

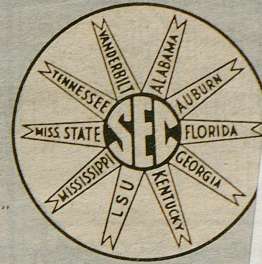
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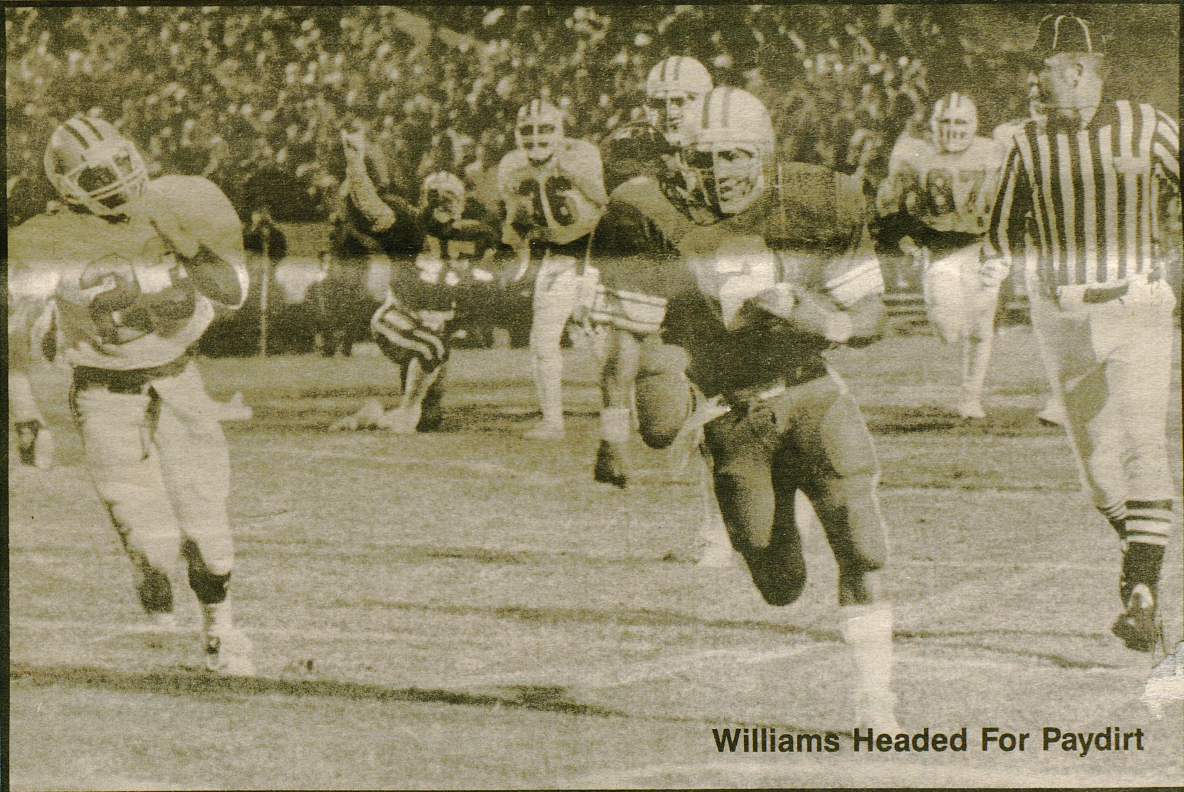


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Cats Open SEC Slate With Tough Mississippi State

The University of Kentucky Wildcats, 3-1 on the season after successive victories over Tulane, Cincinnati, and Clemson, open their Southeastern Conference season at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium against Mississippi State.

In its last outing, Kentucky, playing without the services of starting quarterback Bill Ransdell, defeated Clemson 26-7 before a Commonwealth Stadium record crowd of 58,230. Ransdell suffered a collapsed lung on the first play from scrimmage and was replaced by sophomore Kevin Dooley of Cincinnati.

Dooley completed 15 of 23 passing attempts for 142 yards and one touchdown, a five-yard screen pass to Mark Logan. The Wildcat offense

for his performance in Kentucky's 26-7 victory over Clemson. Dooley, playing in the absence of starting quarterback Bill Ransdell, completed 15 of 23 passes for 142 yards and one touchdown.

Vernon Johnson, a senior offensive tackle from London, is the offensive lineman of the week. Johnson anchored an offensive line that allowed zero quarterback sacks, while also opening the Clemson defensive line, enabling the Wildcat running game to net 167 yards.

Senior tackle Jon Dumbaold of Troy, Ohio, and junior guard Tom Wilkins of Russellville, share the defensive line award. Dumbaold had four first hits and one assist, including a quarterback sack in the second period. Wilkins had three first hits and two assists.

Senior safety Russell Hairston of Lanham, Maryland, and sophomore linebacker Jeff Kremer of Newport share the defensive back award. Hairston intercepted Tiger quarterback Randy Anderson and tallied four first hits and one assisted tackle. Kremer was in on five first hits and two assists.

Sophomore place-kicker Joe Worley of Oakwood, Virginia, received the kicking game award. Worley scored 14 points in the Clemson contest, hitting four of four field goal attempts and both of his extra point attempts.

University of Kentucky head trainer Al Green reports that junior quarterback Bill Ransdell of Elizabethton suffered a collapsed lung on Kentucky's first play from scrimmage in the Clemson game. Ransdell was admitted to Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington where a tube was inserted to inflate the lung. According to Green, it is questionable when Ransdell will be able to return to action. Green did say, however, that Ransdell will not see action when Kentucky hosts Mississippi State Saturday night.

When Joe Worley kicked his fourth field goal of the evening against Clemson, a 32-yarder in the fourth period, he tied a school record of 11 field goals in a single season set in 1974 by John Pierce. Worley also tied his school record of four field goals in one game, set in the season opener against Bowling Green. Worley has hit 11 of 12 field goal attempts and leads the Wildcats in scoring with 41 points.

The 58,230 spectators that witnessed the Kentucky-Clemson contest broke the attendance mark for the 13-year history of UK's Commonwealth Stadium, and also represents the largest non-Kentucky Derby crowd to witness a sporting event in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The old record was 58,010 set in 1984 against Rutgers.

Brian Williams' 57-yard punt return for a touchdown was Kentucky's first punt return for a score since 1981 when Andy Molls went 87 yards against Vanderbilt for the winning points in the Wildcats' 17-10 win over the Commodores.

Redshirt freshman tailback Ivy Joe Hunter saw his first collegiate action in the Clemson game. Hunter, a native of Gainesville, Florida, missed the first three contests of the season with knee and ankle problems.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Bill Allen of West Liberty also saw his first action against Clemson, relieving Kevin Dooley in the game's first minute.

Kentucky's 26-7 victory over Clemson was the worst defeat for the Tigers since 1980, when they were defeated 34-7 by Maryland, then coached by current Wildcat boss Jerry Claiborne.

When Clemson scored in the third period against Kentucky, it marked the 70th consecutive game in which the Tigers had scored. The last time the Tigers were held scoreless was on September 15, 1979, when they were shut out by the Maryland Terrapins, then coached by Claiborne.

Kentucky's win over Clemson broke a 16-game winning streak in the month of October by the Tigers. The last team to defeat the Tigers in October was North Carolina State on October 25, 1980. The winning streak started with a 21-3 win over Kentucky at Commonwealth Stadium on October 3, 1981.

UK Improves

Turnover Rate

had its lowest turnover total of the season, losing one fumble in the fourth quarter.

The Wildcat defensive unit turned in its third straight impressive performance, holding the Tigers to 230 yards of offense. Kentucky also forced seven Tiger turnovers, including interceptions by Russell Hairston, Maurice Douglass, and David Johnson.

Joe Worley kicked four field goals and two extra points, and Brian Williams broke loose for a 57-yard touchdown on a punt return in the third period to round out the scoring for Kentucky. Mississippi State, coached by Emory Bellard, capped a 17-point fourth-quarter rally with a school-record 54-yard field goal by Artie Cosby as time expired to life the Bulldogs over an inspired Memphis State squad 31-28 in Starkville.

The Bulldogs bring a record of 4-1 to Commonwealth Stadium, having defeated Arkansas State (22-14), Syracuse (30-3), Southern Mississippi (23-20) and Memphis State. The Bulldogs lost their conference opener to Florida by a score of 36-22 two weeks ago in a game played at Starkville. State battled the Gators on even terms in the first half with the score standing at 20-20 at intermission.

Bellard, who is credited with inventing the wishbone offense, is in his seventh year at the Bulldog helm. His record at State is 36-37-0, including appearances in the Sun Bowl (1980) and the Hall of Fame Bowl (1981).

WILDCAT FOOTBALL NOTES

The University of Kentucky coaching staff has selected sophomore quarterback Kevin Dooley of Cincinnati as the offensive back of the week

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How the Top 20 fared

Team (record)	Opponent	This week
No. 1. Iowa (4-0-0)	beat Michigan St. 35-31	At Wisconsin
No. 2. Oklahoma (2-0-0)	beat Kansas State 41-6	Texas at Dallas
No. 3. SMU (2-0-0)	lost to Arizona 28-6	Baylor
No. 4. Florida State (4-0-0)	did not play	At Auburn
No. 5. Ohio State (3-1-0)	lost to Illinois 31-28	Indiana
No. 6. Oklahoma State (4-0-0)	beat Tulsa 25-13	Nebraska
No. 7. Michigan (4-0-0)	beat Wisconsin 33-6	At Michigan St.
No. 8. LSU (2-1-0)	lost to Florida 20-0	At Vanderbilt
No. 9. Penn State (4-0-0)	did not play	Alabama
No. 10. Arkansas (4-0-0)	beat TCU 41-0	At Texas Tech
No. 11. Florida (3-0-1)	beat LSU 20-0	Tennessee
No. 12. Alabama (4-0-0)	did not play	At Penn State
No. 13. Nebraska (3-1-0)	beat New Mexico 38-7	At Okla. State
No. 14. Auburn (3-1-0)	beat Mississippi 41-0	Florida St.
No. 15. BYU (4-1-0)	beat Colorado St. 42-7	San Diego St.
No. 16. Tennessee (2-0-1)	beat Wake Forest 31-29	At Florida
No. 17. Air Force (5-0-0)	beat Notre Dame 21-15	At Navy
No. 18. Georgia (3-1-0)	did not play	At Ole Miss
No. 19. Baylor (4-1-0)	beat Houston 24-21	At SMU
No. 20. Texas (2-0-0)	beat Rice 44-16	Oklahoma



Oscar L. Combs

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UK Goes For SEC Respect Saturday

Just a couple months ago, Mississippi State head football coach Emory Bellard shocked the small community of Starkville, Mississippi, if not the entire collegiate football world by proclaiming that his Bulldogs would win the 1985 Southeastern Conference football crown.

No ifs, buts or what ifs. Period! Mississippi State would reign as SEC champions by the first week of December.

There were snickers, not the candy-type folks, around the league. Some laughed out loud. There were even a few who considered the remarks as the sounds of a coach sinking quickly in his own "losing battle" against the giants of the SEC.

No, the other nine clubs haven't chucked it in and awarded the title to Bellard by default. But you can bet your bottom dollar people are taking the Bulldogs a good deal more seriously today than during those scorching dog (no pun intended) days of summer.

Mississippi State comes to Commonwealth Stadium this Saturday for a game which will most likely give a boost to one team's goal of a high place in the SEC while the loser is likely to face a much rougher road the remainder of the season.

In stark contrast to previous years, this is a season in which there is immense optimism in the two clubs' camps. Imagine, Mississippi State and Kentucky with 4-1 and 3-1 records after the season's first five weeks.

Unless there is an uneventful tie, one team will advance to a flashing 5-1 or 4-1 mark with high expectations on the horizon. Mississippi State has played like a team of destiny this season.

The Bulldogs have gutted out wins, come from behind and performed miracles along the way. Only a hard-fought loss to powerful Florida mars an otherwise perfect State record.

This past Saturday night is an indication of just how gutsy State really is this fall. For example, State trailed Memphis State 28-14 in the fourth period, only to storm back and tie the game late in the contest. Then, with the final seconds ticking off the clock, the Bulldogs' Artie Cosby kicked a record 54-yard field goal on the game's final play for a 31-28 victory.

It's wins like that which separates contenders from pretenders. Yes, Bellard has the Bulldogs believing in themselves.

And how does this relate to Kentucky. Well, perhaps these two clubs mirror each other. Kentucky started the season off with a disappointing upset loss to Bowling Green by allowing a touchdown in the final two minutes.

But the Cats bounced back to score in the contest's final minutes to come-from-behind against Tulane. It was a bit more convincing against Cincinnati a week later.

The real test came Saturday when Clemson paid a visit to Commonwealth Stadium. Although saddled with a disappointing 1-2 mark themselves, the Tigers figured to be UK's toughest mission of the young season. Matters didn't appear to improve when starting quarterback Bill Ransdell suffered a punctured lung on the Wildcats' second offensive play.

In years past, that misfortune would be enough to fold the tent and break camp. But not this team. Reserve quarterback Kevin Dooley came off the bench and engineered six scoring drives for the Wildcats and a convincing 26-7 victory to set up the exciting showdown this weekend.

Mississippi State poses some new problems for the Wildcats. State is known for having a stingy pass defense, one which may be tougher for Dooley to penetrate. That's where the Marks & Company will be counted on heavily. And they're likely to enjoy the challenge.

Both Logan and Higgs have been impressive this season, at times. Logan has probably been more reliable, if for no other reason than Higgs has been tip-toeing his way back from spring surgery. Some have wondered what would happen when Higgs received some hard licks. Well, he did just fine, thank you. Higgs got enough good licks from Clemson to last all season. And he survived in top-notch shape.

Higgs' rehabilitation project is right on schedule, if not a couple games ahead. At first, coaches feared the Owensboro whiz would be lost for the season. Then, coaches expressed optimism Higgs would be ready for limited action by October 12 and full steam by early November. Higgs beat all the odds, played in the season opener and now appears to be near top form. Logan and Higgs could spell the difference.

Just as important could be the blocking of Chris Derry along with the bench strength of running backs Anthony Gardner and Ivy Joe Hunter. In a game which is expected to be every bit as hard-hitting as the Clemson game, you never have too much depth.

Defensively, Kentucky will need another effort like it got from the Cats' defenders against the Tigers. This should be one right to wire. Kentucky is beginning to get that gleam back in its eye. UK by two.

It's far too early to talk about the Southeastern Conference race in depth, but it's apparent that the one team which cannot win the title is going to have a lot to say about who does.

Florida, which is on probation by the NCAA and the SEC, has already dealt serious blows to Mississippi State and LSU. Many observers felt LSU would be the team to beat, but Florida whitewashed the Tigers 20-0 in Baton Rouge Saturday and left LSU in a catch-up situation.

The Gators get another shot at a title seeker this weekend when Florida entertains high-ranking Tennessee in Gainesville.

One of the biggest games of the weekend will send Alabama on the road in an intersectional game at University Park with Penn State. There have been some classic Alabama-Penn State games in the past, and this could be an excellent barometer on just how good Ray Perkins' Crimson Tide really are.

Other games involving SEC teams Saturday include LSU trying to get back on the winning track in Nashville against Vanderbilt, Georgia tackling Ole Miss in Jackson, and Auburn playing host to Florida State.

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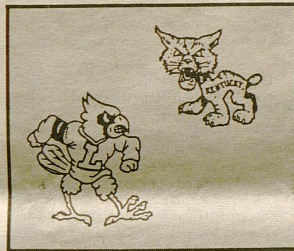
I didn't know those University of Louisville die-hards were so sensitive. At least I didn't until I read last week's issue of ScoreCard, a publication on UL athletics.

Apparently, some people were offended by remarks in this space a couple weeks ago when I suggested that blue-chip basketball prepsters might face more than token opposition of earning playing time in Louisville the next three or

four years.

We said something to the effect that considering the fact that UL's squad is loaded with sixteen scholarship-type athletes this year and will have fourteen next season (even if UL doesn't sign anyone) it's hard to imagine why blue-chippers would want to pick U of L over UK, at this point in time. The emphasis should be placed on "this point in time."

After all, Louisville has just completed the nation's top recruiting class this past spring. Back in the ole days, it was a familiar cry that Kentucky always stockpiled talent to the point



that some kids never got a fair chance to play. Apparently, UL is succeeding at UK's old game.

Back to the original point. We suggested that if Felton Spencer should go to Louisville, that he most likely would have to play behind both Barry Sumpter (when he regains his eligibility) and Pervis Ellison who would be a sophomore when Spencer would be a freshman.

Now, we're told that Ellison will probably be a center only this year and will then play forward, leaving only Sumpter and Spencer to battle for the center position. Ah, I wonder when UL was recruiting Ellison if UL told him he would have to battle the likes of All-Americans Kenny Payne, Mark McSwain and Tony Kimbro, not to mention All-State Herbert Crook and freshmen David Robinson and Avery Marshall (who is listed as both a center and forward by UL) his sophomore season.

And it's really comical how the folks in River City are trying to illustrate an immediate opening for prep All-American Rex Chapman.

Here's how ScoreCard editor John Crowley (and a good friend of ours) sees it, "as for guards, U of L has been accused of having more than their share. But with (Jeff) Hall and (Milt) Wagner graduating after this season, who's going to fill it up from long range? Kevin Walls and Keith Williams are point guards, Mike Abram has shown only medium-range potential, and Chris West only hit 35.1 percent from the field a year ago. A shooting guard the likes of Chapman, who can do just about everything according to most, would fit very nicely in the U of L attack."

Pitty poor Louisville. Really, are U of L's guards THAT bad? I mean, to read that paragraph carefully, you'd think the Cards are going to have trouble with their guards scoring from inside the free throw line, let alone 18 feet out.

Back to that great U of L recruiting class of the year past, the one rated as the nation's best by most experts. Well, ScoreCard now isn't so sure how good it is. We quote again from ScoreCard, "Louisville does appear, at least on paper, to be loaded with talent for the next few years. But none of the six freshmen have ever

stepped onto a court before 19,000 fans and a national television audience. It won't be until that point that we actually know how good they are." A dusty old newspaper clipping from one of the state's largest newspapers tells us that is a line straight out of the old UK school of thought. True, the UL rookies haven't played before 19,000 fans, but they came mighty close in that event called the Derby Classic, if memory serves us well.

There was also the mention that Kentucky is recruiting 7-1 Dwayne Schintzius and therefore Spencer would ride the bench for four years at Kentucky if Spencer chooses UK. Only one minor problem with that theory, Kentucky hasn't landed Schintzius, nor any other player, for that matter. If Kentucky were successful in landing either Spencer or Schintzius, it's more than highly unlikely the other would also attend. That would be over-recruiting, folks!

Quite frankly, UK is recruiting Schintzius, in addition to several others, just in case Spencer decides not to attend UK. Not even UL could condemn UK for playing the insurance game. Or would they?

You know you've really struck a raw nerve when ScoreCard reacted to a tongue-in-cheek suggestion that Chapman would have strong statewide political credentials after a four-year career in the Big Blue. Said ScoreCard, "We have political offices in the city of Louisville, too."

Gosh, we weren't talking about becoming corner, John! Heck no, and we weren't exactly thinking about jailor, district judge, or even district constable. We were thinking more along the lines of, you know, governor or perhaps United States Senator. Who'd want to fool around with a little ole city office when there are big plums around.

Hey, this is going to be a pretty exciting winter after all. For a while there, I thought we were heading into dullsville when ole Joe B. quit and there wouldn't be anyone to kick around. I really didn't believe there'd be much interest. Boy, was I wrong!

John, if we can keep this up, maybe we'll peddle a few more papers. You know how we all need a few more subscribers, we're just like coaches who never have enough talent. In fact, some of us forget to stop counting at fifteen.

Your turn, John.

There will be some hot and heavy action during the next couple weeks around UK concerning a new contract for radio rights to University of Kentucky football and basketball games.

The current three-year pact with the Kentucky Network expires after the current school year and there is wide speculation that the company could be in trouble because of various crises which have arisen the past couple years.

The Kentucky Network has held rights to the games for the past six years, having first outbid Jim Host & Associates some six years ago. KN was the successful bidder again three years ago, but the new bidding is expected to be as competitive as ever.

Without doubt, one of the hottest issues is what, if any, role will WHAS Radio of Louisville play? WHAS, the 50,000-watt, clear-channel station has been the flagship station for more than fifty years, but that could come to

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'Cats Claw Tigers

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Despite losing quarterback Bill Ransdell to an injury on its first offensive play, Kentucky manhandled visiting Clemson, 26-7 before a state-record crowd of 58,230 at Commonwealth Stadium last Saturday evening.

Ransdell, who was on the verge of surpassing the 1,000-yard mark after only four games, received a crushing blow to the ribs by two Clemson defenders. The Elizabethton native suffered a collapsed lung and a fractured rib (sixth rib on his left side). According to UK officials he'll probably miss next week's Mississippi State's contest.

He was taken to Central Baptist Hospital, where he was reported in good condition. He's expected to be released from the hospital later in the week.

Filling in nobly for Ransdell was backup Kevin Dooley. The Cincinnati native compiled 15 of 23 passes for 142 yards, including a five-yard touchdown screen to Mark Logan.

Clemson, however, also contributed greatly to the Wildcats' third win in four games. The Tigers, now 1-3, committed seven turnovers (four fumbles and three interceptions). The loss marked Clemson's third straight, which is a first for Danny Ford as coach of the Tigers.

Other Wildcats who co-starred in this winning performance were Joe Worley and Brian Williams.

*Worley tied his single-game record with four field goals and tied John Pierce's record of 11 successful attempts in one season. His 4-for-4 night included boots from 27, 30, 26, and 32.

*Williams, who returned eight punts for scores as a prep player, gave Kentucky a 16-0 advantage when he dramatically took an Andy Newell punt and dashed 57 yards for a touchdown. It was UK's first punt returned for a score since Andy Molls brought one back 87 yards at Vanderbilt in 1981.

Steve Mazza and Larry Smith led the Wildcats in tackles with eight and seven, respectively. Coach Chip Garber's secondary crew came up with a stellar performance. Defensive backs Maurice Douglass, David Johnson and Russell Hairston had one interception apiece. The secondary limited Clemson's quarterbacks to 10 of 24 for only 92 yards passing.

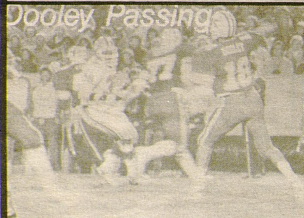
Overall, this was a very important tune-up before the SEC slate gets under way.

"This will get us going into conference play with a positive attitude," said a happy Jerry Claiborne. "It is the best game we've played all year. I hope we can continue to improve. I can't say enough for Kevin Dooley. He came in cold and hit 15 of 23 for 142 yards. He kept his poise."

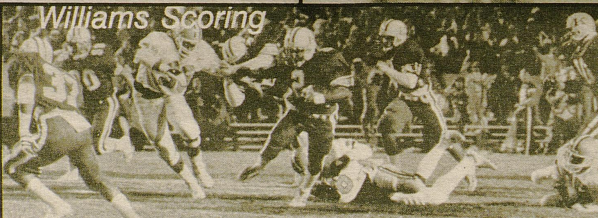
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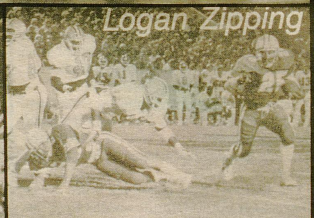
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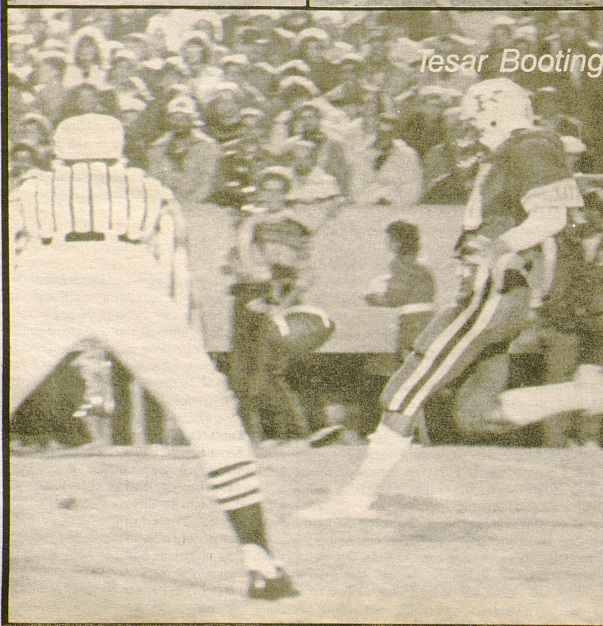
Williams Scoring



Logan Zipping



Tesar Booting



IT WAS UK'S BEST PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON

Kentucky saved its best performance of the season for the Tigers. Even though they came in after losses to Georgia (20-13) and Georgia Tech (14-3), the Tigers were a team to be reckoned with.

Following a close first half, the 'Cats scored the next 10 points of the ball game to widen their advantage to 16-0.

Kentucky opened up a 9-0 lead after Worley capped off an eight play drive kicking a 26-yard field goal with 9:29 remaining in the quarter. The drive started when Hairston recovered a mishandled punt by Kevin Brady. Incidentally, Brady called for a fair catch.

Danny Ford's Tigers started their next drive on their own 23. Though because of two penalties netting 26 yards Clemson was forced to punt from its 10 yard line. Now stepped in Kentucky's Brian Williams.

Williams took the punt and dashed up the middle. The defensive end with 4.6/40 speed followed his blockers all the way to the corner of the end zone. He dove on the left corner flag and was immediately mobbed by his teammates.

"I was happy," said teammate Eric Pitts, because Brian is the man that should be in there. I'm happy for him. I told him today to go ahead and break one. He's strong; look how he breaks those tackles. I'm just happy for him."

Worley's point after attempt was good. With a Blue and White partisan crowd roaring with approval, UK now led 16-0 with 7:15 left in the quarter.

The visitors, however, did not give up. It took Clemson only seven plays to close the gap to 16-7. On second-and-six from the Wildcat 25, receiver Ray Williams took a handoff on a left reverse play and cut to his right untouched for the score.

Following Treadwell's PAT, the Tigers were back in the ballgame.

A 12-play, 80-yard drive by UK widened its lead again to a comfortable 16-point advantage. One of Dooley's biggest completions came on the very first play. From the Tigers' 20 Dooley and Pitts hooked up for a 30-yard reception, giving Kentucky a first down at midfield.

While racking up four first downs on the drive, Dooley connected with Logan for the TD. Rolling to his left Dooley dished off a screen to Logan and the junior tailback dove into the end zone. His path was made clear thanks in part to a block by tackle Vernon Johnson.

Worley ended the scoring with a 32-yard boot giving the home team its biggest advantage of the night, 26-7.

BOTH TEAMS WERE FIRED UP ON THIS CRISP OCTOBER NIGHT

Clemson, backed by 5,000-plus supporters, was fired up at the opening. Both teams seemed to feel each other out in the opening stanza. Kentucky started out with the better field position at first, but the visitors were gradually getting themselves in gear.

The Tigers were partially responsible for the Wildcats' strong field position. On UK's first two offensive series Clemson was called for interfering the punt returner to catch the ball, which enabled the 'Cats to start on Clemson's 47 and Kentucky's 42. Both drives, however, were haulted by the Tigers.

The first quarter ended with Clemson on the move. The drive appeared give the Tigers a three-point lead when place-kicker David Treadwell successfully booted a 44-yard field goal. But because of an illegal procedure call against the offense Treadwell had to try this time from 49 yards. His attempt fell way short as Kentucky's defense held its ground with 11:49 remaining in the second stanza.

On the next series Dooley racked up his first scoring drive of the '85 season. Passes to Logan (18 yards) and Derry (14 yards), mixed in with some running plays, helped push the Wildcats to the Tigers' 11.

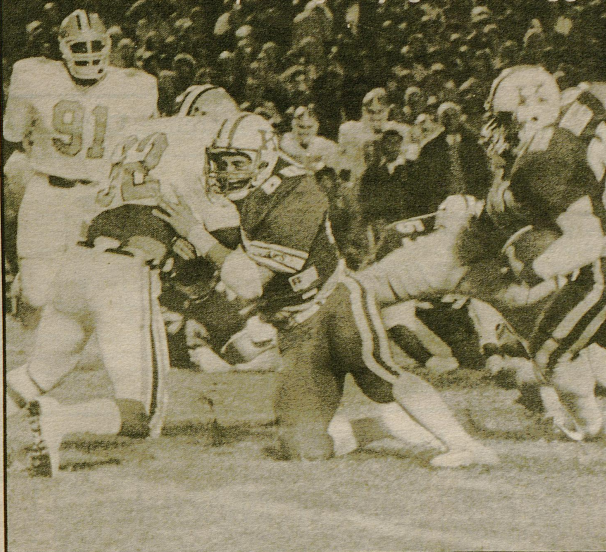
UK was shut down when on third-and-11, Tim Jones took a pitch to the left and was stopped for a one-yard gain. Worley gave Kentucky a lead it would not give up as the sophomore connected from 27 yards. The Wildcats led 3-0 with 7:46 left in the second quarter.

Later in the quarter Worley hit from 30 yards to increase the lead to 6-0. They say that possession is nine-tenths the law...well it isn't nine-tenths (in relation to statistics), but as the Wildcats were concerned it the second quarter belonged to them. So far this season Kentucky has dominated the second quarter. Against Clemson it wasn't any different.

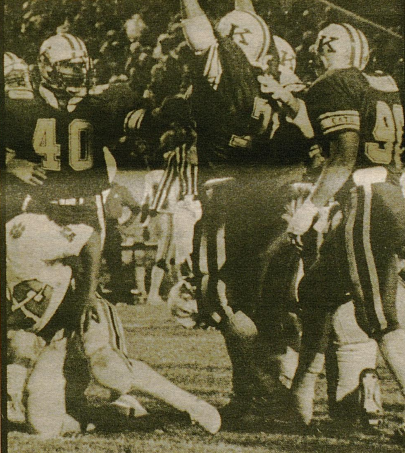
Entering the contest UK had outscored its opponent for the season, 20-0 in second quarter action. Last Saturday the defense kept its second quarter slate clean. While not putting any points on the scoreboard, Clemson's two quarterbacks (Randy Anderson and Rod Williams) were held to a combined total of two completions on eight attempts for nine yards in the first half.

Kenny Flowers was the Tigers' offensive threat in the first half. The 6-foot-0, junior from Daytona Beach rushed for 53 yards on seven carries in the first 30 minutes. Overall, he finished with a team-high 63 yards on 10 carries.

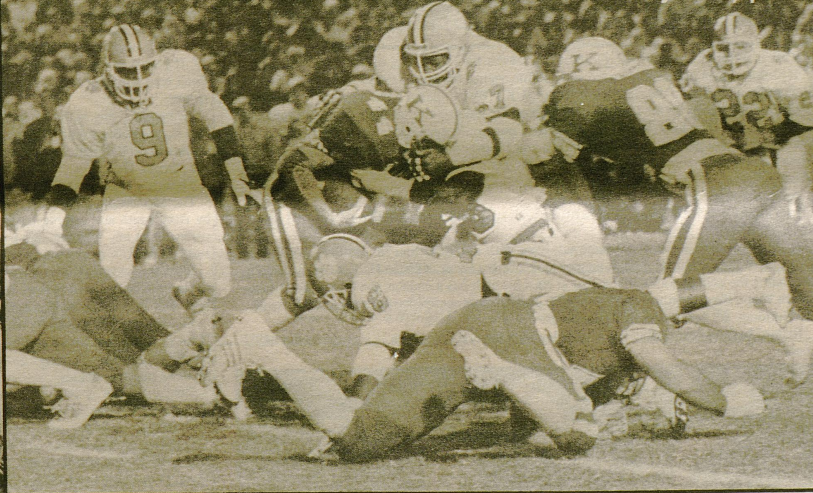
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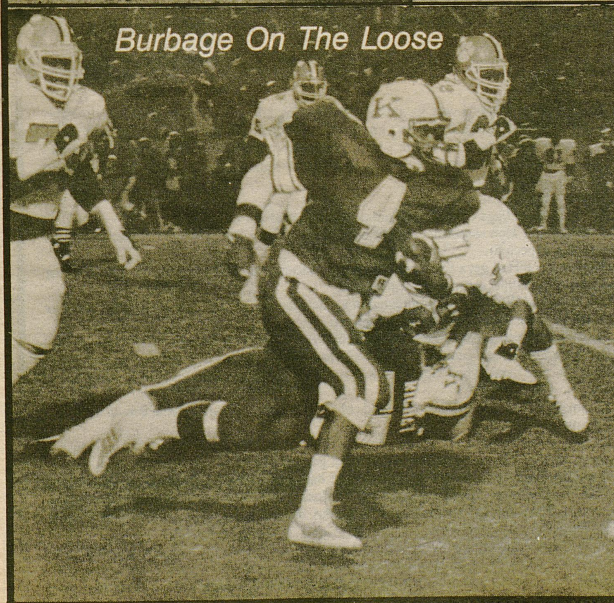
A Happy Moment For The Wildcats



UK's Chris Derry Stopped



Burbage On The Loose



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Kentucky won the game on the scoreboard and on the stats sheet. Besides turnovers (Clemson had seven, UK one) the most noticeable statistic was possession. The Wildcats had the ball for 37:56 while the Tigers' offense controlled the football for 22:04. . . About Bill Ransdell's injury, as of Monday (October 7th) UK's trainer Al Green said, "If all goes well and the lung stays up he should be out of the hospital in a day or two." . . . Kevin Dooley (a 6-2, 201-pound sophomore from Cincinnati) was impressive last season. He participated in six of the first eight games hitting on 17 of 32 for 167 yards, one touchdown and one interception. While Dooley doesn't have the experience and the arm Ransdell has, the backup's biggest asset is his mobility. . . Brian Williams' punt return was the first one against Clemson since Scott Woerner of Georgia returned a punt 67 yards in 1980. . . Kentucky is the only SEC school which has yet to play a conference game. . . Mark Logan led the Cats in rushing with 82 yards on 22 carries. Mark Higgs carried the ball 19 times netting 62 yards. . . Eric Pitts caught three passes for 45 yards, while Cornell Burbage compiled 35 yards on three catches. . . Joe Worley kept his PAT slate perfect as he connected on both attempts. He now has hit on a career total of 21 straight. The UK record is 41, set by John Pierce. . . Ivy Joe Hunter played in his first UK game. The freshman from Gainesville, Fla., carried the ball three times for six yards. . . Kentucky had trouble converting on third down plays — 3 of 17 for 17 percent. . . Four Wildcats recovered a fumble each: Stuart Stubbs, Don Duckworth, David Johnson, and Russell Hairston. . . Jon Dumbauld had the only QB sack of the night. He wrestled Randy Anderson to the ground for a 14-yard loss on the last play of the first half. . . UK punter Jay Tesar punted the ball seven times for an average of 38.7 yards. His longest was 45 yards. . . When Ray Williams scored on the 25-yard reverse it marked the third time he had scored off the reverse play in his career. . . Clemson's Kevin Brady, who was carried off the field in the third quarter, had only a bruised knee cap and is expected to return to action this weekend. . . The previous high attendance mark in Kentucky history was last season when the 'Cats hosted Rutgers before a sellout crowd of 58,010. Commonwealth Stadium's capacity is 58,000. With the current enthusiasm now hovering the state, a new record could be set this week against Mississippi State. . . Clemson will try to improve its 1-3 start as the Tigers host Virginia this Saturday.

'Cats Face 'Must Win' Situation

Conference Debut Against Mississippi St.

The University of Kentucky's second season begins this week against Mississippi State. With it still remains at least a chance to fulfill the seasonal goals set by the players and coaches. Though these goals are never made public, you kind of get the feeling of what they are — a third straight bowl appearance and a Top Twenty ranking. To make a long story short, . . . be the best football team possible.

Against Mississippi State those post season hopes could be tarnished. But a win will help boost the Wildcats' confidence, especially since they have to travel to Baton Rouge and Athens on consecutive weeks.

As of October 5th, Kentucky has the advantage of being the only SEC team not to play a conference game. It's an advantage because the 'Cats can see where they stack up compared to the rest of the southern members. Counting UK, only four SEC clubs remain unbeaten and untied entering this Saturday's lineup.



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

This is definitely the pivotal game of the season for UK. Let's set the record straight. If Kentucky can put this one in the win column against the positive-thinking crew of Emory Bellard then it stays on the right track. If not, UK's '85 campaign takes a turn for the worse.

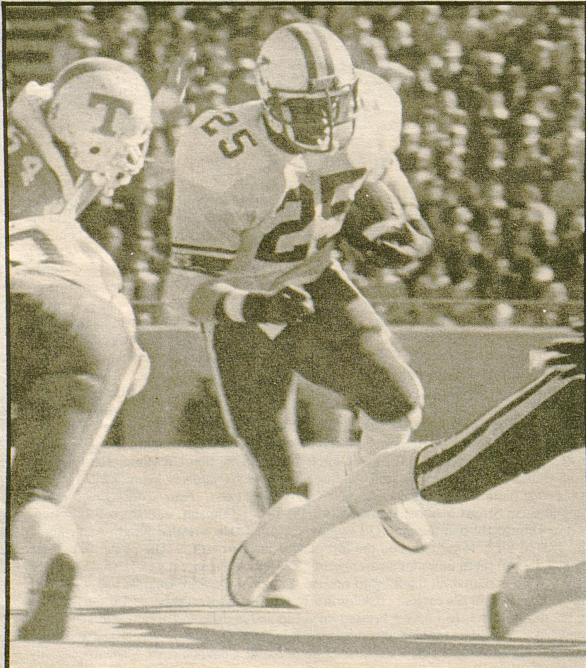
Getting the troops up for LSU and Georgia on the road sets an unlikely task for Claiborne and his staff if they lose Saturday. Following a non-conference battle with East Tennessee State things don't get any easier. Vanderbilt and Florida will be awaiting to greet Kentucky, while Tennessee will be looking forward to pay back its northern neighbors for last year's defeat.

Yes, a lot rides on this game.

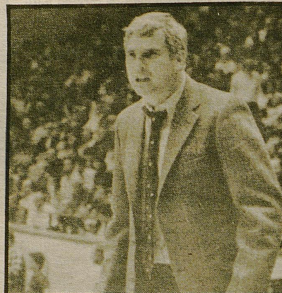
Two weeks ago State was tied at *halftime with the mighty Florida Gators (20-20)* before losing, 36-22.

After the contest Bellard still believed, even with one SEC loss his Bulldogs, still have a shot at the title. Then the modest mentor took a verbal swipe at Galen Hall's team by brutally reminding the college football fans that at least his club has a chance; the Gators don't (probation keeps Florida from earning an SEC Title or post season berth this year). Presently, the Bulldogs are 0-1 in the SEC standings.

Bellard has this team believing it can play with anybody. . . which is a credit to the MSU coach.



Logan May Be The Key Against MSU



Bobby Knight



Joe Hall

"Dallas isn't America's team anymore," said Bulldog defensive tackle Pat Swoopes in *Athlon's Southeastern Football 1985* preseason issue. "We are. We're gonna prove that. We're going into the season believing we can beat everybody we play. We've got the talent to do it, especially on defense."

Over-confidence can have a damaging effect. Gloating in the open may help fire up the opposing team. I don't think you'd ever here that from a Jerry Claiborne-coached player. But that's just the different styles of the two coaches.

"If I want to say something, I'm gonna say it," said Swoopes, an All-SEC performer. "I don't care who I'm saying it to or for what reason. The Man Upstairs gave me this tongue to use."

Remember, this is the same MSU team which bragged they would handle the Wildcats last season in Starkville. Things didn't quite turn out that way. Although Claiborne wouldn't comment on the matter, it did seem UK took out a personal vendetta when they conquered the 'Dogs, 17-13.

There's a time to show that you're good, but it's on the football field not on camera.

The Mississippi State players don't have to 'talk themselves up,' their play does that. Led by Don Smith and a three-running back attack, these Bulldogs have the ingredients to be explosive at any moment. It's going to be interesting to see how UK's wide-tackle-six will react to MSU's somewhat ground control offense.

Since the wide-tackle-six is geared to stop the run, then it will be a challenge for the visitors to find the holes. Last season Smith rambled for 545 yards on 128 attempts, which ranked him 10th in the league. He also passed for 1,236 yards.

The key for UK's defense will be if the line can cause some problems in the backfield. If they can prevent Smith and his talented backfield from getting the wishbone in high gear they'll be all right. If things go in favor of the guest then UK's defensive secondary may be busy making tackles.

State's defense is led by Swoopes, a 6-foot-4, 260-pound tackle. Missing because of disciplinary reasons is Swoope's defensive partner Elvis Butler. Butler, a 6-5, 290-pound former MSU tackle, was dropped from the squad by Bellard earlier in the season.

Kentucky's offensive line will be challenged. The line will have a tough assignment, especially in trying to handle Swoopes. Look for a matchup of UK's quickness in the backfield — Mark Logan and Mark Higgs (The M&M Connection) — against State's experienced and strong defensive unit.

Mississippi State at Kentucky figures to be nothing short of an excellent matchup. That's the way I see it.

This weekend marks a year for this writer covering UK sports. Coming to the *The Cats' Pause* as a rookie journalist I didn't know what to expect. In one way or another it seems I've run into all kinds of situations. . . from the good to the bad; the expected to the not-so expected; and from easy-going situations to the controversial. It's definitely been a learning situation. And it still is.

Here's what I mean:

Seeing Mark Higgs electrify a Commonwealth Stadium crowd like nobody can.

Getting a question somewhat stuffed back in my face by Bobby Knight (I guess that was something expected).

Watching Joe Hall get a five minute standing ovation from his hometown (Cynthiana) just before a Blue-White scrimmage last season.

Watching the Wildcats give appreciation to their fans by giving them a standing 'O' after gridiron wins in Knoxville and Birmingham.

Hearing and seeing a big difference in Kentucky's two games at Freedom Hall in Louisville. After getting booed and heckled against the Cards, the UK players were greeted by the loudest cheers I've ever heard when they faced Kansas. Both games were played within a three-week span.

Getting the chance to listen to the words of wisdom of Jim Valvano, Dale Brown and Sonny Smith.

Talking to the minor sport athletes and coaches, and seeing their struggle to compete for support at UK. Things, however, seem to be getting better.

Covering Kentucky's crushing defeat at the hands of Florida in first round of the SEC tourney. I was surprised that the players took the loss without showing hardly any anger toward the media. Even though their hopes of an NCAA bid were almost lost, the players showed class by acting like gentlemen.

It was interesting during the two-week span in which university officials were trying to find a replacement for Hall. It was not until then did I realize how crazy a basketball institution this was. I don't know if that's good or bad. Maybe I'll figure that one out in my next year.

Depth Chart

Mississippi State Offense

RHB
30 Jeff Pillion
22 Marcus Bush
29 Hank Phillips

TB
21 Rodney Peiers
37 Marvell McKelphin

LHB
34 Kenny Rogers
33 Calvin Robinson
28 Michael Taylor

P
11 Robert Smith
16 Greg James

QB
15 Don Smith
1 Orlando Lundie
14 Asa Bennett

TE
82 Louis Clark
80 Andri Shegog

RG
60 Rusly Brown
76 Durward Minor

LG
66 Stan Sims
79 Scott Wilbanks

SE
86 James Bloodworth
83 Darrell Kenneybrew
84 John Lowe

RT
73 John Fitzgerald
77 Alvin Robinson

C
52 Paul Young
63 Kevin Walker

LT
70 Drake Hurley
34 Garry Frank

K
2 Artie Cosby
16 Greg James

Kentucky Offense

WR
83 Eric Pitts
82 Rich Ledford
17 Tim Jones

TB
25 Mark Logan
22 Mark Higgs
23 Anthony Gardner

FB
44 Chris Derry
29 Tom Wheary
42 John Groves

P
16 Jay Tesar
5 Scott Barrass

QB
18 Kevin Dooley
17 Tim Jones
12 Bill Allen

TE
81 Matt Lucas
80 Mark Wheeler
87 Martin Pennington
88 Joe Curry

RG
69 Jim Reichwein
73 Butch Wilburn
65 Joe Prince

LG
57 Dermontti Dawson
71 Brad Myers
64 Joe David Turner

SE
4 Cornell Burbage
19 Cisco Bryant
89 Mark Sellers

RT
77 Tom Hickey
72 Sam Rotella
75 Mike Jones

C
66 Ken Piatrowski
51 Conrad Carney
61 Ken Lange

LT
76 Vernon Johnson
67 Bruce Bozick
62 Bo Saith

X
15 - Joe Worley
1 - Jim Rider

Kentucky Defense

LH
27 Maurice Douglass
8 Ron Mack
26 Ron Robinson

S
6 Russell Hairston
13 Gary Sexton
30 Eric Haas

RH
3 Tony Hayes
11 Carmichael Caldwell
24 David Johnson

RLB
45 Chris Chenault
53 Jeff Kremer
95 Parry Barnes

LLB
40 Larry Smith
39 Don Yarano
88 Guy Neal

RE
2 Brian Williams
31 Mike Robinson
98 Carwell Gardner

RG
74 Tom Wilkins
90 Don Duckworth
55 Scott Endris

LG
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53 Mark Schaff

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37 Barry Alexander
31 Mike Robinson

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54 Jerry Reese
91 John Shannon
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Mississippi State Defense

RC
4 Bruce Plummer
3 Tony Burks

FS
25 R.J. McKenna
24 Mike Harper

SS
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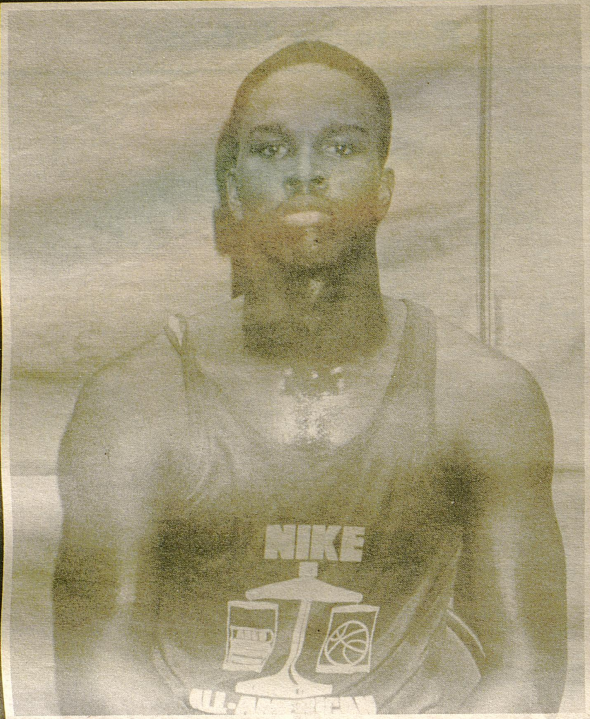
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Meet A Blue-Chipper

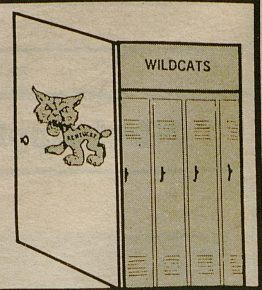


Dwayne Bryant

New Orleans Boasts Great Food, Dwayne Bryant

DWAYNE BRYANT, 6-2, 190 lbs., SR., 12.4 ppg., 4.1 rpg., 6.6 apg., De La Salle H.S. /New Orleans, LA. New Orleans is known for Bourbon Street, Mardi Gras, the cooking of superstar chef Paul Prudhome and almost constant fun and partying, but not point guards. This year New Orleans can boast of a point guard who many in the coaching fraternity believe could become the best at his position to come out of the class of 1986 ... a player who was basically known only in southern Louisiana before the summer, but has become a national recruit due to some great summer play. Seemed to get better as the summer wore on. Started his ascension at the Nike All-American camp and was spectacular at the Las Vegas Invitational. Led his team to the title in Las Vegas and many experts thought Bryant should have been the MVP of the tournament ... "He treats every possession down the floor as if he lost the ball he would lose his life. He just reminds me of Maurice Cheeks," said Stephen Wacasner of the Hoop Scoop. "Bryant makes average players good and good players great." Bryant has the strong, stout body of a football running back plus the savvy that all great point guards possess ... "Dwayne is an extremely unselfish kid who led our team in charges taken," said De La Salle Coach Jimmy Tillette ... so unselfish he averaged only nine shots a game as a junior ... "The most underrated guard in the country," said Frank Burlison of the Long Beach (CA) Press Telegram ... not flashy ... sound and just does whatever it takes to win ... wil likely choose between Georgetown, Louisiana State, Alabama, Boston College, Southern California, Oklahoma, Villanova or Texas.

Inside The Locker Room



JON DUMBAULD

(About Kentucky's defensive line)

Dumbauld: Our defensive line is as big as anybody's, I think. We've got good speed and good technique. Offensively we've got the same thing: good size people. Everybody just plays their hearts out.

(About practice the week before)

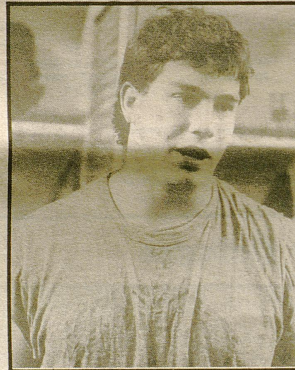
Dumbauld: We kind of had a lull during Tuesday and Wednesday. But that happens a lot. You get a little tired. We came out Thursday and had a real good practice.

(About the pass rush improving each week)

Dumbauld: Our pass rush is something that we work on a lot, and it's something that is crucial. So, we've been improving on it.

(About Mississippi State)

Dumbauld: To be honest I don't know a whole lot about them. We'll get the scouting reports this week and learn about 'em. We can play with anybody. That's the way we've always felt.

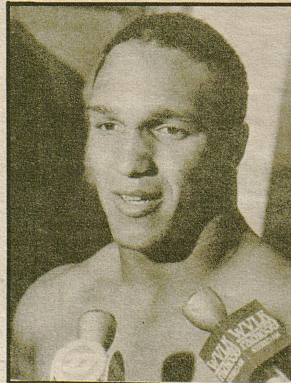


Jon Dumbauld

BRIAN WILLIAMS

(About scoring on the 57-yard punt return)

Williams: It's just the greatest feeling in the world, because a defensive player always dreams to score a touchdown. It was just unbelievable to see 58,000 people go crazy. That's always been my dream since I've been here — to return a kickoff or a punt for a touchdown. It finally happened.



Brian Williams

(About if it brought back the memories in high school where he recorded eight punts for scores at Middlesboro)

Williams: I really thought I had the ability to return punts. Luckily I got the chance again. When I saw that it was me against one man, and I had 30 yards to go, I tried my heart out to just out run him. I think the Man above me for giving me the ability to return punts. All the players had key blocks. All 10 of them should be complemented on what they did because only one man touched me before the guy in the end zone did. Those 10 people did their job.

(About UK's defense)

Williams: We feel like we've got a defense that can play against anybody. We feel like we've got four down linemen who play their heart out on every play. The key to that is we've gotten stronger and bigger. We're not going to let people abuse us anymore. It's just come to the fact that we've got to come up with the big plays. ... and that's what happened today. We lacked it during the first part of the year.

DON YARANO

(About Kentucky's performance against Clemson)

Yarano: The team's doing an excellent job. We're getting a lot more turnovers. The defense, especially played well. We've got room to improve, which I think is a big plus for us going into the SEC next week. I think we can shut Mississippi State down too if we can cut out some early mistakes. Overall, I think we're playing a lot better.

(About Kevin Dooley's performance)

Yarano: I think Kevin did a great job. To step in there the way he did against Clemson. ... I don't think you could ask for a better job the way he did. He was a little jittery at the beginning, but who wouldn't be. I thought played an excellent game.

(About if the team is where it should be after playing four games)

Yarano: There's still room to get better. When we go to LSU and Georgia we need to play our best games.



Don Yarano

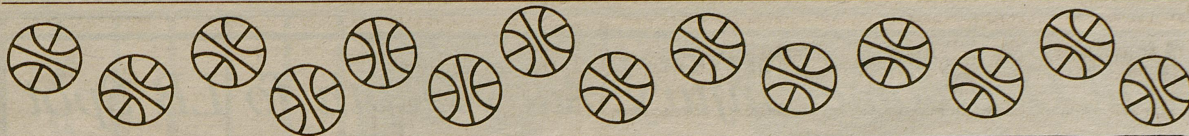
STEVE MAZZA

(About Clemson)

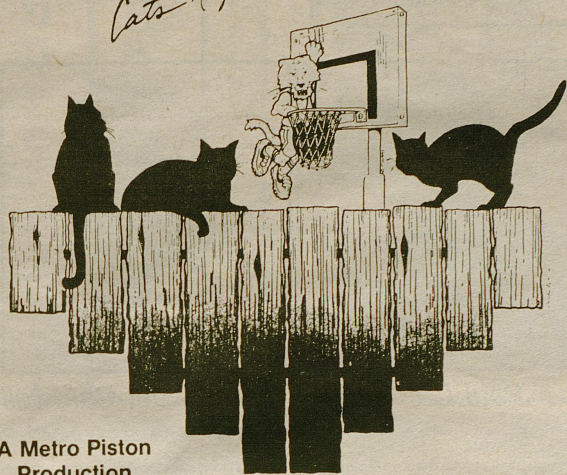
Mazza: They had a lot better athletes than the first three teams we played, there's no doubt about it. You see, the great thing about it is that this team is improving every week. Another thing is that we can even get better this week. It should be an exciting year.

(About the importance of the win)

Mazza: They crushed us in '82. In the back of our minds we had a little revenge. They're



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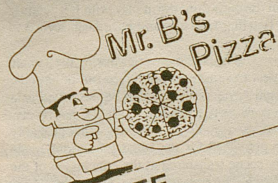
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Neal Overcomes Injury; Adds Depth To LB Spot

Injuries Have Kept Him Off Football Field

With two outstanding defensive performances last season against Tennessee and Wisconsin, Wildcat linebacker Guy Neal was eager to begin the 1985 campaign. But a knee and hamstring injury suffered during spring and fall practice kept the Hendersonville, Tenn. native out of the lineup for the first two games.

"I had worked myself to the first team, said Neal. "During the first day of spring practice I was first-string then I cut my knee (a one inch gash). That put me back two weeks. The same thing happened during two-a-days with the hamstring injury. That moved me back down the depth chart for the starting linebacking position."

The hamstring pull sustained during an agility drill was a freak occurrence and seemed to grow progressively worse as time dragged on.

"We were just doing a lot of agilities in practice and it just tightened up," said Neal recalling the injury.



Todd Hallum
Cats' Pause Columnist

UK linebacker coach Terry Strock, who has been an assistant under Jerry Claiborne at Virginia Tech, Maryland and now Kentucky, is puzzled over Neal's injury situation.

"It seems as though everytime he (Neal) starts doing well he gets hurt," said Strock. Strock, however, doesn't question Neal's intensity on the football field.

"Guy is an intent kid who just wants to play football," Strock said. "It's just that injuries have held him back."

As a linebacker in UK's wide-tackle-six, Neal plays with a reckless abandon and is one of the team's hardest hitters.

"I love to hit," said a smiling Neal. "One of my strengths is taking on the run and moving side to side on running plays."

Not only does Neal prefer delivering crunching blows to opposing ball carriers but also enjoys playing the wide-tackle-six defense.

"The wide-tackle-six is a linebackers defense," noted Neal. "It's more or less moving to the football as a linebacker. Linebackers are designed to make most of the plays."

Because of the nagging hamstring injury, Neal's overall speed and quickness has been hampered, which has naturally affected his play.

"Right now his main weakness is his pass defense," said UK's linebacker coach. "He's not making the proper drops in coverage and he tends to play the receiver too much."

Last year, Neal progressed rapidly toward the end of the season and accumulated six tackles and eight assists against the team he grew up following — Tennessee.

"Tennessee was a big game for me," noted Neal. "I grew up loving the Big Orange and always wanted to play in Neyland Stadium. But I never believed that I would be on the other side of the field. It's a emotional high for me playing Tennessee."

After transferring from Gallatin High School to Beech High School in Tennessee, Neal helped his new team, which the year before compiled a mere 2-8 record, to the state playoffs. A 103-yard interception return for a touchdown against Kingston High School in a playoff game highlighted his prep career at Beech HS.

Neal's football abilities were still suspect. As a high school linebacker and tight end his grid resume wasn't impressive enough to warrant scholarship offers from many of the major college schools.

"I wasn't recruited very heavily in high school," said Neal. "Tennessee, Florida State and LSU would just write me letters. UK was the only one that showed real interest in me," said Neal.

It came down to Kentucky and Ohio Valley Conference institutions (Division I-AA) that were interested in Neal's services.

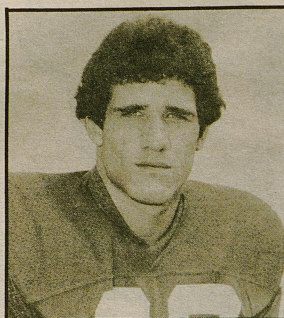
"OVC schools wanted me to visit but I never went," Neal said. "UK was my first and last visit."



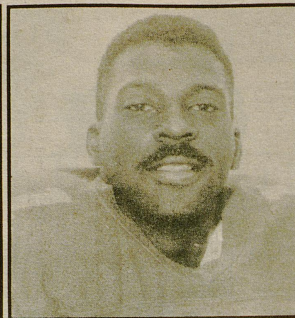
Guy Neal



Terry Strock



Paul Calhoun



Carmichael Caldwell

With his aggressive style of play at linebacker, Neal unintentionally caused the knee injury to the Wildcats "Mr. Excitement", Mark Higgs.

Higgs' injury occurred when a hustling Neal dove at him and struck his knee during a spring practice drill. But Neal is grateful Higgs is now recovered from the severe injury.

"It bothered me at the time," said a thankful Neal with a concerned look in his face. "Mark and I would talk about it and try to pick each other up. But as you can see on Saturdays he's back 100 percent. I was praying for him all summer and really hoping he would get back because we really need him," said Neal.

With the Higgs situation practically erased from his mind, Neal is shooting for more playing time as his ailing leg improves.

Said an anxiously awaiting Neal, "I have been ready since the Tulane game, but the coaches weren't too sure about my quickness for pass-drops because of my hamstring injury.

It's feeling (hamstring) a lot better but I'm ready to go as soon as they get me in there."

With UK beginning its SEC schedule with Mississippi State, let's hope the officiating improves with conference officials. The performance of the split crews who officiated the first three UK games can be termed mediocre at best; not only for Kentucky but the other three teams as well.

After the UK-Bowling Green game, Eagle coach Denny Stoltz criticized some of the calls which were made against his team. He wasn't the only one. UK also had a complaint or two including a controversial pass-interference call during a third down play with UK leading at the time, 17-7. If the flag had not been thrown, Bowling Green would have been forced to punt the ball to Kentucky.

Furthermore, the Wildcats were not given two disputed fumble recoveries during the Tulane game in addition to some questionable Tulane receptions that appeared to be out of bounds.

Last but not least, the first half of the Cincinnati-Kentucky game can be described as a total farce. It appeared make up calls by the split crew were the norm, with UK not receiving two first downs deep into Bearcat territory because of holding penalties. This probably also had something to do with Cincinnati being penalized for the same infractions made earlier in the ball game. More importantly, a ugly scene transpired at the conclusion of the first half. After intercepting a Billy Davis pass, Raynard Gover sustained a late hit by a Cincinnati player. If the officiating crew, compiled of SEC and Independent official, had been consistent earlier in the ball game the melee might not have resulted.

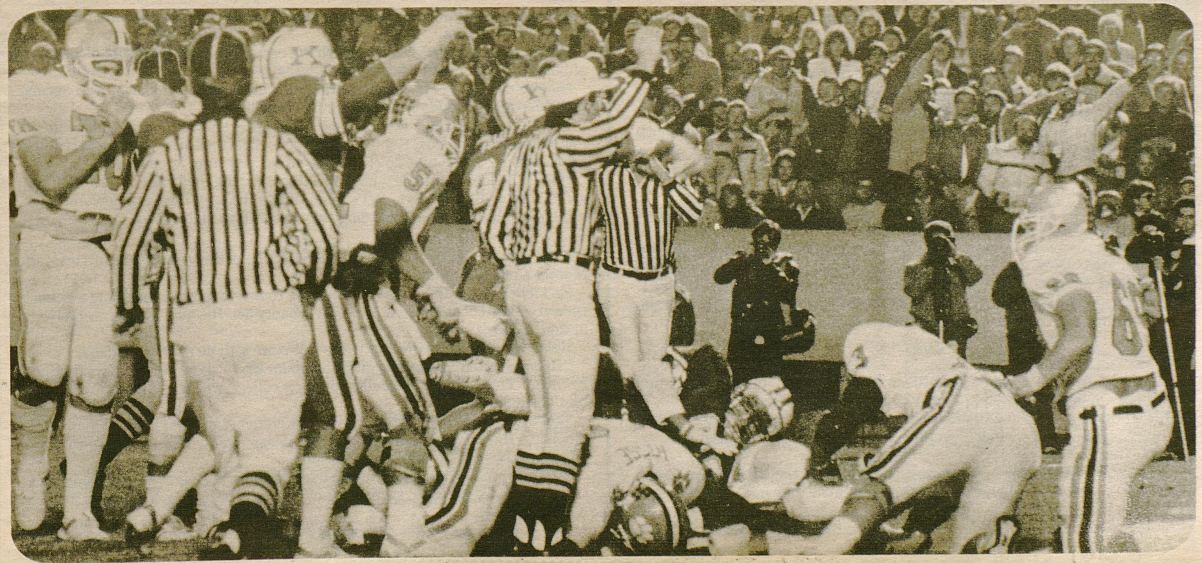
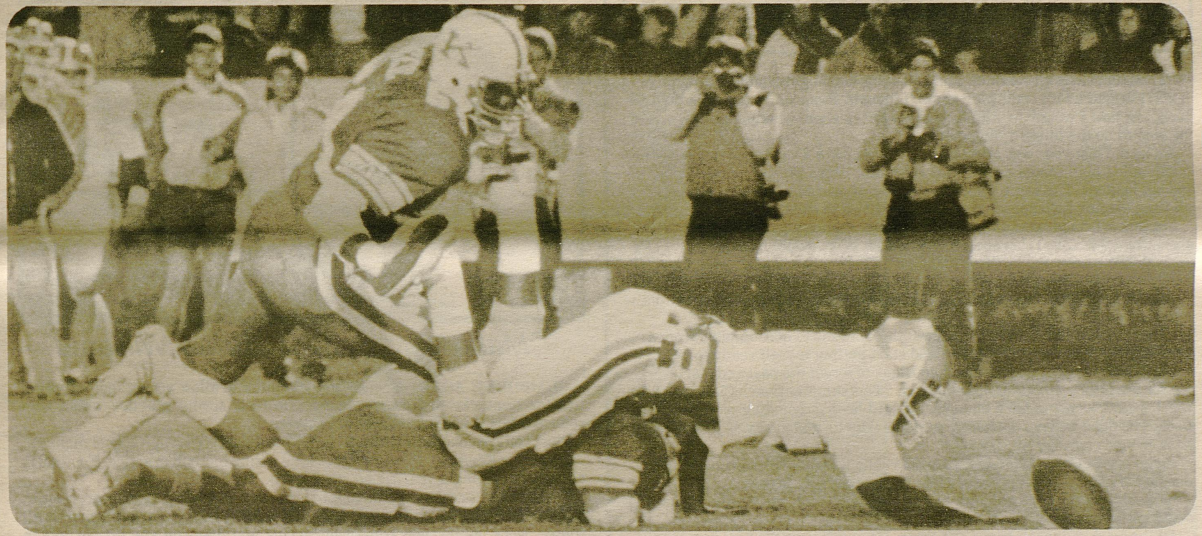
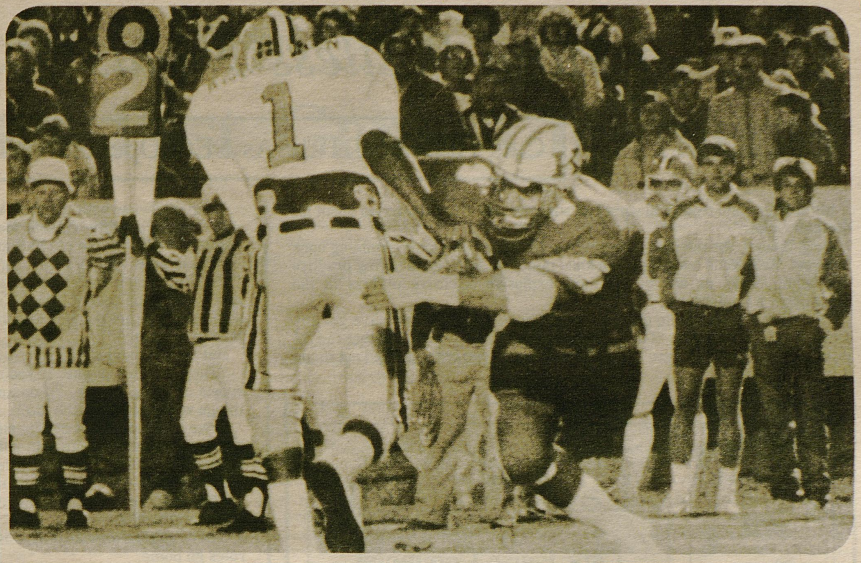
Yes, officiating a football game is not an easy task, and during the course of a football season officials will miss a call or two. On the otherhand, when controversial calls occur as mentioned earlier, something must be done. Maybe a solution might be having the team use its own conference crew during non-conference games so that the contest would be called by officials who have officiated together a lot longer as a group. This might not be the best answer but some changes are needed to be made in the near future. There's simply too much at stake for players and especially coaches for poor, inconsistent decisions made by split crew officials. Remember, football officials are well-compensated for their work (\$350 per game), and a total of seven referees call a game.

UK NOTEBOOK: Mississippi State will be making its second appearance in Commonwealth Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The last time the Bulldogs invaded UK's 58,000 seat structure was in 1977 when the 'Cats came out victorious, 23-7. There is a dispute between Kentucky and MSU over the series record between the two schools. According to the Wildcats fact book, UK holds a 10-6 series edge over the Bulldogs. But State lists UK with a 11-6 advantage. The disagreement circles around a forfeit game back in 1976 when MSU was placed on probation by the NCAA. With the new uniforms Mississippi State displayed last season, the Bulldogs get my vote for the ugliest uniforms in the nation. The uniforms, which feature two stripes along the shoulder pads and the solid maroon pants, are in my opinion unattractive. Last year, UK pulled out a 17-13 victory over MSU in Starkville. A key fourth down run by Paul Calhoun in punt formation gave the Wildcats momentum which led to the go-ahead touchdown. Senior Carmichael Caldwell's two take aways in the Cincinnati game gave the Detroit, Mich., native his second and third career interceptions at UK. NBC college basketball analyst Al McGuire will speak at the UK Student Center on Tuesday, October 15 at 8:00 p.m. in the grand ballroom. Tickets are priced at \$4.00 for students, faculty, and staff. Admission for the general public is \$6.00. Tickets can be purchased at the UK Student Center in Room 106 or via mail to: University of Kentucky, Room 106 Student Center, Lexington, Ky., 40506-0030.

Turnovers

Doom

Tigers



No More Restless Nights For Higgs

Cats Hope For Title As SEC Opener Nears

Mark Higgs had trouble sleeping all summer. He was too worried about his football career.

Now, though, the talented University of Kentucky sophomore running back can rest. He's come back from the knee injury he suffered in spring practice and again ranks as one of the most explosive offensive players in the Southeastern Conference.

"If I hadn't been able to play this year I don't guess I would have got any sleep at all," says Higgs. "I kept telling myself that it wouldn't bother me if I couldn't play. But that wasn't true. I would have gone crazy if I had not made it back this year."



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

"I couldn't sleep all summer. I had all kinds of thoughts running through my head. I wondered if I could play again. I thought about which game I would be back and how I would do. And I always worried about whether or not I would be able to do the things I did before."

All he did last year was average a school record 6.3 yards per run. After an outstanding high school career in Owensboro, Higgs proved he could play in the big leagues. The same speed and acceleration that made him Kentucky's all-time leading high school rusher allowed him to excel at UK.

But that all could have changed last spring. A knee injury put Higgs on the operating table Oct. 1. No one knew when, or if, he would return.

"The first month was the toughest," says Higgs. "There was so much pain. I really didn't think I would ever play again."

But he is playing again because others made him believe he could play again.

"I went home one weekend and my father told me to quit limping around," says Higgs. "He told me to go run and start getting myself ready to play."

UK Coach Jerry Claiborne also told Higgs to forget the past and start working for the future. Higgs smiles and says, "This summer Coach Claiborne told me I wasn't working hard enough. He said he was counting on having me back. I couldn't believe it when he said that. But he told me I was just going to have to work harder. He was right, too."

Higgs credit Chris Arigo, a UK trainer who worked with him twice a day during his rehabilitation, for speeding up the recovery process.

"I would get up at 8 each day and he would be with me," says Higgs. "I could not have done it alone."

All the work did teach Higgs one thing. He now knows the true meaning of determination.

"You have to get it in your head that you won't give up," says Higgs. "You have to remember that the harder you work, no matter how much it hurts, the quicker you will be back."

"It's easy to get down but you have to believe that you are coming back. That's what Coach Claiborne made me believe and it helped."

Now Higgs is back and ready to pursue his lifetime dream.

"I still want to win the Heisman Trophy," says Higgs. "That's always been my goal and always will be."

KENTUCKY OPENS Southeastern Conference play against Mississippi State but must win to keep alive one of its lofty goals for this season.

"Before the season started we wanted to be undefeated," says defensive end Brian Williams. "Now that can't happen. But another one of our goals was to win the SEC championship. We still control our own destiny in the SEC because we haven't played any league games. We just have to take things one game at a time and work to reach our goal."

WEALTHY ALUMNI will pay \$10,000 to \$25,000 in cash, provide a car and give \$1,000 a month in spending money to blue-chip running backs.

At least that's what a Fort Worth oil man said after it was revealed that he and other alumni had provided payoffs to six current Texas Christian University players.

The school did the right thing by turning itself in to the NCAA. And Coach Jim Wacker had no knowledge of the payoffs because they had started before he became coach in 1982.

But the whole incident gives college football a black eye, especially if Dick Lowe's accusations are anywhere close to the truth.

In an interview with the New York Times, Lowe said the payoffs are common among big-time college football programs. And he said to blame the players along with the coaches and alumni.

"These guys (players) are deft negotiators," said Lowe in the interview. "The first thing if you're going to recruit a kid is to find out if he's on the take and wants to be bought. There are a lot of honest kids and if you offer them something you are going to lose them. So you just don't go out and wave dollar bills in their face."

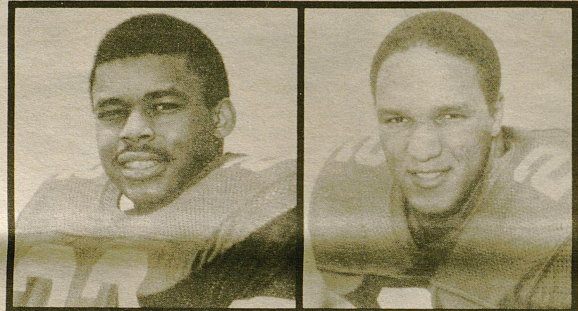
But the candidates for payoffs have ways to let their feelings be known. "They say things like, if you're driving down the street and you pass a sports car, it's, 'Hmm, I'd do anything for one of those XZ's.' That sort of things will come from the kid."

Lowe estimates that 80 Division I-A school buy football players. But he hopes the practice stops. He said the payments were "wrong, stupid and abominable" and he hoped people "will get so disgusted with it that they will insist their big-dollar alumni do not do it."

UK is lucky to have Claiborne running its program. He won't cheat. Coaches and recruits all know that.

Claiborne runs a clean program and always will. Players who can't take his rules go home.

Too bad college football doesn't have more coaches like Jerry Claiborne.



Mark Higgs

Brian Williams

CLAIBORNE AGAIN recently made a pitch to allow spring football practice for Kentucky high school teams. He feels spring practice would help reduce injuries and better prepare players.

Most college coaches would agree. And so would some high school mentors. However, Kentucky should not reinstate spring football practice. Football is already becoming a year-round sport on the high school level.

Teams start preseason practice in July and then play 11 or more games from August through November. Coaches expect the players to lift weights all winter, work out on their own in the spring and then run and lift weights in June.

Athletes need time to be kids, too. And small schools need for their athletes to play other sports.

Spring practice would conflict with the end of basketball season or the start of baseball, golf, track and tennis seasons.

No one can prove that spring practice would reduce injuries. And spring drills certainly wouldn't be any fun for the players.

Maybe spring practice would benefit those players who go on to play college football. However, most Kentucky high school players are not going to receive scholarships. Those that do can make up for lost time in college.

High school football has survived without spring drills and still turned out some outstanding players. Let's keep things the way they are now and give athletes a chance to be kids while they are still in high school.

ONE OF Kentucky's best high school kickers this year is Todd Davis of Mercer County.

He kicked five field goals in his team's first five games, including a school record 46-yard boot to down Anderson County 3-0. His only misses came from 51 and 52 yards.

He's also averaging over 40 yards per punt with no return yardage. "He's college material, no question about that," says Mercer Coach Larry French. "The question is whether or not a college will take a chance and give him a scholarship."

"Several schools (Eastern, Western, Kentucky and Davidson) have made inquiries. It would sure surprise me if he doesn't get to kick in college with the value coaches put on the kicking game."

"If a high school kid can average over 40 yards per punt and even uncock a 56-yard kick I would sure take notice of him. And he has the leg to kick 50-yard field goals now."

"He's just going to get better and stronger in college. If I was a college coach in Kentucky I would sure hate to let him get away."

Rates Prep Level At Kentucky And South Carolina Even

Danny Ford's Post Game Comments

Following are the post game comments of Clemson Coach Danny Ford after his club's 26-7 loss to Kentucky last Saturday night at Commonwealth Stadium:

Question: What's your overall assessment of the game?

Coach Ford: Our defensive football team played real well early in the football game, particularly the first half. We had some contact flicks that looked a little bit better (than previous games) to me from the sideline. At times, our offensive football team looked like it was going to get something started. I felt real good at halftime, real fine. We were just down 6-0 and made a terrible mistake early in the game when a young freshman, ball hit him and they (UK) recovered a punt. We didn't learn much from that, we came back and did it the second half and it was a senior this time.

The first five minutes of the game, we were in good shape. We stopped them and did what we wanted to. We had good field position and if we take it down and score, we're back in the football game. We didn't and they got nine. We're still in it because our defense held up again. Then, they just broke our back with that punt return (Williams' touchdown). They (UK) made some fine blocks and we didn't do a very good job of coverage. They made a good play, we made a bad play. That made it 16-0. We got on the board once, but then they came back and we hurt ourselves with a sack, an interception, with a fumble. That's pretty much the way I saw it out there.

You got to give Kentucky a lot of credit. They came into the game ready and got their starting quarterback hurt very early. Coach Claiborne said he had a punctured lung, which is terrible. We wish him a speedy recovery and wish him a lot of success. But the other guy (Kevin Dooley) came in and showed a lot of poise and never turned the ball over, that I remember, the second half, except one time when they were going in on fourth down. They held their mistakes to a minimum and we continue to increase ours.

Question: What is your attitude about the hallelub (Clemson) now as, to say, what it was a week ago? Do you feel less optimistic or more optimistic?

Coach Ford: I think our people tried very hard tonight. Maybe I don't know what effort is and all that, but I think they tried, like very hard. They ran good and I thought they hit good, defensively. At times, we were coming off the ball well. Some young guys did pretty well at times. You just feel like you can do better than you're doing and just can't do it. I feel better for them that they didn't give up, they didn't quit, they tried to fight and they tried to get after it and I didn't see that in our offensive football team last week. They tried tonight, but we were unsuccessful.

It's going to come to a point that we have to make some decisions on which way we want to go. As a football team, we shouldn't be young enough now to be doing ourselves in. I don't understand some of the mistakes. Our guy didn't see the punt returner, he didn't take a cheap shot at the guy. He never saw him. Maybe we were playing with our eyes closed, but he didn't see him and he didn't take a cheap shot. The two-yard thing, our man didn't do that on purpose, he was just trying to jar the ball loose. It just seems like we stepped in mud and were having a hard time pulling our shoe out of it. I don't feel sorry for our kids and our kids don't feel sorry for themselves, I don't believe.

I hope we're learning from this. We can't continue to make mistakes because that finally comes down to coaching and teaching. They've heard it enough and repeated it enough, then it comes down to coaching. If they can't do it, then we need to get somebody who can do it. We need to put somebody in there who can hold onto the ball and do things right. We got to find somebody who can do those kinds of things if we keep continuing to make those same

mistakes. There will be a point, and I don't want to give up on any of our youngsters, when we'll have to look at the films and make some personnel changes. I think that's very evident and Sunday is soon enough to start.

Question: When you say it's time to make a decision, are you talking about whether it's time to start building for a later time, rather than making a commitment to this year?

Coach Ford: This year is in the fourth ball game. We don't want to give up on this season. We don't want to give up on our players. We don't want our players to give up on themselves. We will have to take a long look and see which direction we're heading. If we're heading backwards, then we'll have to make some kind of a decision. If we don't, then we'll be in the same shape again in the following fall. But as long as a kid is trying his best and giving it all he's got, that's all we can ask of him. As long as he's doing that, we're satisfied with him, win, lose or draw.

Question: Did you observe any difference in Claiborne's coaching philosophy tonight and when Claiborne was at Maryland?

Coach Ford: Not a whole lot. It was very sound what they were doing. He used to pitch the ball out and they hand the ball sweep now a little bit.

Question: Did Dooley's play differ from what you were expecting from Bill Ransdell, having seen Ransdell on film from earlier games?

Coach Ford: Well, Dooley didn't have to throw it. They ball-controlled it pretty good. I don't know how good the youngster can throw. He threw short a couple times but our guys did, too. I don't know if he throws the ball as well as the other guy, but that's unfair because the kid probably didn't even think he was going to play tonight. All of a sudden, after the first couple plays, he comes in and plays the whole game. That's a pretty good job for a guy, to say, go in there and eat a pre-game meal and don't think

want to be, because I'm sure they wanted to be 4-0, but you respect a team that wins any time.

I believe there's a whole lot of difference, personnel-wise in a lot of programs now. People who watch television now say "I haven't seen a great team yet." Sometimes a team doesn't look too good on film, but if they come out and beat your butt, they're a pretty good football team. They (UK) have improved and they've beaten people's backends and their program has come a good way. How it compares to other programs, you never know. We'd like to wish them, we don't play them anymore.

Question: Has parity arrived in college football?

Coach Ford: Well, there are so many things besides athletic ability that goes into a football game that we're learning about, attitude—want to—will to win—confidence—poise. All this sounds like good words used in a pep talk, but there's a lot to that. If you have that kind of a group, anybody can beat anybody as long as they believe they can beat anybody, that's the first thing.

As far as athletic ability—I was watching a replay of Kentucky high school football last night on the news and I was trying to compare them with South Carolina football because it's the same kids playing four years later. Theirs (Kentucky high school) is no better nor no worse than ours. I don't believe any other high schools are either. You find good players everywhere. It's just a matter of getting them together, doing things well and coaching them well. That would be the main thing.



Clemson's Danny Ford

I'd like to say things aren't going our way. We're not making things happen. Bad things are happening and we're not doing much to prevent it. We're not doing much to change the flow of a game. We had two interceptions that made it look like we'd never caught a ball in practice in our life. We had two punts that were very elementary. We should have known better than that. We should have coached better than that. I'm just not pleased with a lot of things we're doing. But no way do we want to give up on our people. I said it very early in the year that we would not lose confidence in ourselves and we would not lose confidence in our players. We keep our bunch together and that's the thing we need to try to do now to eliminate mistakes. They are absolutely killing us. We need to eliminate those mistakes and try to become a better football team, if it's possible.

Question: What impressed you most about Kentucky?

Coach Ford: Their field goal kicker did very good. I was very impressed with him, a walk-on kicker. He kicked the ball very well. He was kicking very well before the game. Their young quarterback (Dooley) who came in held his poise and did a very good job for them. Defensively, they got after us pretty good. Their blitzes got to us a little bit. Their kicking game has always been a very big part of Coach Claiborne's offense from way back and their youngster made a great kick return against us.

you're even going to play and all of a sudden, you've got seventy or eighty snaps tonight. So, he did a good job.

Question: Could you compare this Kentucky team with the one you played three years ago in Clemson?

Coach Ford: Kentucky has better athletes now. When we played them at home, we were a little bit bigger, stronger and more physical than they were. They'll fight you and come after you real well and execute real well, too. They are a very good football team.

Question: Having played both Georgia and Kentucky, how would you compare those two clubs right now?

Coach Ford: Both will be well-coached. Both has good players. Georgia is very quick, offensively and their backs are getting very strong down there. I'd like to see how the young quarterback at Kentucky keeps improving, if the other kid is not back. Kentucky backs ran real good tonight, I thought. It'll probably be whoever throws the ball best.

Question: Is Kentucky now nearing respectability on the big-time scene or is this game just a matter of catching Clemson at the right time?

Coach Ford: You get respectability when you win and they're 3-1. I don't much care who you play, respectability is winning. As you win, your reputation grows. They won last year and went to a bowl game. They're off not to the start they

STATISTICS

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Clemson	0	0	7	0	7
Kentucky	0	6	10	10	26

UK—Worley 27 FG. 7:54; UK—Worley 30 FG. 1:01; UK—Worley 26 FG. 9:29; UK—Williams 57 punt return (Worley kick), 7:15; Clem—Ra. Williams 25 run (Treadwell kick), 5:04; UK—Logan 5 pass from Dooley (Worley kick), 14:51; UK—Worley 32 FG. 3:14.

TEAMS

	Clem	UK
First downs	13	19
Rushes-yards	34-138	54-167
Passing yards	92	142
Return yards	18	73
Passes	10-24-3	15-23-0
Punts	5-44	7-38
Fumbles-lost	4-4	1-1
Penalties-yards	8-83	6-75
Possession time	22:04	37:56

INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING — Clemson: Anderson 3-(25), T. Johnson 12-55, Flowers 10-62, Flagler 4-10, Quick 1-2, Rd. Williams 1-0; Ra. Williams 1-25; Driver 2-9. Kentucky: Ransdell 1-1, Logan 22-82, Dooley 2-0, Higgs 19-64, Derry 1-2, Burbage 1-6, Jones 1-1, A. Gardner 3-9, Hunter 3-6, Allen 1-(4).

PASSING — Clemson: Anderson 6-15-246, Rd. Williams 4-9-146. Kentucky: Dooley 15-23-0-142.

RECEIVING — Clemson: Rouillac 2-31, T. Johnson 1-12, Quick 1-9, Ra. Williams 3-25, Driver 1-3, G. Smith 1-6, Higgs 1-6. Kentucky: Logan 2-23, Higgs 2-1, Derry 3-0, Burbage 3-35, Pitts 3-45, Wheary 1-14, Wheeler 1-24.

PUNTS — Clemson: Newell 5-220 (44 average). Kentucky: Tesar 7-271 (38.7 average).

TACKLES (more than 4) — Clemson: Curtis 5, Milton 5, Meadows 7, K. Williams 13, Walls 12, Hall 6, Danforth 5, Johnson 8. Kentucky: St. Stubbs 4, Shannon 5, Duckworth 4, Kramer 6, Smith 7, Mazza 8, Johnson 4, Hairston 4.

Greg Nord / Former Wildcat Player Is Gifted

By Nick Nichols

Greg Nord just wanted a chance. Even though he was an All-State performer for Louisville's Bishop David, he felt that he wasn't quite good enough to be a Division I player. Through the encouragement of Denny Nash, however, Nord earned a chance to play for the University of Kentucky and Fran Curci in 1974. He came in as a center and left as a tight end. As a player, Nord saw the Wildcat program reach heights never reached before — a perfect 6-0 SEC slate and a final No. 7 national ranking. Used more as a blocker than a receiver at the tight end position, Nord still was on the end of several key passes in '77. Against Mississippi State he hauled in a 43-yard reception from Derrick Ramsey to help set up a TD in the first half. UK eventually won the contest, 23-7. At Athens and Gainesville he made some big catches to help the visiting 'Cats pull out a pair of devastating wins. After completing his college eligibility in 1978, Nord was asked to join the Wildcat staff. As an assistant, Nord enjoys helping out the Kentucky offensive backs and seeing them succeed. He does so because of the coaches who helped him fulfill a dream as a youngster. And today, if he can help a player on the field... it means just as much to him as it does his pupil.

Following is a TCP exclusive with assistant coach Greg Nord:



Greg Nord

Could you tell us about your high school playing days at Louisville's Bishop David?
Coach Nord: I really think that the coaching that I got during my 'growing up days' and my younger days in football were really some of the things that influenced me to go into coaching. When I was in pee-wee football I had a guy coach me that I thought was a great coach, Jim Meher. He meant a lot to me growing up. I don't think I've ever gotten a chance to tell him how much he actually meant to me and how much I thought of him. Then at high school I got to play for a guy named Denny Nash, who to me is one of the greatest coaches that has been in the high school level. He's meant as much to me as anybody in my football career. In fact he might be the reason that I'm at Kentucky now. Coming out of high school I didn't have a scholarship and I wasn't recruited. I had a chance to go to some smaller schools. I also had a chance to go to some bigger schools, but it went down to the wire and they didn't offer me a scholarship. For awhile I didn't know if I was ever going to get a chance to play football anywhere. He (Nash) called me and told me to be ready to meet him in the morning. He drove me up here to visit with Coach (Fran) Curci. Coach Nash was really the reason that I got a chance to come up here and walk-on. There was another person who was an assistant coach at the time, Danny Leason, who I looked to and started following some of the things he said. I saw the way he worked and the fun that he had in coaching. Those were some of the biggest reasons that I decided I wanted to be a coach, because those guys appeared to me to be the

kind of person that I wanted to grow up and be. In high school I played both center and linebacker. I planned on being a center (in college) because that was the position I was better at in high school. I thought I was a better linebacker than a center, but I'd been told by all the other coaches that I was a better college prospect as a center. If someone now was to tell me, as a recruiter, that someone my size and my weight was a major college prospect, I would do the same thing the recruiters did. I didn't have the great size, the great speed, and the things that you look for in a college offensive lineman. Because of those coaches that I talked about earlier, they had made me such a believer by constantly telling me that I was good and that I could do it. They built that positive image into me... that I could go on and play at this level. Their total belief in me gave me the strength and the ability to go on and do it. Like I said, my high school coaches were a great influence on me going on and being able to come to Kentucky and go to college.

TCP: So even though you were an All-State performer, what you're saying is that stressing the positive attitude, like Coach Jerry Claiborne does, turned your football future around?

Coach Nord: Right. By those guys believing in you and having such an influence on me making my decision... about two or three years into school here at Kentucky I realized how much those guys meant to me. So I decided that I wanted to get into coaching and perhaps have as big an influence on some other person's life as they had on me.

TCP: Could you comment on your playing career at Kentucky?

Coach Nord: Well, I came in 1974 and played as a walk-on, snapping on field goals. Really, if they would have had somebody else that could do it chances are that I would have never even got to dress that first year. But I happened to be at the right place at the right time, and earned that position and made all the trips and played in every game. It was very sparingly but it is an important job. I felt good about that. They had an All-America center at the time, Rick Nuzum, so they weren't worried about the actual center position on offense. Then he graduated and that spring ('75) I went in and had a real good spring. There was myself, Tommy Dornbrook... and one of my best buddies John Nochtka was probably going to be the center, but he got a severe knee injury in fall practice that year. By him not playing, I had a chance to work myself into the starting lineup and alternate it with Tommy Dornbrook as a starting center my sophomore year. So, I had earned a scholarship. Later on that year Tom developed into a real good center; he of course went on to play in the pros. In 1976 I was injured in preseason and wasn't going to be able to play any in the first three or four games. We had a guy who had transferred in, Will Grant, and then David Hopewell who both came along and became good centers. We lost a tight end and they (the coaches) felt that I had a chance to be able to go over and adapt to the position while being on the scout team as a redshirt. This was to be able to make the move for the coming year, which was '77. And of course, '77 and

'78 I finished out my career playing as a tight end.

What was it like playing on the 10-1, '77 Wildcats?

Coach Nord: Whenever you're in this business, your great seasons are always your favorite and most cherished moments. The fact that you get to contribute and make a couple of big plays throughout a season like that, it's going to hold some special moments for you. I'll never forget my first touchdown I ever scored in my life. It was against Georgia ('77) in what might have been the best Kentucky football game that they played in the last 10 or 15 years. We went down there 'between the hedges' and beat them 33-0. It was the last time I think Kentucky has beaten Georgia. When we played Mississippi State I caught a pass that resulted in a touchdown in which we took the lead. You remember the big plays and feel fortunate that you can contribute to a great team, which that was.

TCP: With the increased attention by the fans in the state over the last two seasons, does it compare to what it was like in 1976 and '77?

Coach Nord: It's hard to tell, in that I'm in a totally different role now. I think the fan support was super then and I think it's super now. But our fans have always been good. They supported us when we had some bad years. Of course, everybody gets more excited when you have great teams. As far as the feeling of the fans toward the players, I think they respect the kids on our team a little bit more now. I think that's a tribute to Coach Claiborne. The involvement he's shown with the community and some of the different approaches and philosophies that he has in football.

TCP: What was the one thing you most remember about the 1977 season?

Coach Nord: Knowing that we weren't going to a bowl game and lining up to play Tennessee at 9-1... I realized that this was going to be the last game. (Remembering) playing Tennessee here in front of a great crowd and with that enthusiasm... and the feeling after that game where none of the players went to the locker room (was great). They all stayed on the field and had a celebration. The realization that this was the last time this team, this great Kentucky team was going to be together. It was a special feeling. Beating Tennessee that year was probably the most remembered thing that I have.

TCP: What do you remember most about Coach Curci?

Coach Nord: The opportunity he gave and the work he did with me as a player. You always remember the guys who have coached you, whether you think they're good or bad or indifferent. I think he was a good coach. He did a lot of good things and positive things for me. He helped me get into the coaching ranks, because I did coach for him.

TCP: Once Coach Curci and his staff, which included you, were released in 1981, how did end up on Claiborne's staff the following season?

Coach Nord: I'd played at Kentucky and coached for Coach Curci, and when Coach Claiborne had got the job I then interviewed for a position here. I talked with Coach Claiborne and things worked out. I was fortunate that I got a chance to work with Coach Claiborne and continue on here at my alma mater.

TCP: Was there much a change in being a part of a different staff?

Coach Nord: Yes. Whenever you go into a new job, no matter what kind of field you're in, it's somewhat stressful. It's different. Just the unexpected always adds to that kind of feeling. The great guys that came in here to work made it easier. Shoot, this staff is as close as anyone I've ever been around. We all get along together; we all work for a common goal; and we're all there to help each other out. You've got to have that to be able to come into and develop a program, and have a guy that stays over on the staff.



Enjoys Helping Young Talent Improve



Telling

TCP: It must be so to coach at a place like...
Coach Nord: I think the coaches' mind that's the ultimate goal — to be a coach that played for me. I would think that coaching at the school level is an assistant coach that you remember.

Coach Nord: Gosh!

Playing Tennessee was a great experience. I think the Wisconsin game was for me. And, really, that was our first win after that there among some of the for so long without winning. I finally getting that up there.

TCP: Before this game you would like assistant coach?

Coach Nord: There's a cinnati game that we was the least ready of we've been here. I do what we were capable of the things you hate.

TCP: How do you back position at Kent

Coach Nord: The challenge of replacing has left, George Adam and there's competition time. That makes you have competition you think I have a super bur

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s Giving Something Back To Alma Mater

By Nick Nicholas



Telling It Like It Is To Herald-Leader's Jerry Tipton

TCP: It must be something special for you to coach at a place where you used to play?

Coach Nord: I think deep down in any coaches' mind that's probably one of their ultimate goals — to be able to be a coach at the school they played for. That's the ultimate goal I would think. That would be my goal... to coach at the school I played for.

As an assistant coach, what's the one game that you remember favorably?

Coach Nord: Gosh, they're several of 'em. Playing Tennessee was a great win (17-12). I think the Wisconsin game has a special place for me. And, really the Central Michigan game, our first win after the 0-10-1 season has to be there among some of the better ones. You go for so long without winning it's just that relief of finally getting that win. That game has to be up there.

TCP: Before this season, what is the one game you would like to forget at UK as an assistant coach?

Coach Nord: There's no question the Cincinnati game that we tied (13-13). I think that was the least ready our team had been since we've been here. I don't think we played near what we were capable of playing, and that's one of the things you hate to have.

TCP: How do you feel about the running back position at Kentucky for the '85 season?

Coach Nord: The guys have responded to the challenge of replacing a great running back that has left, George Adams. They've worked hard and there's competition at the spot for playing time. That makes you get better. Anytime you have competition you're going to get better. I think I have a super bunch of guys to work with. There's not one of those kids, either first team or last team, that I don't really like. I really like and really care for all those guys on the team. I wish there was a place for all 16 of the guys that I coach to play. Unfortunately, there is two positions and only so much time they're going to get. But some of the younger guys are going to eventually get their chance to play.

TCP: What's it like as an assistant to work with good, young talent?

Coach Nord: You always love the opportunity to work with a greatly talented guy and see the guy start to become of age, start reaching some of their potential, learning new skills, and seeing them succeed. It's fun to see the guys grow and become good football players.

TCP: What are your feelings about the freshmen redshirt philosophy that has become so prominent at UK?

Coach Nord: Our thinking is, that the reason we redshirt a guy is because they're not ready

to play at this level. By putting someone into a game and playing them when they're not ready to play is really not being fair to those kids. I think the kind of system we have here, as far as redshirting them, is to their advantage, more so than to ours. Now they're going to be able to get older and give themselves a better chance to become good football players and reach their potential. We demand a lot out of them (freshmen who are being redshirted) on the football field and in the books. It's tough being a student even if you're not going to devote as much time to an activity as our guys do. It's definitely a help for our players to get a year under their belts, learn the system, and learn a new lifestyle.

Did Mark Higgs' quick recovery from major knee surgery surprise you?

Coach Nord: I should say it was unexpected more so than it was a surprise, because Mark is really a hard worker when he puts his mind to it. A lot of times he doesn't get the credit for being a hard worker because everything seems to come to him so easy. He did work and get it (the injured knee) ready to play. It's been a pleasant surprise for us.

TCP: Potentially, how good can this team be?

Coach Nord: Who knows? You get the right bounces... get a key play... I don't know. They've made great strides and have set high goals. If they continue to work and if we get the right bounces then I think we can realize some of those goals that we have set.

TCP: What's it like to work for an outstanding coach like Jerry Claiborne?

Coach Nord: Oh, it's super. One of Coach Claiborne's greatest assets is that you always know where you stand with him. He has his values and commitments. You know where he stands. He's consistent in that you know where you stand and what is expected. His next greatest thing is that he always listens to whatever you have to say. You can't expect anything else from that. As long as someone will listen to your suggestions and believe in you... he believes in everyone of our players and coaches. That's important. His consistency and his belief in you are some of the greatest things I think he has going for him. And he'll work his tale off as hard as the next guy.

TCP: A little more than 10 years have passed since you came to Lexington as a UK student, what noticeable changes do you see today in the Central Bluegrass city?

Coach Nord: The first thing is the overall growth of the city itself. I'm currently living in a house that was a farm when I came here. The

downtown (area) has grown. The community itself has grown together, and has become a bigger type town than it was when I was a player. And that's not been that long ago.

TCP: Was it your dream to play for the Blue and White?

Coach Nord: Well, Kentucky had a special place for me, but I just wanted to play somewhere. I wanted to be a college football player. As a youngster I think a guy has a tendency to follow his hometown school or the schools that make it on TV consistently. I was just a football fan. Shoot, if they played it on TV I watched it. I'd pull for different teams. I guess I really started becoming more Kentucky conscious the last two or three years when I was in college.

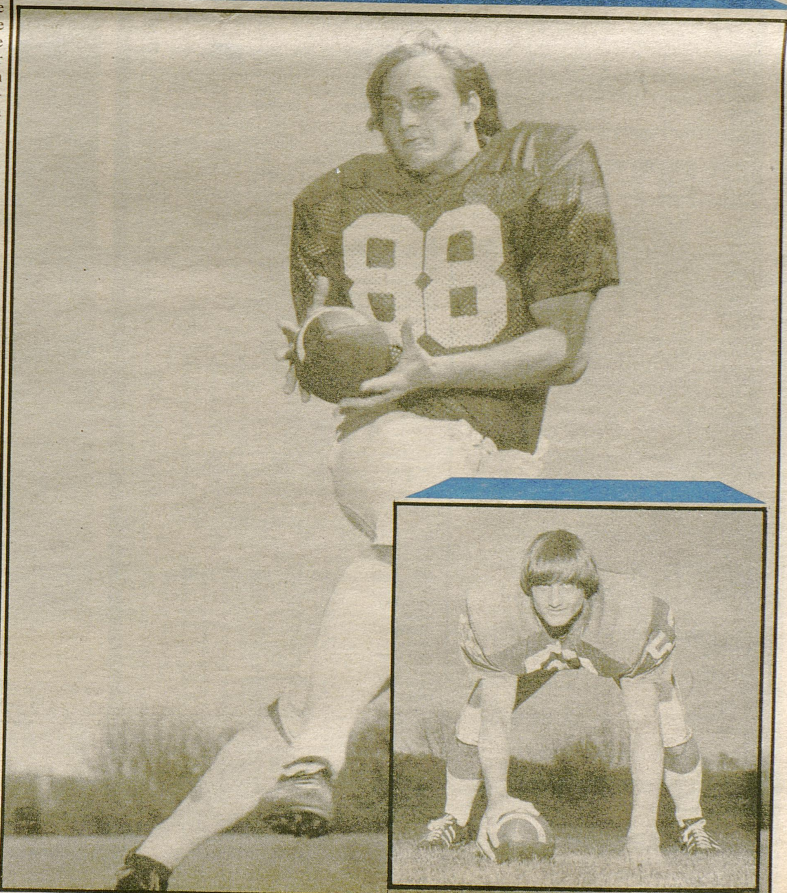
TCP: What's it like having a brother (Gary) coach at an in-state rival institution (Louisville)?

Coach Nord: Well, Gary coaches at Louisville and he played at Louisville. I think the fans, which are mutual friends in some respect, really can't understand how we can be for each other. They (the fans) have got such a strong feeling toward either Kentucky or Louisville, and they hate the other. They can't understand how I can still have feelings for Gary and my brothers (Brad and Glenn who is at U of L). Of course I had a younger brother sign with Louisville this year, Glenn. I had another brother (Brad) that's a student at Louisville and was playing on their

team. Unfortunately, Glenn and Brad both suffered knee injuries. Brad didn't get to finish his career. He's now coaching at Louisville DeSales. Glenn is trying to rehabilitate his knee. Right now his future is a little bit uncertain to what he's going to do.

TCP: What are your future goals right now? Are you content as an assistant at Kentucky?

Coach Nord: I feel real good being able to work for both Kentucky and Coach Claiborne. You always look ahead and set goals in the back of your mind to what you want to do and where you want to be in a certain stage in your life. I think my family has a big influence. They're very happy (daughters Amy and Angie) at their schools in their neighborhood. I don't foresee any immediate moves or changes in jobs. Yet, if an opportunity arose where I could meet some of those long-range goals — as a head coach or something in that situation — then I would have to look at 'em. But, I'm very content being here at Kentucky right now. I think I want to stay in Division I football. I was talking to Coach (Jerry) Eisaman the other day and he said that the football field is a 100 yards long wherever you're at. You're going to have good players and bad players no matter where you're at. Just the opportunity to work with kids and hopefully have as big an influence on them as some of my coaches did on me is really why I'm in this business.



Nord's UK Playing Days As A Center And Tight End

SEC linescores

Memphis St. 14 0 14 0-28
Mississippi St. 7 7 0 17-31

Mem-J. Harris 14 pass from Sparkman (Glosson kick). Mem-J. Harris 12 pass from Sparkman (Glosson kick). MSU-McKelphin 60 pass from Smith (Cosby kick). MSU-McKelphin 18 run (Cosby kick). Mem-Jackson 6 pass from Sparkman (Glosson Kick). Mem-Fairs fell on blocked punt in end zone (Glosson kick). MSU-Clark 58 pass from Smith (pass failed). MSU-Smith 3 run (Smith run). MSU-Cosby FG 54

First downs 14 16
Rushes-yards 45-89 44-209
Passing yards 135 172

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING — Memphis St. Moody 14-52, Douglas 12-34, Sparkman 10-minus 27, Mississippi St. Smith 26-149, McKelphin 12-45, Patton 3-9.

PASSING — Memphis St. Sparkman 9-28-1 135, Belong 0-3-0 0, Mississippi St. Smith 9-26-1 172, Lundie 0-1-0 0, McKelphin 0-1-1 0.

RECEIVING — Memphis St. Moody 2-44, J. Harris 2-26, Jackson 4-49, Mississippi St. McKelphin 3-56, Clark 1-57, Patton 2-17.

Tennessee 31, Wake Forest 29

Wake Forest 7 0 7 15-29
Tennessee 14 0 10 7-31

Tenn—Panuska 1 run (Revez kick). WF—Ramseur 5 run (Miller kick). Tenn—Robinson 1 run (Revez kick). Tenn—Davis 22 run (Revez kick). WF—Clemmons 4 pass from White (Miller kick). Tenn—FG Revez 52. Tenn—Clinkscales 9 pass from Robinson (Revez kick). WF—Brim 9 pass from White (Ramseur run). WF—Scales 18 pass from White (Miller kick)

First downs 25 16
Rushes-yards 42-185 43-139
Passing yards 270 170

Vanderbilt 24, Tulane 17
Vanderbilt 7 10 0 7-24
Tulane 0 0 3 14-17

Van—Gromos 2 run (Herline kick). Van—FG 35 Herline. Van—Gromos 1 run (Herline kick). Tul—FG Clemens 45. Van—Woods 1 run (Herline kick). Tul—Spano 3 run (Clemens kick). Tul—Jones 2 pass from Karcher (Clemens kick)

UK-LSU Game May Be Televised Live By ESPN Next Week

This week's top SEC television billings include a double-header, first with Auburn hosting Florida State over SuperStation WTBS at noon with Alabama taking on Penn State at 3:30 p.m. over ABC-TV.

As it now stands, there appears to be an excellent chance that the Kentucky-LSU game will be televised live over ESPN next Saturday night.

Reportedly, ESPN had decided to carry the game if UK was successful in beating either Clemson or Mississippi State. One ESPN official at the Auburn-Ole Miss game last Saturday, told SEC officials the game was a lock, upon learning that UK had just whipped Clemson 26-7. That lock became somewhat unglued when ESPN officials learned that Bill Ransdell was injured and may not be back for the LSU game.

One insider said ESPN was very interested in the game because of Ransdell's impressive passing statistics during the team's first three games. Still, the UK-LSU game is at the top of the list and if UK should beat Mississippi State, then it will most likely be chosen.

As far as the remainder of the season goes, Kentucky could figure in as few as one television appearance or as many as four.

Besides the LSU game, television sources say

the Kentucky-Georgia game appears to be a logical choice for WTBS's noon slot. The only other game available to WTBS that day is Mississippi State and Auburn. How the four teams are going at the time will probably decide which game is aired.

Kentucky-Vanderbilt is also a possible and a Kentucky-Tennessee matchup is looking better and better. If the two clubs are going well at the season's end, look for this contest. The only other SEC game available to WTBS on November 23 is the Ole Miss-Mississippi State game.

SEC standings

Team SEC All
Alabama 2-0-0 4-0-0
Florida 2-0-0 3-0-1
Tennessee 1-0-0 2-0-1
Kentucky 0-0-0 3-1-0
Auburn 1-1-0 3-1-0
LSU 0-1-0 2-1-0
Ole Miss 0-1-0 2-2-1
Georgia 0-1-0 3-1-0
Miss State 0-1-0 4-1-0
Vanderbilt 0-1-0 2-3-0

Kentucky's Football Statistics

INDIVIDUAL
RUSHING G ATT YDS YPR YPG TD LR
Logan 4 81 34.1 4.2 85.3 2 21 BG
Higgs 4 52 209 4.0 52.3 2 20 TU
Gardner 4 18 42 2.3 10.5 0 10 BG
Ransdell 4 4 20 23.2 5.8 0 9 BG
Hunter 1 3 6 2.0 6.0 0 2 CL
Derry 4 3 5 1.6 1.3 0 2 BG
Burbage 4 2 4 2.0 1.0 0 6 CL
Baker 1 3 4 1.3 4.0 0 4 CI
Wheary 4 1 3 3.0 0.8 0 3 CI
Jones 4 1 1 1.0 0.3 0 1 CL
Dooley 2 2 0 0.0 0.0 0 0 CL
Allen 1 1 -4 -4.0 -4.0 0 -4 CL
TOTALS 4 187 634 3.4 159.0 4 21 BG
PASSING G ATT CMP INT PCT TD YDS LP
Ransdell 4 94 53 5 56.3 3 915 82 BG
Dooley 2 23 15 0 65.2 1 142 30 CL
TOTALS 4 117 68 5 58.1 4 1057 82 BG
RECEIVING G CGT EPG YDS YPG TD LR
Derry 4 14 3.5 163 11.6 2 35 TU
Pitts 4 12 3.0 219 18.3 1 49 CI
Logan 4 9 2.3 96 10.6 1 26 BG
Burbage 4 8 2.0 173 21.6 0 36 BG
Higgs 4 7 1.8 106 15.1 0 34 CI
Wheeler 4 5 1.3 63 12.6 0 24 CL
Bryant 4 4 1.0 108 27.0 0 82 BG
Jones 4 4 1.0 44 11.0 0 20 BG
Pennington 4 2 0.5 27 13.5 0 18 BG
Wheary 4 2 0.5 50 25.0 0 36 CI
Ledford 4 1 0.3 8 8.0 0 8 CI
TOTALS 4 68 17.0 1057 15.5 4 82 BG
PUNTING NO YDS AVG LP
Tesar 17 739 43.5 66 CI
FIELD GOALS ATT MADE I/K
Worley 12 11 48 BG
PUNT RETURNS NO YDS AVG TD LR
Burbage 16 90 5.6 0 47 TU
Williams 4 73 18.3 1 57 CL
TOTALS 20 163 8.2 1 57 CL
KO RETURNS NO YDS AVG TD LR
Logan 6 84 14.0 0 20 CI
Burbage 1 27 27.0 0 27 TU
TOTALS 7 111 15.9 0 27 TU
INTERCEPTION RETURNS NO YDS AVG TD LR
Caldwell 2 -8 -4.0 0 -8 CI
Gover 1 21 21.0 0 21 CI
Douglass 1 14 14.0 0 14 CL
Mayes 1 0 0.0 0 0 BG
Hairston 1 0 0.0 0 0 CL
D. Johnson 1 0 0.0 0 0 CL
TOTALS 7 27 3.9 0 21 CI
1985 RESULTS (3-1 OVERALL, 0-0 SEC)
9/14 Bowling Green 26 30 57,620
9/21 Tulane 16 11 36,812
9/28 Cincinnati 27 7 37,192
10/5 Clemson 26 7 58,230
10/12 Mississippi State
10/19 at Louisiana State
10/26 at Georgia
11/2 East Tennessee State
11/9 at Vanderbilt
11/16 at Florida
11/23 Tennessee

TEAM UK OPP
FIRST DOWNS 85 66
Rushing 32 19
Passing 47 44
Penalty 6 3
Rushing Att/Yds 187-706 114-399
Rushing Yards Lost 72 124
Net Rushing 634 275
Yards Per Rush 3.4 2.4
TDs Rushing 4 3
Passes/Comp/Int 117-68-5 153-85-7
Passing Yards 1057 840
Yards Per Pass 9.0 5.5
TDs Passing 4 4
Field Goals/Att 11-12 1-3
Int/Yds Ret/TD 7-27-0 5-28-0
Total Plays 304 267
Total Yardage 1691 1115
Yards Per Play 5.7 4.2
Yards Per Game 422.8 278.8
Punts/Blocked 17-0 25-0
Punting Yds/Avg 739-43.5 43.6
Punt Ret/Yds 20-163 8-20
Kickoff Ret/Yds 7-111 20-360
Penalties/Yds 19-223 30-262
Fumbles/Lost 10-5 7-5
3rd Down Conversions 23-64 24-58
4th Down Conversions 3-4 3-7
Time of Possession 131:16 108:44
SCORING
TD S FG P A T TP
Worley 0 0 11x12 8x8 0 0 41
Logan 3 0 0 0 0 0 18
Derry 2 0 0 0 0 0 12
Higgs 2 0 0 0 0 0 12
Pitts 1 0 0 0 0 0 6
Williams 1 0 0 0 0 0 6
Ransdell 0 0 0 0 0 0x1 0 0
KY 9 0 11x12 8x8 0x1 0 95
OPP 7 1 1x3 6x6 1x1 0 55
SCORE BY QUARTERS
KY 17 26 27 25 = 95
OPP 7 0 31 17 = 55
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L. Smith 29 15 0 0 0 1 0 0 0
Kremer 19 13 0 0 0 1 0 0 0
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Hairston 14 6 0 0 0 0 1 0 0
Williams 13 13 2(-13) 0 0 0 0 1
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Douglass 10 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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Reese 9 6 1(0) 0 0 0 1 0
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D. Johnson 5 5 0 0 0 1 0 1
Sexton 5 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
C. Gardner 4 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 1



Kentucky-Clemson Action

SEC Slate Kicks Into High Gear This Weekend

MSU-UK Figures To Be A Dandy

If football schedules consists of peaks and valleys, then October 12 is the SEC's answer to Mt. Everest.

Let's just say that you're a very important sports writer with the privilege of covering any game you want to see.

October 12th would drive you to drink—and you know that sports writers and alcohol are as far apart as, as, as, oh let's say Laurel and Hardy, Tom and Jerry, Miss America and FAS-TIK!

Take your druthers. Would you prefer a trip to Pennsylvania to see Alabama knock heads with Penn State, or would you rather visit Auburn for the Tiger's tussle with Florida State? Wait! Your options are not yet complete.



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

The Tennessee Volunteers have a dilly of a road game that weekend. The schedule maker has sent them to Gainesville for a face to face with the Florida Gators. Man, tht should be a good one.

But speaking of good ones, Georgia goes on the road to face the good pass, no run Ole Miss Rebels in Jackson, Mississippi. The Rebels should give Georgia's secondary a hard workout, even if the Dogs' defensive line has a relatively easy night of it.

In Lexington, Kentucky two teams still have visions of 1985 glory match muscle. Mississippi State and Kentucky are to play in what could be one of the most exciting games of the day.

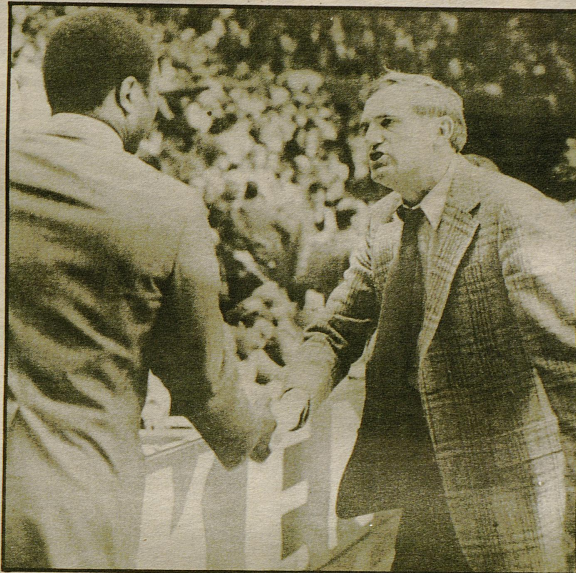
The only apparent mismatch for the October 12th weekend finds LSU at Vanderbilt. Even though the game is on the Commodores' turf, LSU has far too much firepower for Vandy. The hosts were thin at the start of the season. Injuries have made them tissue paper.

But the other five games have fingernail biting, edge of the seat potential. By process of elimination, we've narrowed our choice to Auburn/Florida State or Tennessee/Florida.

Alabama and Penn State should be fierce but, frankly, we've never cared much whether Penn State goes 10-1 or 1-10, so it's hard to get fired up about the game, even if Alabama is involved.

Georgia and Ole Miss is "ifey". Can Georgia's defense stop the Rebels' passing attack? Can Georgia find an offense of their own? Answer "yes" to one, but not both of the above and the game could be lopsided. Answer "yes" or "no" to both and who knows what will happen.

We think State and the Wildcats will put on a show. Don Smith may be the finest running quarterback in the league. Bill Ransdell can throw with the best of them. This one could be 28-27 with the winner to be the last team to get the ball.



Bama's Sanderson

Now to the nitty gritty. For sheer excitement, how do you top Auburn and Florida State? The Seminoles have talent and brilliant coaching. They throw the ball with the regularity and skill of a pro club. Florida State can score from anywhere!

On the other hand, so can Auburn! Is there a better running back than Bo Jackson? Alright, excluding Eric Dickerson, is there a better running back than Bo Jackson? Even a sports writer would pay for a ticket to this game.

But, darnit, I'm a quarterback type person and I believe, given my choice, I'd head for Gainesville to watch Florida and Tennessee.

Kerwin Bell and Tony Robinson on the same football field is worth the trip. Bell is so talented! He threw 16 touchdown passes for the Gators last season and had only 7 interceptions.

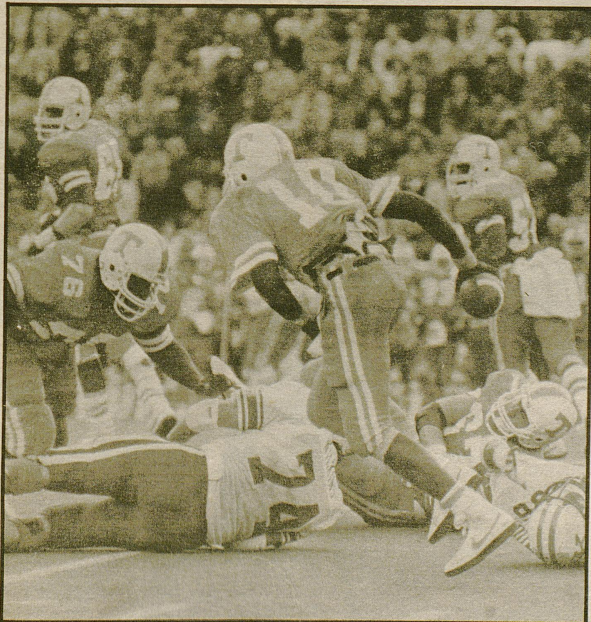
On the other hand, Robinson rang the touchdown bell through the air 14 times, completed 62 percent of his throws, and had only 9 interceptions, despite the fact that he threw the ball 96 times more than Bell.

If Mississippi State and Kentucky can play to a 28-27 score, Florida and Tennessee could be 48 to 47. One thing for certain. It won't be 7-3!

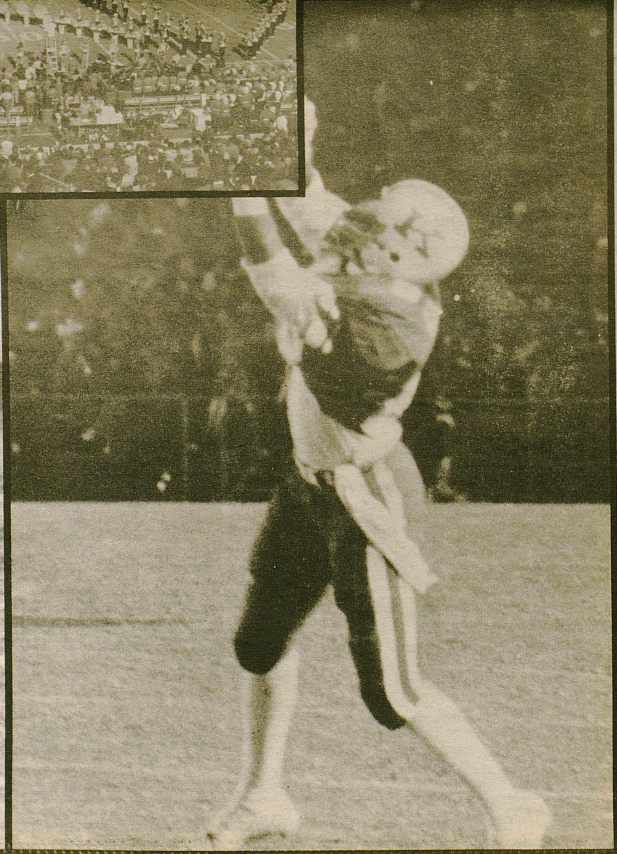
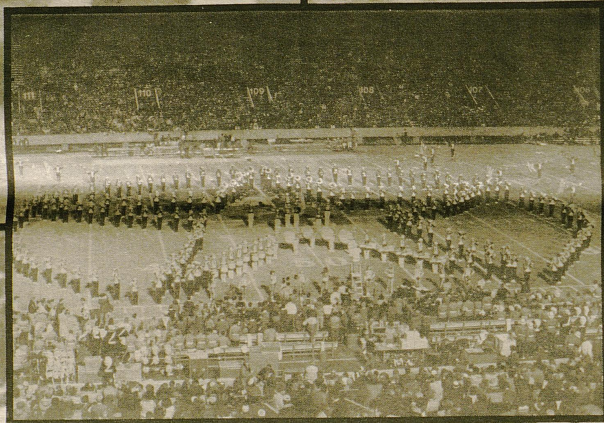
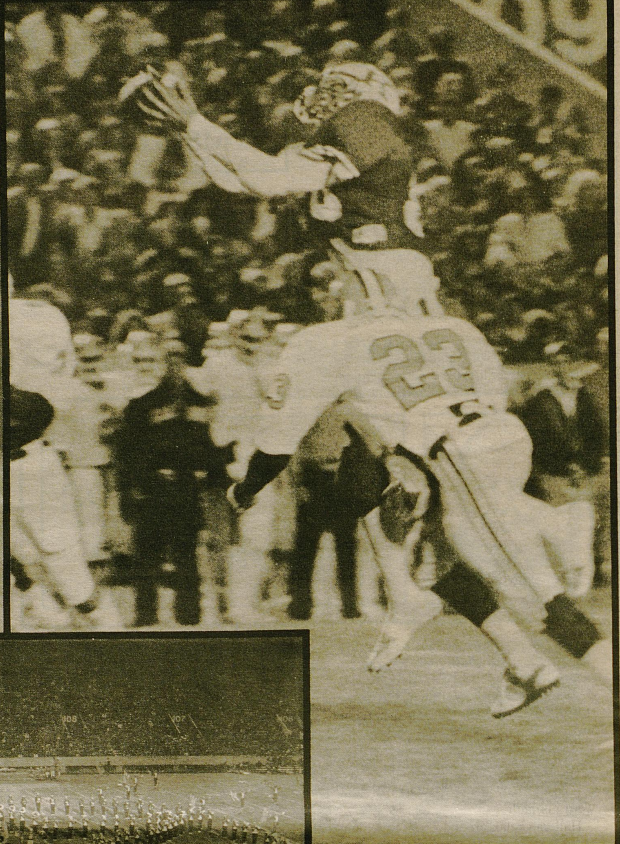
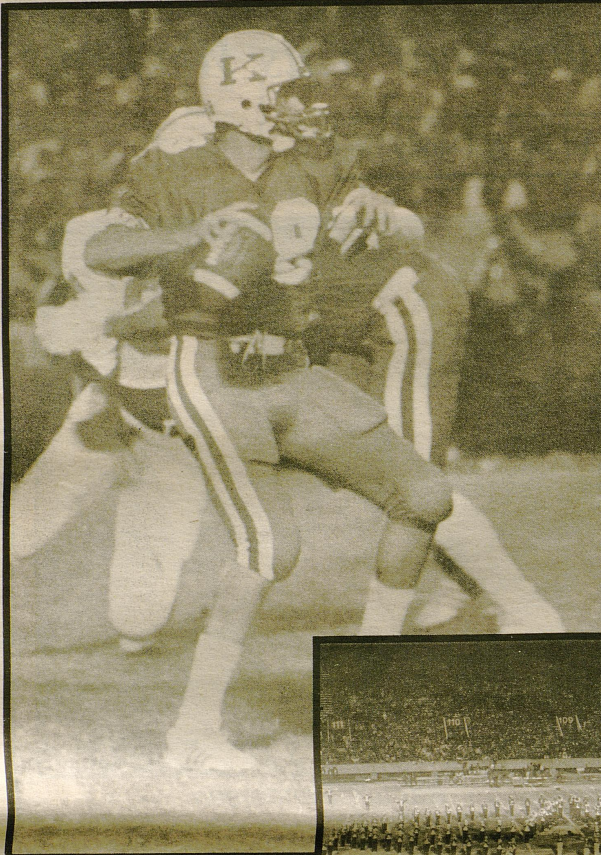
About once a season the schedule works out this way. October 12th is the day for 1985. As a long time radio man, I never thought I'd say this TGFT.

That's "Thank God for Television."

NOT FOR BROADCAST: The recent National Association of Basketball Coaches Clinic in Birmingham was a Who's Who of the sport. The program featured lectures by **Dean Smith**, North Carolina; **Bob Welch**, Texas; **Jud Heathcote**, Michigan State; **Rick Pitino**, Providence; **Bobby Cremins**, Georgia Tech, and **Sonny Allen**, Nevada-Reno. **Wimp Sanderson**, Alabama, was chairman. It can't get any better. . . Cornerback **Kermit Sykes** of Vanderbilt was in an amazing 100 plays in his team's game against UT-Chattanooga. He played all 89 defensive snaps and was on the specialty teams for nine punts and two kickoffs. If there was a dance after the game we suspect Sykes said, "I pass." . . . The three Mississippi schools all visit Auburn this year — reluctantly, no doubt. Their combined record in Auburn is 4-27-1. Southern Mississippi is 2-10 after their recent defeat by the **Tigers**. Ole Miss is 0-3, and **Mississippi State** is 2-14-1. This is only the second time in history all three Mississippi schools have gone to Auburn in the same year. In 1977 Auburn defeated **Ole Miss** but lost to Southern and State. . . Speaking of State's October 26th visit to Auburn, there's a lot going on that weekend. **Al Hirt** plays a concert on campus Friday night, and the Auburn University theater will present "The Miss Firecracker" contest throughout the weekend. We refuse to say "you'll get a bang "out of that." . . . LSU senior linebacker, **Shawn Burks**, broke the **Louisiana High School** javelin mark back in 1981. The previous record holder? A quarterback with a pretty fair arm. his name? **Terry Bradshaw**. . . One more SEC game this year and **Tulane** would have the required six to compete for the SEC football crown, the non-conference Green Wave plays **Kentucky**, **Ole Miss**, **Vanderbilt**, **Mississippi State** and **LSU**. All but **Kentucky** are on Tulane's 1986 schedule, as well. . . Alabama's recent win over Cincinnati made them 7-0 against teams from **Ohio**. Now if the **Tide** could only get **Notre Dame** to move there. . . Memphis State Coach **Ray Dempsey** had not experienced a tie in 10 years of coaching. In a recent 10 game stretch with the **Tigers**, Dempsey's team tied three times, including two this year. . . **Mississippi State's** 1985 baseball team led the nation in average attendance per home date with a whopping 3,894 figure. **Oklahoma State** was a distant runnerup with 2,453 per home date. The NCAA Champion, **Miami (FLA)**, was fourth, averaging 2,390 paid. . . *College and Pro Football Newsweekly* rated **Notre Dame's** schedule the toughest in the naion. **Florida**, tied for fifth, but the NCAA has rated Florida's 1985 slate as the nation's hardest. **Notre Dame** was 14th according to the NCAA. Speaking of **Notre Dame**, twelve times since **Gerry Faust** has been coaching there, the Irish have trailed at halftime. Eleven times, they lost the game. They are 22-8-1 when they had the lead at the midway point.



UT's Robinson Faces Tough Gator Defense



Hall Battled Press As Much As Foes

Retired Coach Never Got His Justice

I can think of no more successful basketball coach who suffered from a more "negative" media impact than recently retired Joe B. Hall of Kentucky.

Hall's record has been printed in detail elsewhere, before. In short, he's won about everything he had a chance to win, and won over 70 percent of his games at UK, Southeast Missouri, and Regis. He won over 74 percent at UK alone.

So, why the "negative" image.

First, Hall never seemed completely at ease in his role (his official role) as head coach of one of the most visible programs in the country.

That is, Hall is basically a private person, not used to having his every personal move chronicled in a daily paper.



Jim Griesch

Cats' Pause Columnist

Secondly, most of Hall's annual rivals seem to have at least one "friend" who covers that rival's team on a beat basis. Hall never really seemed to have such a media "friend."

That is not to say that Hall did not, nor does not respect certain writers with whom he's dealt, from year to year. From this viewpoint, I'd have to say that Hall and Earl Cox of the Courier-Journal had a good, mutual, respect for what the other was doing, and believed in.

Third, Hall never seemed to come equipped with cute one-liners that many "younger" coaches have mastered. When Hall did say something cute, most writers in Kentucky merely passed over it.

Fourth, all of this isn't to say that all of Hall's travails, real and imagined, with the press were his fault.

Hall can relax around certain media people. He did when he went to Nashville and cut some records. He also seems very at ease and confident when doing one of his fishing shows.

Perhaps, the seriousness Hall displays about UK basketball is really his deepest feelings coming to the surface.

But, a "negative" image hasn't always been Hall's yoke. During the 1975 NCAA championship game, Hall came away as a man cheated out of a title because UCLA's retiring coach Johnny Wooden, intimidated referee Bob Wortman through the decisive final eight minutes or so. Hall was okay, then.

In 1978, Hall suffered at the Final Four in St. Louis because his was the only team not celebrating being there. His only championship season was tagged as "being without job." I think it was from there that Hall lost a little with the national media.

Certainly, the December, 1979, dismissal of sophomore guard Dwight Anderson was another serious problem.

From that point on, Hall seemed to get much less positive feedback from his dealings with the media.

But, I'm not totally certain that it would have made any difference at all whether the UK coach had been named Hall, Smith, Knight, Thompson, or Rupp at that point.

Over the next five years, state media exposure seemed to shift away from Hall, as plain, open, and as much a fan of a program he'd followed for years as much as the guy from Pike County or Fulton County who'd never seen UK play in person, but knew all the players, the stats and history by heart.

What's been happening since the 1979-80 season, at least on the part of one metropolitan state paper, is an open rooting for the University of Louisville to succeed, above and beyond that of any other in-state school.

Actually, only a handful of media types and writers are involved, but they are playing a very dangerous propaganda game, nonetheless.

Fair?

No.

Self-serving?

Seems to be.

Empire building?

So far.

What happened during the Anderson dismissal is that Hall gave some ambiguous-sounding reasons for the action. He declined to be specific about his reasons for kicking off one of the most dazzling physical performers ever to wear the Blue and White.

Immediately, rumors built up in the state-wide media underground network.

Some of those rumors centered around drug use, and even to other players.

Instead of bearing his soul to reporters, Hall was accused of "stonewalling" them.

The Anderson incident is the first visible crack in the Hall-media relationship, statewide.

After that, Hall seemed more ill at ease with those who had challenged his right not to go into details over the Anderson case. In fact, neither Anderson nor his family has ever gone on record with any more details about his dismissal. Supposedly, Hall made that part of the dismissal.

The incident damaged Anderson to the extent that the 6-3 speed merchant has yet to play for an NBA team, spending his time in pro basketball's minor leagues, the Continental Basketball Association.

After that, Hall spent a lot of wasted energy trying to partially defend himself against a lot of critics. When his team won by 15, some reporters said he would have won by 25. A 20-point win should have been a 30-point win. On and on.

The last couple of seasons, every Hall timeout, every substitution came under heavier-than-usual scrutiny. Finally, it became the "in" thing to say that "Hall can't coach."



Joe B. Hall

At times, the criticism visibly bothered him. In some games, his teams looked tired, tense, or unsure.

Funny things is, Hall's team continued to win.

Sure, he had some real problems. He never completely got over having to play through the mandatory SEC post-season tournament. UK fell to some lesser teams in some embarrassing upsets in the tournament. UK also suffered two embarrassing losses in NCAA play the last five years.

But, UK always played well under Hall in the SEC when it mattered most.

In 1984, Hall felt that this team would have to win the tournament in order to grab the number one seed in the Midwest Regional of the NCAA Tournament, to be played in Rupp Arena.

UK won.

Other years, UK played hard, and went to the finals, insuring itself of a post-season bid. During most NCAA Tournaments, UK wins enough games (even in "down" years) to have been a respectable representative.

Hall's post-season record is among the top five in the country. Yet, some say (said)—"he can't coach."

Other "famous" coaches have had teams fall on their faces, yet those other coaches kept their spot on their personal pedestals.

You want specifics?

North Carolina's Dean Smith has been to more "Final Fours" than any other active coach. He's won once . . . after Hall. That was in 1982, when a freshman named Michael Jordan hit a jumper inside the final minute.

Louisville's Denny Crum has been to six "Final Fours" in 14 years, but won only once, in 1980. Roundball fans must remember that the other three teams at Indianapolis that year each had 10 losses, and between 20-22 wins. U of L was 33-3 that year. They SHOULD have won. Had they lost, and both games with Iowa and UCLA were under eight points, then fans would have been warranted in questioning Denny Crum.

In fact, in 1983, Crum's Cards had national title favorite Houston down by 10 points midway through a high-scoring game in Albuquerque, New Mexico, only to lose 94-81. Houston outscored U of L by 23 points the final fourth of the game.

How did a GREAT coach like Crum lose to a guy like Guy V. Lewis of Houston, who state media have been quick to point out, CAN'T coach a lick.

True, Houston gave away the title two nights later to North Carolina State, but Lewis had Crum's number.

In fact, Lewis hasn't lost to Crum, yet. Don't read much about that, do you?

Lexington radio personality Tim Smile had the perfect comment about Smith last winter in response to a caller's question.

The caller was pointing out that Smith's reputation seems to be built on a strong foundation, without the help of overwhelming performances in post-season play. Smile said, "yes, and they are going to canonize Smith."

I will admit I've seen Hall make mistakes. I've also seen him get some horrible breaks. And, I've also seen Hall lose his composure on the bench.

For those who still want to criticize Hall, let me say this: Invite Hall to your place of business. Allow him to watch you work for several days. When he thinks you have goofed, let him stand and yell at you, boo you, and scream insults at you.

If you are a human being, you'd be smart to put in some bleachers and charge admission, because you'd probably make a lot of money, just like Hall did.

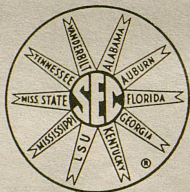
But, you wouldn't have to defend yourself in the papers and on radio and TV.

For all the criticism tossed Hall's way, he did some things that moved UK from the Adolph Rupp era to Hall's own that will have lasting effects.

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Cats' Pause Board Of Experts

(And Armchair Quarterbacks)



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From The Locker Room

known as a powerhouse. In the last 10 years they have one of the better winning percentages. We knew if we could beat a powerhouse like Clemson then it would really give our team a lot of confidence.

(About the win help UK get ready for its SEC debut)

Mazza: It's tremendous, tremendous. You can't ask for a better record going into the SEC. You know we should be 4-0, but that happens (the loss to Bowling Green). I'm just glad we didn't lose to an SEC team. We're getting better and that's the greatest thing about it. If we can just improve every week we'll be in good shape.



Steve Mazza

VERNON JOHNSON

(About getting ready for Clemson's big defensive line)

Johnson: We knew they played basically a 50-front and that we'd have to be ready to play. We knew they weren't going to throw anything fancy at us. The offensive line just had to buckle down and play some football.

(About the effective screen play)

Johnson: We've really beared down on the screens and we've worked them several times in practice. They came out good tonight when we really needed them to. They worked really well for us.

(About the importance of this game)

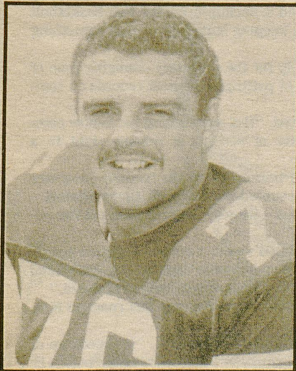
Johnson: We've already put a blemish on our schedule — we lost the first game. We're just going to have to keep on fighting and we can't afford any errors on down the line. We're just going to have to keep on winning; we can't afford no more losses.

(About the improvement of the offensive line)

Johnson: Each week we're doing better and better. The line's going to have get better in the SEC and stick the ball in the end zone when we get inside the 20.

(About when Dooley first checked into the contest)

Johnson: Basically, he knew what he had to do. Everyone just pulled together tighter as a team. We just kept on fighting.



Vernon Johnson



Kevin Dooley

KEVIN DOOLEY

(About getting confidence as the game went on)

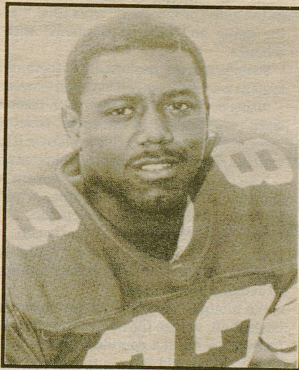
Dooley: After Coach (Jerry) Eisaman called a couple of good plays in — some screens where I could hit a couple of short passes — I got settled down. That helped out a lot.

(About if he was thinking that he hadn't thrown a pass all year in a contest until tonight)

Dooley: I was probably thinking about it more before the game than I was when I first got in there. When I got in there I didn't know what I was thinking. It's just a great feeling to get the win. It was a total team effort. You can't say enough about the defense.

(About being prepared on the sidelines to check in at any moment)

Dooley: Coach Eisaman says it's the toughest position in football — the backup quarterback — because you never know when one play might set it off. I was happy to go out there and hand the ball off to (Mark) Logan and let him run and watch the line block and the defense get the ball back for us.



Eric Pitts

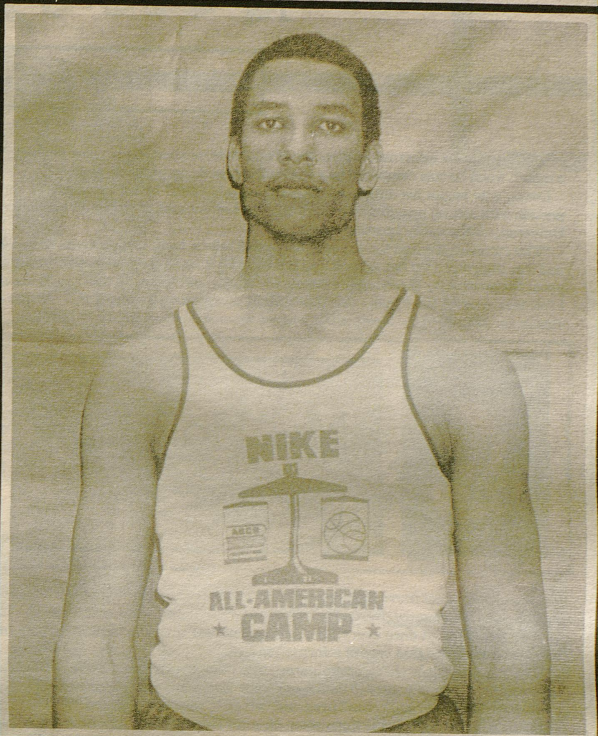
ERIC PITTS

(About what Dooley said in the huddle when he first came in the game)

Pitts: He was saying words that would kind of fire a person up. It seemed like he would have come in nervous, but he came in like: 'Man, we're going to score.' Stuff like that. That helped us tremendously. I told Cornell (Burbage) we've got to make some good catches to get Kevin's confidence up. The thing about it was he came in more confident than us. . . that was surprising. I think that when he said that, to be honest, I kind of forgot that he was in instead of Bill (Ransdell). He took control. I already know that Kevin's a good quarterback, but I still thought he would have been nervous. He came in confident, he came in really confident. I couldn't believe it.

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Meet A Blue-Chipper



Chris Munk

West Coast Star May Make Grade At Stanford

CHRIS MUNK, 6-9, 230 lbs., SR., 15.0 ppg., 10 rpg., 3.0 blpg., Riordan H.S./San Francisco, CA. No high school player in America displayed a better power game or more rebounding prowess over the summer than did Chris Munk ... "Munk may be the best high school rebounder I've ever seen," said Bob Gibbons ... physique and style of play reminds some of Karl Malone, ex-Louisiana Tech star and first-round pick of the Utah Jazz ... "Chris goes after every possible rebound," said Stanford assistant coach Bruce Pearl. "He makes contact every time he chases a defensive rebound. Chris can stare down an opponent like boxers do. He just enjoys rebounding, physical, play and intimidation." ... "On any given day, Munk can ride with anybody in the top five," said Forrest Harris of the Nike All-American camp. "he can go into a mediocre program and make it good or head to a good program and make it great." Spectacular at the Nike All-American camp where he rebounded like a man possessed ... "I've never seen a player of his age sustain the intensity that Chris did at the camp," said Nike executive Sonny Vaccara ... "I think for a big man he shoots very well from the outside," said Riordan coach Ron Isola .. played on a team that finished 30-2 last year and which also has another great prospect in 6-3 senior Terrence Mullins. Munk does not have great stats because Riordan can survive without going exclusively to him. Riordan will be one of the top teams in California and will get a chance to see how it stacks up nationwide at the King Cotton Classic in Pine Bluff, Ark., in January ... a good student who has expressed a desire to go to Stanford.

UK Sports Entering Computer Age

A Definite Aid To Sports Information

Assistant sports information director Brad Davis had been on his new job barely a month when he was contacted by a Louisville-based computer company.

Davis, who began his duties last December, was called by the company in connection with setting up a program to handle the tedious task of statistics keeping at University of Kentucky sporting events.

"The company invited me to come down and take a look," said Davis, who did, and was impressed. "I came back and talked to Cliff Hagan, our athletics director, about the possibility of buying the necessary equipment to install this new system. I felt that — with the Final Four (basketball tournament) coming in — it was a chance for us to go to the forefront. It was a tremendous opportunity."



Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

It was an intelligent move by the university, one that numbers it among a dozen or so schools in the country. Kentucky's new system — unlike most of the others — is very complicated. It does everything from a coaches' analysis to play-by-play for the people who need that type of information fast.

"There are schools that can do game-time stats," explained Davis. "But the others don't have the ability to do the analysis. There are only three schools in the country that have our basketball program, which is very complicated."

Davis and his boss, sports information director Russell Rice, now have the whole department computerized. Besides using a computer system at football and basketball games, UK's ticket office is now computerized. Other departments — like the training facility and the Blue-White Fund — have picked up on the trend.

"I'd never worked with a computer before last February," said Davis. "So all this is very new to me. It's kind of scary when you first start. But now I've gotten to the point where I can use it almost daily."

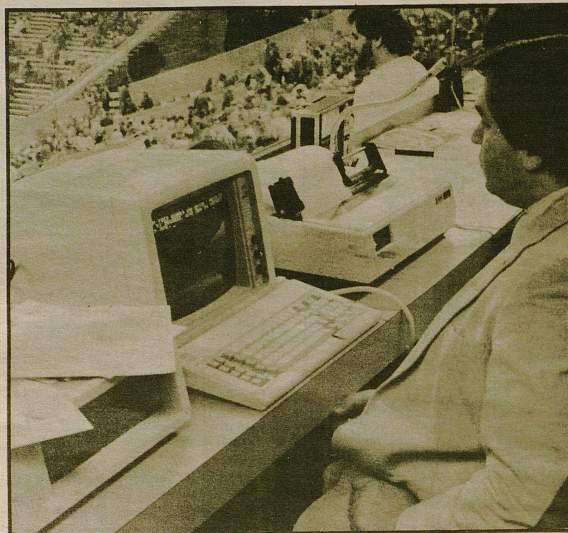
Davis and Rice installed the system at some Kentucky basketball games and it worked out so well they suggested to the National Collegiate Athletic Association that it be used for the Final Four.

"We used it in basketball the first time with the Lady Kats," said Rice. "From there, we took it down to the arena. At first Dave Cawood of the NCAA was leery of using a new stat system for the Final Four. It had never been done before. But, it worked out real well."

"We had to twist the arms of the NCAA to use it," Davis added. "But it drew rave reviews from the media. Everyone in the electronic media has instantaneous asset to stats."



Brad Davis



UK's Statman

Television screen monitors were set up for the television and radio people, who could call up up-to-date information at any time during the game.

"For instance, when Kenny Walker made a field goal, you could call up and see how many shots he had made, attempted, etc., during the game," said Davis. "Our system is so sophisticated we can call up information on how many points a team has scored off a fast break in seconds. People like CBS and NBC like that flexibility."

Much data is entered on the computer system.

"It can flash up individual statistics or team statistics for that game in no time as the game progresses," says Rice. "And then we can do a complete update from the game and have it combined with the seasonal stats within a matter of minutes."

Switching from basketball to football was not so easy, however, since the new system was not installed at Commonwealth Stadium.

"Epoch, Inc., only worked with basketball at the time, so we purchased a software program called 'Statman' from an Atlanta (Ga.) company," said Davis. "One of the beauties of this system is it keeps game-time statistics can be updated with the season totals about 10 minutes after the game."

Like at Rupp Arena, the new system will allow the electronic media to monitor stats during the course of a game. It was installed in time for last Saturday's contest with the University of Cincinnati.

"The first time we used it, though, was the last scrimmage before our first game," said Rice. "And it was a real mess. The problem was caused by some of the players having the same-numbered uniforms. But, of course, you don't have that situation during a game."

"In football, you can run the system with three people, total," said Davis. "In basketball, we use the same amount because our service is so complicated. But in football we are not confident enough to let our five-person backup crew go. They kept stats the old way — manually. We used a backup crew for two basketball games last year before we felt comfortable, keeping stats just in case something happened."

Davis says the new system comes in handy for the currently changing type of thing, not for past records. UK has no plans of putting all its past records on computer.

"We just use it during the games," he stated. "But our mailing list is now computerized. And we also have the capability of sending a release right to a newspaper that is hooked up to our system."

There are still a few bugs that need to be worked out in the football computer system. For example, the Atlanta system counted quarterback sacks against a quarterback's passing yardage. Of course, that's the way the pros do it, not the colleges.

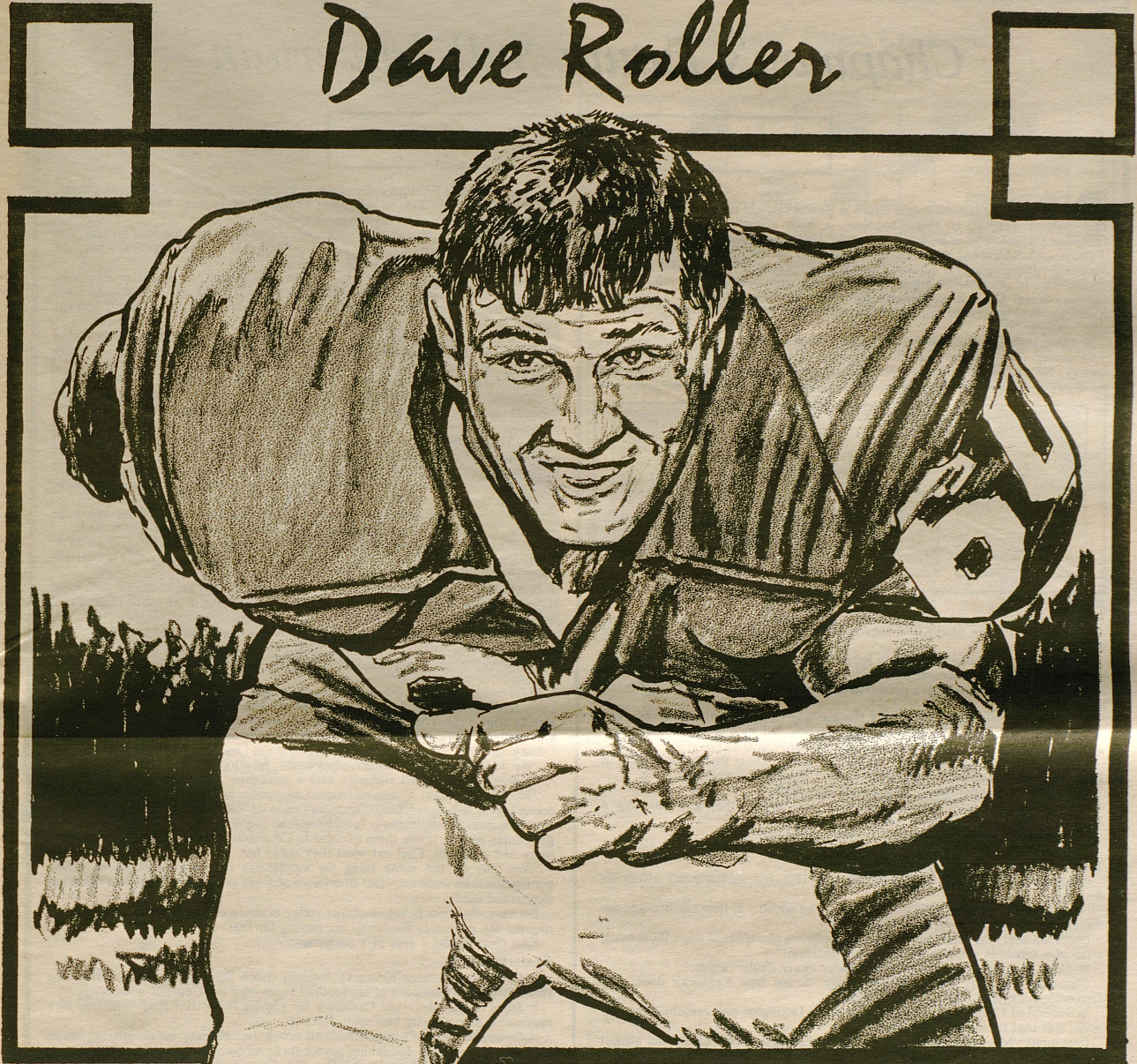
"It's a little different lingo," Davis said. "You've got a certain regimen you go through on every play. I coordinate all of it. From time to time we can get behind — say on a complicated penalty — and I have to write notes to keep us updated."

But both Davis and Rice are pleased that the computer age has reached Kentucky.

"It's made everything that much simpler for us," Rice said. "It sped up our stat-keeping process by an easy 20 minutes. I can have stats to the coach before he gets into his press conference. We're real pleased with it."

"It's just a wealth of information at your fingertips," said Davis.

Dave Roller



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Chapman's Future Still Uncertain

List Narrowed To Six Schools

People and things.

Perhaps the hottest sports figure in Kentucky right now and certainly the hottest subject is Rex Chapman, a high school basketball star at Owensboro Apollo who is being hailed as the best player ever in the state.

Chapman talked about his recruitment and plans for the future with Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer sports editor Gene Abell last week.

Chapman is considering six colleges, having eliminated a seventh, North Carolina State. The six, in alphabetical order, are: Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Kentucky Wesleyan, Louisville, North Carolina and Western Kentucky University.

■ About signing early, during the NCAA's November window.

Chapman: "As long as it's still confusing, it favors me waiting (until the spring). No matter how hectic it gets I'll make the right decision and not be



Bob Watkins
Cats' Pause Columnist

rushed."

■ About staying in state.

Chapman: "I'll see what's best for me. (Staying in state) will not make a big difference."

■ About his friendship with Felton Spencer of Louisville Eastern who reported is 'locked up' for the University of Louisville influencing his choice.

Chapman: "Felton and I are good friends, but we have not talked about going to school together."

■ About his friendship with Reggie Hanson who has committed to Kentucky.

Chapman: "Reggie and I are also good friends, but he's never talked to me about it except to say, 'c'mon and join me up there (at UK).'"

■ About a report in a Louisville basketball gossip sheet that he is leaning to Louisville, North Carolina is moving up, and UK might as well give up.

Chapman: "I wonder where they get all that stuff."

Wayne Chapman interjected, "I have no idea where they got that. It's a completely false statement."

■ About Rex Chapman's 'favorite' college basketball team.

Chapman: "I've been a fan of Louisville. UofL has always been my favorite. They play the wide open style I like to play."

Chapman added that he had liked UK until 1978, but said it won't affect his decision.

"Before last season I'd have gone to UofL," he added. "If they had brought me something to sign I'd have signed it."

Chapman said that times and circumstances have changed. "I don't think being a fan of a school is going to influence my decision."

■ About waiting to see a UK season under coach Eddie Sutton.

Chapman: "It may be to my advantage to see how Kentucky does, how Louisville does, how North Carolina does."

■ Several of Chapman's relatives live in the Lexington and eastern Kentucky area. Will that influence his choice?

Chapman: "Most of mom's relatives are in Lexington and London and almost 100 percent of them are Kentucky fans. They always talk about me going to UK, but I believe they want me to do what's best for me."

Chapman, the gifted basketball player and intelligent youngster that he is, has the uncommon good fortune of having a father who is no stranger to the recruiting process. Wherever the youngster decides to go to college it will be the right choice.

Those of us who appreciate the artistry and grace of basketball and the way Rex Chapman can play it, hope 'the right school' is in Kentucky.

Earl Cox change up

Louisville Courier-Journal sports columnist Earl Cox was in Hardin County last week to speak at Elizabethtown's Rotary Club luncheon. And the colorful veteran of 31 years writing sports reached into his pitching repertoire and pulled out a gem of a performance.

Cox opened with a few "straight balls" about sports, lauding Rex Chapman's ability to dunk a basketball, wagering that Felton Spencer will sign with Louisville and commending UK quarterback Bill Ransdell and punter Jay Tesar for their exploits so far this season.

But then he moved away from the expected comedy routine, reached into his pitching repertoire and brought out a succession of hard curves and sliders, got down to some serious pitching — on public education in Kentucky.

Cox broached his subject with the tools that have made him one of the most respected gentlemen in our profession — straight talk, common sense and perspective.

Following are some of his views.

"I am a Kentuckian born and by choice. And I think we've shortchanged the kids in our education system," he said, adding that parents and educators are guilty of not being more diligent about keeping youngsters in school. "And we have not challenged them enough either."

"And I think we're also guilty of social promotions (pushing students along to a higher grade to get them out of the way)."

Cox went on, "Our educational process too often takes a back seat to the

political process in Kentucky. I've been to every county in this state and I can tell you there are bright kids in every one of them. Every one. And yet one out of every five students in our state cannot read."

Brain drain. Cox chided Kentucky's educational system for losing, first, the General Motors Saturn plant "to Tennessee? GM said it chose Tennessee because of its superior educational system. Tennessee?"

"We lost Dr. Donald Zacharias (former president at Western Kentucky University) to Mississippi State? Because he couldn't stand any longer looking his faculty people in the eyes any longer and tell them they were getting 2 percent raises."

At the government level: "We're studying education to death in this state," Cox said. "Alice In Wonderland just spent \$90,000 with a Florida outfit to study education in Kentucky."

Alice McDonald is state superintendent for public instruction.

On students: "It's tough to be a bright kid, an outstanding student in Kentucky today. I think we're going to have to start recognizing the best and brightest kids we've got."

"We have kids who get bigger headlines for scoring 15 points in a basketball game on an off night than we do for our best students."

To drive home the point, Cox added, "A high school diploma in Kentucky will no longer guarantee a kid entrance into college in Kentucky. With one exception, to play football or basketball."

Cox offered a triad of interesting solutions to help reduce the 7-8 percent drop-out rate in Kentucky schools and to attract and keep competent teachers.

■ "We need a big brother and big sister program in our schools," he said, suggesting that peer relations and advice might have more impact on borderline students than do school counsellors.

■ About teachers, Cox reached for a sports analogy, pointing out that local automobile dealers affiliated with athletic booster clubs often make their wares available to incoming coaches, an added incentive.

"A good teacher ought to be worth more than an assistant coach shouldn't he?" Cox asked rhetorically. Then he suggested a car dealer might be obliged to supply the same incentive to keep a first rate teacher as is done with coaches from time to time, free use of an automobile.

■ On competition and incentives in education. "Our politicians are going to run away from this one, but I think we need to let students cross county lines. If North Hardin High School has an outstanding math department then let Bullitt County kids come in, bring their tax money with them. You think that won't wake Bullitt County up?"

"We do it with our vocational programs," he added. "Why not others?"

Typically, Cox left his audience with a challenge.

"We have to elect a superintendent of public instruction in this state who doesn't want to be governor or secretary of state," he said. "I think when the list of gubernatorial candidates is completed, and there's going to be plenty of them, you gentlemen need to invite them to come to Elizabethtown High School. Get 'em up there and grill 'em. Find out what they stand for."

"You can do the same thing for candidates for superintendent of public instruction," he went on. "Get them here and ask them questions. Find out what they stand for."

Because, Cox concluded, aiming a volley at those currently in office, "you and me, the tax payers in Kentucky are paying for their inadequacies."

Earl Cox. It was a gem of a performance.

Cheers 'jeers

● Cheers to Western Kentucky football coach Dave Roberts for dismissing (with dispatch) members of his football team who were caught with drugs.

● Jeers to the Cleveland Cavaliers for signing John 'Hot Rod' Williams to a contract that could pay him up to \$500,000.

● Cheers to Texas Christian football coach Jim Wacker for dismissing seven members of his team for taking payments from boosters to pay football.

● Jeers to TCU defensive end Ron Zell Brewer who said last week that his "salary" ranged up to \$1,500 a month, in addition to bonuses for making a big play.

"I was getting so much money that I thought the college level was pretty good," he told USA Today. "I felt like I might like to stay an extra year."

Brewer added that he saw nothing wrong with taking the money. "I wouldn't change a stroke," he told the paper. "Money's gotta be made and somebody's gotta spend it. If the booster doesn't want to spend it, let me spend it."

● Cheers to Howard Cosell for showing his true self in the following excerpt from his book *I Never Played The Game*.

Cosell wrote that, since he left, ABC's coverage of National Football League games, the telecasts have been "dreadful. ... Without me, the nature of the telecasts was entirely altered. I had commanded attention. I had a palpable impact on the show, giving it a sense of moment. If that sounds like ego, what can I say? I'm telling it like it is."

● Jeers to ABC-TV's Al Michaels for 'dodging the bullet' when asked (by Cosell) what he would do about major league baseball players who have admitted using cocaine. Michaels waffled and blamed the media for not dealing with drugs in society as a whole (instead of picking on baseball).

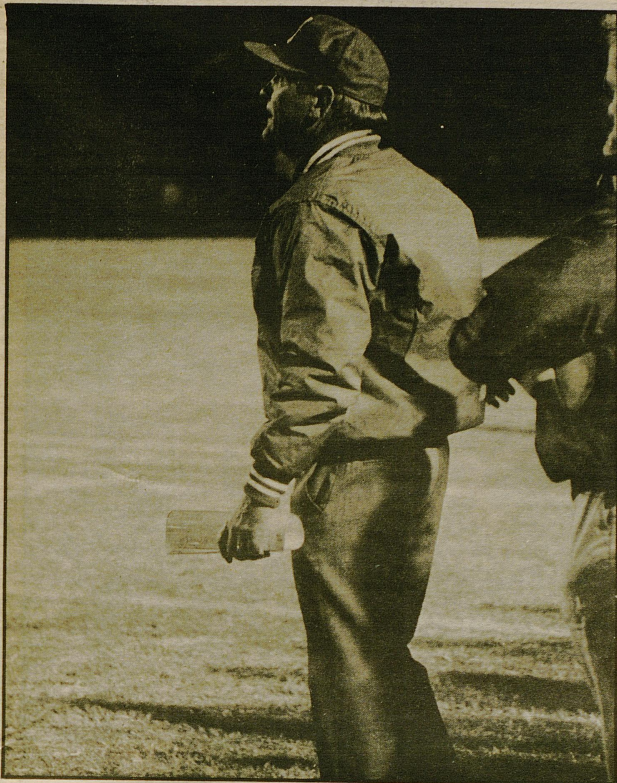
Comment: True to the code of jockology, Michaels used an old ploy to sidestep the issue — point the finger elsewhere.

Parting shot

● Curtis Strong was convicted on 11 counts of dealing in cocaine in the baseball drug trial in Pittsburgh last month. Sentence has not been passed, but each count carries a maximum of 15 years and \$25,000.

● About the trial's outcome Pittsburgh Pirates manager Chuck Tanner said: "I think every youngster who has been following it (the trial) will realize now what a negative effect drugs can have on their lives. They read about these big league ball players admitting they took drugs and read how remorseful they are."

Comment: Remorseful? Strong could go to jail for 165 years...after he pays \$275,000, plus court costs and attorney fees.



Claiborne Awaits UK Victory

Coach Claiborne Elated With Team's Play

Following are Coach Jerry Claiborne's post game comments after Kentucky 26-7 victory over Clemson last Saturday night at Commonwealth Stadium.

Question: Could you comment on the game?

Coach Claiborne: I thought we played a real fine football game tonight. The effort was good. I guess with the exception of (Clemson's) one touchdown drive they got on us, you couldn't ask the defense to play much better. There were a couple of scores we would've liked to have, but... (Joe) Worley just kicked the ball super. The field goals helped get us some points on the board. We messed up once when we should have got some points on the board, but didn't. That was my fault... not kicking the field goal. We'd been moving the ball pretty good, so I thought we could make the first down. I can't say enough for (Kevin) Dooley. He comes into the ball game and it's the first time he's been in all year. He came in and hit 15 of 23 for 142 yards. I thought he kept his poise. He did just a great job. I thought (Mark) Logan ran strong. We finally got a punt return broke all the way. I felt like it was probably the most complete game we've played so far this year. I hope (Bill) Ransdell's not hurt too bad. You can't say enough of the way our kids played. When they (the Tigers) got their touchdown and got back into the ball game... our defense turned the ball over and our offense finally got some points on the board. I thought our young kids played well. (David) Johnson came a long ways on that pass to make the interception. I thought our young people in the secondary played pretty good. I'm just proud of them. I can't say enough on how hard they played tonight. I thought (Eric) Pitts ran well. I thought he ran awfully well on that flanker-screen catch. He made some big plays off the flanker-screen. (Mark) Wheeler made a super catch to get us a big down to where we could score a touchdown or a field goal. It (the

catch) at least got us back in there after we got out of range because of the penalties. We're still getting too many penalties at very crucial times. The amazing thing is that we're overcoming it, and that's why I'm so proud of 'em.

Question: Do you think Ransdell's injury may have caused the players to mentally take a little more upon themselves for the rest of the night?

Coach Claiborne: I don't know whether it did or not but they sure arose to the occasion. I think that everybody really got behind Kevin and encouraged him. I think (Ken) Pietrowiak just ran and found him. Everybody kind of patted him on the back and told him that he could do it. He went out and did a heck of a job. Like I said before, I'm real proud of him.

Question: Did you notice in Clemson's previous games if it had troubles with the specialty teams?

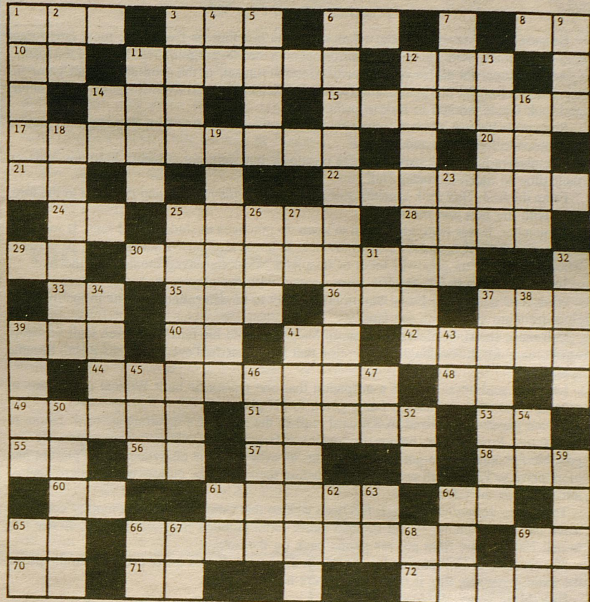
Coach Claiborne: No. Actually with the exception of one... they got a lot of penalties, that's what hurt them. They had been doing a pretty good job with their specialty teams. The wind was blowing on a couple of those that they missed. Tesar kicked a knuckle ball; he really didn't kick a good spiral. It just got in that wind, and it was tough to catch. I tell you, we blocked that return real good; Brian Williams ran awfully well. A big, big play was when we got that fumble (on a punt) and turned it into a touchdown.

Question: Was this game really pivotal before the team starts SEC play next week?

Coach Claiborne: I thought that it was very important that we win it. But one game doesn't make a season. It's a lot better going against Mississippi State with a win than a loss. Again, I thought it was the best game that we've played this year. I think we're improving with each game. I just thought it was our best game so far. We're going to have to continue it (improve) going into the conference race.

The Cats' Pause Crossword

By Dan Krueckeberg



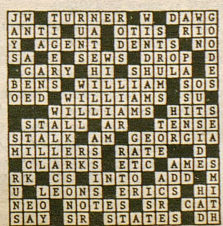
SEC FOOTBALL COACHES: PAST AND PRESENT

ACROSS

- 1 Billy Brewer has coached ___ full seasons at Ole Miss
- 3 Possesses
- 6 Initials of longest-serving Wildcat coach Curci
- 8 Initials of SEC coach in 2nd year at his school
- 10 Initials of SEC coach Emory
- 11 Wade coached at Mississippi State
- 12 Republic Party abbr.
- 14 Write briefly
- 15 Bear Bryant was an assistant coach at Vandy and
- 17 Long-serving LSU coach
- 20 Abbr. for a Big Ten state
- 21 Thus
- 22 Ole Miss coach Billy ___ years were '71-'73
- 24 An ___-side kick
- 25 '55-'62 Vol coach
- 28 Otherwise
- 29 Initials of coach who followed Bear
- 30 An SEC coach
- 33 Initials of coach in 7th year at his SEC school
- 35 Rodent
- 36 Night bird
- 37 In 5th year at his school
- 39 8 Across came from the ___ ranks
- 40 Abbr. for a Big Ten state
- 41 Initials of 17 Across
- 42 '67-'72 Miss. State coach Charley
- 44 '60s Kentucky coach Charlie
- 48 Initials of '54-'61 Cat coach Blanton
- 49 Unexpected victory
- 51 Light amplifier
- 53 Abbr. for state where Bear Bryant is school's winningest coach (careful)
- 55 Abbr. for SEC state where Bernie Moore and Jerry Stovall coached
- 56 Baseball abbr. for "designated hitter"
- 57 Abbr. for a Pac-10 state
- 58 Tide
- 60 Abbr. for school where 45 Down and Harry Mehre coached
- 61 Winningest Auburn coach Jordan
- 64 Abbr. for an east coast state
- 65 Abbr. for SEC state where Doug Barfield coached
- 66 Coached by John Barnhill, Harvey Robinson and Jim McDonald
- 69 Abbr. for "goal line"
- 70 Abbr. for an SEC state
- 71 Initials of winningest Georgia coach
- 72 '54-'55 Miss. State coach Darrell

DOWN

- 1 Bryant coached 6 nat'l. championship
- 2 Initials of 22-yr. Georgia coach Wallace
- 3 Intense aversion
- 4 Abbr. for SEC state where J.B. "Ears" Whitworth coached
- 5 Slide
- 6 Coached 'Bama's '34 and '41 national champions
- 7 '70s Mississippi State coach Tyler
- 9 Pie ___ mode
- 11 Former Gator coach Ray
- 12 Namesakes of '48-'54 LSU coach Tinsley
- 13 Sets of two
- 14 Initials of a present-day SEC coach
- 16 Constructed
- 18 Coach Ken replaced Ole Miss' winningest coach, Johnny Vaught
- 19 Famed Volunteer coach
- 23 Games 30 Across won in '84
- 25 Early-'50s Miss. State coach Murray
- 26 Of age
- 27 Abbr. for state housing Majors' and MacIntyre's boys
- 31 L and order
- 32 Winningest coach in history
- 34 Namesakes of 10-year Gator coach Woodruff
- 37 Vol/Gator coach Doug
- 38 Abbr. for a time measurement
- 39 ___ Dietzel coached LSU to a national Championship in '58
- 41 Former Gator coach Pell
- 43 Abbr. for "halfback"
- 45 '47-'54 'Bama coach Harold "___" Drew
- 46 Former Ole Miss coach
- 47 Us
- 50 Namesakes of '60s Miss. St. coach Davis
- 52 Initials of Ray; UF's winningest coach
- 54 Abbr. for "yearbook"
- 59 '70s Vol coach Battle
- 61 Initials of coach of Vols' '51 national champs
- 62 Letter addition
- 63 Abbr. for "high school"
- 64 Prefix for "new"
- 65 Initials of McKeen; Mississippi State's winningest coach
- 66 Where some watch the game
- 67 Masculine name
- 68 Comparative suffix
- 69 Abbr. for SEC state where Johnny Griffith and Harry Mehre coached



Jim Griesch

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Because of the strained media relationship the last four or five years, most fans forget that Hall actually went a long way towards opening the UK program to its fans and the media.

Adolph Rupp, for all his successes, liked to put himself in the spotlight in after-game interviews. In Rupp's final years, some reporters (Reed foremost) took exception to that habit, and took Uncle Adolph to task in print.

Rupp probably was a better, more colorful interview, than Hall. But, Rupp kept his players at a distance from fans and writers.

The players had more privacy, more mystique, but were not susceptible to demands on their time as much as under Hall.

From the first, Hall took something of a back seat to his players, and put them to the fore, both with the fans and the media.

Remember, it was Hall who began to open up practices to students and fans. It was Hall who began sending his teams around the state in pre-season public scrimmages. It was Hall who sent players on goodwill tours of hospitals, speaking engagements, and the like.

Today, the average UK fan has more contact with the players than ever before.

What road new coach Eddie Sutton takes is yet to be determined, but he probably won't cloisture them away from the fans.

Hall made the right move, opening up his program to his fans. But, even Hall probably wasn't ready for the onslaught of attention that has intensified every year since Hall became head coach.

Let it be said here, there is a suspicion that one reason he built Wildcat Lodge was to control some of the adulation being given to his players.

Where players once lived in Kincaid Hall in the old men's quadrangle, or in Donovan Hall across Rose St., or (before the Lodge) in Haggin Hall, where it was supposedly impossible for outsiders to get into any of the 16 wing sections uninvited, those players had more privacy. When Hall put his players before their fans, the players had to guard against intrusions on their free time.

The Lodge certainly helped. It has been written that even Sam Bowie's mother could not reach her son by phone — and she had Sam's room number. Supposedly, Mrs. Bowie had to call Hall to have Sam put his phone back on the hook.

The reaction to Hall putting his players in the Lodge drew a lot of criticism in the press. The main gripe was that it made the players harder to find.

Exactly.

Another stern rebuke was that Hall sent his players to special sessions, where they learned to make less inflammatory statements during hectic interviews by the press in pre and post-game sessions.

Seems the players' answers were less off-the-wall, duller, and tended to sound the same.

That is true to an extent, but the idea of helping a possible professional athlete deal with the press should have been helpful. There is also nothing wrong with a player learning something about public speaking.

But, I'm not sure any other coach in America would have fared much better than Hall did, with the media, the last four or five years.

In the next chapter, we'll want to look at Hall's dealings with a few, specific, writers, and how those relationships developed.



Hall Pointed The Way To Success

Oscar L. Combs

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an end next season because WHAS has signed a deal with the University of Louisville which will give the Cards priority over UK when there is a scheduling conflict.

There is divided philosophies on whether Kentucky should go ahead and take what's left at WHAS or divorce WHAS all together.

TCP has learned that an agreement with WLW Radio of Cincinnati will most likely be announced when the bid is ultimately awarded. That contract, however, would not necessarily mean that WHAS is totally out of the picture, either. According to our reports, WLW (another 50,000-watt, clear-channel radio station) will agree to a three-year deal and will carry the games, regardless of which group wins the broadcast rights.

Most observers believe the winner will be either the Kentucky Network or Host Communications. There have been rumors that others may also bid, but no confirmations.

After the spring controversy, reports had it that Kentucky Network could forget about any future bidding, but one insider claims KN was forgiven and promised the mix-up would not be held against it if the Network contributed to a fund to help buy back rights for WHAS from WAVG for the current season. That reportedly cost KN as much as \$50,000.

On the other hand, Host (an alumnus of UK) has many friends on the UK campus, including most of the coaches and top officials in the athletics department. He has been one of the UKAA's most loyal supporters over the years, having contributed in numerous projects from financially sponsoring team banquets to underwriting much of the University's presentations for winning the Final Four to Lexington.

In fact, several UK athletics board members openly supported Host six years ago when he was second high bidder. They cited his loyalty and devotion to the school as well as his com-

pany's superb reputation of coordinating radio networks around the country, including the NCAA.

Stay tuned.

FIRST AND TENS . . . Our weekly Cats' Pause SportsCall radio show over the Kentucky Network was a short-lived one, but we hope to have a show back on the air in the not to distant future. We'll keep you inform as to when and where it can be heard. What went wrong with the original show is that we had one understanding of how the show would be promoted and aired while network officials delivered a different philosophy when we went on the air. Rather than to participate in something which we felt we would have no control over, we decided to cancel out. SportsCall host Russ Small is a fine gentleman and is doing a great job. Our problems dealt with management and not Small. He's going to have a great show. You won't be disappointed in listening to him . . . For you basketball buffs, Kentucky didn't have any recruits in for the Kentucky-Clemson games. . . For those who didn't catch the first and only radio show, our guest, Joe B. Hall, said he wouldn't rule out the possibility of getting back into coaching if the right job came along. He said it's probably unlikely, but not impossible. He also says he's still against the Kentucky-Louisville series, saying he would prefer a series of games on a rotating basis with all state schools, possibly as a replacement to the current University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament . . . Kentucky's 26-7 win over Clemson was a might big one for UK assistant Jake Hallum who has a host of friends and relatives living in the Clemson area. You could feel his happiness when Jake's offensive line carried him off the field after the big victory .

From The Locker Room

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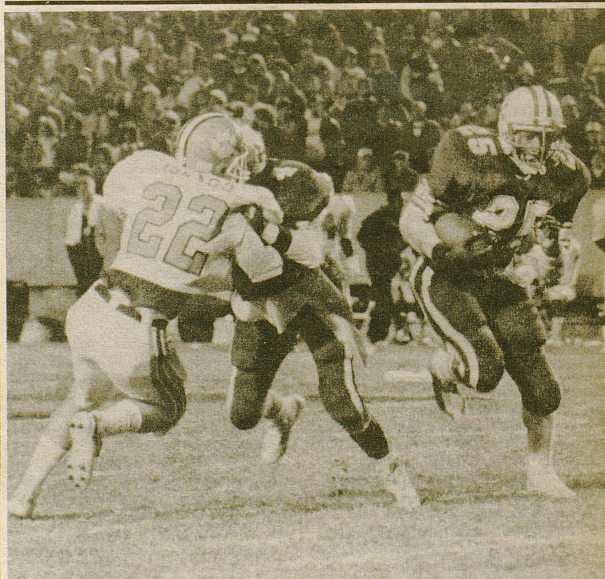
(About what this win means to the team)

happy and perked up. It's our first SEC game. (The win) it was fantastic.

(About the team having confidence in Dooley)

Pitts: This week in practice will be intent. I don't think there will be a lot of mistakes on the film, therefore tomorrow will be a pleasant day and therefore Monday and Tuesday will be good days. That's going to do something good for us. When we lost to Bowling Green, it was a different type of atmosphere and we knew we had to come back and win. But I think this time it will be a more pleasant type of atmosphere. I'm confident because everybody's going to be

Pitts: Hey, I could see the belief in the offensive linemen's eyes. I saw Petro (Ken Pietrowiak) just standing there looking at him. I was like, 'C'mon Dooley it's going to be all right.' But his voice (Dooley's) was louder than anybody's in the huddle; it was like he was yelling. It surprised me. It surprised everybody, to be honest.



Logan Netted 82 Yards Against Tigers

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Six Years Ago

*Kentucky knocked on the door several times but couldn't cross the goal line as the frustrated Cats lost 10-6 at West Virginia. In their worst performance of the season, Kentucky appeared ready to even the score in the third period. Trailing 10-3, the Cats reached the West Virginia two yard line mainly because of a 73-yard pass completion from quarterback Juan Portela to tight end Frank McDaniels. But the Cats tried five times (once after a penalty) to get the ball into the end zone and never could.

For the most part, the game was a defensive struggle. UK took a 3-0 lead on a 33-yard field goal by Rick Strein, but West Virginia tied it 3-3 by the half. West Virginia scored the game's only touchdown on a third quarter run by Terry Luck. Despite several opportunities, all UK could muster was another Strein field goal, this one from 42 yards.

Ten Years Ago

*Although the Wildcats sport a lowly 1-2-1 record, they aren't looking bad when it comes

to the national statistics. For instance, UK's defense ranks eighth in total defense, yielding 205 yards a game. Individually, Kentucky's Sonny Collins has averaged 138.5 yards per game for a total of 550 yards. The leader is Ricky Bell of Southern Cal with 180.7 a game.

*The UK cross country team finished third out of 21 teams in the Indiana Invitational.

*The Wildcat linksters bounced back from a disappointing first outing to capture second place in the Buckeye Classic hosted by Ohio State. The 'Cats finished with a 1,531 total, 10 strokes behind Ohio State. UK's Mike Nelms and Carter Mathias placed first and second in the individual competition.

*The UK men's water polo team continued its unbeaten streak last week by crashing Principia College and Illinois University. Senior Dave Robenstein and freshman Joe Poher were the UK offensive stars, scoring 10 and seven goals, respectively.

*A nightmarish UK fourth quarter gave Auburn its first win of the season, a 15-9 victory over the Kentucky Wildcats at Commonwealth Stadium. UK led 9-0 after three quarters behind three field goals by John Pierce. Just when it appeared UK had the game won, Tiger quarterback Clyde Baumgardner unleashed a 72-yard scoring strike to split end Jeff

Gilligan. Sonny Collins then fumbled the ensuing kickoff and three plays later the Tigers were on the board again as fullback Kenny Burke bulled over from 17 yards. UK had dominated action the entire way as Auburn had only eight first downs while UK had 18. Pierce kicked field goals from 46, 33 and 31 yards and Collins gained 109 yards on 32 carries. Cliff Hite returned as the starting quarterback and hit six of 16 passes for 66 yards.

Fifteen Years Ago

*In what Coach John Ray called "our worst pathetic performance since I've been here," UK lost 35-6 to Utah State. While the statistics weren't as bad as the score, Ray saw little to be pleased with. "We just didn't play football," he said.

Utah State led 21-0 at the half.
*UK was defeated 31-28 in its initial cross country meet, losing to Cincinnati. UK star Paul Baldwin was the individual winner of the race, winning by 19 seconds.

*Kansas State, a two-time runner-up, and first timers DePaul and Purdue will play in the 18th annual UKIT basketball tournament. Kentucky will meet DePaul in the opening round.

*UK will again be a strong underdog this Saturday when they travel to Baton Rouge to play LSU. The Tigers have two outstanding quarterbacks in senior Bobby Lee and sophomore Bert Jones.

*Dan Perry, a 6-8 forward from Lima, Ohio, will have knee surgery for the second time and will miss the opening of UK's basketball practices.

Thirty Years Ago

*A holding penalty against Kentucky late in the third quarter stopped a second TD drive and the Cats were forced to settle for a 14-14 tie with unbeaten Auburn in Birmingham. Auburn led 14-7 at the half. UK scored on a 15-yard pass from Bob Hardy to Don Netoskie and a nine-yard run by Woody Herzog. UK was deep inside Auburn territory when the penalty occurred. The loss probably dropped UK out of the bowl picture.

*UK must meet Darrell Royal's Mississippi State team this week. The Bulldogs, behind halfback Art Davis, are riding a three-game win streak and are seven-point favorites over the Cats.

Wildcat Quiz

1. Does UK hold a series advantage over Mississippi State in football?

Yes or No

2. True or False? This Saturday, Mississippi State will be making its first appearance in Commonwealth Stadium?

3. When was the last time UK met Mississippi State in Lexington?

- a) 1969
- b) 1974
- c) 1977
- d) 1979

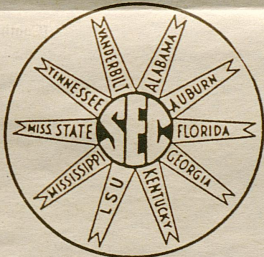
4. True or False? Paul 'Bear' Bryant and UK mentor Jerry Claiborne both coached at the University of Maryland?

5. What UK quarterback holds the record for the most career pass completions?

- a) Bill Ransdell
- b) Mike Shutt
- c) Rick Norton
- d) Randy Jenkins

6. What former Wildcat set the record for most yards receiving in one game?

- a) Rick Kestner
- b) Joe 'Joker' Phillips
- c) Rick Massie
- d) Al Bruno



7. What former UK player holds the school record for most yards on kickoff returns in one game?

- a) Dicky Lyons
- b) George Adams
- c) Mark Logan
- d) Al Bruno

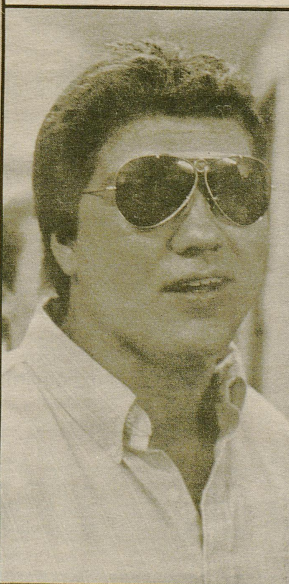
8. Against which of the following teams did Kentucky compile the most rushing attempts in one game?

- a) Tennessee
- b) Vanderbilt
- c) Penn State
- d) North Carolina

9. True or False? Jerry Claiborne has never lost a game by more than 27 points in his coaching career at UK.

10. Who were the Kentucky captains in last year's Hall of Fame Bowl classic?

- a) Mark Logan and Paul Calhoun
- b) David Thompson and Oliver White
- c) Jeff Smith and George Adams
- d) Cam Jacobs and Joe Phillips



David Thompson



WILDCATS

Wildcats Cited For Performance

Three players earned five Cat Paws each as the offense once again turned in some good performances in the 26-7 UK victory over Clemson. They are sophomore quarterback Kevin Dooley, who filled in for Bill Ransdell after the starting Wildcat QB was injured on the first play of the game; tackle Vernon Johnson and place-kicker Joe Worley.

Dooley was credited with a great throw, two big plays, a winning grade (95 percent) and "Player of the Week." Johnson got a key block, a winning grade (84 percent), "Player of the Week" and a quarterback sack of one or less. Worley kicked 4 of 4 in the field goal department and was "Player of the Week."

Earning four Paws each were receiver Cornell Burbage (great catch, big play, winning percentage and miscellaneous) & fullback Chris Derry (four miscellaneous). Three Paws each went to linemen Jim Reichwein and Brad Myers and tight end Mark Wheeler, two each to centers Dermontti Dawson and Ken Pietrowiak; one each to linemen Bruce Bozick and Tom Richey, receivers Cisco Bryant, Tim Jones and Eric Pitts; tailback Mark Higgs, tight end Matt Lucas and short snapper Don Yarano.

Leading the defense with four Paws each were tackle Jon Dumbauld, safety Russell Hairston and guard Tom Wilkins. Dumbauld had a sack, tackle for loss and two miscellaneous; Hairston had an interception, fumble recovery and TFL (tackle for a loss); Wilkins had a TFL, a block on a key return and two miscellaneous.

Earning three each were guard Don Duckworth (fumble recovery, block on key return and miscellaneous) and end Brian Williams (score, key return and miscellaneous). Two Paws each went to backs Barry Alexander and David Johnson; ends Caldwell Gardner and Steve Mazza; interior linemen John Shannon, Stuart Stubbs and Mike Velotta & linebacker Jeff Kremer.

Single Paws were earned by backs Maurice Douglass, Raynard Gover and Gary Sexton, tackle Jerry Reese, linebacker Larry Smith and kicker Joe Worley (key tackle).

Seniors Vernon Johnson and end Brian Williams will be game captains for the Mississippi State contest Saturday. Jon Dumbauld and Ken Pietrowiak are the permanent defensive and offensive captains for the '85 season.

WILDCAT QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1. Yes (10-6)
- 2. False
- 3. 1977
- 4. True
- 5. Randy Jenkins
- 6. Rick Kestner
- 7. Roger Gann
- 8. Penn State (1976)
- 9. False (UK lost to Georgia 37-7 in 1984)
- 10. David Thompson and Oliver White

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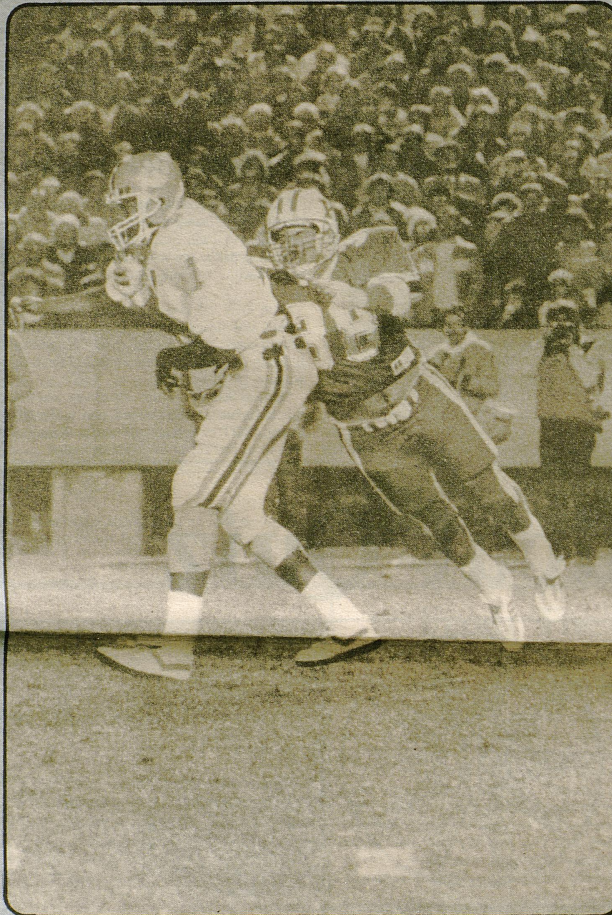
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