them. I played against the two German kids when I went over in Spain. Both of them are outstanding shooters.

*UK Head Basketball Coach*

The following are Coach Joe B. Hall's comments after hearing about UK's NCAA bid:

Did you expect an NCAA bid?

Coach Hall: I was very pessimistic about getting a bid, ever since Auburn won the SEC tournament. I was very doubtful that the selection committee would go five deep (SEC). If they would go five deep then I thought we had a good chance. I based my optimism on the fact that we played an excellent schedule this year, and that we were in contention for the conference championship right up the last of the season. I believe that was the inducement that allowed the selection committee to pick us for the tournament.

How much did the name "Kentucky" earn the team a bid?

Coach Hall: It doesn't hurt at all, but I believe that it goes a little deeper than that. I talked to Dave Gavitt on a national radio hookup. Dave said that the selection committee was so impressed with our schedule -- the toughness of it, and the fact that we had beaten some very good ballclubs and had been in some close games with some very good ballclubs. So, I know it was our schedule. Certainly Kentucky tradition doesn't hurt, but I'm just thankful that the schedule did something for us other than create losses.

What are the plans now?

Coach Hall: Well, we go back to the basics and make this like a new beginning. We want to get our players motivated and fired up, and enthusiastic about being on the road to Lexington. That's where we are and that road starts way out in Salt Lake City. But that's not too rough to travel. There's a lot of interstate highway and we don't mind being on that long road at all.

Will the NCAA inject new enthusiasm to the Wildcats?

Coach Hall: Yes, I think so. I think more than tiredness was a little frustration over being ahead in games and then losing them in various ways. I think our team was a little frustrated and I think Kenny (Walker) was frustrated. I believe he's going to sense a new life with different officials. And maybe a new beginning for Kenny Walker also.

When the team was 1-4, did you ever think this squad could end up in the NCAA?

Coach Hall: No, I didn't. I think that this team has done so many things in a positive way -- what I mean is they're playing very good when they're playing hard. They played hard against Kansas, North Carolina State, Auburn on the road, Florida on the road and Tennessee at home. And they've had some very good halves and then they seem to have a frustration and a letdown. If they can avoid that and play hard, then they're an exciting ballclub. I'm happy for them that they would get this opportunity as a reward for the efforts that they have given all season long.

## TCP's Swan And Skunk Awards

The Cats' Pause begins, with this issue, handing out mythical awards and admonitions to those people on the high school scene who prove themselves worthy.

Here are the charter recipients, if you will, of **The Cats' Pause Swans and Skunks** (they'll tell their grandkids about this, boy!):

--Swans to the **Kentucky Board of Education**, which last week adopted a tougher set of regulations designed to define and limit the spread of the recruiting of teenage student-athletes.

Its never been proven that any Kentucky prep athlete has been recruited and induced to change schools. But rumors do surface often enough. And, the publicity involving the alleged recruitment last year of **Marla Gentry** by the **Whitesburg girls' basketball team** spurred the board's actions. Whitesburg eventually was judged to be innocent in that instance.



### The Dumas Report

Scouting The Kentucky Prep Scene

With J. C. Dumas

Cats' Pause Columnist

The new regulation expands the potential liability for a recruiting violation not only to the team in question, but to school officials, such as superintendents and local school board members. It also tried to nip potential "redshirting" athletes beginning in the sixth grade.

The new rulings set a seven-year deadline during which a student must complete six years of athletic eligibility.

Legally, the Whitesburg incident didn't happen. The board's actions -- which should become official later this spring -- should help ensure that a like happening will never occur. . . .

--Skunks to **WHAS Radio** in Louisville. The 50,000-watt clear channel station will, for the first time in ages, not provide listeners complete play-by-play coverage of this month's boys' State Tournament.

**Denny Nugent**, WHAS' director of programming, said the station would broadcast all three Saturday games (the semifinals and championship game), and might air games involving Louisville's representatives from Regions Six and Seven. He also said that, for all other games, broadcasters **Paul Rogers** and **Jock Sutherland** would provide summaries at the end of each quarter, plus a postgame wrapup.

Why the change? "It's not good business," Nugent told *Cats' Pause* columnist **Bob Watkins** last week. Ninety-five percent of our listeners are in the (Louisville) metropolitan area. It's hard to let five percent dictate what direction our programming is going to take.

"You have to remember," Nugent also said, "that three counties in our prime listening area are in **Indiana -- Floyd, Clark and Harrison --** and they don't give a hoot about the Sweet 16." Those counties lie directly across the Ohio River from Jefferson County.

Nugent's move was widely rumored last year in Louisville after he discontinued broadcasts of the annual June series between the **Kentucky and Indiana All-Stars**.

Confidentially, Nugent's latest action stinks, too. First, the 95 percent listenership Nugent claims, if such a figure is valid, could represent only daytime demographics. I'd bet those figures shrink significantly after sundown. If they didn't, what value would there be in having a clear channel, and being able to reach into some 40 states? At night, when smaller Kentucky stations must sign off or reduce power, the WHAS audience, it seems, would have to increase -- particularly when events such as the State Tournament are on.

After all, the State Tournament has long been a special Kentucky event. And ever since 1937 and the Great Flood, Kentuckians have come to rely on WHAS when anything of major importance occurs in the state, be it triumphant or tragic. Now, it appears, all Kentuckians can depend on from WHAS is music -- and all in the name of big business. If you believe WHAS would become financially strapped during the four days of the Sweet Sixteen, I probably could sell you some swamp land.



Nugent's "concession" of providing quarter and postgame summaries is pretty limp, too. No consumer I know would settle for two small slices when he's been used to eating the whole pie.

And Nugent fools himself by thinking that Hoosiers aren't interested in Kentucky high school basketball and the tournament. I found out differently last year, when I worked in Indiana for **The Louisville Times**. People would ask me continually how certain teams and players were doing. Nugent doesn't seem to realize that many Indiana residents migrated from Kentucky -- and that most Hoosier fans love high school ball with a passion.

Nugent, then, would appear to be out of touch with his station's listeners, many of whom surely would sacrifice four days of Top 40 music for the Sweet 16.

And that sounds to me like bad business.

--Swans to **Lexington** **Tates Creek** football coach **Roy Walton**, who is inaugurating a new season-opening football classic later this year. The first **Thoroughbred Classic**, to be played at **Tates Creek**, will feature a day-night doubleheader. **Harrison County** will face **Fort Thomas Highlands** in the afternoon, and **Corbin** will oppose **Lexington Lafayette** in the evening.

--Some small skunks to Walton for scheduling the **Thoroughbred Classic** on the same day (Aug. 24) as the long-running **Recreation Bowl** in **Mount Sterling**, a town less than an hour away from Lexington.

"Our games will be good for Lexington," Walton said. "The Rec Bowl won't take any fans away from us, and we won't take any fans away from them."

I hope he's right. But, given the proximity of the games, he may be wrong. . . .

--Swans to talented **Tates Creek** running back **Mike George**, who signed last Wednesday with **Eastern Kentucky**. George also had received offers from **Northern Illinois** and **Morehead State**.

Walton said George wanted badly to play for the **University of Louisville** -- especially after the arrival of new head coach **Howard Schnellenberger**. "But they signed a lot of players from Florida, and they just didn't seem as interested in him as he did in them," Walton said.

Hmm -- skunks to U of L for not hiring local talent? Nah -- this is America, land of free choice. . . .

Finally, . . .

--Swans to **David Skiles** of **Jenkins, Ky.** who won our mostly-for-fun trivia contest advertised in this column some weeks ago. Also, personal swans to the countless number of people who entered (I lost count, actually).

Skiles' entry was chosen randomly from among 11 that had the correct answer to the question, "What popular prime-time television star once held a national high-school record in the javelin?" The answer: **Michael Landon**, a man who once played "Little Joe" on **Bonanza** but who has big biceps and triceps.

For his wisdom, Skiles will receive a personally autographed picture of his favorite UK basketball player. This year, Skiles' choice probably could be everyone's favorite -- **Kenny Walker**.

Thanks to everyone for writing. Maybe we'll do it again sometime.

## Sweet 16 Gets Underway Next Week At Rupp



# It's An "Official" Problem

Kentucky Coach Joe Hall understands that officials have a difficult job. But Hall feels he has a solution to the inconsistent officiating that seems to have plagued college basketball this season.

Hall says officiating crews should be cut from three men to two. "Doing that would insure that you have more quality officials," says Hall. "You could eliminate one-third of the officials and keep those that have done the best job."

College basketball went from two to three officials to help the game. Players are bigger, quicker and stronger today and many coaches felt it was impossible for two men to keep up with the action.

This year, though, more and more coaches have publicly complained about the officiating. That's why Hall feels it is time to reduce the officiating crews to two men.



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

"The whole reason for going to three officials was to train more officials and to keep good men in the game by making them cover less territory each game," says Hall. "In my estimation all the three-man crews have done is give the officials a chance to call even more games."

"I think officiating has suffered with the three-man crews. Many more fouls are overlooked. An official will say, 'That wasn't my call.' When we only had two officials they called whatever they saw."

"But three officials won't do that. I don't understand how they can say it is not their call but they do. I think they are hesitant to embarrass another official by making a call. But there should be more of that done. Officials shouldn't ignore violations."

Hall says coaches feel helpless against incompetent officials. He says, "We do not have a good elimination system for officials. Coaches have a gag rule and can't even complain publicly about the officiating. And as a coach I've never seen any results from making objections to the Southeastern Conference office. I've lost faith in our system."

"The only way to upgrade officiating is to put pressure on the officials to call a good game. Judge the mistakes an official makes versus the number of calls he had. If his percentage is bad, he should be eliminated."

SEC rules allow coaches to blackball two officials. A core of 26 officials works most conference games but when UK faced Georgia this season an official ranked 23rd by Hall was sent to call the contest.

That bewildered Hall and left him wondering how effective his power to blackball really is.

"It's like Custer having two single-shot dueling pistols at the Little Big Horn," says Hall. "They hit dead center. I just didn't have enough bullets."

Hall didn't complain often about officiating this season. He did hold his nose, swear, wave his arms and toss his program in the air. But Hall insists officials do not have to take any verbal abuse from him or any other coach.

"Officials have the greatest tool in the world to stop that," says Hall. But officials seldom use that power to call technical fouls on a coach. Hall picked up only one technical all season.

"I don't understand why the officials don't call more technicals," says Hall. "If your objections are justified the referee usually knows it and is hesitant to put a technical on you. As a coach, I take advantage of that situation."

"If an official has blown a call and I'm sure he knows it I will push him to the limit."

"I will also sometimes object lightly just to keep up with the opposing coach. I'm not going to let him gain points on me. That's a game that is played, too."

"I'll let it be a very quiet game. But if I see him (the opposing coach) up on every call my feeling is that the official will think, 'Gee, Joe's sitting there really happy. I must be blowing this game.' I can't let that happen."

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THE EARLY basketball signing date allowed by the NCAA has put more pressure on juniors. Today college basketball coaches are courting the unsigned senior players but the same mentors also have their eyes on the junior cagers.

One of Kentucky's top junior players is 6-7 Reggie Hanson of Pulaski County, the state's third-ranked team. He averages 18 points and nine rebounds per game.

Tennessee, Louisville, Duke, Wake Forest and Kentucky are some of the schools that have already made contact with Hanson.

Bill Cronauer, who runs a well-known scouting service, says Hanson "is a soon-to-be national superstar."

"I think Reggie is definitely a big-time prospect," says Pulaski Coach Dave Fraley. "He can play in the SEC or ACC without any problems."

With that in mind Fraley and Hanson have already established recruiting rules. All coaches must contact Fraley first and recruiting will be done only during the day.

"I want him to try and pick five or six schools early that he is most interested in," says Fraley. "Then we want to tell the others that there is no reason for them to keep recruiting him. I don't want to string any coach along. That wouldn't be the fair or honest thing to do."

Recruiters, though, are sure to flock to Kentucky during the next year. Felton Spencer, a 7-0 junior at Eastern High School in Louisville, is rated by one scouting service as the top junior center in the nation.

Scott County's Frank Persley is rated the nation's second best junior wing guard while Owensboro Apollo's Rex Chapman, who many consider the state's top player, is ranked as the sixth best junior point guard in the country.

Throw in Scott Draud of Ft. Thomas Highlands, a great pure shooter, and Avery Taylor of Owensboro as big-time prospects. So is 6-8 Brian Jinter of Pleasure Ridge Park.

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FRESHMAN ED Davender watched on television as the UK played its final home game in 1984. He saw the emotional sendoff for Sam Bowie, Jim Master, Tom Heitz, Dicky Beal and Melvin Turpin.

But that still didn't prepare him for attending the ceremony in person.

"I've never been around anything like this," said Davender after watching seniors Bret Bearup and Troy McKinley make their final home appearance at Rupp Arena. "It's a sad thing to see people you live with and have fun with getting ready to leave. And the fans here are great."

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KENNY WALKER may or may not turn pro when the season ends. But recently he has hinted more and more that he will return to UK.

The emotional ceremony for Bearup and McKinley also touched Walker. He said, "When I saw Bret get tears in his eyes I also had tears in mine. Next year that ovation is going to be for me. I can't imagine what type feeling that must be. But I know I love the people of Kentucky."

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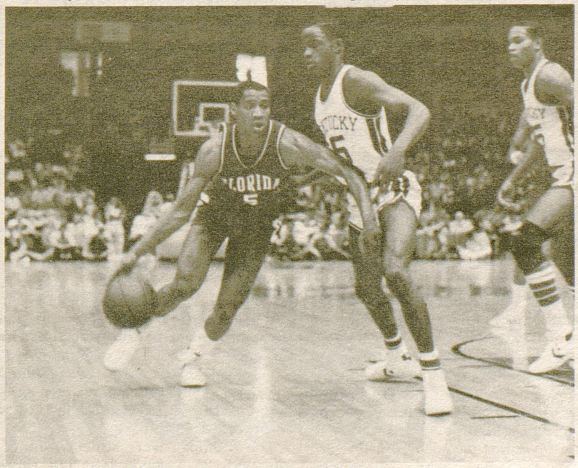
SOPHOMORE LINEBACKER Larry Smith will not have any contact during spring football practice at Kentucky.

Smith injured his knee in UK's fifth game last year and did not return to duty. He was the team's leading tackler at the time of the injury.

"Larry is making normal progress with the injury he has had," says Terry Strock, UK's linebacker coach. "He just needs more time to rehabilitate the knee. He will do some drills with us but he won't have any contact."

Don Yarano, Guy Neal, Jeff Kremer and Tony Czack all saw duty at linebacker last season and will be joined by redshirt freshman Chris Chenault this spring as the Cats try to find a replacement for starter Cam Jacobs, last year's leading tackler.

"It is just a matter of who will rise to the top," says Strock.



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Three More Years Til His Senior Party

# 1985 SEC Tournament Results

## Game 1-Tenn. vs Vandy

Sophomore guard Anthony Richardson netted 19 points to lead the Tennessee Volunteers to a convincing 71-51 victory over the Vanderbilt Commodores in a first-round contest in the SEC tournament held in Birmingham, Ala.

The win advances the Vols to the quarterfinals against SEC runner-up Georgia the following night.

Richardson seems to have a knack of playing well against the in-state rival Commodores. Earlier this season the 6-foot-6 forward scored a career-high 21 points against Vandy.

Tennessee upped its slate 18-13 overall, while Vanderbilt finishes the season on a disappointing note at 11-17. UT's Rob Jones scored 17 tallies, followed by All-SEC guard Michael Brooks with 13. Sophomore Darrell Dulaney turned in a fine contest, pumping in 17 points. Vanderbilt's all-time scorer, Phil Cox, was held to a meager eight points. It marked Cox's final game in a Vandy uniform.

Richardson's dunk against a Vandy press made the score 56-41 in the Vols favor with only 6:15 remaining. Tennessee eventually stretched the lead to 22 (65-43, 71-49) on two different occasions.

Tennessee shot 52.8 percent from the floor (28-53), while Vandy hit a poorly 42.2 percent (19-45).

The game featured many turnovers as Vanderbilt committed 23, while its opponents had 16 miscues. Tennessee defense produced 13 thefts, compared to Vandy's eight.



Tony White

## Game 2-Auburn vs Ole Miss

The Auburn Tigers, led by junior All-SEC player Chuck Person's game-high 26 points, captured a first-round win in the tourney by beating Mississippi 68-60 at the Birmingham Civic Center before 10,900. Auburn's victory placed the Tigers in the quarterfinals against regular season champ LSU.

Ole Miss was paced by 6-6 forward Curtis Ritchwood with 22 points, followed by sophomore Jole Ayers with 13.

Both teams played well evidenced of their fine shooting. Auburn shot 58.3 percent from the field (28 of 48). The Rebels connected on 26 of 48 shots for a fine 54.2 percentage.

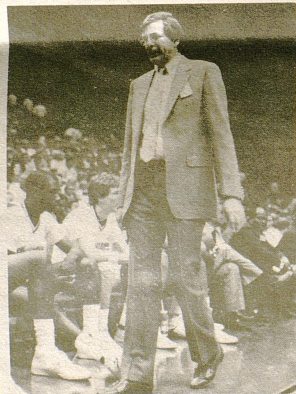
Ole Miss took a 3-2 lead when Ayers connected from the top of the key. But that lead was short-lived when Person scored on a field goal giving the Tigers the lead for good, 4-3 with 17:32 remaining.

Ritchwood's jumper in the lane cut the Tiger margin to two, 39-37 with 15:59 remaining in the game. The momentum appeared to have shifted toward the underdog Rebels. Though aided by a 12-4 runout, Auburn was back in command. The closest Mississippi would get would be five, when freshman sensation Joe Coleman rattled a jumper from the lane.

Auburn's record now stands at 17-11. Mississippi finished the season at 11-17.

The win marked Coach Sonny Smith's 100 career victory at Auburn. Smith will be retiring from the Tigers' camp at the end of the season.

"He's a fine coach and a real gentleman," said Hunt following the game about Smith. "I know the coaches in the league are going to miss him."



Coach Sonny Smith

## Game 3-Alabama vs Miss. St

Alabama outscored Mississippi State 9-0 in the last 1:49 to win in the quarterfinals of the SEC tournament 42-31 in Birmingham, Ala. The win moved the Crimson Tide into Friday night's semifinals against the Tennessee-Georgia winner.

After Ken Harvey hit a turnaround jumper to cut the Bama lead to one, 32-31 sophomore guard Terry Coner gave his team a little breathing room. Coner, who leads the league in steals and assists, drove with determination to the hoop as he put the Tide ahead by three, 34-31, with a short jumper.

After an MSU miss, Harvey fouled Buck Johnson. Johnson calmly sank both free throws, widening the lead to 36-31 with 1:09 left.

The Bulldogs were still in contention, with 27 seconds left, but three straight misses, followed by a foul by Raymond Brown all but sealed the

victory for Coach Wimp Sanderson and his team.

Johnson was the high scorer in the afternoon contest netting 15 points. The 6-foot-7 forward also pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds. Coner contributed eight points, including six in the second half.

Ervin Dillon was the only Bulldog in double figures, pumping in 10 points.

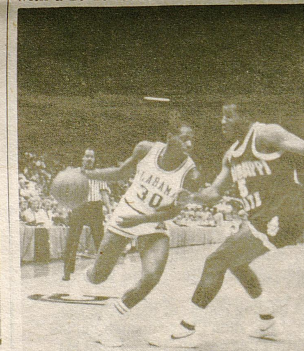
Alabama improved its record to 20-8. Mississippi State ended the year with a 13-15 mark.

Alabama's tough 2-3 defense pressured the Bulldogs' offense through most of the afternoon. Mississippi State shot a horrendous 31 percent from the field, hitting only 13 of 42 shots.

"I think Alabama played a pretty tough zone defense," said Harvey. "Especially at the first part of the game, we had to make some adjustments to the zone. We made them, but then the shots didn't fall. After we adjusted, we just couldn't make the shots."

MSU missed a chance to take the lead when Tracy Taylor couldn't connect from the outside. Alabama rebounded and quickly scored when guard Jim Farmer swished one through the cylinder giving the Tide the lead for good at 26-24.

Alabama entered the second stanza with a 20-16 lead.



Terry Coner

## Game 5 Georgia vs Tenn.

Georgia got its revenge on arch-rival Tennessee by beating the Vols for the first time this season 67-61 in quarterfinal action in the Southeastern Conference tournament.

The win sends the Bulldogs to face Alabama in a semifinal contest. Tennessee, still hoping for post-season play, is now 18-14. During the regular season Tennessee upended the 'Dogs twice.

Georgia, who never trailed in the contest, broke a 22-22 tie late in the first stanza when freshman sensation scored on a jumper. After Henderson's goal, the Dogs were in front to stay.

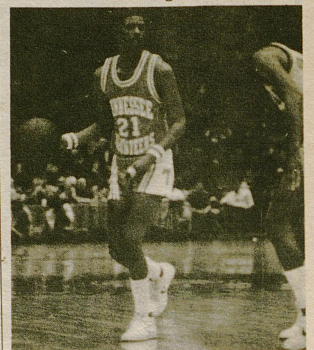
Joe Ward was the game's high scorer with 21 points, followed by Henderson with 14 points.

Trailing by 12 late in the second half, aided by Tony White, Tennessee

trimmed the advantage to four. However that's as close as the Volunteers would get.

White scored 12 of his 20 points in the final 3:09, but it was too little, too late.

UT's star senior Michael Brooks was held scoreless for the night. The guard was 0 of 10 for the night from the field.



Michael Brooks

## Game 6-Auburn - LSU

The Auburn Tigers kept Coach Sonny Smith for at least for one night as they upset regular-season champ LSU 58-55 in quarterfinal action before 14,200 fans at the Birmingham Civic Center.

Auburn's win enables the Tigers to face Florida, who upset Kentucky earlier in the day.

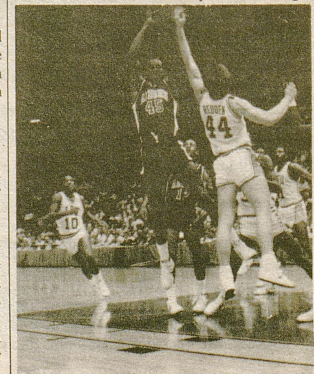
Chuck Person's layup with 4:49 remaining gave his team the lead for keeps at 52-51. The junior clinched the contest with four crucial free throws in the last 1:56.

The loss was LSU's eighth straight in post-season action as their record now slips to 19-9.

Auburn was led by Person with 16, followed by Gerald White netting 10 points.

The losing Tigers were paced by John Williams and Derick Taylor with 14 points apiece.

Smith, who is stepping down as the Auburn mentor at the end of the season, will apparently, according to rumors circulating around Birmingham last week, will stay in coaching.



Chuck Person

Game 7 - Ala. vs Ga.

Alabama jumped out to a 48-26 halftime lead as the Crimson Tide smothered the Georgia Bulldogs 74-53 in semifinal action in the SEC tournament.

The Alabama win, which marked its seventh straight, will meet the winner of the Auburn-Florida matchup for the SEC tourney championship and a automatic bid to the NCAA.

Georgia cut the lead to 12 (48-36) midway through the second stanza, but Buck Johnson's electrifying dunk over freshman Cedric Henderson got the Tide back on track.

From that point the closest Georgia would get was 13 points.

Center Bobby Lee Hurt paced the Tide's attack with 18 points, followed by Buck Johnson with 16 tallies.

Georgia, 21-8, was led in scoring by Henderson with 14 points.



The Bulldogs

Game 8 - Ala. vs Fla.

Senior Carey Holland's two free throws with only 17 seconds remaining pushed the Auburn Tigers into the finals as the Tigers edged the Florida Gators 43-42 in a semifinal contest.

Auburn, 20-10, will face instate rival Alabama for the tournament title.

Florida, 18-11, had a chance to pull the game out, but Vernon Maxwell's 40-foot shot came up well short.

Maxwell's winning opportunity came as the result of Auburn's Johnny Lynn missing the front end of a one-and-one attempt with five seconds left.

The game was close throughout the night as Florida held a 21-18 halftime advantage.

Chuck Person sparked the winning Tigers' attack with a game-high 26 points. Andrew Moten was the high scorer for the Gators netting 11 points.



Towe And Sloan

SEC Championship

Auburn vs Ala.

The Auburn Tigers became the seventh different SEC team since 1979 to win the conference tournament by knocking off Alabama 53-49 in overtime.

Auburn, 20-11, will be making its second straight NCAA appearance, while Alabama, 21-9, seems to be also headed for NCAA tournament action.

Since Auburn was placed in Wednesday's session, the Tigers are also the first team to win the tourney by playing four games (since the revision in 1979).

Tourney MVP, Chuck Person, led the way scoring a game-high 16 points.

Buck Johnson and Bobby Lee Hurt paced the Bama attack with 13 points each.

Auburn's Gerald White sank two free throws with 10 seconds left in the overtime period to put the Tigers ahead 51-49. After Alabama was whistled for a walking violation with seven ticks left, Auburn proceeded to run out the clock for the victory as Frank Ford scored on a flying dunk to end the game.

Besides Person of Auburn, the SEC All-Tournament team featured Hurt (Alabama), Buck Johnson (Alabama), Terry Conner (Alabama) and Andrew Moten (Florida).



Gerald White

Comments On UK In The NCAA

The following are Washington's coach Mary Harshman quotes about playing UK in the NCAA:

Coach Harshman: I'm particularly happy to be playing a program like Kentucky's. Anytime you say basketball, you say Kentucky. We're playing

quite well now. We are playing defense very, very, well. I think we can play with 50 of those teams even up. I've seen them (Kentucky) only on TV. I know they're a power team. We should match up pretty well. We're really excited about playing Kentucky.

Bat Cats Take 2 Of 3 From Vols

The Kentucky Bat Cats upped their record to 6-8 with a 9-3 victory over arch-rival Tennessee last Sunday at Shively field.

UK, which won 2 of 3 from the Vols during the weekend series, now stands 2-4 in the SEC.

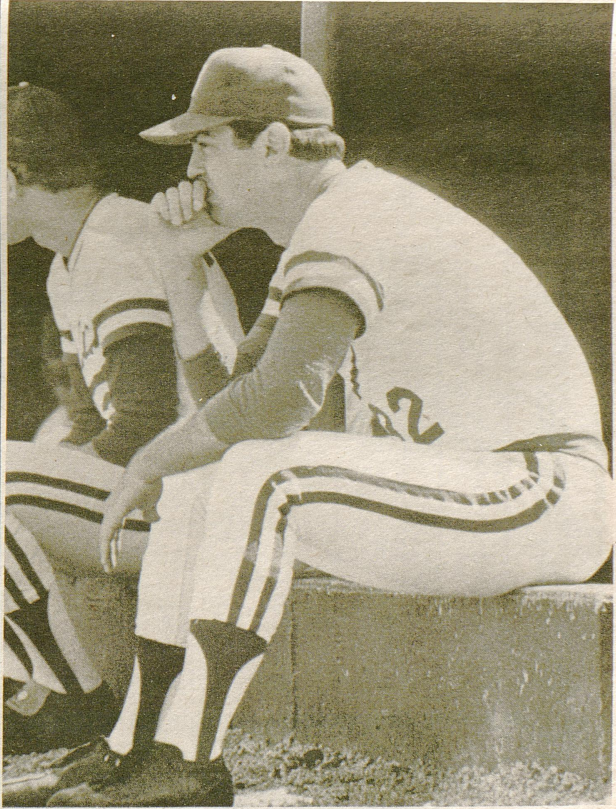
Kentucky blasted out to a 9-1 lead when it scored six-runs in the seventh inning.

Kevin Gothard, Clint Arnold, Jim Leyritz and Jim Willenbrink all had an RBI apiece in the seventh inning.

Starting pitcher Joe Farmer (1-0) won his first game of the season for UK.

Saturday, Kentucky split a double-header with Tennessee. UK captured the first game 2-0, while losing in the night-cap 6-5.

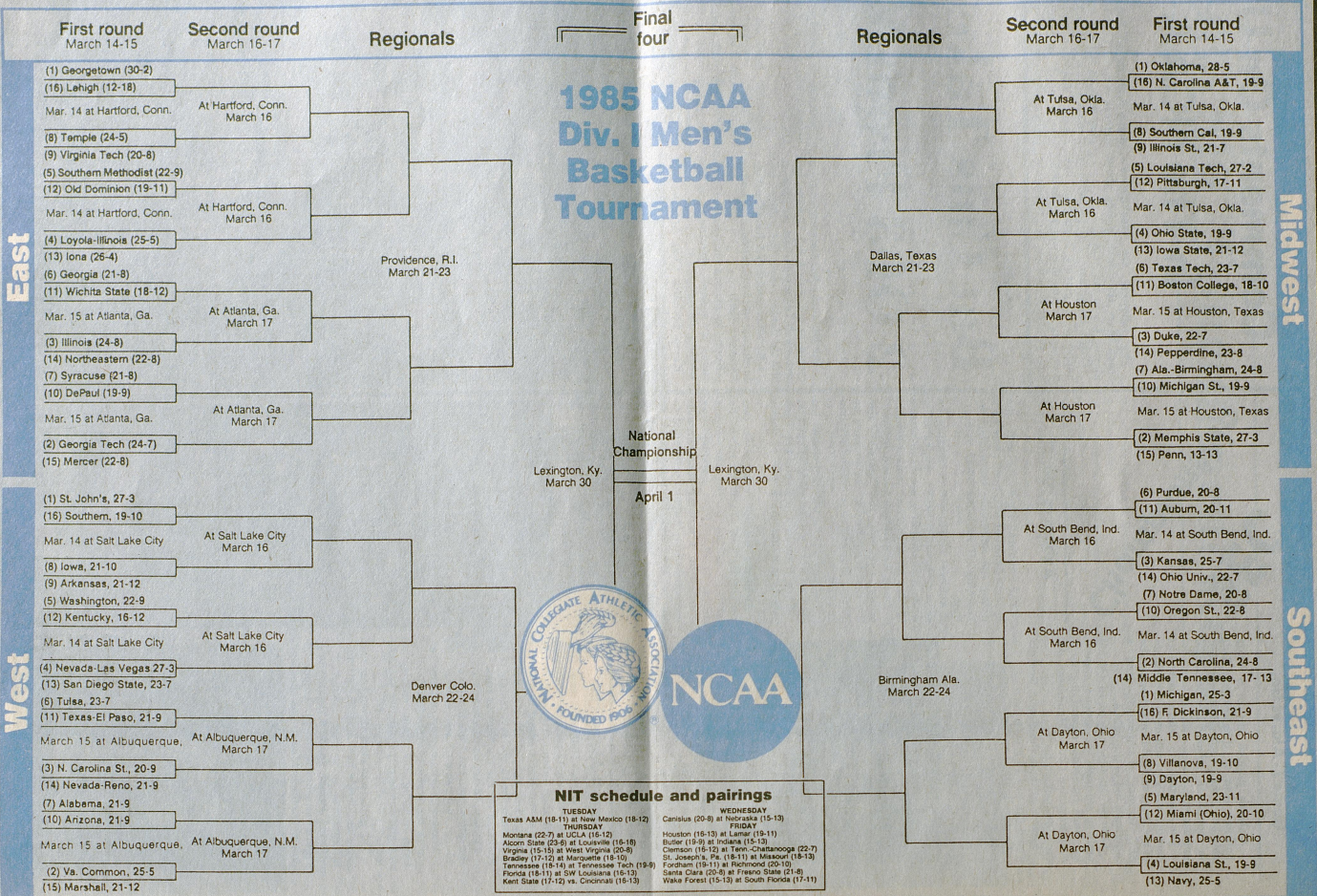
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Seaver, Owen (7), Grubbs (8) and Reichenbach, Farmer, Swob (9) and Stephens, WP - Farmer (1-0), LP - Seaver, HR - UT, Newsome 2 (solo in fourth; one on in ninth).



Madison's Squad Now 2-4 In SEC

# COLLEGE BASKETBALL REPORT

## 1985 NCAA Div. I Men's Basketball Tournament



# Final NCAA Regular Season Records

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Teams receiving NCAA bids are in bold-face.

## ATLANTIC COAST

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
x-N. Carolina	9	5	643 24 8 750
Ga. Tech.	9	5	643 24 7 774
N. Caro. St.	9	5	643 20 9 690
Duke	8	6	571 22 7 759
Maryland	8	6	571 23 11 678
Clemson	5	9	357 16 12 571
Wake Forest	5	9	357 15 13 536
Virginia	3	11	214 14 15 483

## ATLANTIC 10

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
x-W. Virginia	16	2	899 20 8 714
Y-Temple	15	3	833 24 5 828
St. Joseph's	13	5	722 18 11 621
Rutgers	9	9	500 16 14 533
Geo. Wash.	9	9	500 14 14 500
Mass.	9	9	500 13 15 454
St. Bon.	7	11	389 14 15 483
Duquesne	6	12	333 12 18 400
Penn. St.	4	14	222 8 19 276
Rhode Island	2	16	111 8 20 286

## BIG EAST

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
x-St. John's	15	1	938 27 3 900
y-Georgetown	14	2	875 30 2 938
Syracuse	9	7	563 21 8 724
Villanova	9	7	563 19 10 655
Pittsburgh	8	8	500 17 11 607
Boston Coll.	7	9	438 18 10 643
Connecticut	6	10	375 13 15 464
Providence	3	13	188 11 20 355
Seron Hall	1	15	063 10 18 357

## BIG EIGHT

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
x-Oklahoma	13	1	929 25 5 848
Kansas	11	3	786 24 7 774
Iowa St.	7	7	500 21 12 636
Missouri	7	7	500 19 12 613
Kansas St.	5	9	357 14 14 500
Colorado	5	9	357 11 17 393
Nebraska	5	9	357 15 18 455
Okl. St.	3	11	214 12 16 429

## BIG SKY

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
xy-W. Va.	11	4	786 21 9 700
Montana	10	4	714 22 7 759
Weber St.	9	5	643 20 9 690
N. Arizona	8	6	571 17 11 607
Montana St.	7	7	500 11 17 393
Boise St.	5	9	357 14 14 500
Idaho St.	5	9	357 15 18 455
Idaho	1	13	071 8 22 267

## BIG TEN

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
x-Michigan	15	2	882 25 3 926
Illinois	12	6	667 24 8 750
Purdue	11	7	611 20 8 714
Ohio St.	11	7	611 19 9 679
Michigan St.	10	8	556 19 9 679
Iowa	10	8	556 21 10 677
Minnesota	6	12	333 13 15 464
Wisconsin	5	13	278 14 14 500
Northwestern	2	16	111 6 22 214

## EAST COAST

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
x-Bucknell	10	4	714 19 10 655
Lafayette	8	6	571 15 13 536
Drexel	8	6	571 10 18 357
Rider	7	7	500 14 15 483
Delaware	7	7	500 12 16 429
y-Lehigh	6	8	429 12 18 400
Hofstra	5	9	357 14 15 483
Towson St.	5	9	357 7 21 250

## SOUTHLAND

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
xy-La. Tech.	11	1	917 27 2 331
McNeese St.	9	3	750 18 10 643
Lamar	8	4	667 19 11 633
Arkansas St.	6	6	500 14 14 500
NE Louisiana	4	8	333 17 12 596
Texas-Arl.	3	9	250 12 16 429
N. Texas St.	1	11	083 5 23 179

## ECAC NORTH ATLANTIC

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
x-Canisius	13	3	813 20 9 690
y-Northern	13	3	813 22 8 733
Siena	12	4	750 22 7 759
Niagara	11	5	668 16 12 571
Boston U.	9	7	563 15 15 500
Maine	5	11	313 11 17 393
Vermont	5	11	313 9 19 321
N. Hamp.	4	12	250 7 22 241
Colgate	0	16	000 5 21 192
Hartford	0	17	000 2 21 250

## ECAC SOUTH

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
xy-Navy	11	3	786 25 5 833
Richmond	11	3	786 20 10 667
Geo. Mason	10	4	714 18 11 621
Will. & Mary	9	5	643 16 12 571
Jmes Mdisn.	7	7	500 14 14 500
N.C. Wilm.	4	10	286 12 16 429
American	3	11	214 9 19 321
E. Carolina	1	13	071 7 21 250

## GULF STAR

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
SE Louisiana	9	1	900 18 9 667
Nicholls St.	6	4	600 17 10 630
x-Smith St.	5	4	556 16 12 571
x-S.F. Austin	4	5	444 16 19 615
y-SW Texas St.	2	8	200 6 20 231
NW La.	2	8	200 3 25 107

## IVY LEAGUE

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
x-Penn.	10	4	714 13 13 500
Columbia	9	5	643 13 13 500
Cornell	8	6	571 14 12 538
Harvard	7	7	500 15 9 625
Yale	7	7	500 14 12 538
Princeton	7	7	500 11 15 423
Brown	5	9	357 9 18 333
Dartmouth	3	11	214 5 21 192

## METRO ATLANTIC ATHLETIC

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
xy-Iona	11	3	786 26 4 867
Fordham	9	5	643 19 11 633
La Salle	8	6	571 15 13 536
Holy Cross	6	6	571 9 19 321

## MID-CONTINENT

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
x-Ovind St.	11	3	786 21 8 724
W. Illinois	10	4	714 14 14 500
E. Illinois	9	5	643 19 10 655
SW Missouri	8	6	571 17 12 586
Ill.-Chicago	7	7	500 14 14 500
N. Iowa	6	8	429 12 16 429
Valparaiso	4	10	286 8 20 286
Wa.-GrnB'y.	1	13	071 4 24 143

## MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
xy-N.C. A&T	10	2	833 19 9 679
Howard	9	3	750 16 12 571
Delaware St.	8	4	667 12 17 414
S. Caro. St.	7	4	636 11 16 407
Bth.-Ckmm	4	7	364 8 19 296
Mid-E. Shore	2	10	167 3 25 107
Morgan St.	1	11	083 3 25 107

## MIDWESTERN CITY

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
x-Ohio, Ill.	13	1	929 25 5 833
Butler	9	5	643 19 10 655
Oral Roberts	8	6	571 15 15 500
Detroit	8	6	571 16 12 571
Xavier, Ohio	7	5	600 13 13 552
St. Louis	6	8	429 13 15 464
Evansville	4	10	286 15 14 517
Oklahoma City	1	13	071 6 20 231

## MISSOURI VALLEY

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
x-Tulsa	12	4	750 23 7 767
Illinois St.	11	5	688 21 7 750
y-Wichita St.	11	5	688 18 12 600
Bradley	9	7	563 17 12 586
Creighton	9	7	563 12 12 625
S. Illinois	6	10	375 14 14 500
Indiana St.	6	10	375 14 15 483
W. Texas St.	4	12	250 11 17 393
Drake	4	12	250 12 15 444

## OHIO VALLEY

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
x-Tenn. Tech	11	3	786 19 8 704

## PACIFIC COAST ATHLETIC

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
x-UNLV	17	1	944 27 3 900
Fresno St.	15	3	833 20 9 690
Fullerton St.	11	7	611 17 13 567
San Jose St.	10	8	556 16 13 552
Utah St.	10	8	556 17 11 607
Cal.-Inne.	8	10	444 13 17 433
Ci-SantaBbr.	8	10	444 13 15 464
Pacific	5	13	278 9 19 321
N. Mexico St.	4	14	222 7 20 259
L. Beh St.	2	16	111 4 23 148

## PACIFIC 10

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
x-Wash.	13	5	722 22 9 710
Southern Cal	13	5	722 19 9 679
Oregon St.	12	6	667 22 8 733
Arizona	12	6	667 21 9 700
UCLA	12	6	667 16 12 571
Oregon	8	9	471 15 15 500
Arizona St.	7	11	389 12 16 429
California	5	13	278 13 15 464
Wash. St.	5	13	278 13 15 464
Stanford	3	15	167 11 17 393

## SOUTHEASTERN

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
x-LSU	13	5	722 19 9 679
Georgia	12	6	667 21 8 724
Alabama	11	7	611 21 9 700
Kentucky	11	7	611 16 12 571
Florida	9	9	500 18 11 621
Miss. St.	9	9	500 13 15 464
y-Auburn	8	10	444 20 11 645
Tennessee	8	10	444 18 14 563
Mississippi	5	13	278 11 17 393
Vanderbilt	4	14	222 11 17 393

## SOUTHERN

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
x-To-Chatta	14	2	875 22 7 759
y-Marshall	12	4	750 21 12 636
Citadel	11	5	668 18 11 621
W. Carolina	8	8	500 14 14 500
VMI	7	9	438 16 14 533
Appy St.	7	9	438 14 14 500
Davidson	6	10	375 10 20 333
Furman	4	12	250 7 21 250
E. Tenn. St.	3	13	188 9 18 333

## SOUTHWEST

Conference All Games			
W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
x-Tx Tech	12	4	750 23 7 767
SMU	10	6	625 22 9 710
Texas A&M	10	6	625 19 10 655
Arkansas	10	6	625 21 12 636

**Record of SEC Teams in NCAA Tournaments**

1942	Kentucky	Defeated Illinois 46-44; lost to Dartmouth 28-47.
1945	Kentucky	Lost to Ohio State 37-45; defeated Tufts 66-56.*
c 1948	Kentucky	Defeated Columbia 76-53, Holy Cross 60-52, and Baylor 58-42.
c 1949	Kentucky	Defeated Villanova 85-72, Illinois 76-46, Okla. State 46-36.
c 1951	Kentucky	Beat Louisville 69-68, St. John's 59-43, Illinois 76-74 and Kansas St. 68-58.
1952	Kentucky	Defeated Penn State 82-54; lost to St. John's 57-64.
1953	LSU	Defeated Fla. State Valley 89-76 and Holy Cross 81-73; lost to Indiana 67-80 and Washington 69-88.*
1954	LSU	Lost to Penn State 70-78 and to Indiana 62-73.*
1955	Kentucky	Lost to Marquette 71-79 and defeated Penn State 84-59.*
1956	Kentucky	Defeated Wayne Univ. 84-64; lost to Iowa 77-89.
1957	Kentucky	Defeated Pittsburgh 98-92; lost to Michigan State 68-80.
1958	Kentucky	Defeated Miami, O. 94-70, Notre Dame 89-56, Temple 61-60, Seattle 84-72.
1959	Kentucky	Lost to Louisville 61-75, then defeated Marquette 98-60.*
1960	Ga. Tech	Defeated Ohio Univ. 57-54; lost to Ohio State 69-86.
1961	Kentucky	Defeated Morehead 71-64; lost to Ohio State 74-87.
1962	Kentucky	Defeated Butler 81-60; lost to Ohio State 64-74.
1963	Miss. State	Lost to Loyola (Chicago) 51-61, then defeated Bowling Green 65-60.*
1964	Kentucky	Lost to Ohio Univ. 69-85 and to Loyola (Chicago) 91-100.*
1965	Vanderbilt	Defeated DePaul 83-78; lost to Michigan 85-87.
1966	Kentucky	Defeated Dayton 86-79, Michigan 84-77, Duke 83-79; lost to Texas Western 65-72.
1967	Tennessee	Lost to Dayton 52-53 and to Indiana 44-51.*
1968	Kentucky	Defeated Marquette 107-89; lost to Ohio State 81-82.*
1969	Kentucky	Lost to Marquette 74-81; defeated Miami, O. 72-71.*
1970	Kentucky	Defeated Notre Dame 109-99; lost to Jacksonville 100-106.
1971	Kentucky	Lost to Western Ky. 83-107; lost to Marquette 74-91.
1972	Kentucky	Defeated Marquette 85-69; lost to Fla. State 54-73.
1973	Kentucky	Defeated Austin Peay 106-100; lost to Indiana 65-72.
1974	Vanderbilt	Lost to Marquette 61-69 and Notre Dame 88-118.
1975	Alabama	Lost to Arizona State 94-97.
	Kentucky	Defeated Marquette 76-54, Central Mich. 90-73, Indiana 92-90, Syracuse 95-79; lost to UCLA 85-92.
1976	Tennessee	Lost to VMI 75-81.
	Alabama	Defeated North Carolina 79-64; lost to Indiana 69-74.
1977	Tennessee	Lost to Syracuse 88-93 (OT).
	Kentucky	Defeated Princeton 72-58 and VMI 93-78; lost to North Carolina 72-79.
c 1978	Kentucky	Defeated Fla. St. 85-76, Miami, O. 91-69, Mich. State 52-49, Arkansas 64-59 and Duke 94-88.
1979	LSU	Defeated Appalachian State 71-57; lost to Michigan State 71-87.
	Tennessee	Defeated Eastern Kentucky 97-81; lost to Notre Dame 67-73.
1980	LSU	Defeated Alcorn St. 98-88, Missouri 68-63; lost to Louisville 66-86.
	Kentucky	Defeated Fla. State 97-78; lost to Duke 54-55.
	Tennessee	Defeated Furman 80-69; lost to Maryland 75-66.
1981	LSU	Defeated Lamar 100-78, Arkansas 72-56, Wichita State 96-85; lost to Indiana 49-67, Virginia 74-78.*
	Tennessee	Defeated VCU 58-56; lost to Virginia 48-62.
	Kentucky	Lost to Alabama-Birmingham 62-69.
	Ole Miss	Lost to Kansas 66-69.
1982	Alabama	Beat St. John's 69-68; lost to North Carolina 69-74.
	Tennessee	Beat SW Louisiana 61-57; lost to Virginia 51-54.
	Kentucky	Lost to Middle Tennessee 44-50.
1983	Alabama	Lost to Lamar 50-73.
	Georgia	Defeated Va. Commonwealth 56-54, St. John's 70-67, North Carolina 82-77; lost to N.C. State 60-67.
	Kentucky	Defeated Ohio 57-40, Indiana 64-59; lost to Louisville 68-80 (OT).
	Tennessee	Defeated Marquette 57-56; lost to Louisville 57-70.
1984	Alabama	Lost to Illinois State 48-49.
	Auburn	Lost to Richmond 71-72.
	Kentucky	Defeated Brigham Young 93-68, Louisville 72-67, Illinois 54-51; lost to Georgetown 40-53.
	LSU	Lost to Dayton 66-74.

**Record of SEC Teams in National Invitational Tournaments**

1944	Kentucky	Defeated Utah 46-38; lost to St. John's 45-48; defeated Okla. State 45-29.*
1945	Tennessee	Lost to Rhode Island 45-52.
c 1946	Kentucky	Defeated Arizona 77-53, W. Virginia 59-51 and Rhode Island 46-45.
1947	Kentucky	Defeated Long Island 63-62 and N. C. State 60-42; lost to Utah 45-49.
1949	Kentucky	Lost to Loyola (Chicago) 56-67.
1950	Kentucky	Lost to CCNY 50-89.
1969	Florida	Lost to Temple 66-82.
	Tennessee	Defeated Rutgers 67-51 and Ohio Univ. 75-64; lost to Temple 53-68, then defeated Army 64-52.*
1970	LSU	Defeated Georgetown 83-52 and Oklahoma 97-94; lost to Marquette 79-101 and Army 68-75.
1971	Tennessee	Defeated St. John's 84-83; lost to Duke 78-64.
1973	Alabama	Defeated Manhattan 87-86 and Minnesota 69-65; lost to Va. Tech 73-74 and N. Carolina 69-88.*
c 1976	Kentucky	Defeated Niagara 67-61, Kansas State 81-78, Providence 79-78 and UNC-Charlotte 71-67.
1977	Alabama	Defeated Memphis State 80-63, Virginia Tech 79-72; lost to Houston 76-82 and Villanova 83-102.
1979	Alabama	Defeated St. Bonaventure 98-89, Virginia 90-88, Texas A&M 72-68; lost to Purdue 68-87, then defeated Ohio State 96-86*.
	Kentucky	Lost to Clemson 67-68.
	Miss. State	Lost to Alcorn State 78-80.
1980	Alabama	Defeated Penn State 53-49; lost to Murray State 62-70.
	Ole Miss	Defeated Grambling 76-74; lost to Minnesota 57-58.
1981	Alabama	Defeated St. John's 73-69 (ot); lost to Duke 70-75.
	Georgia	Defeated Old Dominion 74-60; lost to South Alabama 72-73.
1982	Georgia	Defeated Temple 73-60, Maryland 83-69, Va. Tech 90-73; lost to Purdue 60-61.
	LSU	Lost to Tulane 72-83.
	Ole Miss	Defeated Clemson 53-49; lost to Va. Tech 59-61.
1983	LSU	Lost to New Orleans 94-99 (OT).
	Ole Miss	Defeated Alabama State 87-75, South Florida 65-57; lost to DePaul 67-75.
	Vanderbilt	Defeated East Tennessee St. 79-74; lost to Wake Forest 68-75.
1984	Florida	Lost to South Alabama 87-88.
	Georgia	Lost to UT-Chattanooga 69-74.
	Tennessee	Defeated St. Peter's 54-40, UT Chattanooga 68-66; lost to Virginia Tech 68-72.

**NCAA Tournament Dates and Sites**

FIRST/SECOND ROUND	REGIONALS
<b>EAST</b> March 14 & 16, Hartford, CT March 15 & 17, The Omni (Atlanta, GA)	<b>EAST</b> March 21 & 23, Providence Civic Center
<b>SOUTHEAST</b> March 14 & 16, U. Notre Dame, IN March 15 & 17, U. of Dayton, OH	<b>SOUTHEAST</b> March 22 & 24, Birmingham Coliseum Birmingham, AL
<b>MIDWEST</b> March 14 & 16, Oral Roberts U. (Tulsa, OK) March 15 & 17, The Summit (Houston, TX)	<b>MIDWEST</b> March 21 & 23, Reunion Arena Dallas, TX
<b>WEST</b> March 14 & 16, Salt Lake City, UT March 15 & 17, Albuquerque, NM	<b>WEST</b> March 22 & 24, McNichols Arena Denver, CO
	<b>FINALS</b> March 30 & April 1 Rupp Arena, Lexington, KY
	*—Consolation Game

c—Tournament Champion

# Coach Joe B. Hall's Postgame Comments

**KENTUCKY COACH JOE HALL**

"We had a chance to win, but couldn't do it. Give Florida credit. They were down seven points and came back to win the game. Florida played good defense throughout the game, but a key was the way the offense clicked in the second half. Leath was the thorn in our side, hitting shots from down in the lane.

"Florida's game plan was excellent. They are well coached, and they responded when they got behind by seven points. The biggest play of the game was a blocking foul on Bearup late in the game. At the end, we had the misfortune of fouling their best shooter, but time was running out and we didn't have any choice.

"I have no idea what our chances are for an NCAA bid."



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**How The Conferences Fared**

BIG EAST (6) - Georgetown; St. John's; Pittsburgh; Syracuse; Villanova; Boston College  
 BIG TEN (6) - Michigan; Illinois; Michigan State, Ohio State, Purdue; Iowa  
 SOUTHEASTERN (5) - Auburn; Kentucky; LSU; Alabama; Georgia  
 ATLANTIC COAST (5) - North Carolina; N.C. State; Maryland; Georgia Tech; Duke  
 PACIFIC TEN (4) - USC; Arizona; Washington; Oregon State  
 BIG EIGHT (3) - Oklahoma; Kansas; Iowa State  
 INDEPENDENTS (3) - DePaul; Notre Dame; Dayton  
 SUN BELT (3) - Virginia Commonwealth; Old Dominion; Ala.-Birmingham  
 SOUTHWEST (3) - SMU; Texas Tech; Arkansas  
 MISSOURI VALLEY (3) - Tulsa; Wichita State  
 METRO (2) - Memphis State and Virginia Tech  
 WESTERN ATHLETIC (2) - Texas El Paso and San Diego State  
 MID-AMERICAN (2) - Ohio; Miami (OH)  
 ATLANTIC TEN (1) - Temple  
 BIG SKY (1) - Nevada-Reno  
 EAST COAST (1) - Lehigh  
 ECAC METRO (1) - Fairleigh Dickinson  
 ECAC NORTH (1) - Northeastern  
 METRO ATLANTIC (1) - Iona  
 ECAC SOUTH (1) - Navy  
 IVY LEAGUE (1) - Pennsylvania  
 MID-EASTERN (1) - North Carolina A&T  
 MIDWESTERN CITY (1) - Loyola-Chicago  
 OHIO VALLEY (1) - Middle Tennessee State  
 PCAA (1) - Nevada-Las Vegas  
 SOUTHLAND (1) - Louisiana Tech  
 SOUTHERN (1) - Marshall  
 SOUTHWESTERN (1) - Southern  
 TRANS-AMERICA (1) - Mercer  
 WEST COAST (1) - Pepperdine

# Best & Worst Of SEC

As the numerous post-season conference tournaments have now been completed and the second season of the NCAA Tournament gets under way, its time to pass out the superlative awards of the Southeastern Conference. This 1984-85 SEC regular season probably had more parity this year than any in the league's history, and the conference title was not decided until the final league game had been played in early March, when LSU defeated Kentucky and Tennessee squeaked by Georgia. With the outcome of those two final regular season games, the pre-season favored Bayou Tigers won the SEC championship for the first time since 1981.



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

**SEC COACH OF THE YEAR:** A very difficult choice but let's give it to Georgia's Hugh Durham. Durham had his team only one win away from winning the school's first ever conference title. Also, injuries to Joe Ward and Gerald Crosby were reasons by the Bulldogs got off to a terrible 0-3 start in the conference race. Georgia started to jell when both of these starters got back into the lineup. Honorable mention honors go out to Dale Brown (LSU), Joe B. Hall (Kentucky), and Bob Boyd (Mississippi State).

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Kentucky's Kenny Walker gets this distinction hands down. Walker was simply phenomenal in SEC games this season and faced practically every defense imaginable by conference opponents. The 6-8 Roberta, Ga. native never appeared to be worn down at any juncture of the season and at times dominated games on the offensive end of the court the way Bill Walton did for UCLA under the legendary John Wooden. One game that comes to mind was the Ole Miss contest where Walker shot 10-14 from the field and 13-18 at the charity stripe. That night in Rupp Arena, Walker finished the game with 33 points and was virtually unstoppable.

**SEC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:** Cedric Henderson of Georgia gets the nod over LSU forward John Williams. Henderson was not eligible until mid-December but really discovered his game toward the end of the season. In the Bulldogs heartbreaking 86-85 loss to Tennessee in Knoxville, the 6-9 freshman had a whopping total of 34 points and 17 rebounds in a losing effort. Guards Ed Davender and Florida's Vernon Maxwell should receive honorable mention plaudits.

**SEC SURPRISE TEAM OF THE YEAR:** Georgia and Mississippi State tie for this award. Both schools finished higher in the conference standings than many people around the SEC expected before the season began.

**SEC'S BEST BACKCOURT:** Another tough selection but Vernon Maxwell and Andrew Moten of Florida get the edge over Tennessee's Tony White and Michael Brooks. Also, Mark Gottfried and Terry Connor played well together for Alabama coach Wimp Sanderson.

**SEC'S BEST FRONTCOURT:** LSU. Many of the SEC teams either have one or two decent players along the front line, but the Tigers possess three in John Williams, Nikita Wilson, and Jerry Reynolds. All three players averaged over double digits and played pivotal roles in LSU winning the SEC regular season title.

**SEC'S WORST CLOCK OPERATOR:** Auburn. When Kentucky won at Auburn 49-47 in overtime, the War Eagles must have taken at least four shots toward the basket after time had expired, but the horn never sounded. Furthermore, a few years ago Derrick Hord had a crucial basket taken away in overtime at Auburn because the same clock malfunctioned. Needless to say Joe B. Hall has not been too pleased with how the clock operates in Auburn, Ala. Afterall, there's a certain limit to a home court advantage.

**SEC UPSET OF THE YEAR:** Ole Miss - 68, LSU - 65. The Rebels win over LSU was definitely the shocker of the regular season.

**WORST OFFICIATED SEC GAME OF THE YEAR:** First of all the officials have a very difficult job in calling any basketball game especially on the major college level. But the UK-Georgia game played in Rupp Arena on February 24, was not a particularly well officiated game. The officials let the game get out of hand and were inconsistent throughout the entire contest. When the hostile Rupp Arena crowd started pelting the floor with debris, the officials didn't stop play long enough to have all of it picked up. No, the officiating crew didn't cost UK the ballgame, but Joe B. Hall was correct in saying after the contest, that he has never seen an outcome of a game more influenced by the calls of the referees.

## Norm Sloan's Postgame Comments

"Obviously this was a very important win for us -- maybe the biggest win in Florida basketball history in terms of making believers out of our fans and out of ourselves. When things started going adversely today, these guys believed in themselves and paid the price.

"We put a lot of pressure on ourselves in this game. We believed we could win and said at halftime that we could win. We worked hard on defense. We had people playing two positions and sometimes three on defense. When Kenny Walker only gets six field goal attempts, you are very fortunate.

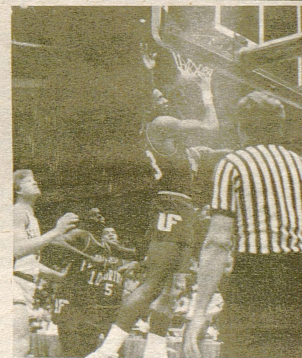
"I'm just very proud of our team. We did all the right things that you need to do to win. My closing comment is that we felt we were deserving of a win. We lost to Vanderbilt in a double overtime game that we could have won at the SEC tournament in Lexington. And we lost to Tennessee in a double overtime game at the tournament last year in Nashville. We felt like maybe it was our turn to win."



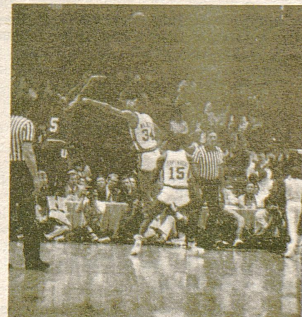
## From Gator's Locker Room

**Andrew Moten:** "On the three-point play, I had an opening and wanted to take the ball all the way. I kind of stepped around Davender and saw an opening. I was trying to control myself and keep from running against Bearup, and I thought they might call a charge. At the free throw line in the last seconds there was pressure, but I wanted to make the free throws for the team."

**Randall Leath:** "I don't know how the ball got away on the play where it was deflected. It might have been me, but the ball was tipped away; we just wanted to contribute any way we could when Eugene McDowell went out of the game. It was good to have a 6-9 or 6-10 player like Leon in there at point. He played well at the position."



Andrew Moten



Randell Leath

## Degree High On Walker's List

**P**eople and things from Birmingham, Ala. Hawkers, those mercenary types who sell tickets for big-time sporting events at inflated prices, were getting face value for Wednesday night's SEC Tournament openers featuring Vandy-Tennessee and Ole Miss-Auburn.

Both games were forgettable enough. By halftime of each contest reporters were already busy persuing periphery tidbits to the tournament's center court action.

Examples...

Louisiana State coach Dale Brown was holding court in the lunch room, challenging a reporter to demonstrate how much he knew about coaching. Brown asked a scribe to diagram please, LSU's run-out offense.

The ink stained wretch waffled and snickered nervously. Brown did not press him, but broke into analytical prose about how he viewed the Tigers' regular season SEC championship.

"Ours was a very subdued celebration," he said. "Because I've been at the helm long enough to know how to handle it. I've spent 25 years crawling across the desert drinking out of someone else's canteen."

Huh?



### Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

Brown told us that he learned some time back that, in dealing with the media, "instead of choosing someone to hate we (his team) decided to love each other." Something about bitterness makes us old men sooner. I suppose.

Moving along, Brown said that a fortnight ago he offered his team a formula. "I told our team that 6-3-5 equals 14. Know what that means?"

Ah, well...

"We needed six wins to take the conference championship...three more to win the SEC tournament and five more for a national championship."

Ah, sorry Dale. In fact, because of the expanded NCAA field to 64 teams and the elimination of first round byes, the formula should have read 6-3-6. But never mind.

#### Kenny Walker

Kentucky's junior All-American was delighted to learn he had been named SEC player of the year and said, considering how hard he had worked this season, he deserved it.

About speculation that he will leave UK for the National Basketball Association, Walker conceded that "the money is awfully tempting, and after the season I've had I feel like I could play in the NBA."

But the 6-8 junior added that he does not believe he has reached his potential. "I would like to improve my ball handling the way Julius Erving and Larry Bird have."

Walker is leaning toward returning to Kentucky next season to get his degree because, he said, it is important to him and it would please his parents.

Following Kentucky 58-55 loss to Florida the players looked weary, perhaps burned out, and maybe even a little tired of each other. "Some of the players are ready for spring break," Winston Bennett said last week. Certainly the Wildcats played like it against Florida.

#### Crap out

Kentucky came up snake eyes one more time in tournament play Thursday. Seven, remember that number.

UK's latest brush with America's lucky number came against Florida. The Wildcats were leading the Gators 33-26 at halftime. But Florida prevailed, 58-55.

A year ago this month UK took a seven point lead into halftime against Georgetown in the Final Four semi-final in Seattle and lost to the Hoyas.

The year before in the NCAA Mideast Regional in Knoxville, Kentucky was seven up on Louisville at halftime, but the Cardinals won in overtime, 80-68.

A look back in UK roundball annals tells us that in the 1975 NCAA finals in San Diego, UK lost to UCLA 92-85. And, in the 1966 NCAA championship it was Texas Western by, you guessed it, seven points, 72-65 at College Park, Md.

#### Recruiting

Kenny Payne, the 6-8, 205-pounder from Laurel, Miss. is being wooed by UK, Louisville and Mississippi State. But a new favorite may scoop them all.

Georgetown has gotten into the recruiting sweepstakes for Payne and may be, according to the player's father, the favorite to get his services.

Incidentally, Kentucky reportedly will concentrate its primary recruiting efforts for next year on four seniors-to-be. They are Scott Draud, a 6-2 sharpshooter who averaged 30.5 points per game for Fort Thomas Highlands this season; Rex Chapman, a 6-3 prize at Owensboro Apollo; 7-0 Felton Spencer from Louisville Eastern and 6-9 Terry Mills of Michigan.

#### Brett Burrow

Vanderbilt had a disappointing season and former North Hardin High standout Brett Burrow had an awful finish as well Wednesday night, getting only four shots in the Commodores loss to Tennessee.

"My (first) goal this season was to be more consistent," he said. "And counting tonight I had four bad games this year."

Another of Burrow's goals was to lead Vandy in rebounding and he did, eight per game.

"I think I'm about where I thought I'd be (in development)," Burrow added. "But I sure don't want to go through another season like this one."

#### Dale Brown

LSU's coach offered a new revelation this week on blue chip high school cagers. "Some of them are now asking \$1,000 just for a vist to your campus."

Brown would not name names.

Also, to help combat illegal payments to college student-athletes, the LSU coach proposes to pay players a \$100-a-month salary.

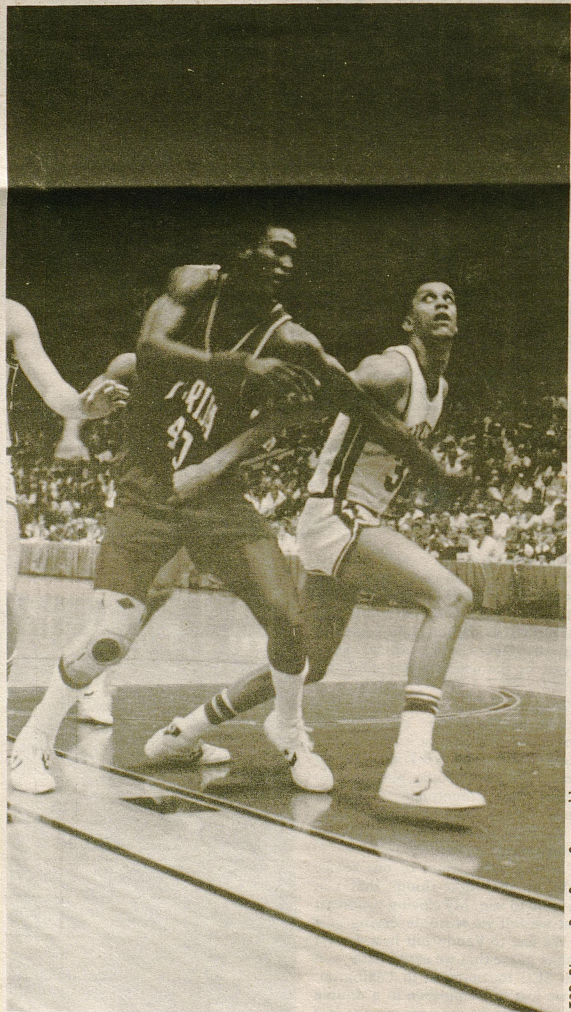
Certainly the money would legalize 'pocket money' for players, but it is no solution if only because—if a player was getting \$100 on the table how long would it be until someone offered \$200, or more?

#### Parting shot

Vandy's Byron "Wrecking" Ball is one of the few freshmen in the college game with a fan club.

Prospective members must memorize 11 pertinent facts about their hero, chip in 51 cents (his uniform number) to the club treasury, and learn the club motto: "Byron Ball is the greatest basketball player from California on the Vandy team."

The club mascot is a goldfish who lives in a Paul Masson wine bottle. And so it goes.



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SEC's Player Of Year In '85



# TCP Predictions



Readers Choice

Oscar Combs

Nick Nicholas

Todd Hallum

J.C. Dumas

Don Coffey

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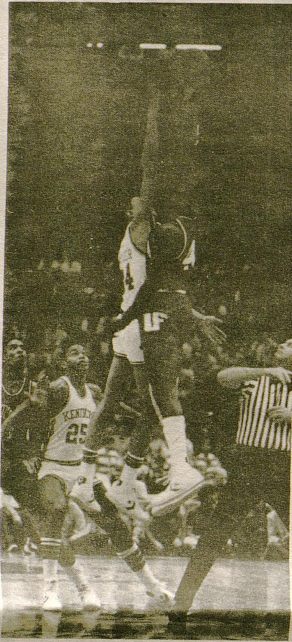
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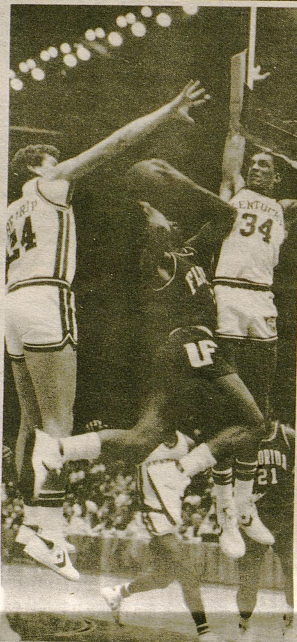
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SOUTHERN VS. ST JOHN'S	ST JOHN'S 12	ST JOHN'S 30	ST JOHN'S 24	ST JOHN'S 31	ST JOHN'S 8	ST JOHN'S 19
IOWA VS. ARKANSAS	IOWA 6	ARKANSAS 1	ARKANSAS 2	ARKANSAS 4	IOWA 6	ARKANSAS 2
UNLV VS. SAN DIEGO STATE	UNLV 12	UNLV 2	UNLV 9	UNLV 7	UNLV 5	UNLV 4
TULSA VS. TEXAS EL PASO	TULSA 4	TULSA 6	UTEP 3	UTEP 5	UTEP 5	UTEP 6
N.C. STATE VS NEVADA-RENO	NC STATE 8	NC STATE 1	NC STATE 5	NC STATE 20	NC STATE 3	NC STATE 7
ALABAMA VS. ARIZONA	ALABAMA 3	ALABAMA 2	ARIZONA 4	ALABAMA 6	ALABAMA 3	ALABAMA 5
VA. COMMONWEALTH VS MARSHALL	VCU 14	VCU 20	VCU 7	VCU 11	VCU 5	VCU 13
GEORGETOWN VS. LEHIGH	G-TOWN 20	G-TOWN 20	G-TOWN 29	G-TOWN 24	G-TOWN 13	G-TOWN 21
TEMPLE VS. VIRGINIA TECH	VA TECH 6	VA TECH 7	VA TECH 6	VA TECH 10	TEMPLE 5	VA TECH 6
SMU VS OLD DOMINION	ODU 2	ODU 1	SMU 8	SMU 12	SMU 4	SMU 8
LOYOLA-CHICAGO VS. IONA	LOYOLA 7	LOYOLA 6	LOYOLA 11	LOYOLA 9	LOYOLA 4	LOYOLA 9
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ILLINOIS VS NORTHEASTERN	ILLINOIS 21	ILLINOIS 25	ILLINOIS 13	ILLINOIS 22	ILLINOIS 5	ILLINOIS 16
SYRACUSE VS. DEPAUL	DEPAUL 3	SYRACUSE 10	SYRACUSE 6	SYRACUSE 3	DEPAUL 3	SYRACUSE 3
GEORGIA TECH VS. MERCER	GA TECH 12	GA TECH 11	GA TECH 18	GA TECH 13	GA TECH 6	GA TECH 17
PURDUE VS. AUBURN	PURDUE 3	AUBURN 7	PURDUE 5	AUBURN 2	AUBURN 5	AUBURN 5
KANSAS VS. OHIO	KANSAS 7	KANSAS 20	KANSAS 12	KANSAS 18	KANSAS 3	KANSAS 18
NOTRE DAME VS. OREGON ST.	N DAME 3	N DAME 9	N DAME 4	OREGON ST 5	N DAME 3	N DAME 4
N. CAROLINA VS. MIDDLE TENN.	CAROLINA 18	CAROLINA 14	CAROLINA 22	CAROLINA 25	CAROLINA 5	CAROLINA 16
MICHIGAN VS. F. DICKINSON	MICHIGAN 14	MICHIGAN 20	MICHIGAN 26	MICHIGAN 22	MICHIGAN 8	MICHIGAN 21
VILLANOVA VS. DAYTON	DAYTON 4	DAYTON 12	DAYTON 2	VILLANOVA 6	VILLANOVA 6	DAYTON 4
MIAMI (OH) VS. MARYLAND	MARYLAND 7	MIAMI 1	MARYLAND 6	MARYLAND 8	MARYLAND 4	MARYLAND 5
LSU VS. NAVY	LSU 8	LSU 16	LSU 9	LSU 20	LSU 5	LSU 12
OKLAHOMA VS. N CAROLINA A&T	OKLAHOMA 14	OKLAHOMA 20	OKLAHOMA 28	OKLAHOMA 18	OKLAHOMA 10	OKLAHOMA 23
USC VS. ILLINOIS ST.	ILL. ST. 3	ILL. ST 10	USC 3	USC 8	USC 1	USC 2
LA. TECH VS. PITTSBURGH	LA TECH 11	LA TECH 6	LA TECH 4	LA TECH 4	LA TECH 6	LA TECH 5
OHIO STATE VS IOWA STATE	OHIO ST. 3	IOWA ST. 2	OHIO ST. 6	IOWA ST. 7	IOWA ST. 3	IOWA ST. 1
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MEMPHIS STATE VS. PENN.	MEMPHIS 21	MEMPHIS 23	MEMPHIS 11	MEMPHIS 22	MEMPHIS 8	MEMPHIS 15

# Kentucky vs. Florida



The Tip Off



Moten Splits The Cats

## Florida Knocks Cats Out Of SEC Tournament Party

Florida jolted the NCAA tournament hopes of the University of Kentucky with a stunning 58-55 win over the Wildcats in a quarterfinal game in Birmingham, Ala.

UF had trailed most of the game (including 33-26 at halftime), but behind the second-half offensive production of Randall Leath, the Gators outscored their opponents 32-22 in the second half.

With the score 40-38 in the 'Cats' favor, the 6-foot-9 senior drilled in eight of Florida's next nine points to give UF a 45-44 lead.

Sophomore Andrew Moten was the game's high scorer with 16 points, followed by Vernon Maxwell with 12, and Eugene McDowell and Leath with 10 tallies each.

Winston Bennett led UK with 14 points in 37 minutes of action. Kenny Walker, the SEC's leading scorer and rebounder, scored 13 points -- 10 points below his average. Freshman Ed Davender also poured in 13 points.

Florida, 18-10, advances to the semi-finals to face the winner of the Auburn - LSU game. Kentucky, which entered the contest losing 3 of its last 5 contests, falls to 16-12.

The Cats' NCAA hopes now rest on the mercy of the selection committee.

"I'm just very proud of our team," said Florida Coach Norm Sloan.

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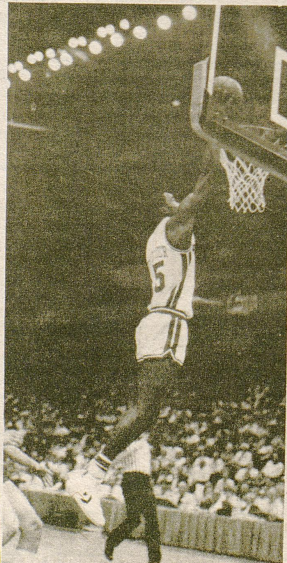
## Gators Come Back To Reclaim Lead In Second - Half

The Gators, as Coach Sloan indicated, definitely fought adversity on this particular Thursday afternoon.

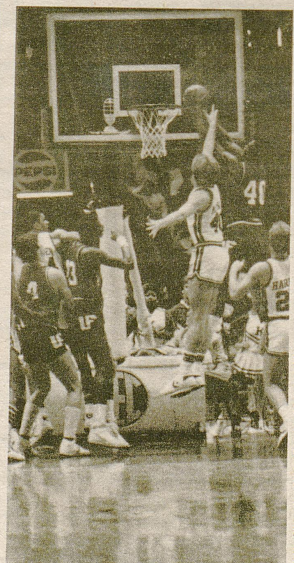
UK controlled the ball and the lead (51-49) with a little more than two minutes remaining. Though Moten took charge as he stole the ball and went the distance to knot the score at 51-all. In the process, Bret Bearup was whistled for a blocking call on the Florida guard. Moten sank the free throw and put the Gators on top for good.

UK failed to reclaim the lead as McKinley misfired from deep in the right corner. Walker grabbed the offensive rebound, but missed the short shot as the pill rimmed around the hoop and came out. Florida pulled down the defensive rebound. The Gators now had the lead and the ball with under two minutes left. Said Moten, "On the three-point play, I had an opening and wanted to take the ball all the way. I kind of stepped around Davender and saw an opening. I was trying to control myself and keep from running against Bearup, and I thought they might call a charge."

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Ed Leaps For Two



McDowell Too Much

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OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE																			
Date March 7, 1985 Site CIVIC CENTER (Birmingham)																			
VISITORS (Last Name, First)																			
No.	FLORIDA (18-10)	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S						
43	Randall Leath	f	5	6	0	2	6	9	10	32	0	0	0	0					
3	Pat Lawrence	f	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	13	0	4	0	0					
40	Eugene McDowell	c	4	6	2	2	6	4	10	32	5	2	1	0					
5	Andrew Moten	g	5	12	6	9	7	2	16	37	3	1	0	3					
11	Vernon Maxwell	g	4	10	4	4	2	4	12	29	0	2	0	1					
4	Joe Lawrence	g	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	1	0	1					
10	Ronnie Montgomery	f	3	2	2	2	1	0	4	9	3	1	0	3					
12	Francisco Leon	g	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	18	4	2	0	0					
20	Danny Sheldon	g	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0					
21	Kenny McClary	g	2	3	0	0	3	2	4	16	0	0	0	0					
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals) 2																			
TOTALS		21	42	16	21	30	18	58		200	15	13	1	8					
FG %: 1st Half		8/20--400			2nd Half			13/22--591			Game			21/42--500					
FT %: 1st Half		10/13--769			2nd Half			6/8--750			Game			16/21--762					
HOME		FG %: 1st Half			2nd Half			Game			Deadball			Rebounds					
KENTUCKY (16-12)		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S						
34	Kenny Walker	f	4	6	5	7	8	3	13	40	1	2	1	0					
25	Winston Bennett	f	6	15	2	4	5	4	14	37	0	0	0	0					
24	Bret Bearup	c	2	4	0	3	6	5	4	32	0	0	1	1					
15	Ed Davender	g	5	10	3	5	1	3	13	40	0	2	0	2					
23	Roger Harden	g	3	7	2	2	4	2	8	38	5	2	0	0					
10	James Blackmon	g	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	2					
40	Troy McKinley	g	0	4	1	2	0	1	1	6	0	0	0	0					
42	Richard Madison	g	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0					
44	Robert Lock	f	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	0					
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals) 3																			
TOTALS		21	47	13	23	29	20	55		200	6	7	2	5					
FG %: 1st Half		13/27--481			2nd Half			8/20--400			Game			21/47--447					
FT %: 1st Half		7/12--583			2nd Half			6/11--545			Game			13/23--565					
OFFICIALS:		Bale Kelley, Reggie Copeland, Don Ferguson			SCORE BY PERIODS			1st H.			2nd H.			OT			FINAL		
Technical Fouls:		Florida coach			FLORIDA			26			32			58					
Attendance:		13,300			KENTUCKY			33			22			55					

**Free Throws At The End Nail Lid To UK's Coffin**

Not only did Florida ice the game with pressure free throws, but the Wildcats missed a few chances of their own. Maxwell and Moten calmly sank a pair of one-and-one attempts in the final 1:18 to secure the win.

Maxwell's dunk with 14 ticks remaining gave the Gators their biggest lead at 58-53. Davender scored underneath with three seconds left, but it was too little too late.

UK hurt its chances somewhat at the free throw stripe. Kentucky led 48-45, but Walker missed the front end of a bonus attempt in the final 10 minutes. With only 2:37 left, Davender hit on only 1 of 2 tries making the score 51-47. Even though UK led by four, it could have been out in front by more.

**Game Appeared To Belong To The 'Cats**

Kentucky erased Florida's second-half lead when Bennett drilled in a 20-foot-plus jumper giving UK a one-point margin, 46-45 with 9:07 remaining. Davender then connected on two free throws to widen the margin, 48-45.

After both teams went scoreless for more than three minutes, Maxwell put in a short jumper at the five minute mark off an inbounds pass underneath the Gator basket.

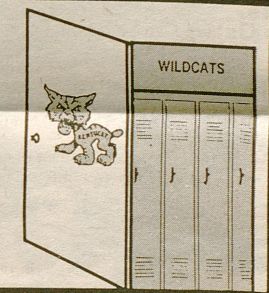
With Kentucky clinging to a 50-47 advantage, the Wildcats seemed to get the break of the ballgame. An apparent UF field goal was nullified, when reserve Francisco Leon was called for offensive goaltending. Leon came down the lane and ill advisedly tried to stuff the ball through the hoop while it was still hanging on the rim. The basket was disallowed and Kentucky took over possession late into the ballgame.

**Seven Point Halftime Lead Could Have Been Larger**

It seemed Kentucky and Florida were exchanging basket after basket for the first 10 minutes of the contest. Though, UK upped its lead to five (21-16) when Walker scrapped for a Bearup missed shot and laid it in with 7:30 remaining in the first stanza.

Twice UK widened its lead to nine -- 31-22, 33-24 -- when Bennett and Harden each connected on long bombs.

Inside  
The  
Locker  
Room



**Richard Madison**

(About the momentum shifting toward the Gators)

It seemed like the momentum changed when we got the ball into Kenny (Walker) a couple of times underneath and it looked like he was fouled and he didn't get the call. I think the team was sort of stunned that he didn't get the calls. Then they got two fast break baskets and that really hurt. After that, everything went Florida's way.

(About getting an NCAA bid)

We stand to hope that we can get an NCAA bid. All we can do now is sit back and wait.

**James Blackmon**

(About when the Gators took charge)

I think they got their momentum going when (Andrew) Moten got a three-point play. (Eugene) McDowell got back into the game and he started to turning around and got the good jumper. That's where I think they got their momentum. I think they started playing aggressive defense and denying Kenny the ball.

(About the team's feelings before the game)

We felt pretty good. We were aware of the talent they had, and their quickness, and McDowell and Moten.

So we felt pretty good coming in. We just had to go out and try to execute well on our offensive end and our defensive end, too. But like I said early, when we didn't get the ball into Kenny, I think that hurt us a lot.

**Roger Harden**

(About the shot he took with about 20 seconds left in the first half)

I thought it was under 10 seconds, and that was my fault. Any point guard shouldn't make that mistake; mostly a junior point guard.

(About an NCAA bid)

I'm confident that if there's any hope of us getting an NCAA bid -- the University of Kentucky is going to get it with our record and what we've done. I just hope we can get into the party. If we just get into the party, I think they'll have a tough time in kicking us out. I don't think we want to end the season on this kind of note.

(About if the team deserves an NCAA bid)

Most definitely. I'm biased, but I think we can go and play against some teams. I think we've proved that throughout the year.

(About why UK deserves a NCAA bid)

Well, the first thing I think we're a very well-coached ballclub. Coach Hall and what Kentucky has done in the past is something to look at. Like I

Kentucky had the chance to go into intermission with an 11-point lead. Harden, however missed a jumper at about the 20 second mark. Going for the offensive board Bearup picked up his third foul by going over Moten's back. Moten missed the attempt as UK still had a chance to lengthen its lead.

Davender had that chance but couldn't cash in on the front end of a one-and-one chance.

Florida was given one more opportunity. Unlike the previous sequence, the Gators took advantage of a Wildcat mistake. Reserve Richard Madison slapped Pat Lawrence on the hand as he was going up for a shot with only one second left. Lawrence canned two free throws to cut the margin to seven at halftime.

The last couple of minutes sort of destroyed some of the momentum that the 'Cats had previously built up. Anyway, it seemed Kentucky was still in command of the game entering the final twenty minutes.

Bennett was the key to UK's first-half attack. The 6-7 forward hit on 4 of 8 from the field, while 1 of 2 from the charity stripe for a total of nine points.

**Gator-Wildcat Tidbits**

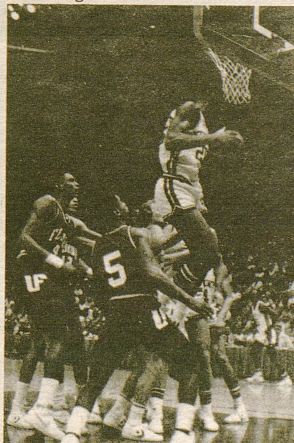
The win over Kentucky was the second this year for the Gators -- the first-time ever that has happened. . .With Kentucky holding a 16-14 lead, Coach Sloan was very disturbed over an official's call. He was so disturbed that he took off his sportcoat in anger and started jawing back with one of the officials. The result: a technical on the Florida bench. Coach Hall inserted sharpshooting senior Troy McKinley to attempt the foul shots. The senior missed the first try and made the second giving his team a three-point lead with 9:59 left in the first half. . .After the game Athletic Director Cliff Hagan still felt his team was in the hunt for an NCAA bid. "I think we still have a shot at it," said Hagan. "We don't play a patsy schedule, that's well-known. . .Hagan was also asked if the team would accept an NIT bid. "No, we're going to stick by the NCAA. We'll consider the season over if we don't get an NCAA bid. . .If Kentucky does not play in the NCAA or the NIT then Walker (the SEC's regular season Player of the Year) might be in jeopardy of losing both his SEC scoring and rebounding leads to Chuck Person (scoring) and Eugene McDowell (rebounding). Both Person's and McDowell's teams appear to be headed for post-season action. Statistics from post-season play are figured into the regular season marks.

said, we've beaten some good teams and have played some good teams down to the wire. I think they have to look at that, too. We've got Kenny Walker on our team. I think he's a great asset. If Walker can shake free, and has got his rhythm going, I think we can play with anybody in the country.

(About Florida's defense on Walker)  
Eugene McDowell and Randell Leath are very good defensive ball-players. When we come down, he's our first option in our offense, and that's justifiable because of the player that he is. They just clogged it up in there. Everywhere he went they were talking, Walker's on the left, Walker's on the right. He was a marked man out there. So, it was nothing really special they did strategically. It was just the fact that they were very aware of him out there and played him very well.

**Winston Bennett**

(About Leath flashing in the lane)  
I thought that was a definite asset



**Winston Bennett**

and I thought they had so much quickness on the wings.

**Kenny Walker**

(About the way the game was officiated)

I don't want to comment on the officiating, but I think Florida did a good job of collapsing on defense. They were just a little bit more alert to the ball.

(About his last shot that went around the rim and came out)

I thought that was a good shot, it felt good when it left my hand, but it just rolled around the basket.

(About Florida)

I thought Florida had a little momentum going into the game coming off the win against Mississippi State on State's home court. They just took their time and chipped away at the lead in the second half and got back into the game.

(About an NCAA bid)

We feel pretty optimistic about it right now, and we just have to sit back and hope that we get a bid.

**Bret Bearup**

(About UK's poor shooting percentage -- 44.7 percent from the field; 56.5 from the charity line)

If you start out shooting poorly, you know about shooters, if you hit your first shot you're going to be on your way. We started out the season shooting poorly and I guess we never got out of that mold.

(About Leath)

Leath had a real good game. He usually doesn't have a game like that. He hit a lot of shots he usually doesn't hit. We were concentrating on McDowell on the one side, and Leath hit four or five jumpers with people right in his face. Winston (Bennett) and I had four fouls and there wasn't a lot we were going to do about it as far as contact.

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1984-85 COLLEGE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM  
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**FIRST TEAM**

POS	NAME	CL	HT	WT	PPG	RPG	SCHOOL
C	Patrick Ewing	SR	7-0	245	14.7	10.0	Georgetown
C	Jon Koncak	SR	7-0	245	17.5	10.6	S.M.U.
F	Wayman Tisdale	JR	6-9	250	25.5	10.7	Oklahoma
F	Keith Lee	SR	6-10	218	21.5	10.3	Memphis State
G	Chris Mullin	SR	6-6	205	23.1	4.9	St. John's
G	Sam Vincent	SR	6-2	185	21.5	3.6	Michigan State

**SECOND TEAM**

POS	NAME	CL	HT	WT	PPG	RPG	SCHOOL
C	Joe Kleine	SR	6-11	255	21.7	8.2	Arkansas
F	Xavier McDaniel	JR	6-7 1/2	210	27.5	14.9	Wichita State
F	Kenny Walker	SR	6-9	200	23.1	10.2	Kentucky
F	A.C. Green	SR	6-9	215	19.5	10.0	Oregon State
F	Len Bias	JR	6-7	205	20.0	6.8	Maryland
G	Steve Harris	SR	6-5	195	23.9	4.2	Tulsa

**THIRD TEAM**

POS	NAME	CL	HT	WT	PPG	RPG	SCHOOL
C	Karl Malone	SR	6-9	250	16.8	9.1	Louisiana Tech
C	Benoit Benjamin	JR	7-0	235	23.4	14.7	Greighton
F	Ed Pinckney	SR	6-10	205	16.6	10.0	Villanova
F	Chuck Person	JR	6-8	215	22.5	9.1	Auburn
F	Alfredrick Hughes	SR	6-8	215	26.9	10.2	Loyola, IL
G	Steve Mitchell	JR	6-2	185	18.2	3.4	U.A.B.
G	Dell Curry	JP	6-4	190	20.4	6.2	Virginia Tech

**FOURTH TEAM**

POS	NAME	CL	HT	WT	PPG	RPG	SCHOOL
C	Greg Stokes	SR	6-10	220	20.4	9.0	Iowa
C	David Hoppes	JR	6-11	235	24.7	8.7	Nebraska
C	Brad Daugherty	JR	6-11	240	17.5	9.5	North Carolina
F	Lorenzo Charles	SR	6-7	250	18.6	6.2	N.C. State
F	Granger Hall	SR	6-8	200	17.6	8.3	Temple
G	Mark Price	SR	6-0	165	16.6	2.5	Georgia Tech
G	Bubba Jennings	SR	5-10	160	20.1	3.3	Texas Tech
G	John S. Williams	JR	6-5	185	26.1	5.0	Indiana State

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1984-85 ALL-FRESHMEN TEAM

POS	NAME	HT	WT	PPG	RPG	SCHOOL
C	Cedric Henderson	6-9	210	15.7	7.2	Georgia
F	Danny Manning	6-11	205	14.2	7.7	Kansas
F/C	Charlie Smith	6-10	205	14.2	7.8	Pittsburgh
F	Kenny Battle	6-6	195	21.1	6.5	Northern Illinois
F	Clinton Hinton	6-6	215	18.0	8.0	UNCC
G	Gary Grant	6-3	170	13.6	3.0	Michigan
G	Dave Rivers	6-0	170	14.4	2.4	Notre Dame

PRELIMINARY TOP 50 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

**TOP TEN**

NAME	POS	HT	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE
Jeff Lebo	PG	6-2	Carlisle, PA	North Carolina
Danny Ferry	BF	6-10	Hyattsville, MD	Unsign'd
Tony Kimbro	PF	6-7	Louisville, KY	Unsign'd
Kevin Madden	G/F	6-5 1/2	Staunton, VA	North Carolina
Tom Hammonds	BF	6-8	Crestview, FL	Unsign'd
Jerome Lane	ZG	6-6	Akron, OH	Pittsburgh
Tito Horford	C	7-1	Houston, TX	Unsign'd
Tom Lewis	SF	6-7	Santa Ana, CA	Unsign'd
Rick Calloway	SF	6-6	Cincinnati, OH	Indiana
Rodney Strickland	PG	6-2	Bronx, NY	DePaul

**SECOND TEN**

NAME	POS	HT	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE
Lowell Hamilton	BF	6-7	Chicago, IL	Illinois
Jerome Richardson	PG	6-0	Philadelphia, PA	UCLA
Steve Bucknall	SF	6-6	Byfield, MA	North Carolina
Michael Jones	SF	6-7	Phenix City, AL	Unsign'd
Walker Lambiotte	SF	6-6	Woodstock, VA	N.C. State
Pervis Ellison	F/C	6-9 1/2	Savannah, GA	Unsign'd
Michael Porter	PG	5-11	Dublin, VA	Virginia Tech
Ed Horton	BF	6-8	Springfield, IL	Iowa
Glen Rice	C	6-7	Flint, MI	Unsign'd
Doug Roth	C	6-11	Knoxville, TN	Tennessee

**THIRD TEN**

NAME	POS	HT	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE
Jerry Pryor	BF	6-8 1/2	Brooklet, GA	Clemson
Kenny Wilson	PG	5-9	Jersey City, NJ	Villanova
Terry Dozier	SF	6-9	Baltimore, MD	Unsign'd
Irving Thomas	BF	6-8	Carol City, FL	Kentucky
Mark Stevenson	G/F	6-6	Philadelphia, PA	Notre Dame
Roland Shelton	ZG	6-4	Decatur, GA	Auburn (?)
Rodney Walker	C	6-9 1/2	Baltimore, MD	Syracuse
Roy Harble	G/F	6-6	Flint, MI	Iowa
Kip Jones	SF	6-8	Decatur, IN	Purdue
Toney Mack	SF	6-5	Brandon, FL	Georgia

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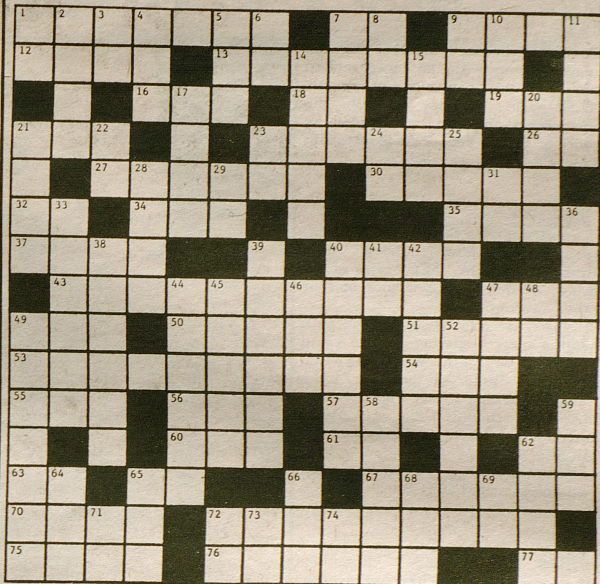
NAME	POS	HT	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE
Eric Gathers	BF	6-6	Philadelphia	Unsign'd
Rod Watson	ZG	6-3	Memphis, TN	Wake Forest
Greg "Boo" Harvey	PG	5-11	Cambria Heights, NY	Syracuse
Gary Massey	SF	6-5	Bronx, NY	Villanova
Mark McCathion	PF	6-8	Oakland, CA	Unsign'd
Kenny Payne	SF	6-7	Laurens, MS	Unsign'd
Steve Grayer	SF	6-7	Macon, GA	Unsign'd
Bernard Royster	G/F	6-5	Baltimore, MD	Old Dominion
Anthony Sherrad	ZG	6-5	Millen, GA	Georgia Tech
Sherman Douglas	PG	6-0	Washington, DC	Unsign'd

**FIFTH TEN**

NAME	POS	HT	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE
Phil Gamble	ZG	6-4	Washington, DC	Unsign'd
Doug West	G/F	6-6	Altoona, PA	Villanova
Sean Elliott	G/F	6-7	Phoenix, AZ	Arizona
Michael Ingram	BF	6-7	Chicago, IL	Unsign'd
Clarence Brown	SF	6-8	Leland, NC	N.C. State
Melvin McCants	F/C	6-9	Chicago, IL	Purdue
Earl Moore	PG	6-0	Washington, DC	Unsign'd
Billy Butts	ZG	6-3	Muncie, IN	Michigan
Richard Morgan	ZG	6-4	Salem, VA	Virginia
Terence Greene	ZG	6-3	Flint, MI	Unsign'd

The Cats' Pause Crossword

By Dan Krueckeberg



THE ROAD TO RUPP: FINAL FOUR PROSPECTS

- ACROSS**
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Regional champion will come from Dallas
  - Initials of Tiger coach aiming for Final Four
  - Louisiana \_\_\_\_\_ could be a sleeper
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Sit for photo
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Could be in Rupp Arena spotlight
  - Snake
  - Abbr. for school hoping to make Rupp despite obscene amount of injuries
  - Trick
  - Roll of money
  - Might come into Rupp "fighting"
  - No one \_\_\_\_\_ a sure Final Four shot
  - Will win at Rupp
  - Flower
  - John's is a Final Four threat
  - Coach Henson has high hopes
  - "They r \_\_\_\_\_ the zone"
  - An SEC hopeful
  - Unlikely he'll get to his fourth Final Four in six years
  - Many pick them for Final Four
  - Neighboring conference hoping to send a surprise visitor to Final Four
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ band
  - Zest of life
  - Brown could bring Jayhawks to Lexington
  - Syracuse's citrus have a shot
  - Might "ram" way to Final Four
  - Abbr. for Donnewald's MVC hopefuls
  - Makes 4th and final try for his Tigers
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ best will come out of the Providence Regional
  - Feminine name
  - Abbr. for state housing a regional
  - Initials of Hoccasin coach Murray
  - Initials of coach Butts of non-Final Four
  - Verb suffix
  - Tisdale wants a Final Four shot
  - Flightless birds
  - \_\_\_\_\_ appearance in Rupp would include "Lefty"
  - If you can't spell the coach's name, just say \_\_\_\_\_
  - Will a \_\_\_\_\_ blaze into Rupp?
  - Initials of coach Smith of SEC hopeful

- DOWN**
- Initials of Price, who Tech's fans bank on
  - Strong front-line Big Ten hopeful
  - Initials of DeLeff; could make Harv's last harrah a big one
  - Spider's structure
  - Mineral spring
  - Symbol for "fantalam"
  - Curry leads the Hawks
  - Initials of the home court's star
  - SEC/Southern Conference state abbr.
  - Breakfast item
  - Big Joe Kleine and teammates
  - Harris and Hurricane can blow you away
  - Taverns
  - State's quickness might get them to Rupp
  - \_\_\_\_\_ dale terror
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ best comes from Denver
  - Initials of an independent hopeful
  - \_\_\_\_\_ went in at the buzzer"
  - Big Ten/MVC state abbr.
  - Article
  - Bread spread
  - Abbr. for Big 10 school out of tourney
  - Initials of coach of 11 Down
  - Bayou Bengals plan to be at Rupp
  - Carl \_\_\_\_\_ hopes to bring the Deacons
  - Might break inx with Dallas at Dallas
  - Low, Chris, etc. point to Final Four
  - "He hit from the \_\_\_\_\_"
  - Initials of Cougar Winslow
  - \_\_\_\_\_ appearance at Rupp would feature
  - Cowel-Sitting Tark
  - \_\_\_\_\_ sleeves
  - Colorful A.C. leads the Beavers
  - Foot feature
  - \_\_\_\_\_ squad has "acres" of hope
  - Abbr. for "voltage regulator"
  - Loyola has \_\_\_\_\_ towards the Final Four since being snubbed
  - The Final Four guarantees lots of it
  - Walkway -or- a Rupp ramp
  - Will the \_\_\_\_\_ Heels be at Rupp?
  - Bungle
  - Could bring "bliss" to Rupp
  - Compass abbr.
  - The Blab \_\_\_\_\_ at IU has one more shot
  - Paddle
  - U of \_\_\_\_\_ features freshman Brown
  - Abbr. for the host
  - Initials of Syracuse freshman Brown
  - Former coach McGuire
  - The last two of final four

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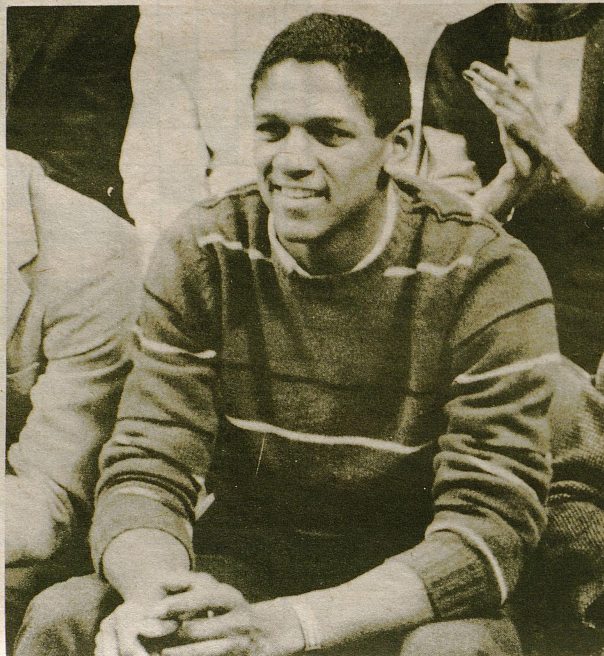
Sport weeklies throughout the Southeastern Conference have voted Kenny Walker the "SEC Player of the Year" as well as the winner of four other awards.

Walker, who leads the SEC in both scoring and rebounding as NCAA and NIT action begins this week, was voted the "SEC Junior of the Year," the "Most Exciting SEC Player," the "Best Clutch SEC Player" and a unanimous choice to the five-man All-SEC club.

Complete voting in all 42 categories will be published in TCP next week.

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**HITS AND MISSES.** . . Romulus, Michigan, coach **Al Wilkerson** recently told Bob Gibbons of All-Star Sports that superstar **Terry Mills** has narrowed his list of schools to eight: Kentucky, Michigan, Kansas, Iowa, DePaul, Ohio State, North Carolina and Syracuse, not necessarily in that order, but then again? . . . UK has begun digging in on the recruiting of Owensboro Apollo junior star **Rex Chapman** when a large contingent of Wildcat faithfuls drove to Owensboro Monday night to watch the junior star in Third Region semi-finals. . . Kentucky is still hot on the trail of Georgia guard **Roland Shelton** and Wilmington, Ohio, guard **Greg Nared** who visited UK recently. Nared reportedly is having a tough time choosing between football and basketball. Some believe he will sign a football grant with Ohio State, although the 6-4, 195-pounder could play varsity much quicker on the hardwoods. . . A Los Angeles Times report says **Tom Lewis** has narrowed his choices down to

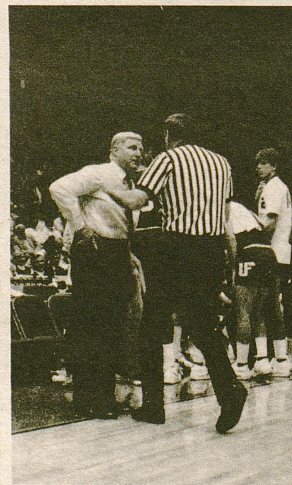


Prep Recruit Greg Nared At Recent UK Game

Arizona State, UCLA and Southern Cal, thus eliminating such schools as UNLV, UL, Kentucky and Syracuse. One recruiting expert says USC coaches feel they've got the situation well under control for the Trojans, but not everyone is convinced. . . UT officials have asked the Southeastern Conference to pick another site for the 1986 SEC Tourney, saying that the new Tennessee basketball arena may not be ready in time for next March's four-day event. The SEC Site Selection Committee is expected to come up with a decision around April 1. UK has

once again proposed Rupp Arena and LSU officials have offered Assembly Center. LSU people say they believe LSU could get a crack at hosting the event before UK since Lexington has already hosted the event once. UK athletics director **Cliff Hagan** was quoted as saying he would gladly vote for LSU as the host because he thinks the tourney should be passed around the league's campuses. But here's betting that neither will get it because informed sources tell us that SEC officials in Birmingham acquired a reservation hold on the Birmingham

Civic Center several weeks ago, figuring that the new UT facility would not be ready. . . Last week's less than capacity crowds once again proves that Birmingham doesn't deserve the SEC tourney. While I have the upmost respect for SEC Commissioner **Boyd McWhorter**, a host city does have certain obligations to help make an event successful. His contention is that it is up to the league's ten schools to sell the tourney out. If that's the case, then the tourney should be staged at the ten schools and not in Birmingham. It is Birmingham which reaps the major financial rewards. But that city has an incredible reputation for such tactics. For years, Birmingham 'used' the College Football Hall of Fame to make its postseason football bowl a success. As soon as the bowl started making big money, Birmingham folks tells the Hall of Fame people to take a hike. . . Almost 2,000 tourney books went unsold in Birmingham, and the no-shows were very heavy throughout the tourney. Even the final game between cross-state rivals Auburn and Alabama failed to attract anywhere near a sell-out crowd. . . One Wildcat who is really looking forward to the Salt Lake City visit is senior **Bret Bearup** who has relatives and friends in Utah. Converted to the Mormon faith, Bearup plans to spend the next few years serving his church. Bearup just might have the best fan club of any player in the Salt Lake City regional. . . Another fellow who is all smiles about the pairings is **Al Harden**, father of **Roger Harden**. Al will not only get to watch Roger in the NCAA, but also Roger's older brother, **Rob**, who is a starting guard for NCAA-bound Nevada-Reno which is playined in the West Regional first round in New Mexico. After watching UK play on Thursday, Al, his wife and youngest son will hop a plane and head south to watch Rob on Friday, then hopes to return to Salt Lake City Saturday if UK advances. The ultimate would be a return trip to New Mexico on Sunday if Reno should upset North Carolina State.



The Lively Acts Of Florida Coach Norm Sloan

# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## FIVE YEARS AGO

\*Behind some awesome board work and tenacious man-to-man defense, Kentucky blasted Florida State 97-78 in the first round of the NCAA Midwest Regional, played at Bowling Green. UK jumped out to an 18-5 lead but State got back within 22-17 before UK broke the game open with a 49-27 halftime margin, scoring 18 of the final 22 points in the half. UK held a shocking 34-13 halftime rebounding edge and finished with a 54-31 difference. Kyle Macy led UK with 16 points while Fred Cowan and LaVon Williams scored 14 each. Sam Bowie scored 13 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. The win advances Kentucky to the Midwest Regional second round, to be played in Rupp Arena. Four of the nation's best teams will be there as

UK plays Duke and Indiana meets Purdue.

\*The UK baseball team went to Starkville, Miss., and downed the highly ranked Bulldogs 9-4. State was 29-1 at home last year. UK got home runs from Mark Hredzak. Dan Pototsky and Greg Ryle. Jeff Keener got the win pitching five no-hit innings. State came back to bomb UK 10-0 the next day. The Wildcats split two games with Tennessee, losing the first game of a twinbill 3-2 before coming back to win 7-4 with homers by Pototsky and Mike Harding.

\*Kentucky senior guard Kyle Macy has been named to both the first team All-American teams of AP and UPI.

## TEN YEARS AGO

\*Basketball Coach Joe Hall inked a four-year extension of his existing

contract, which will run through June 30, 1980.

\*UK opened its spring football drills on a cold day this week, but Fran Curci said it was a good opening. Running the number one offense was Cliff Hite of Finley, Ohio. Also in the quarterback picture are freshman Leon Murray and Derrick Ramsey.

\*UK's Kevin Grevey was named a second-team All-American by the UPI. \*UK's Kevin Grevey edged teammate Mike Phillips for the SEC Player-of-the-Week last week. It was the third time this year Grevey has been so honored.

\*Marquette Coach Al McGuire said the Cats may be even better than people expect after the Cats ripped number-five ranked Marquette 76-54 in the first round of the Midwest Regional, held in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Marquette led 28-25 at the half but UK

surged back the second half, holding the Warriors to a 32.3 shooting percentage for the game. Kevin Grevey paced UK with 19 points. Bob Guyette had 14 points and 15 rebounds Jimmy Dan Conner had 13 points and Mike Phillips 11.

## FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

\*With All-America Dan Issel fouling out with ten minutes to go and three other Wildcats also fouling out, number one ranked Kentucky fell 106-100 to Jacksonville in the Midwest Regional finals. A brilliant effort by a group of sophomores and juniors reduced a ten-point Jacksonville lead to 102-100 with 45 seconds left, but two free throws by Rex Morgan decided it. Issel scored 28 points to lead UK. Tom Parker had 21, Terry Mills 18 and Mike Pratt 14. Morgan had 28 points and Artis Gilmore 24 for Jacksonville.

\*The UK Kittens finished the year with the second best mark in the conference at 11-3. Ole Miss was 10-1. UK was 16-6 overall. Johnny Newman of Ole Miss was the conference's leading scorer.

\*Ron Sciarro, an all-state quarterback from Beaver Falls, Pa., signed a football grant with UK. Sciarro will play in Pennsylvania's Big 33 game along with UK signees Doug Kotar, Mark Campbell and Dan Jadmann.

\*Three homers by Steve Tingle led UK to a 10-7 win over Oglethorpe College. Richard Durbin's ninth-inning homer proved decisive. Reliever Tom Bannon gained the win.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

\*Led by Bill Russell, San Francisco captured the NCAA title. They were unranked in pre-season.

\*Nationally rated basketball teams Utah, Dayton and Minnesota will join Kentucky in the third annual UKIT field next year.

\*A move to revive the season-end SEC basketball tournament was stopped when coaches split evenly over the issue with six for the tourney and six against.

# Wildcat Quiz

1. Who was Kentucky's opponent that the Wildcats defeated in the Midwest Regional final last season in Rupp Arena?

- a) Maryland
- b) Louisville
- c) Illinois
- d) BYU

2. True or False? Kentucky has played in the last two Midwest Regional finals?

3. How many times has Joe B. Hall taken the Wildcats to the NCAA final eight?

- a) five
- b) six
- c) seven
- d) eight

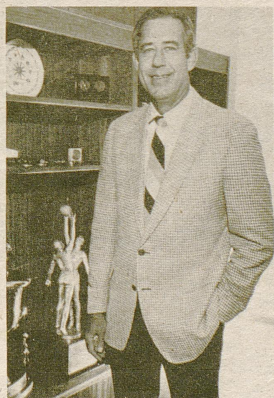
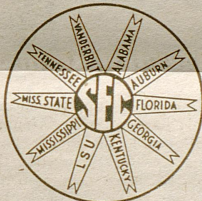
4. What is Joe B. Hall's current coaching record in the NCAA Tournament?

- a) 18-8
- b) 16-7
- c) 15-12
- d) 12-12

5. Has UK ever faced an SEC team in NCAA Tournament play in the Joe B. Hall era?

Yes or No.

6. When UK won the 1978 NCAA championship, who did they replace as champion?



C. M. Newton

### Answers

- 10. Vernon Hatton (17.1)
- 9. False
- 8. Ohio State
- 7. Middle Tennessee
- 6. Marquette
- 5. No
- 4. 18-8
- 3. Six
- 2. True
- 1. Illinois

- a) Indiana
- b) Marquette
- c) North Carolina
- d) Louisville

7. What team upset the Wildcats in the first round of the 1982 NCAA Tournament?

- a) Western Kentucky
- b) Austin Peay
- c) Florida State
- d) Middle Tennessee

8. This Big Ten team won the 1960 NCAA title but was defeated by Kentucky during the regular season. Who was it?

- a) Indiana
- b) Ohio State
- c) UCLA
- d) Kansas

9. True or False. Joe B. Hall has never defeated Al McGuire (Marquette) coached team in the NCAA Tournament?

10. Who was the leading scorer for UK on the 1958 national championship squad?

- a) Johnny Cox
- b) C. M. Newton
- c) Vernon Hatton
- d) Ed Beck



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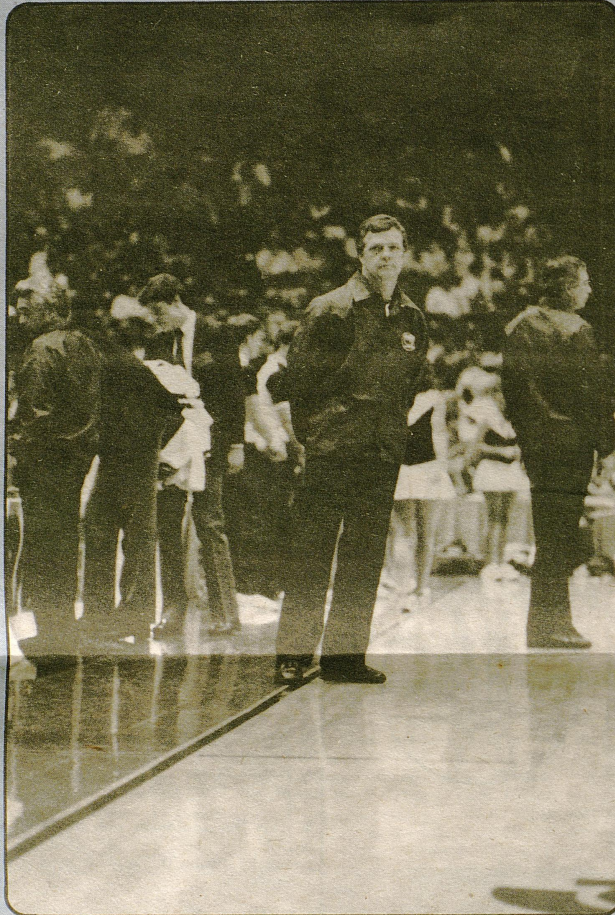
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