

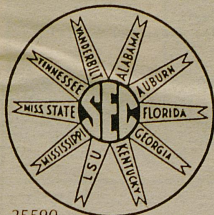
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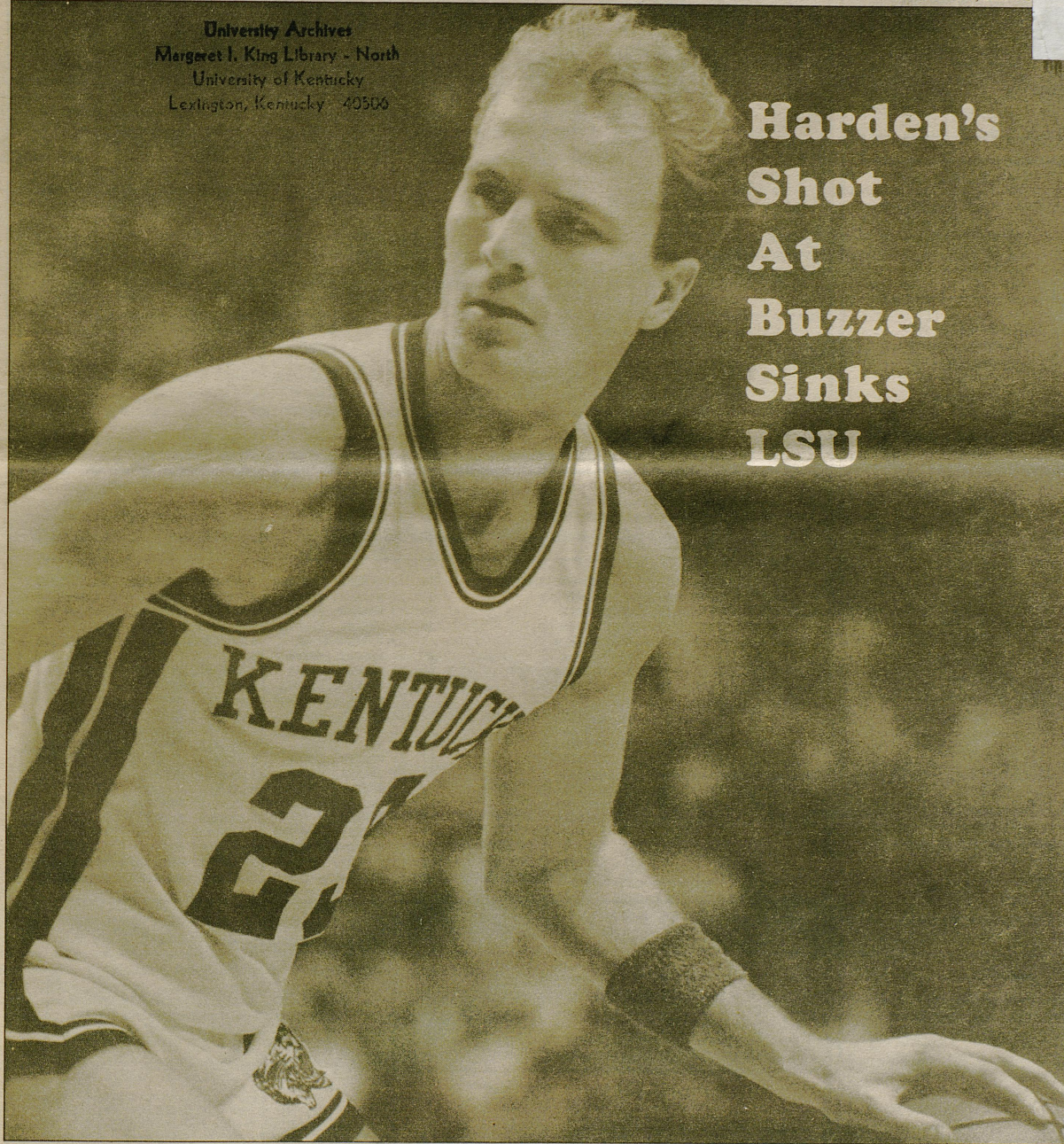
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Kentucky Basketball Statistics

21-GAME STATISTICS

(18-3 Overall; 9-1 SEC)
 (11-0 Home; 7-3 Away; 1-0 Neutral)

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY WILDCATS																			
G	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Reb	Avg	PF	D	Ast	To	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
WALKER, KENNY																			
21	21	710	33.8	152	271	56.1	103	140	73.6	152	7.2	47	-	22	28	24	28	407	19.4
BENNETT, WINSTON																			
21	21	651	31.0	101	197	51.3	70	87	80.5	147	7.0	67	2	29	39	9	22	272	13.0
DAVENDER, ED																			
21	21	660	31.4	107	229	46.7	59	77	76.6	61	2.9	51	1	66	49	-	43	273	13.0
BLACKMON, JAMES																			
21	21	541	25.8	74	163	45.4	24	40	60.0	80	3.8	50	1	45	25	1	27	172	8.2
HARDEN, ROGER																			
21	21	612	29.1	54	106	50.9	17	19	89.5	48	2.3	38	-	145	51	-	23	125	6.0
MADISON, RICHARD																			
21	-	369	17.6	46	84	54.8	26	37	70.3	65	3.1	28	-	16	28	1	7	118	5.6
LOCK, ROBERT																			
15	-	109	7.3	18	32	56.3	12	27	44.4	27	1.8	19	-	2	15	6	3	48	3.2
JENKINS, CEDRIC																			
21	-	231	11.0	22	48	45.8	16	22	72.7	43	2.0	30	-	4	8	1	4	60	2.9
ZIEGLER, TODD																			
12	-	59	4.9	12	22	54.5	6	10	60.0	16	1.3	11	-	4	5	1	2	30	2.5
BYRD, LEROY																			
14	-	90	6.4	9	14	64.3	10	13	76.9	10	.7	9	-	13	7	-	12	28	2.0
ANDREWS, PAUL																			
15	-	106	7.1	10	28	35.7	6	6	100.0	12	.8	9	-	8	4	-	5	26	1.7
THOMAS, IRVING																			
13	-	62	4.8	3	10	30.0	5	8	62.5	12	.9	11	-	3	14	1	1	11	.8
Team																			
21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	1.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WILDCATS																			
21	-	4200	200.	608	1204	50.5	354	486	72.8	706	33.6	370	4	357	273	44	177	1570	74.8
Opponents																			
21	-	4200	200.	508	1103	46.1	231	325	71.1	592	28.2	432	14	268	362	57	107	1247	59.4

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY SCHEDULE

Date	Record	UOFK	Opp	Opponent	Margin	Top Scorer	Top Rebounder	Attendance
Nov. 22	1-0	77	58	NORTHWESTERN STATE	19	18 BENNETT WINSTON	7 BENNETT WINSTON	23,127 (H)
Nov. 26	2-0	89	57	CHAMINADE	32	22 WALKER, KENNY	5 WALKER, KENNY	1,508 (A)
Nov. 27	3-0	98	65	HAWAII	33	33 WALKER, KENNY	10 WALKER, KENNY	6,342 (A)
Dec. 03	4-0	84	54	CINCINNATI	30	26 WALKER, KENNY	7 BLACKMON, JAMES	23,330 (H)
Dec. 07	5-0	63	58	INDIANA	5	22 DAVENDER, ED	5 BLACKMON, JAMES	24,203 (H)
Dec. 14	5-1	66	83	KANSAS	-17	12 WALKER, KENNY	8 BENNETT WINSTON	15,122 (A)
Dec. 20	6-1	86	52	EAST CAROLINA	34	19 WALKER, KENNY	9 BENNETT WINSTON	22,416 (H)
Dec. 21	7-1	88	56	PEPPERDINE	32	21 WALKER, KENNY	10 WALKER, KENNY	22,840 (H)
Dec. 28	8-1	69	64	LOUISVILLE	5	23 BENNETT WINSTON	14 WALKER, KENNY	24,180 (H)
Dec. 30	9-1	93	55	VIRGINIA MILITARY IN	38	18 WALKER, KENNY	10 BENNETT WINSTON	19,450 (A)
Jan. 04	10-1	80	71	VANDERBILT	9	25 WALKER, KENNY	14 BENNETT WINSTON	15,626 (A)
Jan. 06	10-2	56	60	AUBURN	-4	22 WALKER, KENNY	6 WALKER, KENNY	11,873 (A)
Jan. 08	11-2	75	58	MISSISSIPPI	17	31 WALKER, KENNY	6 BENNETT WINSTON	22,645 (H)
Jan. 11	12-2	76	52	ALABAMA	24	24 WALKER, KENNY	9 WALKER, KENNY	23,345 (H)
Jan. 15	13-2	64	52	MISSISSIPPI STATE	12	15 WALKER, KENNY	8 BENNETT WINSTON	5,226 (A)
Jan. 18	14-2	72	55	FLORIDA	17	25 WALKER, KENNY	11 BENNETT WINSTON	11,914 (A)
Jan. 23	15-2	74	69	GEORGIA	5	15 DAVENDER, ED	10 WALKER, KENNY	22,810 (H)
Jan. 25	16-2	74	57	TENNESSEE	17	26 BENNETT WINSTON	7 MADISON RICHARD	23,069 (H)
Jan. 29	17-2	54	52	LSU	2	17 BENNETT WINSTON	8 WALKER, KENNY	12,477 (A)
Jan. 31	18-2	81	71	AUBURN	10	24 WALKER, KENNY	10 BENNETT WINSTON	23,320 (H)
Feb. 02	18-3	51	54	NORTH CAROLINA STATE	-3	16 DAVENDER, ED	8 WALKER, KENNY	12,400 (A)

REMAINING GAMES

Feb. 05	VANDERBILT	(H)
Feb. 08	MISSISSIPPI	(A)
Feb. 13	ALABAMA	(A)
Feb. 15	MISSISSIPPI STATE	(H)
Feb. 19	FLORIDA	(H)
Feb. 22	GEORGIA	(A)
Feb. 27	TENNESSEE	(A)
Mar. 01	LOUISIANA STATE	(H)

PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS:

Kentucky Wildcats (18-3; 9-1 SEC)			PPG	RPG
F	34	- Kenny Walker (6-8 senior)	19.4	7.2
F	25	- Winston Bennett (6-7 junior)	13.0	7.0
G	10	- James Blackmon (6-3 junior)	8.2	3.8
G	15	- Ed Davender (6-2 sophomore)	13.0	2.9
G	23	- Roger Harden (6-1 senior)	6.0	2.3
Vanderbilt Commodores (10-9; 4-6 SEC)			(6.9 assists/game)	
F	24	- Glen Clem (6-6 junior)	9.8	2.5
F	33	- Steve Reece (6-2 junior)	6.1	3.6
C	50	- Brett Burrow (6-10 senior)	11.8	5.7
G	22	- Darrell Dulaney (5-11 senior)	9.8	2.5
G	20	- Jeff Gary (6-4 senior)	8.8	1.9
Ole Miss Rebels (10-9; 2-8 SEC)			(5.1 assists/game)	
F	21	- Curtis Ritchwood (6-6 senior)	11.8	6.8
F	42	- Eric Smith (6-6 junior)	19.1	6.8
C	34	- Derek Horne (6-7 senior)	3.2	4.8
G	12	- Rod Barnes (6-1 sophomore)	10.4	2.9
G	31	- Joe Ayers (6-5 junior)	8.8	2.7

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Kentucky	9	1	.900	18	3	.857
Alabama	8	2	.800	15	4	.789
Auburn	6	3	.667	12	7	.632
Florida	6	4	.600	12	7	.632
Georgia	5	5	.500	12	7	.632
Louisiana St.	4	5	.444	16	6	.727
Tennessee	4	6	.400	11	8	.579
Vanderbilt	4	6	.400	10	9	.526
Mississippi	2	8	.200	10	9	.526
Mississippi St.	1	9	.100	4	15	.211





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Cats' Pause Publisher



Cats Must Develop Depth For NCAA

Just moments after Kentucky's 54-51 loss to North Carolina State Sunday, UK coach Eddie Sutton unemotionally fielded reporters' questions in a hallway of the aged and historic Reynolds Coliseum. Every once in a while he would allow a simple grin to escape a sweaty face which had just gone through a couple hours of intense battle.

Yet, here appeared a man relaxed and content with the effort put forth by his team despite losing a five-point halftime lead and eventually the game.

Inside a nearby locker room, the Wildcats took the defeat in stride. There were no tears, no heartbreak, no tantrums of violence, not even a trace of bitterness toward a trio of Atlantic Coast Conference officials.

Sure, Kentucky had lost. Sure, the Cats' eight-game win streak was snapped. And sure, the loss probably will end up costing UK a notch or two in the final pre-NCAA tourney rankings.

But there were some nice lessons learned from this trip which will make Kentucky a better team down the road.

First of all, the game was not a conference battle. So, Kentucky lost no ground in the league race. Secondly, Kentucky has now felt the pain of a grueling three-game, five-day swing which certainly teaches players they have physical as well as mental limitations.

Without doubt, the Wildcats now understand the difference in being rested and being tired. They've also been reminded that playing on the road isn't a piece of cake.

And what else did Kentucky learn?

The Cats learned that when Kenny Walker is stopped, a few other players had better be prepared to pick up the slack. It didn't happen Sunday and the three-point loss was the ample evidence.

Without sounding two-faced Kentucky can, nevertheless, take a brief bow for being able to play State within three points despite being on the road, hitting a miserable 32.8 percent and being outsized worse than David vs. Goliath.

There may or may not be another game between these two teams, but I've got a hunch that Jimmy Valvano had just as soon not play Kentucky again in post season tournament this year.

Valvano was a bit smarter than the Kentucky schedule makers. ACC teams usually play on Thursdays and Saturdays. So when Valvano scheduled this game with UK, he made a few adjustments to his calendar. First, he moved his Thursday game with Georgia Tech back to Wednesday. Then he erased his Saturday ACC game altogether. He was able to do that because the ACC plays only 14 league games in comparison with the SEC's 18 contests.

That gave Valvano three full days of preparation for Kentucky. On the flip side, UK played at LSU on Wednesday, then had to meet Auburn on Friday. Actually, the Auburn contest would have been Saturday except it was pushed back last spring in the original scheduling so UK would not have to play Saturday night in Lexington then 14 hours later in Raleigh.

The culprit in this whole matter, as it is so often, is television. Network television (both CBS and NBC) does not want to televise a conference game nationally because so few people (especially fans outside the region) are interested in a game involving two teams from the same league.

And because most all games in January and

February are conference games, the networks offer exposure and money as enticements for a school to schedule a non-conference game in the middle of the conference race. Hence, Kentucky versus North Carolina State.

Of course, the same thing happened last season when Kentucky defeated North Carolina State at Rupp Arena.

Eddie Sutton drained every last ounce of energy out of his fatigued Wildcats in the first half. It was a miracle the Cats were up at the midway point. The fact that UK shot only 34.5 percent the first half and 32.8 percent the second half is evidence enough that the Cats were leg-weary.

So it was no surprise when Sutton told reporters he was very pleased with the Wildcats' effort in the wake of the three-game, five-day worksheet.

"It was fatigue more than anything else," said Sutton of turnovers and poor shooting which led to the loss. "We went to LSU and that was a very emotional game. We came back and had to beat Auburn at home and they (NCS) were off since Wednesday. That makes a lot of difference. I'm not making excuses, but I can't fault our team. They've played about as hard as I've ever had a team played."

"We're just going home and rest," added Sutton, "we're fatigued."

Now, Kentucky prepares for a pair of games against second division SEC teams as the Cats host Vanderbilt on Wednesday, then travel to Oxford for a date with Ole Miss on Saturday.

These games could be two of the most important contests of the year for the Cats. One would assume, although coaches unanimously agree you never, never take anyone for granted, that Kentucky should emerge a victor in each of these two contests.

But even more importantly will be the challenge of playing well enough to allow Sutton the opportunity to test some of the younger players who have not been getting any "PT" (playing time) lately.

If Kentucky is to make a run in the NCAA tournament in March, the Cats will need contributions from more than just the current seven (five starters plus Madison and Lock).

For the past six games, Sutton hasn't been afforded the opportunity to go very deep into his roster. The Cats need another outside force from the artillery range and it's no military secret that the Cats need added firepower inside.

But it's extremely difficult to chance a victory in a tight game by experimenting with youth. The Cats need a couple of games where the outcome is determined early to afford the UK staff an opportunity to employ such a plan.

If those type games don't pop up this week, they probably never will, at least not this season.

It's still early, but the SEC race appears to be shaping up as a duel among Kentucky, Auburn and Alabama with LSU, perhaps a longshot.

By the time you read this, the LSU-Auburn game will have been decided and the loser can kiss its hopes "bye-bye".

An LSU loss would be No. 6 for the Bengals

and a virtual death blow to the Tigers since Dale Brown and his club must still close out the season at Rupp Arena.

On the other hand, an LSU win over Auburn would put the Tigers in a position of making a strong run with a shot at the title by beating UK in Lexington on the final day of the regular season.

Auburn, most observers agree, has the most and best talent in the league today. There are two big, big games for Sonny Smith right now. The one with LSU (last Tuesday) and on the road to Tennessee Saturday. The Tigers also have to travel to Georgia and LSU as well as host Alabama. It won be an easy road.

Meanwhile, Alabama is lurking in the shadows. Wimp Sanderson is the most underrated coach in the SEC, if not America. All the man does is win, win and win some more, but his personality too often is critiqued instead of his coaching achievements.

The Tide is rolling right now, but Alabama's next four games could spell its final fate. This week, the Tide first host Georgia then head to Baton Rouge for LSU on Saturday. Next week, Alabama hosts Kentucky on Thursday then journey to cross-state rival Auburn two days later.

For the Tide to be in the running, Alabama needs to win three of those four. Kentucky could catch the Tide just right, right after playing LSU on the road and two days before playing Auburn on the road. Then again, it'll be the game of the year for 'Bama because Kentucky will probably be No. 1 in the SEC at the time.

All in all, Kentucky is in a unique position. For the first time in quite a while, Kentucky is in the driver's seat early. I mean, real early. Kentucky enjoys the luxury of controlling its own destiny. Should UK win the remainder of its home games and split the remaining road games with Georgia, Ole Miss, Tennessee and Alabama, then the SEC race will be over for all practical purposes.

Here's some important information for fans who plan on attending the SEC Tournament at Rupp Arena in Lexington March 5-8.

First of all, tickets for the Southeastern Conference Men's Basketball Tournament are still available, although officials now believe the tournament may become a sell-out.

When the tourney was held in Lexington back in 1982, a little more than 19,000 ticket books were sold with another 2,000 tickets sold for the semi-finals and finals.

You can order SEC Tournament tickets by mailing a certified check or money order only to: University of Kentucky Athletics Association, Basketball Ticket Office, Room 3, Memorial Coliseum, Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0019. Ticket books are \$60 each and includes admission for one person to all sessions. A \$2 postage and handling charge should be added to your total order (There is only one postage and handling fee per order, regardless of how many tickets you buy).

UKAA ticket manager Alice Woods says tournament tickets would be available at the UK ticket office beginning February 12.

Demand for tickets from Kentucky fans has been even greater than 1982 according to Ms. Woods.

HITS AND MISSES . . . Next week is the big date for football fans around the country as

the national letter of intent signing day approaches. Kentucky Coach **Jerry Claiborne** was all smiles after hearing that Kentucky's top blue-chipper, **Al Baker**, had chosen Kentucky over **Ohio State** and **Florida**. Kentucky is still hitting the prep roads, but word is that a couple of players are now not as sure about Kentucky as before. UK is particularly concerned about **Colburn Clark** of Owensboro who publicly committed to UK some time ago. Word now has it that he may wind up at **Louisville**. Last week, rumors were afloat that he was about to call a press conference announcing his intentions to opt for UL over UK. A quick trip by Claiborne and one of his assistants to Owensboro and the press conference never came off . . . The big fight still is the one for *Parade Magazine* prep All-American **Dave Scott** of New Jersey. Supposedly, Scott had narrowed his list to **Penn State** and **Kentucky**. Now we hear the race is down to **Kentucky** and **Duke**. This one could go to the wire. . . In the rumor mills is word that Kentucky's president **Otis Singletary** could be tossed in the hat as the next commissioner of the *Southeastern Conference* when **H. Boyd McWhorter** retires in the next couple years. Although Singletary's age (he'll be retiring at UK about the same time as McWhorter leaves the SEC) might be against him, the league could easily turn to him on a temporary basis (say for a couple years) if an all-out fight develops among other "younger" candidates. There are those who say the league will have a tough time on picking the next commissioner because of intense rivalries in the deep South, especially between **Georgia** and **Alabama**. Singletary could become the "northern" compromise. . . UK football and basketball ticket prices will increase next season. Football endzone will go from \$8 to \$10 per game while sideline stadium seats will increase from \$12 to \$14 per game. In basketball, upper arena will go from \$5 to \$6 per contest while lower arena will increase from \$7 to \$9 per contest. All seats at UK's home games in Louisville's **Freedom Hall** will now cost \$9 instead of \$7 each. UK athletics director **Cliff Hagan** pointed out that Louisville gets \$10 for its seats which are similar to the lower arena seats at Rupp Arena and that Vanderbilt and LSU charge \$9 in basketball. Hagan said UK has been \$2 to \$3 lower in football ticket prices than all other SEC schools for the past couple years. . . Coach **Eddie Sutton** will take his Kentucky Wildcats to Japan this summer and the UKAA board of directors voted to approve some \$30,000 in conjunction with the trip. Schools are permitted one trip very four years overseas by the NCAA. . . At the recent UKAA board meeting, it was some kind of a star-studded lineup of sports figures. You had UK athletics director **Cliff Hagan** (an all-pro star with St. Louis Hawks), **Frank Ramsey** (a great pro with the Boston Celtics), **A. B. "Happy" Chandler** (ex-major league baseball commissioner), **S. T. Roach** (one of the greatest high school basketball coaches in Kentucky history when he coached Lexington Dunbar), **Tommy Heinsohn** (former Boston Celtics great), **Tommy Bell** (one of the NFL's greatest referees of all time) and my UK favorite, ex-Wildcat quarterback **Mike Shutt**. **Ramsey**, **Bell**, **Chandler**, **Roach**, and **Shutt** are members of the board while Heinsohn was in attendance to promote the **Kentucky Network** which he owns stock in. **KN** was awarded a new three-year contract for radio rights to

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Cats Fight Off Tigers, 54-52

Harden Rescues Cats With Buzzer Beater

Some day Roger Harden will be able to tell his grandchildren, "Yeah, I hit a shot back in 1986 that beat LSU, Dale Brown and the curse of the Baton Rouge chicken pox."

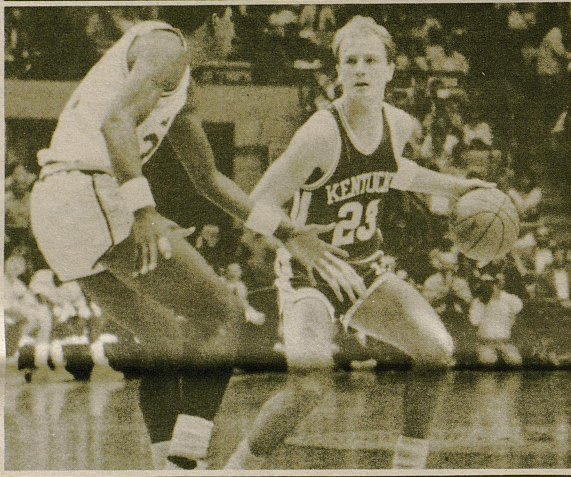
Indeed he did as the 6-1 Wildcat senior guard connected with no time remaining to give Kentucky a thrilling 54-52 win over SEC foe LSU. Five seconds prior to Harden's game-winner, Derrick Taylor canned a somewhat off-balanced 12 footer to knot the score at 52-all. Harden, however, immediately went coast to coast for the final two points.

"I hit about four or five of 'em in high school," Harden said about past game-winners. "I remember the first one I took I missed, but I kept shooting them. I've only missed one in my career. It's a great feeling.

"I'm going to tell the grandkids about this one."

Still on top of the league standings, Kentucky owns an impressive 8-1 slate (17-2 overall) at the halfway mark in SEC play. LSU is now 4-4, 16-4.

Starting a makeshift lineup because of a recent breakout in chicken pox (along with Nikita Wilson's absence due to academic reasons), Brown, who the day before said winning this game would be more difficult than parting a sea, was obviously pleased with his team's play.



Harden On A Roll

"I think it's the greatest effort (long pause) of guys believing in us... and you don't have to win to be happy," said Brown afterwards.

"You hate to lose but I can take it."

With his smooth turnaround becoming more and more effective with each outing, Winston Bennett continues to shine on the offensive end. His 8 of 11 shooting from the field helped guide the junior to a team-high 17 points. But it was his free throw which kept the Wildcats ahead by two (52-50) with only 18 seconds remaining.

IT WAS HECTIC AT THE END

It was Harden's bucket at 3:46 that kept the Wildcats in front by more than two (51-48) as he coolly drilled a shot from the top of the key. Taylor, though clearly out of control, pulled the Tigers within one with a 15-footer from the right side.

With less than a minute remaining, LSU had a chance to take the lead. Redden's forced attempt, which was heavily defended, missed from close in as Bennett snared the rebound.

Clinging to a one-point advantage, UK regained possession following a Harden miss in which the ball, last touched by a LSU participant, trickled out of bounds.

On the in-bounds play, 6-foot-10 Jose Vargas apparently grabbed Bennett by the jersey as the defender fell to the floor in hopes of initiating a charging call, ala Georgetown. LSU's top reserve on the night was quickly whistled for the intentional foul, his fifth of the ballgame.

Brown was vividly upset, feeling that Vargas' infraction was not intentional. In fact, the flamboyant Bengal coach was so 'hot under the collar' that he had to be restrained by his assistants.

Thus, UK's coolest customer stepped to the line to try and ice the victory with 18 seconds remaining.

"When it went out of my hands I knew it was going to miss," Bennett said of his first attempt from the charity stripe. "I just came back the next time with a little more confidence and tried to follow through on the second one."

Out of timeouts LSU quickly moved the ball toward its basket. Taylor, who led all scorers on the night with 20 points, hit the jumper over UK's initiated zone alignment. Taylor's clutch basket tied the count at 50 and erased a Wildcat advantage held since 12:18 remaining in the game.

The rest is history.

"People debate all the time if you should call a timeout," said Eddie Sutton. "But LSU didn't have any timeouts and the best thing to do was to try and get the ball up the floor as quickly as you can. I'm happy for Roger."

Harden also added a game-high 10 assists.

IT WASN'T THE PRETTIEST OF GAMES BUT IT WAS EXCITING

The field goal percentages showed that both teams successfully slashed the nets on this evening — Kentucky, 57.7 percent; LSU, 55.8 percent. Turnovers, meanwhile, were aplenty

as UK committed 23 (16 in the first half) while the Tigers recorded 18 miscues.

LSU's box-and one defense, where 6-6 forward Ollie Brown was assigned to Kenny Walker, confused the more experienced visitors. Three Wildcat starters — Bennett, Harden and Walker — turned it over seven, five, and five times.

While being a force from the field (7 of 13) Don Redden repeatedly tried to force the ball inside against Kentucky's man-to-man defense. His ill-advised passes resulted in many turnovers. Overall, Redden was credited with seven.

NOTHING HELD BACK ON THIS NIGHT

Despite the loss of starters John Williams (chicken pox) and Nikita Wilson (academics), LSU rallied behind its coach and gave the 'Cats all they could handle.

After trailing by four points at the midway point, LSU reclaimed the lead with a Redden layup (38-36). The more the Tigers continued to stay in the game the louder the crowd at Assembly Center.

Playing like a man possessed, Vargas was one of the reasons UK was having trouble underneath. His physical style of play was causing havoc in the paint. With their inability to score inside the 'Cats' gameplan shifted to the perimeter.

Walker, who earlier in the half canned a 17-footer, connected from 15 feet tying the ballgame at 38-38. UK's All-America player was held to 12 points while playing the full 40 minutes.

Bennett (from 12 and 13 feet) and Davender (21 feet) continued to keep the outside game working as UK opened up a five-point cushion with 10:39 remaining. But what help loosened things inside was when Vargas picked up his second and third fouls in a span of eight seconds.

From 11:37 to less than five minutes remaining Kentucky either held a five or three point margin. It was a physical, as well as mental tussel all the way.

During that stretch each was able to only produce six points apiece. Though a lack of offence was evident, other things like turnovers (nine), consecutive block shots by Vargas (on Walker) and Walker (on Redden), and two big slams by LSU were featured.

All which led to an exciting conclusion.

DEAF DOME GREETS CATS

The first five minutes were of big importance for many reasons. For Kentucky, it needed to take control early and keep the crowd out of the contest. For LSU, its patched-together starting unit, not resembling a No. 17 ranking, needed a vast amount of confidence against the nation's eighth (UPI) ranked squad. And with 9:07 remaining in the first stanza it was the Tiger ballclub who had won the early war.

Behind the scoring punch of Redden and Taylor, along with a stern defensive effort, LSU was in ideal position tied at 18-all.

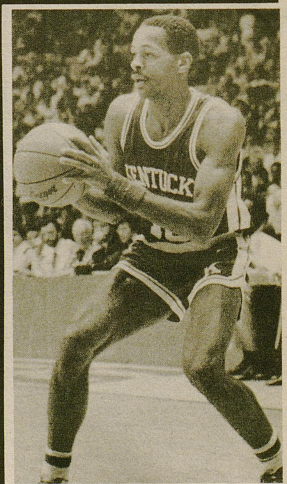
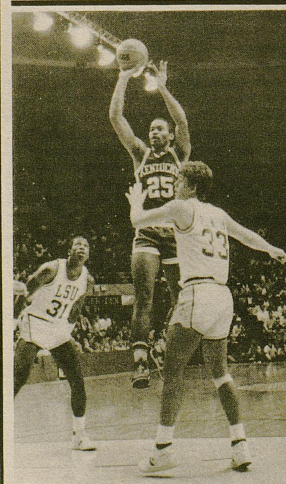
All of the hosts team's points came from either Redden (10) or Taylor (eight). And the Tigers' defense was also responsible for many of the Wildcats' 23 turnovers on the evening. In the first half UK's two senior starters, Harden and Walker, were even committing 'rookie-like' mistakes. Walker turned the ball over four times while Harden was listed for three first-half miscues.

With the LSU partisans roaring with approval of their undermanned team, things didn't look good for the leaders in the SEC. At the Deaf Dome, though, you never know what to expect.

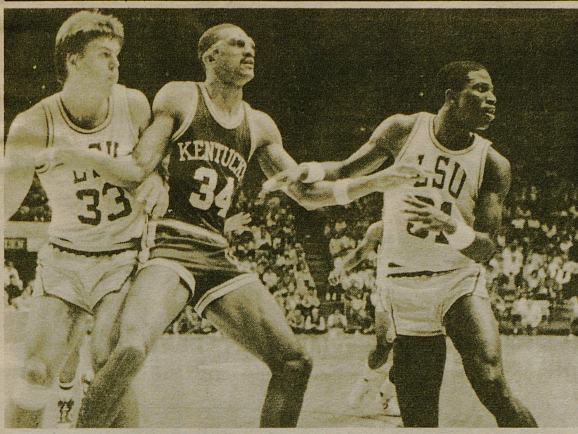
On the other hand UK's defense caused numerous Tiger errors, 11 overall. Keeping LSU off the boards in the first half (13-2) also helped make up for the Wildcats' high amount of turnovers.

Though when both teams shoot 60 percent or better, plus commit 27 turnovers in a half, there aren't too many rebounds to be had.

Tied at 18 Kentucky then proceeded to outscore LSU 8-0. James Blackmon's jumper from deep in the left corner gave UK its biggest lead on the night 26-18 with 5:35 remaining. However, two Vargas hoops, the latter coming on a sweeping one-handed hook, pulled the Tigers within four, 26-22.



Bennett In The Lights Blackmon Looking



Sky Getting Sandwiched

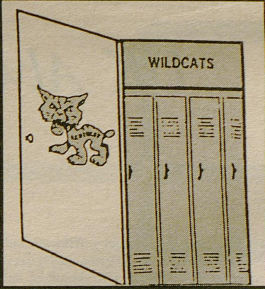
Off to the races following a Walker turnover, Ollie Brown knotted the score at 28-28 with an uncontested layin.

If not for Bennett scoring the final six points of the half, Kentucky could have easily found itself trailing instead of leading by four.

TIGER-WILDCAT TIDBITS

Before the game LSU honored **Mark Alcorn**, a member of the Tigers' '81 Final Four team. Alcorn died in 1981 because of cancer. **Dale Brown** made a special presentation to Mark's parents, Harold and Sheila Alcorn, and will have a new scholarship fund initiated in behalf of his former player. . . Also honored before the UK-LSU matchup were members of the first Tiger basketball squad to defeat Kentucky. This season marks the **25th Anniversary** that LSU first beat Kentucky, 79-53. . . **John Williams** was released from Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center on Wednesday afternoon and was seen in street clothes behind the LSU bench. LSU team doctor, Dr. James Osterberger, has said that Williams may start shooting practice Thursday (Jan. 30) and gradually increase his workouts over the weekend and next week. No word yet, however, when Williams will be back in the lineup. . . LSU's other chicken pox victim, **Bernard Woodside**, was expected to be released the following day. . . LSU's game with **Auburn** has been rescheduled for Tuesday (Feb. 4) at Auburn. . . After the game Brown rushed over to the student section and repeatedly said "Thank you" to the student-body for their support. Earlier he got on the microphone and told the students to refrain from obvious obscenity chants. . . Kentucky's win on the road was its fourth in five SEC tries. . . Tuesday ESPN announcer **Dick Vitale** was seen clowning around with UK's players prior to practice in Baton Rouge. . . With the win Kentucky upped its all-time series with LSU **54-12**. . . While at Arkansas **Eddie Sutton** was 2-2 against LSU. . . Adding 10 assist to his 118 total, Harden is only 61 shy of breaking **Dirk Minniefield's** single-season record. . . In his last three games **Winston Bennett** has scored 57 points. That's an average of 19 points per game.

Inside The Locker Room



KENNY WALKER

(About the game)

Walker: I think tonight's game was a typical LSU-Kentucky game. Both teams came out and played hard. Down here, regardless of who LSU puts on the floor, they can just about play against anybody.

(About being 8-1 in the conference and what lies ahead)

Walker: We're 8-1 and we're at a point in the season where we've seen everybody in the conference. We've only lost once and we're in real good shape as far as that is concerned. But, we can't let up right now because we've got to play 'em all again. It's no time to let up because Alabama, Auburn and some other clubs are playing real well, too. We must maintain our level of intensity, keep up the hard work, and good attitude to hopefully go through the conference (second-half schedule) pretty much like we did this time.

(About LSU's defense)

Walker: LSU, like everybody else, played a 2-3 zone and sagged back in the middle. They played a box-and-one on me. You have to have somebody from the perimeter hit for a good percentage in order for them to come out. Our guys just really weren't looking for their shots tonight; I kind of felt we could hit those shots — Richard (Madison) usually shoots better; Ed (Davender) can shoot better from the perimeter; and so can James (Blackmon). It wasn't that we weren't hitting, we just really weren't looking. **(About Roger Harden's winning shot)**

Walker: (Derrick) Taylor came down, I thought our defense was as good as it could possibly be, and hit a great shot. After the shot went in, I was going down the side (and) try to post up or hopefully to tip in a desperation shot. Then, as I looked up Roger was dribbling down the court and pulls up at the top of the key. It was a great shot. What can I say. . . it was a great way to end a ballgame. I thought it was a hard-fought ballgame on both teams' part.

WINSTON BENNETT

(About missing the front end of a two-shot foul with 18 seconds remaining)

Bennett: Well, when it went out of my hands I knew I had missed it. I just came back the next time with a little more confidence and tried to follow through.

(About scoring the last six points of the first half)

Bennett: I just try to come out and really get in the flow of the game. This is a different year from last year — I'm playing with a lot more confidence and I really feel like I'm working

hard on the offensive end as well as the defensive end. That's enabled me to get open inside. Of course, with the people sagging on Kenny — he has two or three men on him — that also helps some.

(About LSU's coach — Dale Brown)

Bennett: Coach Brown is a very flamboyant coach; I've got a lot of respect for him. The way in which he guides his teams are the ways that he's been taught. The things that he's done have been good for his ballclub. They are always one of the best in the SEC, so you really can't say anything bad about Coach Brown, because he's an excellent coach. His record speaks for itself.

(About the foul committed by Jose Vargas on him with 18 seconds left)

Bennett: We were set in our usual line (in-bounds play) what we call a 'lime', to try and break the pressure defense. We knew they were going to try and deny us the ball. I was just going to cut but Jose pulled me into him to make it look like a charge. The refs just happened to be on the spot and called it.

(About UK's performance in the first half)

Bennett: Well, we were real positive about our first half effort. Still, we felt like we didn't play as well as we normally do. As long as we continued to keep our poise and continue to try to execute and play hard on defense then we had a chance.

ROGER HARDEN

(About hitting the winning shot)

Harden: With six seconds to go we got the ball out and I knew that I was going to go coast to coast. I knew I wanted to take the shot. When I released it, it felt good. I was pretty confident that it was going to go in. We've got to be so happy JUST to win down here at LSU. We've played better, but a win's a win.

(About the team's ability to handle the pressure)

Harden: I thought we showed a lot of maturity during the ballgame. We probably were a little bit more prepared, emotionally, for the ballgame. That lies just within each individual ballplayer. Coach Sutton did a great job throughout the ballgame; he kept us very poised. I thought he coached very well. Hey, we're on top in the SEC and a lot of people didn't expect us to be here this time of the year. We're just going to keep pluggin'.

(About hitting winning shots in his high school days)

Harden: I hit four or five 'em in high school. I remember the first one I took I missed, but I kept shooting them. I think I've only missed one in my career. It's a great feeling. . . I'm going to tell the grandkids about this one.

DERRICK TAYLOR

(About the game)

Taylor: We can play better than we did tonight, even though we had a great effort. We made too many turnovers tonight, and we've got to cut those down. I felt pretty good, playing the whole game. But, it sure will be nice to get a minute or two break somewhere.

(About his bucket enabling LSU to tie the game with only six seconds remaining)

Taylor: On our last possession, we really didn't have any special play on. We just decided to work our offense and we knew the good shot would come. I just happened to be the guy who got the good shot.

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE																						
Date Jan. 29, 1986 Site LSU ASSEMBLY CENTER																						
VISITORS (Last Name, First)																						
No.	NAME	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S									
35	Winston Bennett	1	8	11	1	2	7	3	17	37	1	7	0	1								
33	Kenny Walker	1	6	10	0	1	8	1	12	40	1	5	2	1								
10	James Blackmon	0	1	3	0	0	1	1	2	23	0	1	0	2								
15	Ed Davender	0	6	11	0	0	3	3	12	30	2	1	0	0								
22	Roger Harden	0	5	7	0	0	3	0	10	35	1	0	0	0								
32	Derrick Taylor	0	5	11	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0								
20	Leroy Byrd	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1								
14	Paul Andrews	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	26	1	2	0	0								
42	Richard Madison	0	2	1	2	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	0								
55	Cedric Jenkins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0								
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)											3	5	200	15	23	2	5					
TOTALS											26	45	2	5	25	9	5	200	15	23	2	5
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33	Ricky Blanton	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	33	0	2	1	3								
44	Don Redden	1	7	13	4	4	2	2	18	38	3	7	0	3								
31	Ollie Brown	0	2	3	0	0	4	4	4	35	2	5	0	1								
10	Derrick Taylor	0	10	14	0	0	1	0	20	38	6	1	0	3								
21	Derrick Taylor	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	24	0	0	0	0								
11	Anthony Wilson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	0								
20	Nebolsha Bukumirovich	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	0								
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DON REDDEN

(About his team's effort)

Redden: We really spilled our guts out tonight. We carried our aggressiveness on defense over into our offense. I was a little anxious tonight. I had a few turnovers, but that's going to happen in a game that's hyped up and charged up emotionally as this one was. We just played as hard as we could tonight.

UK Always Has Its Hands Full In Bayou

Deaf Dome Is A Rough Building To Play In

The thing the Kentucky Wildcats had to fear last week in Baton Rouge was fear itself. Even though the undermanned Tigers fought the 'Cats to the very last possible moment of a 54-52 ballgame, UK should be delighted with its 17th victory in 19 attempts.

Facing a team that lost 6-8 starters John Williams and Nikita Wilson, Eddie Sutton probably didn't know what to expect from Dale Brown's Tigers.

But, does anyone?

At Wednesday morning's shooting session Sutton was kidding around about who or even what LSU might lower from the ceiling. Attached by a rope the Tigers' mascot usually greets UK and the fans by venturing down from high atop Assembly Center. Up until game time many of those in attendance had visions of Wilson dropping in for a visit, and in uniform.



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

A circus-atmosphere was definitely present in the Bayou, and its ringmaster was Brown. Less than 24 hours before facing UK, Brown compared the possibility of his troops winning against Kentucky to parting a sea.

He was at it again. And this time it almost worked. For six seconds it appeared LSU and Kentucky were headed to an extra period . . . and if not for Roger Harden's game-winner Brown might have had to venture south 100 miles, with a caravan of reporters watching, to part a body of water called the Gulf of Mexico.

"I told the guys that this game would be very tough," said Sutton after the win over LSU. "They're a good basketball team even without the players that they've lost. They're still very talented and play very well. Tonight, I thought they (LSU) played with a lot of courage.

"Evidently, in the newspaper we were three-point favorites, so they thought it was going to be tough, too."

So it came down to white-knuckler time and Sutton knew the game belonged to him as Harden was guiding his 25-foot shot to the cylinder.

"I knew it was in all the way," said Sutton. "I've won so many games at Arkansas with that shot. . . I would have bet anything, when he crossed that mid-court line, if he could get to that point (25 feet away) he would hit it.

"U.S. Harden now, right?," asked one reporter.

"That's right," UK's coach answered in comparison of his former Razorback and long shot artist U.S. Reed.

Keeping The Mind On Task At Hand - Winning

UK's coach is known from time to time to gauge his players' accuracy from any spot on the court. When asked about Harden's chances of making the buzzer-beater from 25 feet, Sutton answered, "That shot right there? In that situation for Harden it's about 75 percent."

Speaking of gauging, junior Winston Bennett said that Sutton and his staff contributed "90 to 95 percent" of keeping the Wildcats' minds on the game itself.

"He (Sutton) and the rest of the coaching staff do an excellent job of preparing us for each team that we play," Bennett said. "We spend a number of hours of watching films on each of our opponents. We're really not accustomed to that — we didn't do that much last year. Coach Sutton takes a great deal of pride of making us watch films and trying to make us students of the game."

With everything leading up to the game it was probably fitting for this turn of events to end in dramatic fashion. For the last 10 years or so Kentucky-LSU has had its share of excitement, humor, controversy, and great plays.

It's been a series that's seen: Dale Brown, in frustration, toss his coat at the mid-court circle during an encounter with referee Reggie Copeland at Memorial Coliseum; in overtime five Tiger substitutes handle the then-to-be '78 NCAA champions, 95-94; another Indiana Mr. Basketball product, Kyle Macy, sink a shot at the horn enabling Kentucky to capture the SEC title (1980) on the last game of the regular season; and it's been a series where a chicken pox disease became infamous on the Baton Rouge campus.

So, how did the Wildcat players keep their minds on LSU prior to the game?

"Our kids didn't worry about that," said assistant coach Leonard Hamilton. "They came out and tried to do the things that we wanted them to do."

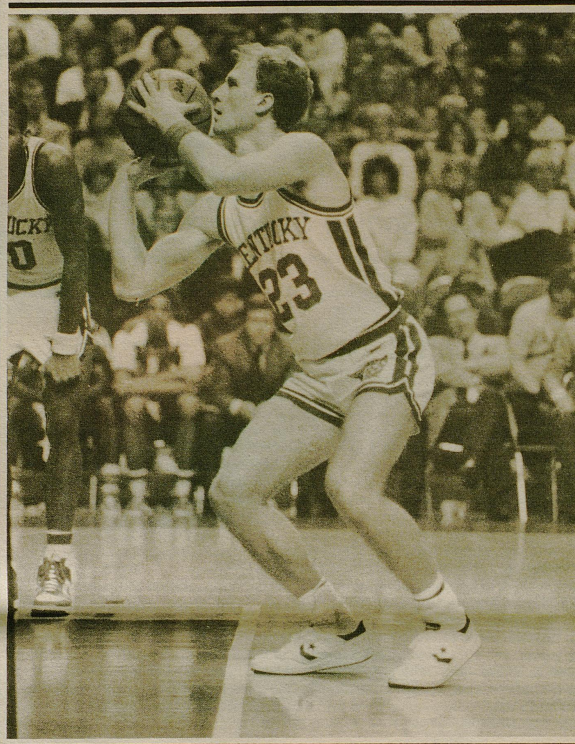
And during the game?

"The thing that he (Sutton) kept saying on the bench is that we're going to win this game," UK assistant James Dickey said afterwards. "(Sutton said) somebody's going to make a big play."

But for a teenager these conditions may seem very difficult to overcome. With the players knowing that Wilson and Williams weren't going to be in the lineup, UK could easily have come in too loose. Plus, they knew that a team in LSU's position was in a "no lose" situation.

"Just knowing that those two guys weren't going to be in there made it a lot harder," said Bennett, "because it's easy to get complacent — thinking that you can go in there and blow this ballclub out. It's like Coach Sutton told us, that they've still got some of their top ballplayers out on the court. And their fans are always ready for their ballclub to come on the court no matter who they play, especially us.

"I've really got a lot of respect for their fans, even though they make some remarks that might not be class remarks at times. You've got to have a lot of respect for them because they're behind their team and they're doing things to pump the team up. I think there is a



U.S. Harden?

lesson to be learned from some of the schools in the SEC that maybe don't have the fans that LSU has, and would like to have 'em because they give them a lot of support."

Too Emotionally High Can Sometimes Be A Downer

Both teams were emotionally prepared. Just by watching the first few minutes of the game you knew: A) Kentucky wasn't taking LSU's makeshift lineup lightly; and B) LSU wasn't about to lie down for its favored opponents.

UK opened up a 26-18 lead late in the first period, but behind the inspiring play of reserve Jose Vargas the Tigers were able to pull within four at intermission. Bigger leads are expected when a team shoots 69 percent from the field, but that's without making 16 turnovers in the first 20 minutes.

"You always have a tendency to make sure that your team's at the *magical level* but you don't want to go over it," said Dickey. "Maybe we were a little too 'up'. We knew that LSU would come out hyped up.

Being too emotionally high is what UK's first-year assistant means when you're over the magical level.

"Sometimes when you come out a little bit flat it shows up in turnovers," Dickey mentioned. "A lot of those turnovers were not forced, because LSU was not pressing and they were staying back in a 2-3 zone. They (turnovers) were just unforced — mental (mistakes) and careless ball handling."

Sky Knows How Tough It Is To Win In Deaf Dome

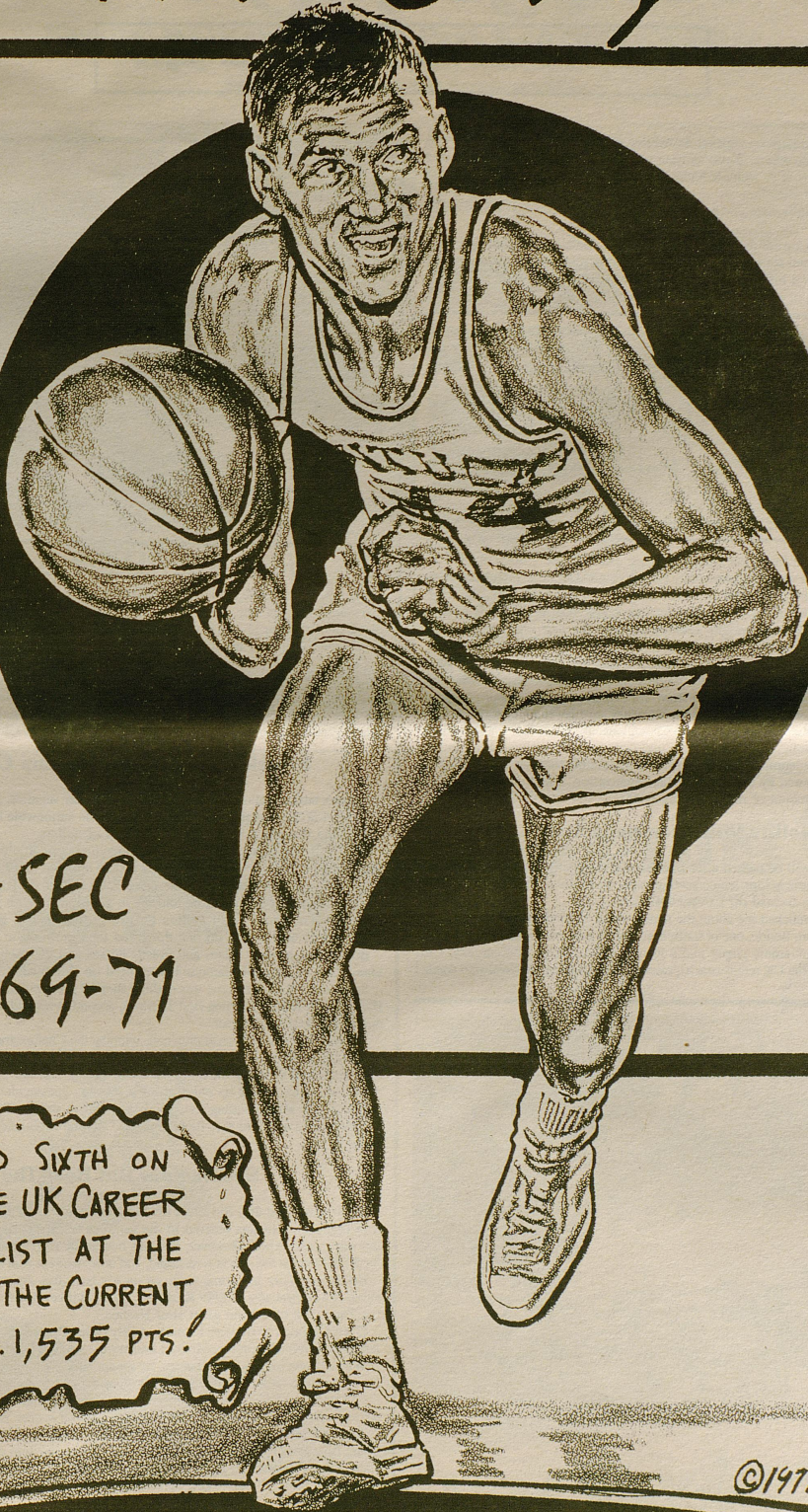
Everyone from the coaches, players, . . . down to the fans knew that no one, even under LSU's adverse circumstances, could come in and run out the Tigers on their home turf. It's that simple.

Ask Kenny Walker. UK's senior All-American knows it's a challenge anytime you go visiting Baton Rouge in hopes of a victory against Louisiana State University. He'd probably say that whether the LSU opponent is either a No. 1 ranked Dale Brown team or the Tigresses dance squad. During his four seasons as a Wildcat, Walker's teams were 2-2 in the complex which is rightly known as the Deaf Dome.

"This is a great way to end my career here at LSU; I won't be down here anymore," said Walker. "This is my second win here; we won here the year we had the Twin Towers (1984). You have to give LSU a lot of credit. For a team without their two leading scorers to come here and play with that much poise you have to give them a whole lot of credit.

"Hey, this is a great way to end a career. Every year we come down here people are always saying, 'You've got to go down to the Deaf Dome and face LSU. The Cats never win down there that much.' To get a win here, that's super. I feel really great about that."

Mike Casey



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UK's New Tennis Facility A Reality

Because Of Boone's Love For Giving

Philanthropist Hilary J. Boone Jr. believes in helping others. "There's a time in your life where, if you've been successful, then you should give some of it away," says Boone. "Any of us who are lucky enough to earn money should start thinking about giving some of it back."

And Boone, a self-made millionaire, has been doing just that to the University of Kentucky recently.

His donation of \$250,000 toward the construction of a new indoor tennis facility became reality when the Wildcats' tennis team played Southwest Louisiana and Minnesota last weekend.

And Boone has also shown his love for his alma-mater with a donation of one million dollars toward the building of a new faculty club on campus.



Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

"You give a donation for a lot of complicated things," said Boone. "Sometimes it is a hard thing to do but once you've helped somebody else, it's a good feeling. Tennis has always meant a lot to me. I wouldn't have done it otherwise."

Boone, 67, played on the Kentucky tennis team for four years, from 1935-40. He was captain of the tennis team his final two varsity seasons. He won the state high school singles tournament in 1935 while a senior at Springfield (Ky.) High.

Boone also won various Lexington and state tournaments during the 45-plus years he played the popular game. He won the city singles, city doubles and city mixed doubles tournaments before an illness in 1976 forced him to retire from the game.

Boone's love for tennis persuaded him to name his 1,000-acre Fayette County farm after Wimbledon, England, after the All-England Club's Championships. Boone's Wimbledon Farm is famous for horse breeding.

The \$700,000-plus indoor tennis facility was also made possible through a \$65,000 grant by the Humana Foundation and by the UK Athletics Association, which matched that and Boone's funding with an amount of more than \$300,000.

New UK Facility Will Eventually Seat 1,500

The new facility, which will be named after Boone, will eventually be able to seat 1,500 people, giving UK the largest indoor tennis seating capacity in the nation. There are four tennis courts in the facility, located off Cooper Drive.

"The university first approached me about the matter about 18 months ago," said Boone, who is a descendant of Squire Boone, one of trailblazer Daniel Boone's brothers. "Bill Evans of Louisville, who is a good tennis player and a former All-American at Kentucky, Cliff Hagan, and Dennis Emery (the UK tennis coach), came to see me about it. I've always wanted to help the university."



Boone's Wimbledon Farm



Hilary With Man's Best Friend

Boone wouldn't have been able to help the university financially, of course, unless he had the funds to share. The son of a dentist, Boone majored in economics at UK. That would prove valuable later in life, but it wasn't until Boone left the service that he discovered what he wanted to do with his life.

"When I was in the service, I saw an article in Reader's Digest about the Johnson-O'Connor Research Center," Boone explained. "It's an aptitude-testing place. I went there and took a test, as a result, I decided to go into selling. So I came back to Lexington in 1945 and got into the life-insurance business, which is a rough business. I did that from 1945-73. I was a general agent for the Mass Mutual Life Insurance Company."

Struck It Rich With Humana Corporation

Boone's business allowed him the freedom for other ventures, one of them being the Humana Corporation. He bought stock in the now-famous nationwide hospital and medical-services chain, and that stock is now worth millions of dollars.

In 1971, Boone began to build his horse-breeding farm off old U.S. 25 on Walnut Hill Road. He became a horse breeder in 1973 and is now involved in the business on a full-time basis.

"I've always liked horses," Boone stated. "I asked a friend of mine how I could get involved in the horse business and he told me to get in touch with J. B. Faulkner. Faulkner suggested I spend about a half-million for two or three mares and I went on from there. It's happened gradually. You do one thing and then move on to another."

Boone says he only raises and breeds horses and then sells them. He doesn't race that many. One of the more famous horses bred on Wimbledon Farm was Spectacular Bid.

Spectacular Bid, of course, was nothing short of spectacular. During his career, Spectacular Bid raced 30 times, finishing first 26 times, second twice and third once. Bid won \$2,781,608 during his four-year career.

Bid was the 2-year-old champion colt, winning the Champagne Stakes and the Laurel Futurity, setting a new track record in the Laurel. As a 3-year-old, Spectacular Bid was the 3-year-old champion, winning the 1979 Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes, missing the Preakness track record by one-fifth of a second. Spectacular Bid was also the 4-year-old Horse of the Year, winning the Woodward Stakes and the Santa Anita Handicap.

"It's too big a risk to race them yourself," Boone explained, "Only four percent of them make it."

Spectacular Bid Beat The Odds

Spectacular Bid did. Bid spent his early months at Buck Pone Farm before being moved to Wimbledon. He was entered in the summer select Yearling Sale at Keeneland in 1977 but was turned down. However, Bid was bought by Harry Meyerholt of Hawksworth Farm for \$37,000 in the fall sale at Keeneland. Bid now stands at stud at Claiborne Farm in Paris, Ky.

Boone currently has some stallions on his farm that are syndicated. They include Sensitive Prince, the son of 1969 Kentucky Derby winner Majestic Prince, Relaunch and Tim the Tiger, son of the old great sire, Nashua.

One of Boone's horses that he races, a filly called Prayers 'N Promises, won over \$300,000. Another Wimbledon horse, Mount Livermore, stands at Gainesway Farm in Fayette County.

When Boone isn't breeding horses, he spends time swimming, exercising and riding horses. He also raises cattle. He also gets a lot of enjoyment from attending UK basketball games.

"I love basketball," he said. "I played basketball in high school. When I was playing the scores were 22-20 and 18-16, not anything like the scores you see today."

And only recently Boone married another lady in the horse business, former jockey Claudia Starr. Like Boone, Starr loves riding horses. Boone has four children from a previous marriage. Hilary Boone, III, Alex, Alyce and Elizabeth. He has one sister who lives in Georgia.

"I would think you could call me a horseman," said Boone. "I don't have time for anything else."

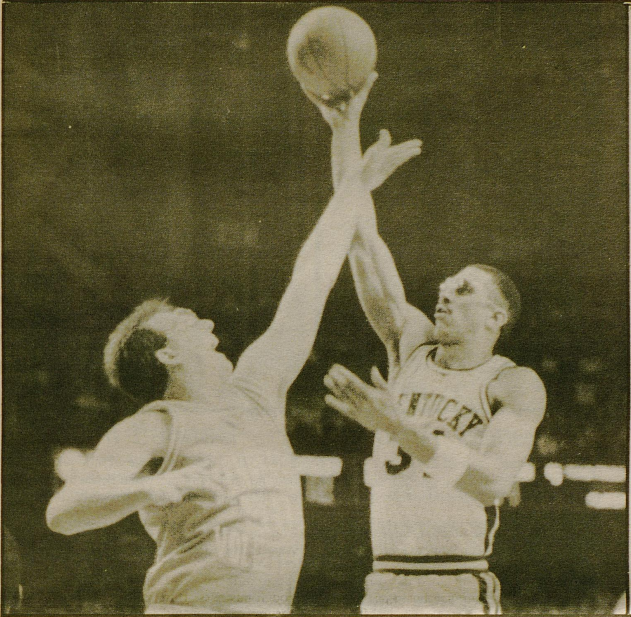
But he did find time to help the faculty club build a new facility. The new structure will be a place where UK faculty can relax before, between or after classes.

"Dr. Otis Singletary (UK's president) asked me if I would like to do something meaningful for the university," Boone explained, "He convinced me of the need for that."

The Sky Report

Kenny Walker's Climb Past Kentucky's Elite Kenny Walker's Climb Past Kentucky's Elite Kenny Walker's Climb Past Kentucky's Elite

Photos by Gary Cromwell



Rank	Name	Points	Games	Years
1.	Don Isbell	2,138	83	3
2.	Jack Givens	2,038	123	4
3.	Kevin Greavy	1,801	84	3
4.	Cotton Nash	1,770	78	3
5.	Kenny Walker	1,766	117	+3
6.	Alex Groza	1,744	120	4
7.	Louis Dampier	1,575	80	3
8.	Mike Casey	1,535	82	3
9.	Ralph Beard	1,517	132	4
10.	Meivin Turpin	1,509	123	4
11.	Cliff Hagen	1,475	77	3
12.	Pat Riley	1,464	80	3
13.	Johnny Cox	1,461	77	3
14.	Kyle Macy	1,411	98	3
15.	Rick Robey	1,395	105	4
16.	Mike Phillips	1,367	120	4
17.	Mike Pratt	1,359	81	3
18.	Frank Ramsey	1,344	91	3
19.	Jim Andrews	1,320	80	3
20.	Sam Bowie	1,285	94	3

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Big Bad Wolves Stop Walker

Wolfpack Halts UK's Eight-Game Streak, 54-51

Thanks to a frigid 32.8 shooting percentage from the floor, Kentucky's worst of the season, the Wildcats' eight-game winning streak came to a sudden stop in Raleigh, North Carolina Sunday as the N. C. State Wolfpack won a 54-51 decision with a second half comeback.

In losing, UK's record dropped to 18-3 on the season. The 51 points scored by the Wildcats was the lowest point production for UK this campaign. UK's previous low was 54 earlier last week in Kentucky's 54-52 win over LSU.

Despite the 32.8 field goal percentage, UK was in the thick of the battle most of the way, having led by as much as nine points early in the contest.

Kentucky held a 13-4 lead early in the game after Roger Harden canned a 22-footer at 12:18 as the Cats completely dominated board play on both ends of the court.

N. C. State was ice-cold in the early going, despite a crowd of 12,400 which was vocal from beginning to end. After a time-out at 13:32, the Pack slowly pecked its way back into the game with five points, a pair of free throws from Chris Washburn, a lay-up from Panagiotis Fasoulas and a free throw from Tevlin Binns.

KENTUCKY MAINTAINS LEAD THROUGHOUT FIRST HALF

Still, Kentucky never gave up the lead the rest of the half as the Wildcats gave N. C. State fits with their aggressive man-to-man defense. That defense allow UK to get excellent rebounding position which enabled UK to hold a commanding 21-8 advantage in that department at the halfway point.

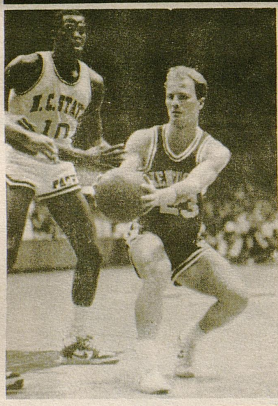
With 3:46 left in the half, Charles Shackleford took a missed State shot and pushed it back in to get State within 20-19. After that, UK spurred back, outscoring State 8-4 down the stretch to hold a nice 28-23 lead at the break.

The half's final score came on a beautiful decoy on a Kentucky out-of-bounds play with just 0:03 on the clock. UK's All-American Kenny Walker lulled State into believing that Kentucky would go for an alley-oop play in front of the basket by shyly pointing toward the goal. State fell for the ploy with everyone converging on Walker. Meanwhile, Winston Bennett slipped around the right side of the bucket, took the inbounds and enjoyed himself a wide-open lay-up.

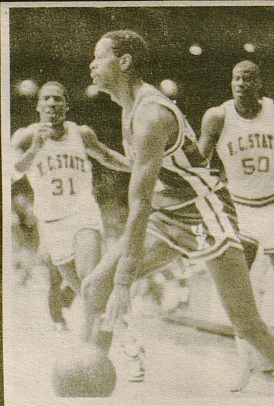
Despite the five-point lead and the huge edge in rebounding, Kentucky knew it was in trouble.

THREE GAMES IN FIVE DAYS TOOK TOLL

It was the third game within five days, the second on the road and the Wildcats were beginning to show signs of fatigue, especially from the grueling man-to-man defense. That was quiet evident in the first half shooting percentagel of 34.5 percent. And the worst was yet to come.



Harden Faking



Blackmon Spotted

The first four minutes of the second half told the story. Happy with the results of his defensive achievements in the first twenty minutes, UK boss Eddie Sutton decided to go a little longer before switching to a zone. It was a decision Sutton, himself, later criticized.

"I thought about going with the zone right form the start of the second half," explained the UK coach. "But we were doing so well with the man in the first half, I thought we'd stay with it a little longer. We probably should have zoned as soon as we came out the second half."

Kentucky didn't and N. C. State finally got its offense untracked, outscoring UK 10-2 in the first few minutes with Washburn getting a bucket on a goal-tending call against Winston Bennett at 14:16 to give State a 33-30 advantage.

From that point on, UK knew it would be an uphill battle. During the first six minutes, UK's total offense was limited to a little seven-foot jumper by Ed Davender.

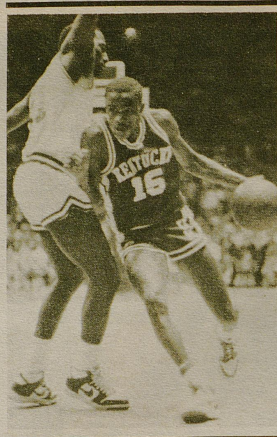
STATE'S EFFORT ON WALKER DESERVED AN "A"

State, which employed a variety of defenses to stop Walker, walked away with a grade "A" effort in shutting down Kentucky's main weapon. Walker was limited to just 10 points, hitting only 3 of 11 from the field and four of seven from the line.

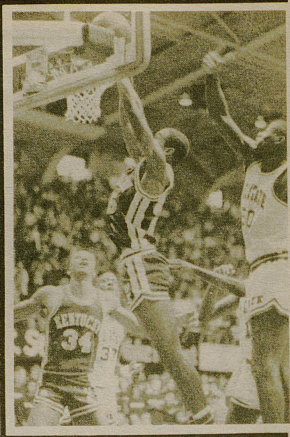
In fact, Walker almost did not score in double figures for the 52nd consecutive game. His tenth point came with just 1:08 left via the free throw line.

Unlike past games, no one stepped forward to take up the slack created by the double and triple-teaming of Walker.

Kentucky fought back gamely, but there was just not enough energy left from the three-game, five-day ordeal created by the intersectional game strictly for national television.



Davender Around



Bennett In

State improved its lead to as much as ten points (44-34) at 8:57 on Ernie Myers' jumper from the baseline. Kentucky climbed right back into the thick of things when Bennett canned an 18-footer and Davender scored after making a steal at mid-court to narrow the deficit to six at 7:44.

After a N. C. State timeout, James Blackmon (who enjoyed one of his better games) quietly the highly-partisan Wolfpack crowd with a 19-footer from the baseline at 4:27. At that point, UK trailed only 44-40.

EIGHT STRAIGHT FREE THROWS INSURED WIN

That's when State started its parade to the free throw line, going eight for eight in the final for minutes. In fact, State's last field goal was Myers' bucket at 8:57.

A pair of free throws by each Shackleford and Bennie Bolton pushed State in front by 48-40 and Kentucky could get no closer than six the rest of the way until Davender hit a 22-footer at the final buzzer.

State, itself not a great shooting team, fared much better than the Wildcats. The Wolfpack shot 45.2 percent, hitting on 19 of 42 attempts and 16 of 19 from the free throw line. State's second half board work, much improved over the first twenty minutes, was the difference in the game.

After being down 21-8, State outrebounded UK 20-13 in the second half. State's powerful insider game of 6-11 Washburn, 7-0 Panagiotis Fasoulas, 6-10 Tevlin Binns and 6-10 Shackleford proved too much for the smaller and tired Cats.

A good example of UK's fatigue factor was the Cats' ability to keep Washburn off the boards until late in the game. In fact, Washburn did not have a single rebound the first half. Paving the way for State in the scoring column were Washburn and Shackleford with 16 points each with Myers adding 10, mostly on long range bombs. Myers, the smallest player on the court for State at 6-5, was the Wolfpack's leading rebounder with 6.

FOUR WILDCATS SCORE IN DOUBLE FIGURES

Although UK had four players in double figures, none was particularly awesome. Davender led the attack with 16 followed by Bennett with 12 while Walker and Blackmon scored 10 each.

Of all the Wildcats, only Blackmon shot fifty percent or better from the field. James canned five of eight on one of his better offensive nights. Harden was only one of six while Walker could managed only three of eleven. Bennett misfired 13 of 18 times and Davender missed the target nine of 14 times.

State, looking to insure itself of an NCAA Tournament bid next month, just may have accomplished its goal with the victory over Kentucky. State's record improved to 14-6 overall.

KENTUCKY-NORTH CAROLINA STATE TIDBITS

Upon UK's arrival at the **Raleigh-Durham Airport** Saturday afternoon, some 100 or so Wildcat fans from the North Carolina area were there to greet the Cats. Many of them are employees of General Telephone Company who once worked in the Central Kentucky area . . . You talk about rowdy fans, well State has some of the best, but fortunately, they *don't* throw objects on the floor. The NCS students spent a good deal of the pre-game waving faked dollar bills at the UK players and yelling a cheer which spelled "P-R-O-B-A-T-I-O-N." But when the State players left the court at halftime, trailing by five points, one NCS student leveled some advice to his own team, shouting "hey, it's about time you guys get off your and get something done." . . . This game was more than just another game to NCS. It was obvious that many in the crowd of 12,400 viewed this as an ACC vs. SEC deal with some noting that a middle-of-the-pack (no pun intended) ACC team could beat the SEC's best. Of course, there was a little thing called "homecourt" which was also involved. . . **Kenny Walker's** 10 points leaves him four points shy of the No. 4 spot on the UK all-time scoring list currently occupied by former All-American **Cotton Nash**. Walker now has 1,766 points . . . **Eddie Davender's** streak of scoring in double figures was extended to six games with his 16 points against State. **Winston Bennett's** 12 points enabled him to keep pace with Davender in double-figure scoring for six consecutive games. . . Senior **Roger Harden**

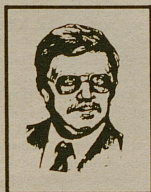
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Tito's Travels Still May Not Be Over

Ron Greene Could Be ISU's Solution

I've watched the last 15 college basketball seasons come and go. Without question this one's has produced the most bizarre news stories of 'em all. We started with the wandering of **Tito Horford**, stopped next at Pittsburgh for **Roy Chipman's** thunderclap resignation, then visited Houston for the unexpected resignation of Cougar coach **Guy Lewis** and now comes the almost unbelievable tale of **Minnesota** basketball.

To review and dissect:
Horford has now enrolled at **Miami (Fla.)** and officials there are confident he'll be eligible to play in January of 1987. That eventuation, however, would be the first straight line drawn in this entire story. Of course he signed originally with **Houston**, but was declared ineligible because of Cougar recruiting improprieties. Then he moved onto **LSU** for a brief, controversial stay.



Larry Donald
Cats' Pause Columnist

He reannounced for Houston, but NCAA denied that school's appeal on the original declaration of his ineligibility. Next Horford's attorney said the youngster would attend **Kentucky**. No thanks said **Eddie Sutton**. Okay, then, make it **UCLA**. No thanks said athletic director Peter Dalis. Finally it was **Miami**.



Can Chipman Repeat Smith's Run?

It's uncertain what the final disposition of this matter will be. Horford apparently received money while playing for a **Dominican Republic** team which could make him permanently ineligible. The NCAA is investigating.

Tito "THTH" For Kentucky And UCLA

There's also been speculation the outcome of their probe at LSU may have some effect on when he's entitled to play. But isn't it interesting that two programs so desperate in their need for a big man as **Kentucky** and **UCLA** would find him just too hot to handle? Frankly, I'm not sure just what that says.....

At Pittsburgh, Chipman's ballclub plays erratically and there seems little likelihood for any repeat of the **Sonny Smith** story at Auburn. It's familiar tune here. Once in the Big East, Chipman found it necessary to seek every big time talent he could find without regard to whether or not all the pieces would fit. Every Pitt game looks like an All-Star affair. Ask Ohio State's **Eldon Miller** about this story and he'd give you a knowing nod. In his early years he did the same thing in Columbus and nearly lost his job. Now, with less heralded players, but more complementary ones, he's had a successful run. Chipman should have noticed.....



Ron Greene



Guy Lewis

Earlier this year **Guy Lewis** and I had a very enjoyable luncheon. It was the first opportunity after all these years we'd had a chance to do so and he's charming conversationalist. It's just that Lewis doesn't do that sort of thing often with media types or fellow coaches. He was never, "one of the boys" and so in spite of a career which included nearly 600 wins he'll never get his coaching due. Interestingly, he'll be remembered more as the man who lost back-to-back NCAA championship games in the 1980's and there probably won't be any mention of just how tough it had to be getting to those games. Too bad.

Certainly Lewis' announcement was a surprise. At age 63 it appeared he had some good seasons left and he'd given no public hint that he was thinking about getting out. But midway through the Cougars' most disappointing season in this decade he stepped aside. As a replacement, I see only one outstanding candidate, Lamar's **Pat Foster**. He's got the credentials to keep this program among the nation's super basketball powers.....Elvin Hayes me no Elvin Hayeses. Please.....

Minnesota Affair Terribly Disturbing

The Minnesota affair is terribly disturbing and it marks the second time in **Jim Dutcher's** career that he's walked away from a coaching job following a major problem with one of his players. At **Eastern Michigan**, you'll recall, he stepped out after a Division I NCAA tournament game in which star player **George Gervin** was ejected for slugging an opponent. This time it involved allegations that three Minnesota players were guilty of sexual assault of a Madison, Wisconsin woman. "I didn't like the direction we were going," said Dutcher.

One of the three players was **Mitch Lee**, who just the week prior had been found not guilty to a similar case. That night (before the Gopher game with Michigan) Lee showed up in the Minnesota lockerroom with his head shaved except for a patch of hair cut in the shape of a champagne glass. Assistant coach **Jimmy Williams** was immediately dispatched to find a barber who was brought to the lockerroom and finished shaving Lee's head.....

Many people forget that when Dutcher took over the reigns at Minnesota it was a program fraught with problems. The NCAA probation from the **Bill Musselman** years was still firmly in place and the talent had been badly thinned out. Dutcher not only got the program back on track, but made it one of the Big Ten's most successful. And he did it without so much as a hint of scandal. I sincerely hope he's not finished in the coaching business because this is one of the game's class acts. Interestingly enough his old job at **Eastern Michigan** is sitting vacant. Wouldn't that be a curious twist to the story, but, then, it has been that kind of year.....

Greene Good Choice To Rebuild Indiana State

It's been nearly seven years and three coaching changes since I last saw an **Indiana State** basketball team. At the time reclusive **Larry Bird** was leading the Sycamores to an unbeaten season, a number one national rating and the Final Four. Those were pretty heady days in Terre Haute, Indiana. Now, coach **Ron Greene** is trying to put the pieces back together with a mix of promising young talent and a great scorer in **John Sherman Williams**. What happened to Indiana State, though, is a great lesson for all basketball coaches and fans. See, it's almost as important to capitalize on that once in a lifetime player after he's gone as when he's creating all the cheers.

With the Final Four appearance in 1979 the moment was right to put the program into position for a long and successful run. Money's easier to raise. Facilities and all the necessary amenities for a solid program can move off the planning boards at times like these. Sadly for **ISU**, it didn't happen. Then coach **Bill Hodges** seemed far more interested in his status within the coaching community than putting down the good building blocks. It will be a tough task for Greene, but he seems to be the right man. After all if you can get it done at **Murray State**, Indiana State's got to be a lot easier task.

How does an early line of **Walter Berry** (St. John's) as Player of the Year and **Dean Smith** (North Carolina) as coach of the year sound?.....Okay, I'm old fashioned. I still like it when a player who commits the foul raises his hand. And I don't like it when the referee rushes toward that play and points at close range.....I've already got a favorite player for this year; Iowa State's **Jeff Hornacek**. He'll never play in the NBA, but this is what someone means when he talks about the heady, good passing college player.....



VIEWPOINT

Letters To The Editor

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Hold The Mustard

Dear Sir:

Negative comments and sour grapes continue to come out of the City on the Ohio named after King Louis XVI regarding UK signee Rex Chapman.

A basketball coach (Don Salyer) of the Louisville school system whose team (Ballard) lost a three-point decision to Apollo (Chapman got 45 points) was quoted as saying, "Rex has a lot of talent but he's also got a lot of mustard. Too much mustard for me. He also takes a lot of bad shots."

He also refers that he(Salyer) is a mid-seventies guy who liked Darrell Griffith, Rudy Macklin and those other guys. Talk about mustard? (my quote).

I have never heard a negative comment coming from the UK connection and/or news media concerning a Louisville signee.

New subject: The latest issue of *The Sporting News* shows LSU 12, Louisville 15, and UK 17. This poll came out immediately after LSU lost two straight, Louisville losing its fourth game and UK winning No. 11 and 12. These polls make for good reading in January and February but as all *Cats' Pause* readers know, championships are won on the court. Amen.

Sincerely,

Stanton F. Ellison
Lexington, Kentucky

Thanks For. . .

Dear Sir:

I would like to take a minute to thank some people.

Oscar Combs—Thank you for a great paper. I look forward to it each week. It's the best.

Joe Hall—Thank you for retiring.

Cliff Hagan—Thank you for replacing Fran Curci with Coach Claiborne and bringing in Coach Sutton. Very wise.

Jerry Claiborne—Thank you for turning the football program around and making it respectable once again.

Eddie Sutton—Thank you for coming to Kentucky and doing such a great job. We're glad to have you and feel proud to call you and your family fellow Kentuckians.

Sincerely,

Ernie Harned
Louisville, Ky.

Satisfied Customer

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a clipping that was in the Florida Times Union. Thought you might like to read it. It is very seldom we hear anything about Kentucky here but I guess Florida is glad someone else is catching heck besides them.

I've found most people here of mature judgment think the players were set up and treated very dirty.

I really enjoy *The Cats' Pause*, especially the Viewpoint section. Also, the part Oscar writes

except it isn't long enough. We that are away are starved for Wildcat news and read it from cover to cover three or four times. I give mine to an elderly gentleman from Kentucky to read. It makes his day more enjoyable.

Sincerely,

A. J. Hollers
Orange Park, Florida

Jock In TCP?

Dear Sir:

I would like to make a comment or two if I may.

First, if I cared what Jock Sutherland had to say, I would subscribe to something other than *The Cats' Pause*. His opinion isn't worth much to me. He coached for about 25 years on the high school level at one of the states largest and best schools, won only one state tournament and that with a team that had two and possible three all-stars. They could have won without a coach.

Also, I think UK has helped U of L enough. Rather than renew that series, it is now time for four years with Eastern, Western, Murray and Morehead. After 16 years we could then reconsider U of L.

In closing, are you sure Mr. Watkins is a UK supporter?

Sincerely,

George Maxwell
Scottsville, Ky.

Two Eye - Catchers

Dear Sir:

There are two columns to which I turn immediately as I receive my *Cats' Pause*.

First is Oscar Combs' column and second is Bob Watkins' column. It is in these columns that I can learn the truth of what is going on in U.K. sports.

In light of the shots that are being taken at Bob Watkins', I have to say that he is one of my favorites. He tells his story 'warts and all.'

If I want a big blue flag waver, I read one of the other columns.

Sincerely,

S.W. Radcliffe
Dayton, Ohio

Sky's The Best

Dear Sir:

Kenny Walker. The most exciting, explosive, dominating and awesome player in the country. There is absolutely no one that can match this guys basketball skills. If anyone deserved to be named College Basketball Player of the Year last year, it was "Sky" Walker. There was absolutely no player in the country more important to his team than Kenny. I do not know how basketball experts passed up Kenny for player of the year honors. I'm not saying Patrick Ewing was not good, he was, but Ken-

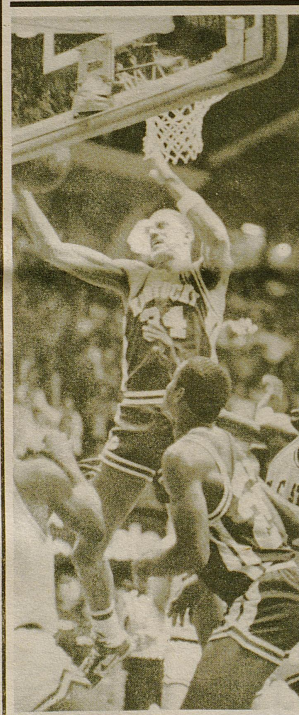
ny was better. I really dread to see Kenny leave the 'Cats this year. It's going to be a big loss. But, there are three things I would love to see Walker accomplish before he leaves the University:

1. Become the men's varsity all-time leading scorer at UK. He still likes a lot to catch the great Dan Issel, but I hope he can make it.

2. Be named College Basketball Player of the Year. Kenny deserved the honor last year, hopefully he can get it this year.

3. An NCAA championship. Kenny and the Wildcats deserve it.

Kenny Walker is a young man all UK fans should be proud of, I certainly am. Just like



Kenny Walker

many other wildcat fans, Kenny is my personal favorite. Walker is a guy I have always looked up to and admired, even though I have never met him. I guess the main reason I like Walker is that he is a very unselfish ball player, which is something you have to be to have respect among your teammates.

Kenny Walker is a credit to both UK basketball and the state of Kentucky.

Sincerely,

David Patrick
West Liberty, Ky.

Making A Point

Dear Sir:

This letter is written to all of those who try to help coach as well as administrate college

athletics from their living room, restaurants, bars and everywhere else conversations are held about athletics at Kentucky. Gene Jones of Ironton, Ohio is one I think needs a response from another "fan". I consider myself a well qualified supporter of the Kentucky Wildcats and think my feelings deserve as equal time as yours.

Athletes. Make that student-athletes as they actually are students at Kentucky. (Check the All-SEC academic team for clarification on that). They spend hours each day in class, then spend more at the practice field trying to make themselves better. Ransdell, Jones, Dooley, and Allen practice each day with each other listening and learning to do what Coach Claiborne and his staff asked them to. On Saturday, the coaches decide who will handle the most important job on the offensive team that afternoon. Monday through Friday, these four quarterbacks work as hard as they can to try to beat each other out of his particular spot on the depth chart. Let the coaches make those decisions and get off their backs.

Mr. Jones points a finger at the penalties. I'll concede a draw on this matter. Kentucky gets penalized, Florida gets penalized, Bowling Green gets penalized, and believe it or not the national champs, Oklahoma got penalized. The University of Kentucky does not completely control the market on this account.

How anyone can bring up scheduling must not really be using hemisphere of their brain. Not very many teams play LSU, Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee all in the same year. OK, folks, instead of Bowling Green, East Tennessee State or Kent State, let's go back to playing Oklahoma, Penn State, or maybe pick-up Michigan and Ohio State. Be different than all of the other universities and play only the top 11 teams year-in-year-out. Be realistic folks. Florida and Auburn played Southwestern Louisiana, L.S.U. played Colorado State and East Carolina, but it's all part of college athletics.

Jones, you really can't ask why Williams or McVeigh left Kentucky. Did they like the discipline Coach Claiborne brought to Kentucky? Were there other reasons for their departure? Why did a Cincinnati kid go to Texas (S) A&M instead of Ohio State? Huh? Don't know? Well, only Doug and John can answer your question truthfully.

I don't know what brought on your comment about Coach Hallum but "only a bunch of kids who know how to win" might not have the caliber of talent that Kentucky needs to win that SEC or national championship (I'm sorry to hear that Ironton LOST in the semi-finals). I'm sorry if I upset you, Gene Jones but after being around Wildcat fans your letter pushed me over the edge. But you're not the only one.

Coach Sutton, I like your shoes as much as I admire your coaching. I enjoyed watching your Razorbacks while you were there and was enthused to see you hired at Kentucky. For those who think shoes make the athletes, (I can think of a large Rugby player who likes plaid shirts to play in, sumo wrestlers and the uniform they wear! It's whats in them that counts.

By the way, everyone, to help make Kentucky that powerhouse in football, reach in your pocket for that spare dollar or two to build a facility comparable to Nebraska's or Oklahoma's and maybe if all the Big Blue supporters get enough together, soon there could be an indoor facility so football, baseball, track and others could train hard enough during those great wet, cold, windy days I spent so much time out in.

Scott Gardner
Baton Rouge, La.

Hard Work Opened Doors For Myers

'Truck' Feels Pfeifer Will Have Impact

As a freshman at the University of Kentucky, Brad Myers had second thoughts sooner than he expected. Because he was regulated to scout team duty like many freshmen in the Wildcat football program, Myers questioned his ability and wondered if the chance would ever come of playing on the varsity level.

"After the first day of two-a-day practices I told my dad I thought I made the wrong decision," Myers said. "I wasn't going to quit but I just didn't see myself ever playing."

As fate would have it, Myers endured that redshirt season and found himself as the Wildcats' starting guard after being switched from offensive tackle. When the 1984 season began offensive guard Terry Williams accepted a medical scholarship. Another guard, Joe Prince, was injured.



Todd Hallum
Cats' Pause Columnist

So Myers surprisingly found himself in the starting lineup for the home opener with Kent State. That game with the Mid-American school will be cherished a long time since it was his first collegiate start.

"I was real nervous to say the least," said Myers. "I didn't sleep at all the night before that game. But once I got that first hit in it was just like playing in high school again."

Although he was a starter for most of that season—which culminated in a 20-19 win over Wisconsin in the Hall of Fame Bowl—Myers thought his sophomore year was somewhat inconsistent.

"I felt I played well in the first half of the season," said Myers. "But the latter half I didn't play as well as I would have liked to, or what the coaches would have liked for that matter."

As an offensive guard, Myers is not an outstanding athlete, but he makes up for it with savvy and hard work. At 6-2, 260 pounds he does have adequate size. But one of his main problems playing offensive guard has been blocking linebackers.

"If I have to block a really good one that is quick, I sometimes have trouble blocking him," Myers said.

Cats' Offensive Line Experience Better Than Some

Although four starters are gone from last year's offensive line, Myers thinks there is more experience in the trenches than is widely believed.

"I don't think there will be much difference in the line for next season," Myers said.

One player who Myers expects to make an impact this year is Mike Pfeifer. Pfeifer, a 6-7, 260-pound product of Louisville Trinity High School, possesses all of the tools to become an outstanding offensive tackle by the time he graduates at UK according to Myers.

"Mike Pfeifer will do a great job this season," said Myers. "He is working real hard right now. He is going to be a good player sooner or later. His time will definitely come."

Myers currently is enduring the rigors of UK's winter workout program under the direction of strength coach Pat Etcheberry and his staff. So far Myers says the program has shown dividends for most of the returning players.

"The winter workouts are going well," said Myers. "They are really working us hard. We are all getting stronger and I hope we will reap the rewards for the season."

Since his arrival at UK, Myers has been dubbed the nickname of "Truck" by his teammates. The nickname was given to him by former UK defensive end Stacy Burrell.

"Stacy tagged that on me because I had to pull and hit him on certain running plays when I was a freshman on the scout team," said Myers. "He just started saying something about a truck in practice and now everybody calls me "Truck".

Sought By Michigan, Ohio State And Tennessee

As an offensive lineman coming out of Miamisburg High School in Ohio, Myers was heavily sought by most of the major schools. Ohio State, Michigan, Michigan State and Tennessee were among those interested in signing him to a scholarship. But when he came to Lexington for his official visit, Myers thought the entire UK program had a genuine concern for his well-being.

"I just liked the way I got treated when I visited here," said Myers. "A lot of places I went to treated me like football was it. But here they really cared about what I did off the field and with my personal life. I think that's important."

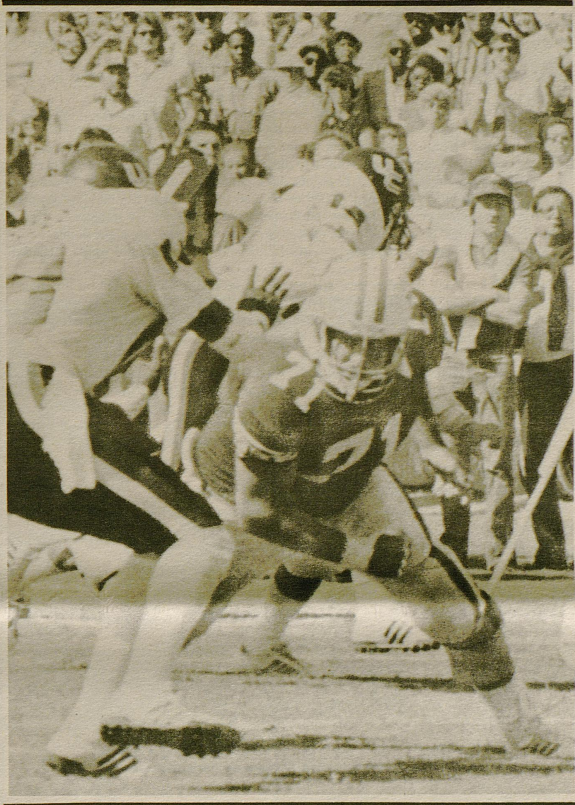
Furthermore, Myers likened the idea of the proximity of the UK campus which is roughly a two-hour drive from his hometown of Miamisburg. Also, with his brother now playing football at Ohio University, his parents are extremely busy every weekend in the fall.

"My family is never home on Saturdays during the season," said Myers. "They are either at my games or his games depending on which team is playing at home. My dad bought a van to make all of the trips."

In his spare time, Myers likes to, in his words, "chew tobacco, fish and hang out with my girlfriend."

Now entering his fourth year academically, Myers hopes to obtain a degree in social work, and possibly move into the criminal justice field.

"I would maybe like to attend graduate school, then get into the criminal justice system somewhere," said Myers. "I would like to work at a juvenile detention center and work with some of the younger juveniles."



Brad Myers

For now, Myers is looking forward to the upcoming season and forgetting last year's 5-6 record. "Right now the attitude of the team is real good and hopefully we can have a great season."

UK Sports Notebook

The Wildcats appeared to have no problems with the 45-second shot clock being moved above each basket. The clocks had been placed on the overhang of the upper deck of **Rupp Arena** before UK's game with **Georgia**. The new placement was no problem for UK guard **Ed Davender**. "It didn't bother me at all on my shots," said Davender....Georgia forward **Horace McMillian** certainly should be considered as one of the top defensive forwards in the nation. McMillian limited UK's All-American **Kenny Walker** to a season low of 11 points in the Cats' 74-69 victory over the Bulldogs in Rupp Arena. Earlier in the season McMillian had an outstanding defensive performance against Auburn's All-American **Chuck Person** holding him below double figures in the Bulldogs' road loss to Auburn. Georgia coach **Hugh Durham** speaks fondly of his defensive-minded forward and thinks he is one of the premier defensive players in the country. But when you talk about a disappointing defensive play, then you have to point to McMillian's foul against Tennessee's **Tony White** with only one second left in the game last Thursday on national cable television and **Georgia** leading by one point. White then calmly hit a one-and-one to give the Vols a one-point victory. What made the play so terrible was that McMillian fouled White at the mid-court center jump circle where White had absolutely no chance of getting a shot off, let alone making the basket. Durham stood in total shock on the sidelines to what has to be judged the *worst defensive play of the year*....**Tony White's** 28-point scoring outburst against Kentucky in Rupp Arena was the most points scored by a UK opposing player thus far into the season (at presstime). White's offensive explosion resembled a professional basketball game where a NBA team allows a star player to free lance and go one-on-one against the opposition.

Around The Southeastern Conference

Alabama won two important SEC contests against **Vanderbilt** (away) and **Florida** (home) without the valuable services of All-SEC forward **Buck Johnson**. Johnson sat out both games because of a thigh injury.....Because of an injury to starting forward **Curtis Ritchwood** (who could be out for several weeks), Ole Miss was severely hampered offensively when the Rebels suffered a recent home court loss to **Auburn**, 63-51. Ritchwood is the team's leading scorer.

Sky Comes Through In Clutch

Kentucky Gets Revenge On Auburn

Revenge is sweet, especially when you're on the winning side the first time around. After losing earlier in the season to Auburn, Kentucky was on the upperhand this time as the Wildcats defeated the visiting Tigers, 81-71.

Tied at 63-all with 6:29 remaining, senior sensation Kenny Walker proceeded to score six of his team-high 24 points during the next 2:28. With a push from Walker, Kentucky held on to the lead for keeps.

"I think that was one of the best college basketball games I've been involved with in a long time," said Wildcat coach Eddie Sutton. "Both teams played very well. I was very impressed with their team. They played better tonight, even though they lost, than they did at Auburn."

Pro scouts from 12 different NBA teams were in attendance to see the confrontation between Walker and Auburn's Chuck Person. Person matched Walker for scoring honors, while Walker outshined his All-SEC opponent on the boards, 8 to 4. The scouts, however, left Rupp Arena probably thinking there's more to these two teams than just Walker and Person.

Junior Winston Bennett compiled 19 points and a game-high 10 rebounds in 29 minutes of work. During Auburn's first offensive series Bennett injured his wrist and was forced to leave. His replacement, Cedric Jenkins, performed admirably for 24 minutes.

The 6-9 sophomore hit on 3 of 4 attempts from field while scoring eight points. "Jenkins was the biggest difference individually," Sonny Smith said afterwards. "He did everything."

Bennett checked back in the contest and was UK's second leading scorer on the night, hitting for 19 tallies.

Freshman Mike Jones showed why he's considered one of the league's outstanding first-year players. The much-heralded rookie from Columbus, Ga., racked up 13 points in a reserve role.

"I feel very fortunate that we won," noted Sutton. "We, too, played an excellent game. Cedric came off the bench to give us a great deal of help. Roger (Harden) had the hot hand in the first half. Of course, he always dishes out the assists."

Harden issued out nine assists and hit on 7 of 11 from the field for a career-high 14 points. Ed Davender also chipped in with 14 points in 34 minutes of work.

ONE 'PERSON' WASN'T ENOUGH AGAINST 'CATS'

Person's superb performance against Kentucky was not quite enough. Although he did almost single-handedly bring the Tigers back from the depths of a 13-point difference, it was UK's overall game which came through in the clutch.

To wit:

*Rebounding — The Wildcats outlasted the Tigers on the board 33-19, including 15 to 2 on the offensive boards. Only Person and Frank Ford were able haul down an offensive rebound. With Jenkins in the lineup for 24 minutes, UK's front line consisted mostly of the Dawson, Ga., native along with Walker and Bennett. Kentucky's three big men outrebounded Auburn's front 25-12. "I thought the single biggest factor in the game was offensive rebounding," said Smith. "Kentucky was much more aggressive than we were."

*Shots — Although the visitors hit on an impressive 30 of 47 (63.8 percent), UK fired 19 more attempts from the field while recording a 51.5 percent mark.

AHEAD BY 13, THEN TIED, 'CATS PROCEED TO BUST LOOSE'

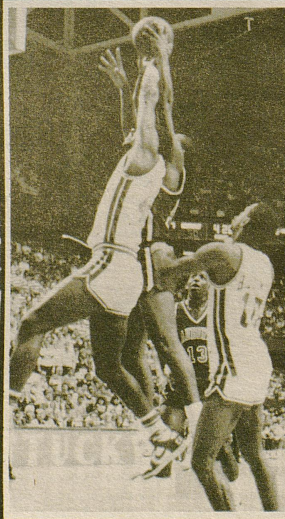
Kentucky's 'other' forward, Bennett, has been the 'Cats' spark in last four outings. With wins over Georgia, Tennessee and LSU the 6-7 forward has pumped in 57 points (19 ppg). And tonight it was his put-back of a missed free throw which gave the Wildcats their biggest lead 55-42 with 14:01 remaining.

Three times during the night UK managed to hold a comfortable 13-point margin, the last time on an eight-foot turnaround by Walker (59-46).

However, Auburn which defeated Kentucky 60-56 less than a month ago was not to go down without a fight.



Cedric And Kenny



James Madison

Midway through the second half the Tigers ditched their 1-3-1 (point-drop) defense and came out in a man-to-man setup.

"We feel like the real key to (beating) Kentucky is who can come to Rupp and beat 'em playing man-to-man (defense)," Smith said. "That's the key."

Though he didn't come out victorious, Smith's plan almost paid off.

Down 59-46, Auburn pulled even with the help of a 17-4 spurt. During this particular stretch Person lifted his club with six points, one assist and one steal. It was his theft of Davender that resulted in a slam dunk, pulling the Tigers to within two, 63-61.

Following a badly missed shot by Walker, Jeff Moore took a pass from Jones and banked in an eight footer that tied the game with 6:29 remaining.

The score was tied at 65 until Walker cashed in four free throws upping the UK lead to four with only 4:01 left to play.

Sutton then called timeout to map out his final plans. The chalk-talk seemed to work as the Wildcats proceeded to notch their 18th victory in 20 outings.

After Auburn badly missed on an alley-oop attempt, Jenkins pulled down the rebound. His nifty assist in the lane to Davender helped lengthen the lead to six.

Auburn pulled to within two (71-69), but Jones overplayed and fouled Bennett on the offensive end. The Louisville Male product sank the pair of free throws as UK led by four with 1:34 left.

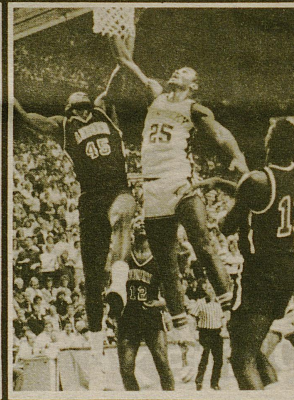
Again, Bennett took the freshman to school. After a miss by Gerald White, UK started to 'kill' the clock. With Bennett having the ball on the left wing, Jones went for a body fake from Bennett. Bennett took advantage of the rookie's mistake and strolled to his outside for a layup giving the Wildcats a 75-69 lead with only 49 ticks left on the clock.

A VERY INTENSE FIRST HALF

Despite missing more than four minutes (4:37) because of an injured wrist, Bennett paced the offensive attack with 11 points.

Checking in for Blackmon at the 14:53 mark, Bennett immediately made his presence felt. With UK leading 14-10 he consecutively hit from 18 and four feet, upping the lead to 18-11.

Not to be outclassed, Person showed the Rupp Arena crowd why he's considered as good as Walker. Trailing by seven (20-13) Person hit from four (three-point play), 16 and 20 feet to keep his team within striking distance (24-20).



Bennett On The Ball

Chris Morris and Jones contributed eight points each as the Tigers found themselves down by seven at halftime (41-34).

Kentucky held the upperhand for much of the first 20 minutes. Auburn did hit 65.2 percent from the field (UK hit 52.8 percent), but the home team reeled off 13 more attempts from the field.

With Jenkins coming in for Bennett at the 19:30 mark, the Tigers jumped out to a 6-2 lead. But, it was the slender Jenkins who picked up the 23,320 on hand with his hustling play.

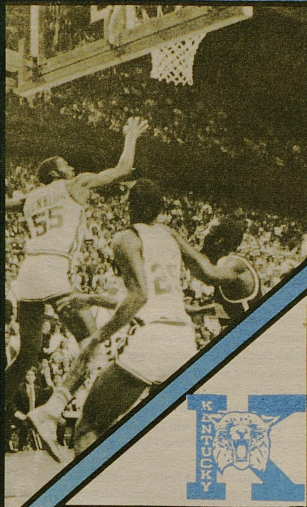
He leaped for a Blackmon miss and put in over the outstretched hands of Moore. On UK's next offensive series he connected on a 12-foot baseline jumper pulling UK close, 8-6.

Harden then brought the crowd to its feet with: an assist, resulting in a Walker dunk; and points, from 18-feet and a fancy short jumper on a runout over an Auburn defender. Harden's fastbreak basket gave Kentucky a 12-10 lead.

Prior to the first television timeout Davender and Harden hooked up to build the lead to four. Davender's deflection at midcourt was picked up by Harden. The senior's pinpoint pass to his Brooklyn buddy created an easy layup for the hosts.

TIGER-WILDCAT TIDBITS

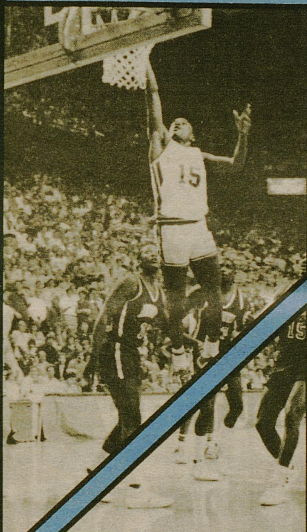
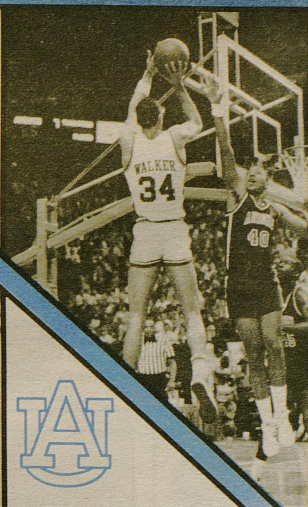
Junior guard James Blackmon has been unlucky of late. First he came down with the flu before the LSU trip. Against Auburn the 6-3 guard took a poke in the eye which caused him to leave the game momentarily. . . The victory gives Eddie Sutton's crew its eighth straight win. . . UK is currently off to its best start since the 1977-78 season, where Jack Givens, Rick Robey and Co. lost only twice while on the road to an NCAA Championship. It was that season that UK defeated Sutton and the Arkansas Razorbacks in the semifinals. . . With 24 points Kenny Walker passes Alex Groza on the all-time scoring list. Walker now has 1,756 points which is 12 points better than Groza's all-time mark. . . With the loss Auburn falls to 6-3 in SEC play, 12-7 overall. . . UK now owns a 55-12 record against the Tigers, including a 31-1 count in Lexington. . . Chuck Person is only three points shy of 2,000. His 24 points enabled him to pass Auburn's No. 3 all-time leading scorer, Eddie Johnson (1,973). Person needs only 127 points to become Auburn's all-time leading scorer.



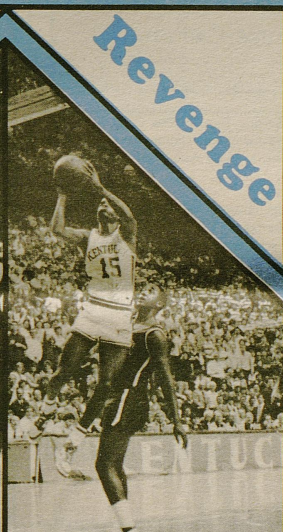
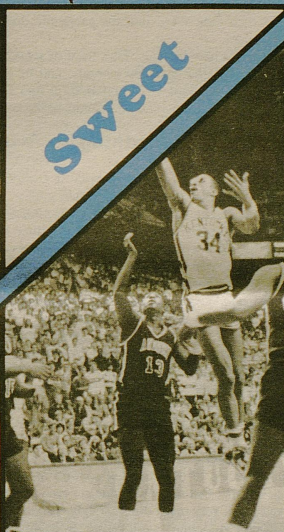
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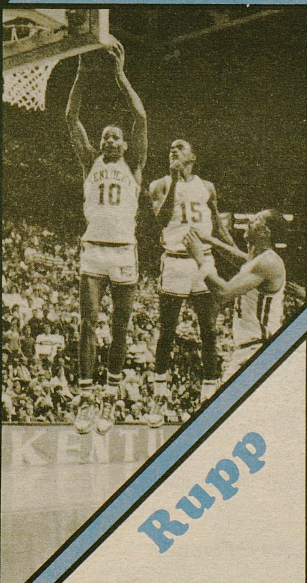
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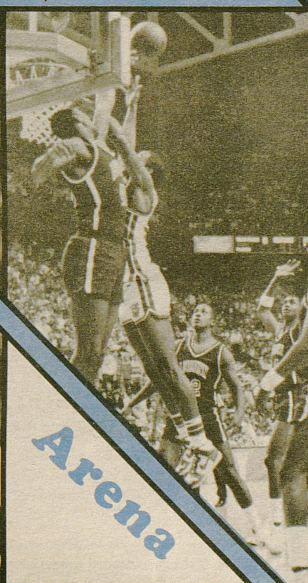
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Money: The Root Of College Evil

Colleges Should Become Colleges Once Again

In the aftermath of last month's NCAA meetings in New Orleans, it seems as if the status will remain quo longer than academic reformers want.

By now, the whole world knows that there are people playing college sports who are not real students. These athletes are on teams simply as a stepping stone into the professional sports ranks.

Not too long ago, in the heat and furor to clean up college sports, some propositions were presented to school presidents and faculty representatives to make more stringent the rules under which future pros could represent the various NCAA institutions.

Proposition 48 said that students would have to have 2.0 grade point average in 11 subjects in high school, plus score either a 700 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test or a 15 on the American College Test.



Jim Griesch
Cats' Pause Columnist

The proposition was to go into effect this coming fall. But, in New Orleans, "cooler" heads have prevailed. The standards have been watered down, with sliding scales, alternatives, and loopholes available to those who can find them, to those who would use them.

Why?

Money.

If ole State U. can't use some of these non-students on some of the money making teams, then those teams' abilities to make money might be lessened.

If these non-students can't represent this or that school, then the entertainment value of his (or her) school is lessened.

If the entertainment level is lessened, then all that nice, national publicity via television, magazines, even radio talk shows, is lessened, and the school can't find more, better, non-students to play games for them.

That's a neat package for them.

College Not Meant For Everyone

Only one thing is missing from the truth here.

Not everyone was meant to go to college.

Oh, no! How could I say that?!

Blasphemy!

Cruel!

Predjudiced!

Not really.

Colleges and universities originally were built and developed to teach high school graduates advanced courses in business, the arts, the sciences, and mathematics.

Graduates of these ancient orders of learning were given the tools with which to succeed at a level above and beyond his neighbor, who may have had only a fifth, sixth, or seventh grade education.

The college graduate, at one time, could depend on beginning his chosen career equipped with knowledge available to only a few.

This extra knowledge, the perceived ability to think through difficult problems, and the learned to motivation which allowed him to use the knowledge, made him an important member of a business, a company, or a profession.

Today, at many colleges, life and studies are just an extension of high school, putting off moving on into the adult world for a few more years.

Even in the world of the non-athlete, admission to college is easier than, say, 40 to 70 years ago. It is not cheaper, necessarily, but attendance at/in college has become a status symbol, even for the poverty class.

There's A Program For Everyone

There are remedial programs for non-athletes. There are sub-100 level courses for those who lack background in any or all areas of studies.

Why?

Competition.

Colleges which once could operate at a profit, or break even, with a certain low number of students, cannot do so now.

Even adding up the paid tuition of the entire student body cannot come close to putting a college in the black.

So, every college has come up with lower admission standards, special financing for the poor, more loans, more "help."

And, the federal government has stepped in to help these colleges do just that.

Most every college in America has a few students, at least, on the Pell Grant, which most ex-collegians over 30 will remember as the BEOG (Basic Educational Opportunity Grant). The name was changed to honor a U.S. Senator who sponsored some amendments to the original idea.

Almost every state school (in almost every state), allows in any viable graduate of any adequately rated high school in that state. Graduate from high school? Yes. Come on in. If colleges didn't, they'd go broke, quickly.

This isn't a cut on every student who goes to college. There are some serious students at every school.

There are future doctors, lawyers, corporate bosses, admirals, generals, even a President of the United States or two, hiding somewhere on America's college campuses.

These remarks are not made for them, at them, or towards them.

Colleges Have Becoming A Dumping Ground

But, colleges, like our high schools, have become a temporary dumping ground for the useless, the lazy, the kid on a controlled-substance state, the silly, and the confused.

Unlike high school, colleges don't have to keep them, but many colleges keep too many. Colleges also are not supposed to be the experimental lab in child rearing, the surrogate parent in disciplining the wild and woolly kid, etc, as have our high schools.

Most colleges, at least, no longer try. (Remember, over 40 alum, the days when they locked the women up at night, figuring that when they did, the men would get bored and go home?)

In many respects, poorly-prepared college athletes are no different from their non-athletic classmates.

Maybe the super halfback can't read. Maybe he can't add. Maybe he doesn't care.

Maybe he shouldn't be in college in the first place. Neither should his non-athletic classmate.

There are some major differences, however.

Many non-athletes are merely accepted for financial reasons, left to their own devices, and then fade away, into the academic dust, into the twilight zone that surrounds many campuses.

We all know this guy. He's tired of school, and vice versa. He doesn't want to leave the good life found near any campus, and he doesn't want to go home to mom and dad. He also does not want, or is prepared, to find a real job. So, for a few years, he hangs around, having fun, getting his kicks, and living as best he can.

Anything To Avoid The Real Word

Of course, the military service is completely out of the question.

On the other hand, the recruited athlete is a very different matter here.

In high school, the jock was a *Big-Man-On-Campus*. He was, and still is, a hero. He has visibility, status, and the pick of the litter in friends, girls, and opportunities.

If he is slow academically many allowances may have been made for his academic well-being.

After he makes it to college, much of this remains true. He still has visibility, status, and is looked after to a degree others are not. He's fed, sometimes sent to class (other times is **helped to avoid tough classes**), and provided with a full day's activities involving his respective sport. He also helps make money.

However, his athletic ability may have overshadowed his other pluses, his minuses.

Often times, the athlete can't even fit into the classic middle-class mold, upon which most colleges are built.

We all know the stereotype. He's from a family of four or five. His parents are still together, and they provide a comfortable home environment, where reading was/is encouraged, and where stable surroundings have provided at least a solid skeleton upon which to place moral values.

Since over half of the modern athletes don't come from a middle-class home, he cannot be expected to be grounded so well in values.

Actually, that stereotype doesn't even fit most of today's middle class. Families are broken. Values are very much different today from what they were when the basic NCAA recruiting/admission guidelines were set up 35 to 40 years ago.

Those guidelines have become cumbersome, outdated, and a pain in the posterior for damned near everybody.

But, one thing makes the most sense.

Colleges Should Get Back To Being Colleges

Colleges should get back to being colleges. Students should be students, again. Those who don't measure up need to find an alternative.

Once the prospective student-athlete knows he'll have to actually study open books, find the library on his own, and be expected to perform at an academic pace that will provide him with an education, then colleges can at least begin to clean up the abuses which have been so well documented over the past few years.

It is simply ridiculous to expect colleges to admit, much less educate, those who can't read and write. It is ridiculous to expect colleges to admit non-athletes who can't read or write. It is stupid to believe that they should.

Is that attitude unfair?

If so, what is a college? Is a college an entertainment production company where millions of dollars are generated every year so that the system can flourish?

Unfortunately, yes.

Is a college some place where today's young can take a few years off before having to become responsible adults?

Unfortunately, yes.

Are colleges admitting poorly-prepared students from the high schools of America?

Yes, they are.

Are high schools almost forced to produce poorly prepared students because they have become burdened with providing most of the moral value system that used to be taught in the home?

You bet.

Are colleges facing more financial worries today than ever before?

You better believe it!

Can anything be done?

Oh, yeah!

If colleges toughen up their admission standards, they will face tougher sledding without

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Colleges Fear Loss Of Money

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Proposition 48 Needs No Secretary Of Defense

Ex-Georgia Instructor's Suit Illustrates Problems

You have to ask yourself why it should be necessary to write a defense of rule 48, the one that spells out admittance standards for prospective athletes.

After all, the colleges and universities have been using the term "student-athlete" for a long time, even though at many schools the description is only half right.

Now the NCAA members have voted that like the line in the old song, "Love and Marriage," you can't have one without the other.

Isn't it about time?

We spent over 30 years broadcasting college football and basketball. Seventeen of those years were in the Southeastern Conference. During that time we interviewed hundreds of athletes. It is no exaggeration to say that a high percentage of them could not speak acceptable English.



Stan Torgerson
Cats' Pause Columnist

When a college student pairs singular subjects with plural verbs or plural subjects with singular verbs, when they obviously have no knowledge of grammar or sentence structure, when their vocabulary is restricted to only the simplest of words, you have to ask yourself, what is this kid doing in school?

Or perhaps the question should be, what can they possibly be getting out of sitting in the classroom if that is, indeed, what they are doing, and what classrooms are they sitting in?

Testarverde's Academic Load Something Else

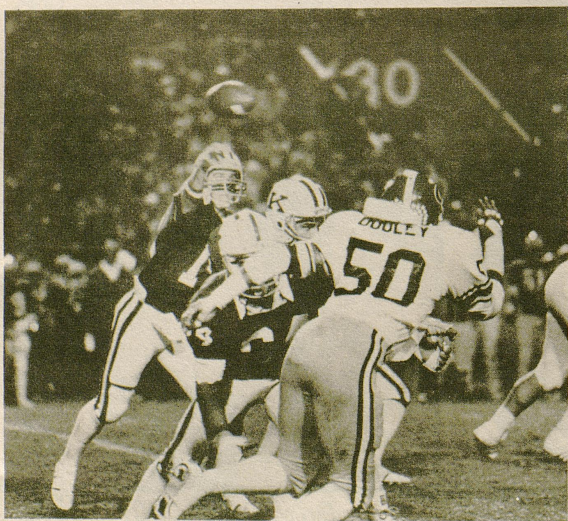
For example, let's take Vinny Testarverde, All-American quarterback and Heisman trophy candidate from the University of Miami. You've got to be smart to play quarterback, right? You've got to be able to handle it all. Again right.

According to "The Sporting News", Vinny Testarverde, last fall, took the following courses: "Introduction to Sports"; "Nutrition"; "Introduction to Recreation" and "Sports Injury". While Testarverde is a fourth-year junior, two of those courses are "Introduction to" courses designed for freshmen.

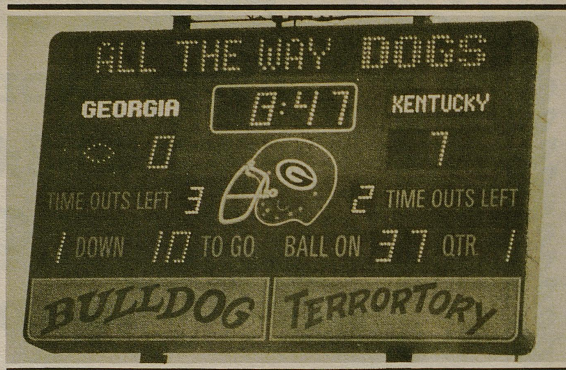
If Vinny Testarverde doesn't make the pros, what could he have possibly learned last fall that will help him make a living when he leaves college?

We find the testimony in the case of the former University of Georgia teacher against the school absolutely devastating.

She, Jan Kemp, is suing to get her job back claiming she was fired for protesting preferential treatment for athletes.



Professor Challenges UGA System



Georgia Football In Court

Ms. Kemp claims in 1981 nine undeserving, failing Georgia football players got passing grades in remedial studies so that they would be eligible for the 1982 Sugar Bowl.

Other teachers have testified for her. One told the court a football player had an "F" changed to an "C", even though he had attended only two of her classes. She said he disrupted one class and slept through the other.

Ex-Georgia Professor In Hot Legal Debate

Ms. Kemp claims she once refused to change a player's grade, only to be told by her boss, "Who do you think is more important to this University, you or" and he then named a certain prominent basketball player.

But the statement that blows me away was made by, of all people, the university's own defense lawyer, Hale Almand. Almand admitted that the school allows athletes special treatment and that some are admitted, although they can't read or write.

"We may not make a university student out of him, but if we can teach him to read and write maybe he can work at the post office rather than as a garbage man when he gets through with his athletic career," Almand said.

That's an insult to the kid, the post office and garbage men all rolled up in one package. It's also an insult to other students who work their butts off in high school to gain the background and knowledge necessary for admittance and success in college.

If this is the attitude of some school officials or their representatives, how can we condemn a Kenneth Davis for admitting he got \$32,000 to play at TCU and for complaining that he was one of the lowest paid players on the team?

Is changing an "F" to a "C" any less cheating than taking illegal payments from alumni? Why is it right for a faculty member to cheat and wrong for a player to do the same thing?

Please don't give me that stuff about the poor kid whose only chance is to go to school, develop his athletic skills and turn pro as justification for what's going on.

Hoop Players Haven't Performed Any Better

How many basketball players have moved through the ten SEC schools during the past, let's say, 10 years? Would you agree to the words "hundreds"?

Fine. How many of them are currently playing pro basketball? Twenty. There are only 20 former SEC players in the NBA.

Tell me about how pro sports are the right reason for a wrongful act.

The schools compound the problem by playing word games in an effort to prove how clean their skirts are. A recent release from LSU proudly announced that 75 percent of their basketball who have stayed there four years, graduate from the school.

That's atrocious. How many fell by the side along the way? And how can you be proud of the fact that after giving four years of his life to LSU, one player out of four leaves with nothing academically to show for it?

We need rule 48. It's the only way to be certain that the kids who attend our colleges and universities have the tools to be competitive in a game more important than any athletic contest, the game of life.

Not For Broadcast

Tony Dungy, the Pittsburgh Steelers' Defensive Coordinator, and a leading candidate to become the NFL's first black head coach, recently said about the new no-pass, no-play rule in Texas High Schools, "For the one guy who is kept from becoming a pro player by this rule, there will be 20 who will make a better living outside sports because of it".....**Auburn's** 37 football victories in the last four years is best in the SEC and third best in the nation over that period of time. **Nebraska** and **BYU** are tied for first with 43. Auburn and SMU are deadlocked for third with 37.....Only four schools in the SEC have ever had a Heisman Trophy winner-**Florida, LSU, Georgia** and **Auburn**. Auburn and Georgia have each had two.....**Alabama** is the only team to win all four major bowl games (**Sugar, Orange, Cotton, and Rose**) twice. Only three other schools-- Georgia, Georgia Tech and Notre Dame have one victory in each of the four major bowls.....*The last word:* "I had a Cadillac offered to me a couple of times. You know how that works. They give you the Cadillac one year and the next they give you the gas to get out of town." Coach **Woody Hayes**.

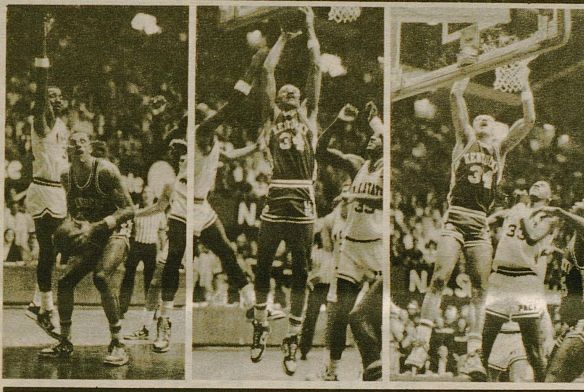


'Pack 54, 'Cats 51

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is zeroing in on **Dirk Minniefield's** single season record of 188 assists. Harden's eight assists against NCS now gives him 145 for the season. . . Prior to the NCS game, **Eddie Sutton** said bench depth would be a must for UK to win at Raleigh. However, only subs **Richard Madison** and **Cedric Jenkins** saw action. Neither had a very good game as evidenced by their playing time. Madison contributed only five minutes and Jenkins 13. . . Officials for the game were an All-ACC crew of **Hank Nichols, Paul Housman** and **Tom Fraim**. Nichols is one of the very finest in the business. Last year at Rupp Arena, it was an All-SEC crew. . . When **Winston Bennett** took 18 shots against NCS, it marked a career high for the Louisville native. His previous high was 15. . . Also setting a personal career high was **Ed Davender** with seven rebounds. His previous high was five. . . While it was a big, big game for NCS, the contest still wasn't a sell-out until almost tip-off. In fact, 250 tickets went on sale the morning of the contest. NCS had played several non-conference games this season before crowds of less than 11,000, including two games under 9,500. In fact, there have been only three 12,400 sell-outs in ten games. The other two capacity crowds were against **Georgia Tech** and **North Carolina A & T**. Believe it or not, **Wake Forest, Clemson** and **Virginia** have attracted less than sell-out crowds at NCS. . . You always hear about how a coach should instruct his players to foul the opposing team's players who have poor free throw percentage statistics, don't you? Well, when the going got tough at NCS, Kentucky sent State's **Charles Shackelford** to the charity times six times and he hit all six. You know what Shackelford had been hitting from the line prior to the UK game? Just a cool, cool 45.0 percent. To top that off, Washburn was hitting only 65.7 percent from the line and clammy hit all four of his shots.



Walker Fights The Crowd

Valvano Praises All-Out Effort By NCS On Walker

Following are North Carolina State coach Jimmy Valvano's comments following State's 54-51 win over Kentucky last Sunday in Raleigh:

It was a big win for us. Overall, it was just a great college basketball game.

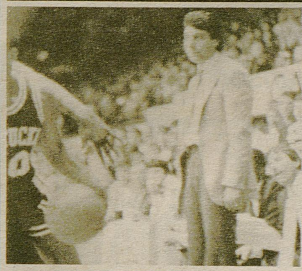
Eddie Sutton has done a great job with his team. Kentucky is as sound as any team you'll see in half court man-to-man. In the first half, they just stopped us from doing what we wanted to do offensively.

I felt like they might have tired a little there in the second half when we had our spurt. They don't have much depth and the pressure defense they play can wear you down.

more junk than you get in the mail. I mean, we played every kind of defense known to man trying to keep the ball out of his hands. He's a great player.

Following are Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton's comments after his team's 54-51 loss to North Carolina State Sunday at Raleigh, North Carolina:

I'm proud of our basketball team. I thought we gave a good effort. Our fatigue showed in the second half. This was the third game in five days and I thought we got tired there in the se-



Jimmy Valvano

I thought Ernie Myers had one of his best games ever at State in terms of court savvy and the way he hit the big shots. It was a super performance.

We're still improving and learning. In the Georgia Tech game, we were behind by four or five at the half, too. We came out and scored the first basket of the half, but we couldn't tie it against Tech. Today, we kept going and went into the lead.

On defending Kenny Walker: We did everything we could to stop him. We gave him



Eddie Sutton

cond half and that hurt us, especially defensively.

North Carolina State is a fine basketball team. Jim does a good job and they are very, very big. They are a lot like Kansas in that regard. That's the kind of team that gives us the most trouble.

Our poor shooting was a big factor. You can't expect to win when you shoot 33 percent. Our domination of the boards, especially the offensive boards, allowed us to keep it close.

Had we shot well, even respectable, the outcome may have been different.

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE														
VISITORS (Last Name, First)											Date		Site	
No.	AUBURN	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
34	Ernie Morris	1	5	8	2	5	2	4	12	35	2	1	0	2
45	Chuck Person	1	11	15	2	3	4	3	8	36	2	3	0	2
40	Jeff Moore	0	3	3	2	2	6	3	8	22	1	3	0	0
12	Gerald White	0	2	5	0	0	0	4	4	31	6	4	0	0
15	Ed Davender	0	4	8	2	2	2	3	10	37	2	1	0	0
23	Roger Harden	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	3	1	0	0
10	Terrance Howard	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	3	1	0	0
13	Mike Jones	5	7	1	3	4	5	3	13	27	1	1	1	0

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE														
VISITORS (Last Name, First)											Date		Site	
No.	KENTUCKY	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
25	Winston Bennett	1	5	18	2	2	6	3	12	37	1	2	0	2
34	Kenny Walker	1	3	11	4	7	8	4	10	40	0	2	1	0
10	James Blackmon	0	5	8	0	0	6	4	10	33	2	0	0	0
15	Ed Davender	0	5	14	6	6	7	3	16	36	3	2	0	1
23	Roger Harden	0	1	6	0	0	2	2	2	36	8	2	0	1
42	Richard Madison	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0
55	Cedric Jenkins	0	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	13	0	1	0	0



TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)													
TOTALS	30	47	11	16	9	20	17	4	1	4			
FG %	1st Half	15 of 23-65.2%	2nd Half	15 of 24-62.5%	Game	30 of 47-63.8%							
FT %	1st Half	4 of 8-50%	2nd Half	7 of 8-87.5%	Game	11 of 16-68.8%	Deadball						
Rebounds						4							

TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)													
TOTALS	34	65	13	17	18	81	20	5	1	10			
FG %	1st Half	19 of 36-52.8%	2nd Half	15 of 30-50.0%	Game	34 of 66-51.5%							
FT %	1st Half	3 of 4-75.0%	2nd Half	10 of 13-76.9%	Game	13 of 17-76.5%	Deadball						
Rebounds						2							

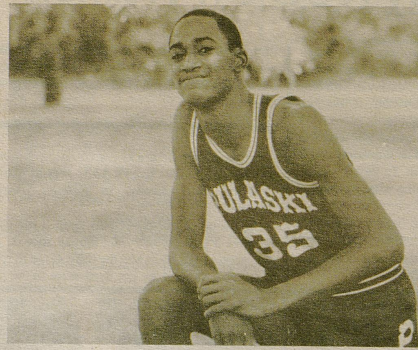
OFFICIALS:														
J. Clougherty, M. Tanco and C. Watkins						SCORE BY PERIODS								
None						1st H.	2nd H.	OT	OT	FINAL				
Technical Fouls: None						AUBURN	34	37	xx	xx	71			
Attendance: 23,320						KENTUCKY	41	40	xx	xx	81			

TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)												
TOTALS	19	58	13	17	34	18	51	200	14	10	1	4
FG %	1st Half	10 of 29-34.5%	2nd Half	9 of 29-31.0%	Game	19 of 58-32.8%						
FT %	1st Half	8 of 10-80%	2nd Half	5 of 7-71.4%	Game	13 of 17-76.5%	Deadball					
Rebounds						3						

TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)												
TOTALS	19	52	16	18	28	17	24	200	15	11	8	4
FG %	1st Half	10 of 24-41.7%	2nd Half	9 of 18-50.0%	Game	19 of 42-45.2%						
FT %	1st Half	3 of 4-75.0%	2nd Half	13 of 15-86.7%	Game	16 of 19-84.2%	Deadball					
Rebounds						4						

OFFICIALS:														
Hank Nichols, Paul Housman and Tom Fraim						SCORE BY PERIODS								
None						1st H.	2nd H.	OT	OT	FINAL				
Technical Fouls: None						KENTUCKY	28	21	xx	xx	51			
Attendance: 12,400						N.C. STATE	23	31	xx	xx	54			

Tracking Future University Of Kentucky Wildcats



Reggie Hanson



Rex Chapman

Opponent	Score	FGM-FGA	PCT	FTM-FTA	PCT	TPS	OR	DR	TR	TO	S	A	BS	PF
Monticello	66-59	10-14	71.0	2-2	100.0	22	4	5	9	11	5	1	8	4
Darville	66-43	10-19	53.0	9-10	90.0	29	5	7	12	3	4	1	2	2
Corbin	71-48	8-11	73.0	5-5	100.0	21	2	8	10	2	1	0	3	0
Bryan Station	58-55	9-17	53.0	11-12	92.0	29	3	4	7	3	4	2	4	4
Lou. Seneca	60-62	3-8	38.0	1-1	100.0	7	6	3	9	1	3	1	3	5
Lou. Fairdale	70-58	12-18	67.0	13-15	87.0	37	3	6	9	6	5	1	2	4
Lou. Southern	68-51	11-18	61.0	11-12	92.0	33	4	10	14	3	4	1	0	2
Kirby (Tenn)	50-52	13-18	72.0	6-6	100.0	32	5	9	10	5	4	1	0	2
Monticello	80-61	14-18	78.0	6-7	86.0	34	3	9	12	3	6	1	4	4
Wolfe County	80-49	6-10	46.0	3-3	100.0	15	4	12	16	2	4	2	6	3
Somerset	80-48	8-13	62.0	5-7	71.0	21	2	12	14	5	4	1	3	3
Wayne County	60-35	6-12	50.0	5-6	83.0	17	6	6	12	1	6	0	2	3
Jackson Co.	46-33	9-12	75.0	6-6	100.0	24	3	9	12	1	3	0	11	3
Harrodsburg	69-50	11-21	52.0	7-9	78.0	29	7	4	11	3	3	1	8	3
Somerset	80-61	8-9	89.0	13-14	93.0	29	1	14	15	3	2	1	5	4
Tales Creek	72-70	3-6	50.0	9-9	100.0	15	2	7	9	2	5	0	5	2
Clay County	50-48	5-10	50.0	6-6	100.0	16	3	3	6	1	2	0	2	4
Monticello	63-55	5-10	50.0	0-2	00.0	10	3	8	11	3	3	3	1	4
Laurel County	72-70	12-18	66.0	8-10	80.0	32	6	5	11	2	1	2	2	3
Totals	163-226	61.0	126-142	88.7	452	72	137	209	60	66	19	71	61	

Legend: Score = Score Of Game, FGM = Field Goals Made, FTM = Free Throws Made, PCT = Percentage, TR = Total Rebounds, DR = Defensive Rebounds, OR = Offensive Rebounds, TO = Turnovers, S = Steals, A = Assists, BS = Blocked Shots, PF = Personal Fouls

Opponent	Score	FGM-FGA	PCT	FTM-FTA	PCT	REB	A	PF	TO	S	TPS
Madisonville	73-68	10-16	62.5	5-5	100.0	7	4	4	2	0	25
Henderson	98-83	7-19	36.8	14-15	93.3	7	5	1	3	1	28
Daviess County	62-49	9-19	47.4	7-7	100.0	5	3	1	2	0	25
Owensboro	64-62	11-22	50.0	8-10	80.0	7	5	1	1	2	30
O'boro Catholic	77-47	6-11	54.5	5-8	62.5	2	7	4	1	4	17
Lou. Southern	68-54	12-27	44.4	4-5	80.0	7	4	3	4	5	28
Lou. PFP	63-70	12-25	48.0	6-7	85.7	7	1	3	1	0	30
Clark County	54-49	6-10	60.0	0-0	—	4	6	3	1	0	12
Carson (Cal)	61-57	9-21	42.9	1-1	100.0	7	4	1	6	0	19
Bowling Green	70-49	10-15	66.7	5-5	100.0	1	5	1	4	2	25
O'boro Catholic	73-38	8-15	53.3	3-4	75.0	11	3	4	1	1	19
Owensboro	65-75	8-21	38.1	3-8	37.5	11	6	3	3	0	19
Breckinridge	55-54	9-20	45.0	8-10	80.0	7	7	4	2	0	27
Central City	66-52	8-20	40.0	4-6	66.7	8	5	2	2	2	20
McLean County	78-58	8-15	53.3	1-2	50.0	7	6	3	1	2	17
Lou. Ballard	79-76	17-23	73.9	11-16	68.8	10	7	5	3	3	45
Lou. PFP	48-49	8-25	32.0	6-6	100.0	10	2	0	3	1	22
Owensboro	55-67	9-23	39.1	5-6	83.3	3	3	1	4	0	23
West Hopkins	69-66	Did Not Play (Flu)									
Bowling Green	59-42	9-21	40.9	8-9	88.8	8	3	0	3	4	26
Bullet East	64-60	9-18	50.0	5-5	100.0	12	5	2	3	3	23
Totals	187-386	46.9	110-135	81.4	141	91	46	51	30	480	

Sutton Happy To Get SEC Revenge...

Following are Coach Eddie Sutton's postgame comments after UK's 81-71 victory over Auburn last Friday night at Rupp Arena:

Question: Your comments on the game?

Sutton: I think that was one of the best college basketball games I've been involved with in a long time. Both teams played very well. I was very impressed with their team. They played better tonight, even though they lost, than they did down at Auburn. Very seldom does a team shoot 64 percent from the field and make 14 turnovers and lose the basketball game. They certainly made a good run at us. I feel very fortunate that we won. We too, played an excellent game. Cedric (Jenkins) came off the bench to give us a great deal of help. Roger (Harden) had the hot hand in the first half. Of course, he always dishes out the assists. I'm proud of our whole ballclub. We shot the ball well and our shot selection was excellent. The biggest thing was that we outrebounded them by a sizeable margin. I was impressed with their man defense because they've played zone all year. I thought Auburn played a whale of a game. We tried to go to Kenny as much as we could late in the game. I thought our shot selection during that period was excellent.

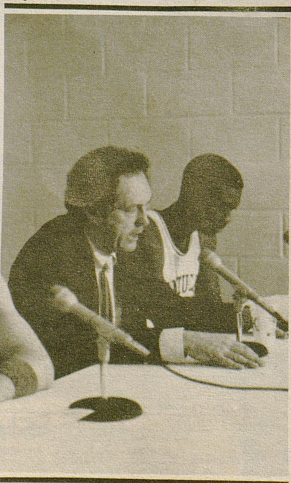
Question: When you were up by 13 was there anything in particular you saw that helped Auburn during its 17-4 run?

Sutton: I didn't think we took any bad shots during that period. We missed two, one-and-one attempts that didn't help us any. But you've got to give them some credit; they had some great shots during that run.

Question: What did you tell your team during the timeout with 6:23 to go and the score tied?

Sutton: I called time for a couple of reasons: 1) Just to make sure we were organized and to

remind them of some certain situations that might come up and to remind them that we had to play with some poise and; 2) To let them rest. Kenny (Walker) looked like to me he was about to drop. When you play inside against a physical ballclub like Auburn has then you are going to wear down. We felt that we needed to take a minute there and let the team rest and just to make sure that we continue to play with a lot of poise.



A Big Win For UK

... Smith Felt Cats Were More Aggressive

Following are Sonny Smith's postgame comments after his Tigers were defeated by UK 81-71:

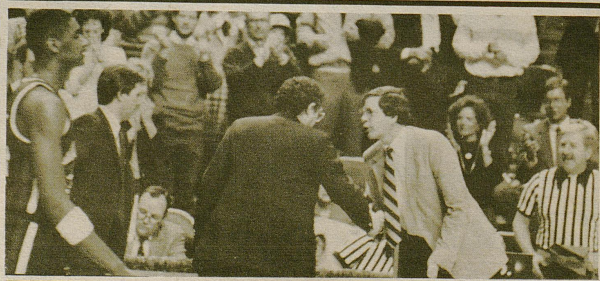
Your comments on the game?

Smith: You have to give a great deal of credit to Kentucky. It might have been the best game I have seen them play. Down the stretch, when it counted, they went to their horse (Walker) and he responded. Late in the game we had two turnovers and missed an outside shot we shouldn't have taken. That was the game. We thought we could win here if we hit 55 percent — we hit

ple. We are not playing quite as well as we can. But, we played hard tonight; played with a lot of heart.

Question: Why was your team only able to pull down two offensive rebounds?

Smith: I thought that they were more aggressive. I thought they were fouling. One of my people said to me... and I agree with this, they said, 'If we had gone after those rebounds the same way they did that they (the officials)



Sutton — Smith Postgame Handshake

63. The single biggest factor in the game was offensive rebounding. Kentucky was much more aggressive than we were. (Cedric) Jenkins was the biggest difference, individually. He did everything. You must give Roger Harden a lot of credit. I was glad that we could get back in the game after setting the second half tempo. Kentucky got five baskets against our 3-2 zone — three of them right before the end of the first half. Kentucky gets everything out of their peo-

would have let it go on our end, too.' I agree with that. They were fouling, but we could have fouled too, and got away with it because they were letting it go. So, we've got nothing to complain about the officiating because we could have done the same thing. But we tried to stay out of foul trouble by playing a small number of people. What that comes down to is that they were more aggressive than we were, a lot more aggressive.

Even High School Greats Face A Tough Road

Hope To Follow The Yellow Brick Road To NBA

The dream of playing major college basketball is a goal most high school basketball players have over and over before they're recruited. Fantasies of playing for their favorite college team feature visions of the "yellow brick road to the NBA" dancing in their heads.

In due time, the "top" high school players are recruited by the choice colleges, while the others settle for junior college play and a scholarship.

The high-school All-American more often than not has the "pick of the litter" and may play primary where he chooses. The Micheal Jordan's, the Kenny Walker's and Pat Ewing's of the world seem to have it made. These athletes stand above the rest and because they do, the ever-demanding John Q. Public sets the level of expectancy at super-human heights.



Dicky Beal
Cats' Pause Columnist

Adjustments to college style basketball and competition, however, do not always allow the athlete to reach "peak performance." There are very few high school athletes that make an impact on their respective university in the first year.

Kenny Walker came out of high school with all the accolades that go along with being a prep "All-American." He is a great athlete, however, it was a while before his athletic progress was noticed.

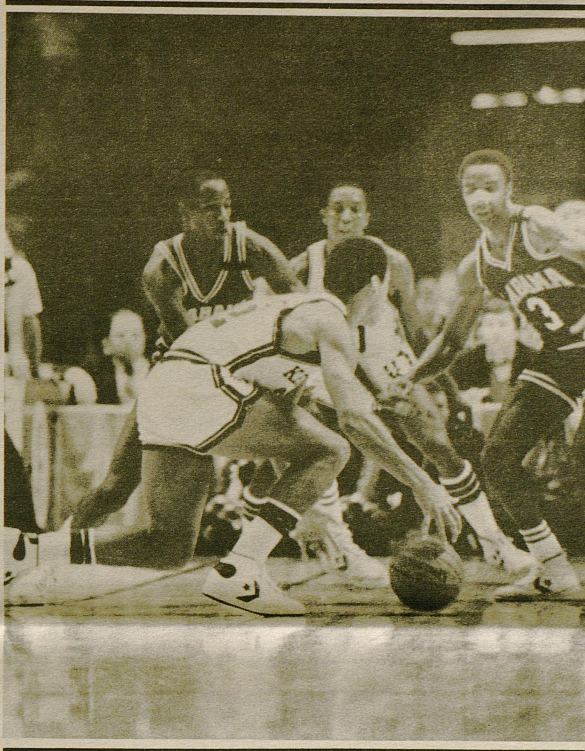
Why?

Sam Bowie, Melvin Turpin, and Charles Hurt were "the greats" at the time. They were experienced as well as talented. If Walker had gone to a school with lesser talent than that of Kentucky, he may have posted big numbers his first year.

Athlete's Confidence, At Times, Depends On Coach

The confidence with which an athlete plays, at times, depends on his coach. David Rivers, coached by Digger Phelps is one of the most exciting point guards in the country. Coach Phelps realized that instead of changing River's style of play he used in high school, he had to refine it to get the most from him.

Derrick Hord is a prime example of talent that didn't materialize. Derrick was one of the most-sought-after players in high school his senior year. He stood 6'6", had a very strong body, quickness, handled the ball like a guard, could jump out to the gym and possessed a soft shooting touch inside or outside. An even greater attribute was his attitude. He is one of the nicest guys anyone could meet. He is the only player, other than Kenny Walker, I admired.



Derrick Hord

Expectations and pressure from the coaching staff and fans caused Derrick's off-time no-win situation. There were many mind games played with Derrick. He didn't know whether to pass or shoot. He was so undecided it caused his overall game to suffer.

While some players were able to stand the test of criticism, Derrick's demeanor seemed to be adversely affected by it. It was a combination of a guy who couldn't shake off Coach Hall's way of coaching and Derrick's own "nice guy" attitude. Some things in life just don't mix, and this situation was one of them.

Road For Prep All-Americans A Forked One

The road for a high school All-American is forked. One can either make a name or hit "rock bottom." Earl Jones (University of D. C. and former member of the Los Angeles Lakers) was a great talent.

An excellent ball-handler, he possessed all the skills of a great player. Sometimes, however, that isn't enough. He did not play major college ball because of his grades. In addition, he had off-the-court problems.

With a combination of talent and grades, he might have been another all-time great. But as fate sometimes has it, Earl was drafted by the Lakers in the first round, got hurt and has not been heard of since. Without a quality education, what will an athlete do when his basketball career is over?

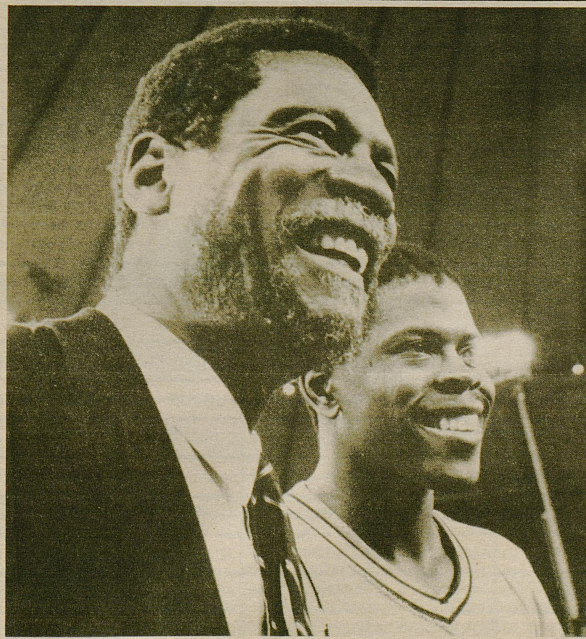
Patrick Ewing, former Georgetown Hoya, is a great example of a player reaching his all-around potential. Ewing was an intimidator because of his physical style of play, but it was all legal. He played the game the way every big man should play; hard and intense. Hence, he became the most sought-after collegiate play (NBA) since Bill Russell.

Under the guidance of John Thompson, Ewing matured into one of the nation's best centers and earned a college degree.

College Hoops A Big Business With Enthusiasm

College basketball is a spectator sport for all ages. It's a big business with a touch of enthusiasm. Athletes who work at earning their degree as diligently as they work at playing ball, in my estimation are winners. There is a lot of pressure on athletes to win the ball game and not enough emphasis put into winning the game of life!

(If you have a favorite topic or story idea you'd like to read about, from a former player's viewpoint, drop me a line and I'll be happy to talk about it in an upcoming column. You can write to me at the following address: Dicky Beal, The Cats' Pause, P. O. Box 7297, Lexington, Kentucky 40522.)



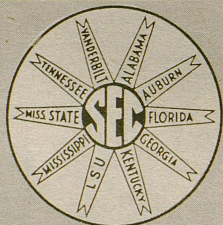







Bill Russell And Patrick Ewing

A Big Win For UK... more exciting than we were a lot more... Bill Russell... Patrick Ewing... Lexington, Kentucky 40522.

Cats' Pause Board Of Experts

(And Armchair Quarterbacks)



							
		<i>Readers Choice</i>	<i>Oscar Combs</i>	<i>Nick Nicholas</i>	<i>Todd Hallum</i>	<i>Gary Cromwell</i>	<i>Don Coffey</i>
Last Week	Results From Jan. 25 Issue	19-5	18-6	18-6	18-6	20-4	16-8
Total		202-41	198-51	203-46	196-53	196-53	196-53

KENTUCKY AT MISSISSIPPI		KENTUCKY 3	KENTUCKY 8	KENTUCKY 10	KENTUCKY 9	KENTUCKY 12	KENTUCKY 8
ALABAMA AT LSU		LSU 8	ALABAMA 1	LSU 3	ALABAMA 1	ALABAMA 3	ALABAMA 3
AUBURN AT TENNESSEE		TENN. 3	TENN. 4	AUBURN 4	AUBURN 4	TENN. 2	AUBURN 4
FLORIDA AT VANDERBILT		VANDY 1	VANDY 3	VANDY 6	VANDY 2	VANDY 4	VANDY 1
GEORGIA AT MISSISSIPPI STATE		STATE 4	STATE 1	GEORGIA 1	GEORGIA 2	STATE 4	GEORGIA 4
LOUISVILLE AT N.C. STATE		U OF L 1	STATE 2	U OF L 5	STATE 3	STATE 4	U OF L 2
MEMPHIS STATE AT VIRGINIA TECH		TECH 1	TECH 4	STATE 4	STATE 4	STATE 10	STATE 4
CLEMSON AT MARYLAND		MARYLAND 5	MARYLAND 9	MARYLAND 6	MARYLAND 3	MARYLAND 8	MARYLAND 1
WAKE FOREST AT NORTH CAROLINA		CAROLINA 8	CAROLINA 16	CAROLINA 20	CAROLINA 12	CAROLINA 2	CAROLINA 10
NOTRE DAME AT SYRACUSE		SYRACUSE 4	SYRACUSE 7	SYRACUSE 9	SYRACUSE 6	SYRACUSE 8	SYRACUSE 4
BOSTON COLLEGE AT ST. JOHN'S		ST. JOHN'S 8	ST. JOHN'S 9	ST. JOHN'S 16	ST. JOHN'S 12	ST. JOHN'S 4	ST. JOHN'S 8
VILLANOVA AT PITTSBURGH		PITT 4	PITT 11	PITT 8	PITT 3	PITT 6	V'NOVA 2
AUSTIN PEAY AT EASTERN KY.		EASTERN 3	A. PEAY 2	A. PEAY 4	EASTERN 2	EASTERN 4	EASTERN 2
UNC CHARLOTTE AT WESTERN KY.		WESTERN 8	WESTERN 14	WESTERN 14	WESTERN 3	WESTERN 6	WESTERN 10
MURRAY STATE AT MOREHEAD		MOREHEAD 1	STATE 3	STATE 7	STATE 3	MOREHEAD 4	STATE 4
MICHIGAN AT ILLINOIS		ILLINOIS 1	ILLINOIS 1	ILLINOIS 2	MICHIGAN 4	MICHIGAN 3	MICHIGAN 3
DEPAUL AT MARQUETTE		MARQUETTE 4	MARQUETTE 6	MARQUETTE 4	MARQUETTE 3	MARQUETTE 2	DEPAUL 1
MICHIGAN STATE AT PURDUE		PURDUE 8	PURDUE 1	PURDUE 8	PURDUE 3	PURDUE 5	PURDUE 5
GEORGIA TECH AT DUKE		DUKE 2	DUKE 5	DUKE 3	DUKE 3	DUKE 3	TECH 4
IOWA AT MINNESOTA		MINN. 3	MINN. 1	IOWA 9	IOWA 7	MINN. 3	MINN. 1
KENTUCKY AT ALABAMA		ALABAMA 7	ALABAMA 3	ALABAMA 5	KENTUCKY 6	KENTUCKY 2	ALABAMA 2
MISSISSIPPI STATE AT AUBURN		AUBURN 9	AUBURN 3	AUBURN 9	AUBURN 8	AUBURN 3	AUBURN 6
MISSISSIPPI AT FLORIDA		FLORIDA 11	FLORIDA 9	FLORIDA 15	FLORIDA 14	FLORIDA 7	FLORIDA 4
VANDERBILT AT GEORGIA		GEORGIA 13	GEORGIA 4	GEORGIA 19	GEORGIA 3	GEORGIA 8	GEORGIA 8
TENNESSEE AT LSU		LSU 7	LSU 1	LSU 14	LSU 3	LSU 4	LSU 6

Jerry Collects Second Half Of Daily Double

Baker's Decision Keeps Kentucky In Front

The University of Kentucky hit the second half of the Daily Double when Trigg County running back Al Baker announced that he would play football next season for the Wildcats.

Baker, the state's top football prospect, chose UK over Ohio State, Tennessee and Florida after being contacted by almost every major school in the country.

He's considered an elite "blue-chipper" just like basketball standout Rex Chapman of Owensboro Apollo, who signed with Eddie Sutton's Cats in November.

Kentucky hit the "Double" in more ways than one by signing the state's top two high school players. Chapman and Baker are both thoroughbreds that could help any program. Their talent on the football field and basketball floor will be important to UK the next four years.



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

However, landing Baker and Chapman also made it clear that UK still controlled recruiting in Kentucky.

Chapman was Sutton's first "big-time" recruit at Kentucky. If he had lost the 6-4 guard to Louisville it would have sent shock waves from border to border across the Bluegrass.

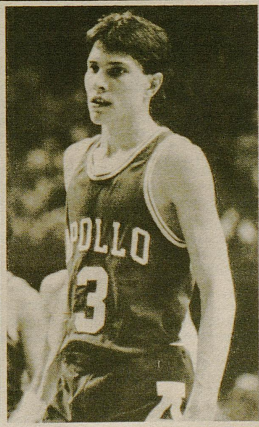
Chapman, who recently went over the 2,000-point mark, was courted by all the big-time programs but by signing with Kentucky he gave a special stamp of approval to Sutton.

Now, Baker has done the same thing for Claiborne. Kentucky struggled to a disappointing 5-6 mark last season after earning bowl bids in 1983 and 1984.

Louisville also hired Howard Schnellenberger to rebuild its football program after the 1984 campaign but this is his staff's first full year of recruiting. Claiborne has put special emphasis on signing the state's top players since he came to UK but some thought it would be much more difficult with Schnellenberger now at Louisville.



Al Baker



Rex Chapman

Losing Baker would have been quite a blow to Claiborne, especially since Baker could become the big, strong back the Cats desperately needed in 1985.

The 6-2, 225-pound Baker is considered one of the best running backs ever to come out of western Kentucky. He gained 5,350 yards on 740 carries during his four-year career against defenses stacked to stop him.

Many coaches feel he could be the best running back ever produced in Kentucky. Baker, though, downplays his own talent and some feel he doesn't really understand just how great he could be in college.

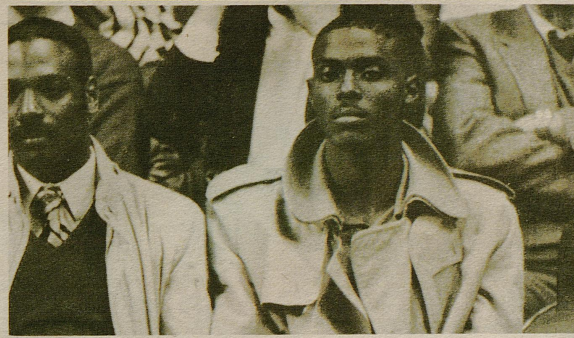
He has that rare combination of speed, size and strength that few players possess. He won the 100- and 200-meter dashes at the 1985 Class A State Track Meet in 10.7 and 22.39 seconds, respectively. He showed his muscle at the same meet by finishing second in the shot put with a toss of 51-2.

No wonder Claiborne made a special trip to Cadiz for the news conference Baker called to announce his decision.

Baker has told Claiborne that he does not want to be redshirted as a freshman. Mark Higgs made the same request two years ago and Claiborne honored it.

And you can bet that Sutton won't think about putting a "red" jersey on Chapman.

Kentuckians love great thoroughbreds and UK has added two of the best in the land to its stable by landing Chapman and Baker. It's a Daily Double many schools would like to have hit because it will pay off for four years.



Harvey Grant

THIS YEAR'S Super Bowl was of special interest to Sutton because he and Chicago defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan were classmates at Oklahoma A&M.

"That's where he learned his defense," says Sutton. "He played football but he was always hanging around Mr. (Hank) Iba."

Iba, of course, is the legendary cage coach that Sutton admires.

But if Sutton hadn't gone to college to play basketball, he would have still received a scholarship.

"What most people don't know is that I was a better football player," says Sutton. "I had a chance to go on a football scholarship to college. I even coached one high school football game."

KENTUCKY had 6-9 Harvey Grant of Independence Junior College in Kansas make an official visit the night the Wildcats defeated Georgia.

Grant's brother, Horace, is a junior guard at Clemson averaging 15 points per game.

However, if Harvey Grant needed an introduction to big-time basketball, he got it after the Georgia contest. That's when Sutton, upset over his team's lack of effort the final 15 minutes of the game, ordered an 11 p.m. workout when the game ended at 9:55.

"If you want to see what it's like here just come on down to Memorial Coliseum," said Winston Bennett to Grant after the game.

Sutton and his staff hope to land another strong inside player that could help the team next season. And, unlike some coaches, Sutton doesn't mind going the junior college route to find that help.

"I don't feel it is slumming if you go to the junior colleges," says Sutton. "There's nothing wrong with recruiting a junior college player. There is a place in higher education for the community college."

UK has another "big" prospect at Lexington Community College in 6-11 Mike Scott, the Greenup County product who recently left Wake Forest. But the earliest he could be eligible would be Jan. 17, 1987, because he cannot transfer to a Division I school without forfeiting a year of eligibility until he graduates from the junior college. It makes more sense to think Scott will join the Cats for the 1987-88 campaign.

QUICKNESS is the key word to use about Kentucky this season.

"Kentucky is the quickest team in the country," says Georgia Coach Hugh Durham. "Who is quicker than (Kenny) Walker in the post? Who is quicker than (James) Blackmon at small forward or (Winston) Bennett at power forward?"

"Maybe (Roger) Harden isn't the quickest guy in the world. But look at the other four he's playing with. They are just plain quick and that gives any team a lot of trouble."

Coach Eddie Sutton's Postgame Comments

Following are Coach Eddie Sutton's postgame comments after Kentucky handed LSU a 54-52 setback last Wednesday night in Baton Rouge.

Question: Your comments on the game?

Sutton: In my next life I want to be a sportswriter and let you guys go through all the agony. I would say that Coach (Dale) Brown and all the people at LSU would have to be extremely proud of their basketball team. They were fighting a lot of odds this evening. Their team played very, very competitive basketball. We didn't play as well as we've played many times this season, but I'm sure their defense had something to do with that. Their zone really forced us to spread ourselves out; we just didn't do a very good job of attacking it. I believe we had more turnovers than normally we have in

didn't have any timeouts left and the best thing to do is to try and get the ball up the court as quickly as you can and take the best shot. Roger made more turnovers tonight since I've been at Kentucky, so I was happy that he was able to hit that shot, especially since he is a senior.

Question: In relation to the SEC race, do you feel your ballclub is in control now?

Sutton: We've still got nine games to go and we need to play 'em one at a time.

Question: Did you feel that LSU would play a zone defense?

Sutton: We felt that they would play zone. Normally, LSU would have pressed if they would have been a little bit deeper. I think their press could have hurt us because Florida hurt us with their press. As shallow as they are off



Sutton Mapping Out Strategy

two games. Again, that's a credit to their basketball team. We're happy to win and be halfway through the race at 8-1. It'll be good to go back home. I didn't think it was a very pretty basketball game, but it certainly was a very competitive game in part of both ballclubs; both teams played very hard.

Question: Was the shot planned to go to Roger Harden?

Sutton: In our last timeout we had told our ballclub and I had assumed that Winston (Bennett) was going to hit both free throws. I told them that if we make both to go back in what we call 'Red-10' defense, which is a zone. Then, when he missed the first one, I told them to still go back and play zone. They (LSU) came down and did a nice job and hit a great shot. The ball went through (Derrick Taylor's) tying basket with about six seconds to go. People debate this all the time if you should call a timeout, but LSU

felt it would have 'fatigued' them.

Question: Did you make an adjustment at halftime by moving Kenny Walker on the wing?

Sutton: In the first half I felt like we were wearing down. I also thought the officials called a very loose game; there weren't too many fouls called, I didn't think it was one-sided by any means. But we felt he might not be able to play 40 minutes if we didn't get him out on the perimeter. Again, we didn't do a very good job of attacking the zone and getting him as many shots as he needs to take.

Question: What impresses you about this Kentucky ballclub?

Sutton: This ballclub has impressed me in that someone seems to always step forward when we need help and make a big play. (Tonight) Roger hit some big shots for us.

Coach Dale Brown's Postgame Comments

Following are Dale Brown's postgame comments after LSU lost to Kentucky 54-52 last Wednesday night:

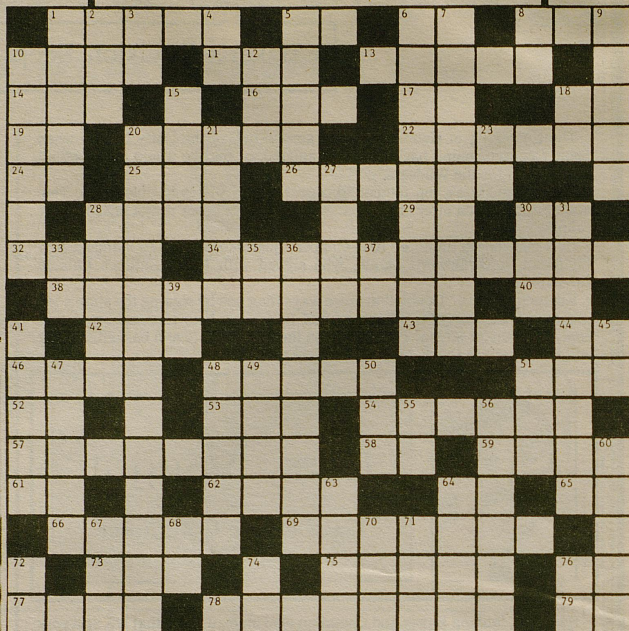
Question: Your comments on the game?

Brown: I don't want to sound like a baby but I could cry. It's... (long pause). I think it's the greatest effort (long pause) of guys believing in us... and you don't have to win to be happy.

It was a superbly refereed game, I wish all games could be refereed that well. I thought our defensive scheme worked very well and we had to change around so many positions offensively that we really couldn't handle the ball as well as we would have liked. They (Kentucky) are a fine team. You hate to lose but I can take it. That gave me a shot of adrenalin. It shows me that man has greatness in him because they displayed that tonight.

TCP Crossword Puzzle

By Dan Krueckeberg



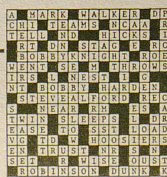
SEC BASKETBALL '86 (No. 1)

ACROSS

- 1 Namesakes of LSU soph. Williams
- 5 Initials of Auburn guard White
- 6 Football six-pointer
- 8 First name of 77 Across
- 10 Namesakes of 54 Across
- 11 Masculine name
- 13 Tide senior Darrell and family
- 14 Spanish one _____ the SEC in scoring last season
- 16 Kenny Walker _____ the SEC in scoring last season
- 17 Abbr. for state of "Runnin' Rebels"
- 18 Initials of the Tide's Derrick
- 19 Abbr. for "with regard to"
- 20 One of the best in the SEC
- 22 6-8 Tiger Wilson
- 24 Pre-college abbr.
- 25 Former boxing champ
- 26 Describes many guards
- 28 Cat fans can _____ about Walker
- 29 Abbr. for a large California city
- 30 Miss. State's _____ win Dillon
- 32 Jr. guard Peters of Miss. State
- 34 New kid on SEC block
- 38 Fine senior guard
- 40 Initials of an SEC coach
- 42 LSU _____ the SEC last season
- 43 "At the _____ of the first half"
- 44 Initials of Wildcat Blackmon
- 46 An SEC hoop coach
- 48 Namesakes of Junior Vol Jenkins
- 51 Farm animal
- 52 LA _____
- 53 Vandy is without Phil Cox, who _____ their offense last season
- 54 Fine LSU senior
- 57 Gator freshman Lett
- 58 "He was _____ the line for two"
- 59 Card types
- 61 The _____ nsas Jayhawks
- 62 Age group
- 64 Initials of Vandy junior Reece
- 65 Initials of former Cat star Linville
- 66 An SEC coach
- 69 Cat Madison
- 73 Of age
- 75 Loop with running knot
- 76 Initials of Ole Miss jr. Ayers
- 77 Bulldog coach
- 78 The Head Commodore
- 79 Big Ten state abbr.

DOWN

- 1 Auburn freshman Michael
- 2 Beetle wife
- 3 See 24 Across
- 4 Initials of coach Sonny
- 5 Namesakes of Vandy's Clem
- 6 Returns 4 starters from last year
- 7 6-8 junior of Georgia
- 8 Initials of Ohio State star Sellers
- 9 " _____ " squad hopes to top their 11-7 mark of last season
- 10 An SEC coach
- 12 Pub specialty
- 15 Former LaSalle star Tom
- 18 Initials of LSU senior Derrick
- 20 Fine junior guard of the SEC
- 21 Bukimirovich or Jovanovich
- 23 SEC state abbr.
- 27 The _____ of 20 Across and Maxwell form the top Gator backcourt
- 28 Mississippi State soph. Raymond
- 30 Abbr. for "estimated time of departure"
- 31 A fine senior Vol
- 33 Initials of a former Wildcat coach
- 35 Initials of Horne of Ole Miss
- 36 6-1 Wildcat guard
- 37 First name of 36 Down
- 39 Verb suffix
- 41 First name of a top SEC scorer
- 45 Initials of Vandy's Westbrooks
- 47 " _____ " team is in the Pac-10
- 48 Bubbles
- 49 "He committed a _____ turnover"
- 50 Attendance abbr.
- 51 Young last season; growing up now
- 55 See 39 Down
- 56 Auburn will miss 6-9 _____ Guest
- 60 A standout SEC coach
- 63 Gators won _____ in the SEC last season
- 64 Gator Mark
- 67 One of the twelve
- 68 Initials of Taylor of Miss. State
- 70 Farm animal
- 71 "He's been _____ from the line tonight"
- 72 Initials of Vandy big man Brett
- 74 Initials of Georgia senior Horace
- 76 Initials of Jeff of Auburn



Last Week



Dynamite Missing From From UT-UK Hype

Is Sutton Interested In JUCO Market?

Impact players 'n things.

When Kentucky football coach Jerry Claiborne got a commitment from Al Baker of Trigg County last week, he picked off what most football experts believe is an *Impact Player*.

For the novice, an impact player is one who is projected to have the ability to contribute immediately.

Certainly one ingredient sorely missing from Kentucky's offense last football season was a power back to replace George Adams and compliment speedsters Mark Logan and Mark Higgs. If the 6-1, 220-pound Baker is what the experts project him to be — an impact player — then Kentucky could be on its way back to the winning side of football in the SEC once more.

What about speculation that Baker might be moved to linebacker at UK? "Nope, we're recruited him as a running back," a UK staffer said Tuesday. What about UK's other recruiting efforts for the Feb. 12 NCAA signing date. "We feel good about it right now," one Kentucky coach said. "We think we're after the kids who can help us most. But the big commitments are still to come, like in the next week or so."

UK-Tennessee refrain

Orange and white, but not much dynamite. Near the end of Kentucky's victory over Tennessee in Rupp Arena Jan. 25 a fan in the front row erupted, "Hey, where's the unicyclist?"



Bob Watkins
Cats' Pause Columnist

It reminded me of some of the *Zif-Boom-Bah* (and hum bug) days in the Kentucky-Tennessee series. Something seems to have gone out of the series.

Remember when... Then-Tennessee coach (and Adolph Rupp chief tormentor) Ray Mears had the audacity to order one of his players to lead the Vols out of the locker room onto the Memorial Coliseum floor riding a unicycle?

Oranges rained out of the UK student section as the kid rode by, at the same time juggling three orange and white basketballs. Of all the guile! But looking back, it was wonderfully entertaining too.

Some of us remember the Ernie And Bernie Show as well. In the mid-1970s Ernie Grunfeld and Bernard King beat the stuffings out of UK (five out of six) and rubbed it in too.

UK fans loved to hate 'em. But when UK's victory over the Vols was in the bank this season, Eddie Sutton and Don DeVoe faced reporters as if they were fraternity brothers, passing along compliments about each other's teams. No verbal jabs or sassy irreverence. No charges of karate defenses, stall ball or any of the other delightful mean-nesses that have colored the UK-UT series. No spice.

Was this Kentucky and Tennessee or what? Wasn't somebody out there trying to get even with somebody? Times change.

Some of us remember when Mears got people fired up, talked about what crooks the officials were when they worked a game in Lexington. When the Vols won, Mears would verbally tweak Uncle Adolph's head and chid UK fans unmercifully. He was thinking ahead, remembering there were tickets to be sold for the next game at Stokely Center.

Good clean fun, right? Kentucky's victory over Tennessee in Rupp was expected. The Wildcats got in front early, never let the Vols get in the hunt.

UK's win over the Vols came at the foul line. Kentucky made 28 of 37, Tennessee nine of 13. The Vols had a 24-23 advantage in field goals, but not a voice was raised in protest. In the old days Mears would have bawled all the way to the bus, his assistant Stu Aberdeen would have been there waiting, having already been ejected from the game. The Vols would have been booted off the floor with maybe an orange or two flung from the upper deck.

Mears would have bristled about intimidation. And Uncle Adolph would have wondered what the fuss was about and twanged something folksy about "good man-ta-man defense, Kay-wood." Then he would have told a funny story insinuating that Mears was a 2-legged horse's patoot.

Yes, something was missing for the UK fan who remembers Tom Boerwinkle...Bill Justus...Jimmy England...Howard Bayne...Rodney Woods.

Times change. The salty exchanges between Uncle Adolph and Ray Mears have long since give way to Don DeVoe the gentleman and Eddie Sutton likewise. The antagonists (Justus...Woods et al) have gone.

Kentucky fans everywhere would have gone off to a riotous party chortling about 'sticking it to the Big Orange' one more time.

Times change. Sutton says that in the 10 months he's been in Kentucky he has come to understand what the Kentucky-Tennessee series means here. Maybe. Can't help wondering though, whatever happened to that unicycle.

Success/chemistry

With his own team in mind, Eddie Sutton made a strong point for *chemistry* last week when he said, "Talent is not a true measure to having a great team you know. If the chemistry isn't right it won't work."

"Do you think Villanova had the best talent last year? I don't. There were 10

better teams in the country than Villanova. They had some lucky breaks and some friendly calls."

Chemistry? Kentucky certainly has had it so far this season when one considers:

- The schedule. Soft in December except for Indiana, Kansas and Louisville. UK was 2-1.

- played Cincinnati (at home) before the Bearcats jelled into the club that upheld Virginia Tech, and Louisville (at Freedom Hall).

- played Indiana without Steve Alford.

- played Louisville in Rupp Arena. The Cards were without 6-10 Barry Sumpter (10 points, seven rebounds the year before).

- enjoyed another weak UKIT.

- enjoyed a cheesecake game at Freedom Hall, Virginia Military.

- played Tennessee one game after the Vols lost 3-year starter Fred Jenkins.

- played LSU after the Tigers lost their forwards — leading scorer/rebounder John Williams (to chicken pox) and Nikita Wilson (to books).

Yes, success is built, in part, on lucky breaks and friendly calls. Elements that help make chemistry.

Recruiting

UK's Eddie Sutton said last week that 6-9 Harvey Grant from Independence Community College in Kansas had visited the Kentucky campus.

Who is Grant? "They list Grant at 6-9, 193 pounds, but he's more like 6-7 and skinny," a writer in Kansas said of the player who leads coach Bob Kivisto's team (12-8) in the Kansas Jayhawk Conference.

Grant is said to be a good "not great" player. As of Jan. 26 he was averaging 22 points and 11.2 rebounds.

Style? Grant is not an inside type player, but is an excellent shooter from 15 feet in, Null says. "He's a good offensive player, but if he went to someplace like Kentucky my guess is he'd sit on the bench."

Reports are there are two prospects in the Jayhawk Conference who are better than Grant. The league's best is said to be Greg Paddio, a 6-7 sophomore at Seminole, Okla.. And, there is Keith Smart, a 6-4 sophomore guard at Garden City, Kan. Community College.

Paddio carries a 25 ppg.

- Derrick Miller, a 6-6, 170-pounder from Savannah (Ga.) Bible Baptist High School has been on UK's list for several months. So far he is averaging 24 points and 10 rebounds per game this season.

Miller is paper thin, but has long arms and is reported to have excellent shooting range.

Miller is still on hold until spring when he reportedly will choose Georgetown, DePaul or Kentucky.

According to a source in Savannah, Miller was "headed to Kentucky before the scandal thing (Lexington Herald-Leader stories). Now he's waiting to see what's going to happen next."

The youngster is said to have cancelled one visit to DePaul, but may be leaning to Georgetown. Earlier reports that Miller may have academic problems are unfounded.

UK SHOPS JUCO MARKET?

Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton has his assistants checking over the junior college talent these days. What follows is a list of some of the so-called "blue chip" JUCO prospects.

Recruit	Home	Po	Ht	Cl	JUCO
Sean Alvarado	Hutchinson, Kan.	C	6-10	So.	Hutchinson Jr. Col.
Charles Bledsoe	Moberly, Mo.	F	6-7	So.	Moberly, Mo.
David Cones	Waco, Tex.	C	6-11	So.	Waco
Tommy Boyd	Fulton, Miss.	F	6-8	So.	Itawamba, Miss.
Ken Branley	Temple Terrace, Fla.	F	6-6	So.	Temple Terrace
James Davis	Albany, Tex.	C-F	6-9	So.	Henderson Co.
Dean Garrett	San Francisco	C-F	6-9	So.	City College
Ben Gillery	Hutchinson, Kan.	C	7-0	So.	Hutchinson
Harvey Grant	Independence, Kan.	C-F	6-9	So.	Independence
Dwight Jackson	Independence, Kan.	F	6-8	So.	Independence
Tyrone Jones	Hutchinson, Kan.	F	6-6	So.	Hutchinson, Kan.
Anthony Hurd	Great Bend, Kan.	F	6-7	So.	Great Bend
Cliff Langford	Snyder, Tex.	F	6-9	So.	West Texas
Kevin Nielson	Memphis, Tenn.	F	6-8	So.	Shelby State
Wally Manns	Snyder, Tex.	F	6-8	So.	West Texas
Gerald Paddio	Seminole, Ok.	F	6-7	So.	Seminole, Ok.
Tim Richardson	Coffeyville, Kan.	F	6-9	So.	Coffeyville
Kenzie Scott	Trenton, NJ	F	6-9	So.	Mercer Co Jr.
Bobby Worthington	Dodge City, Kan.	F	6-7	So.	Dodge City

JUCO prospects

Eddie Sutton's staff has been taking a hard look at talent available in the junior college ranks this year for some possible "immediate help" next season. For a glimpse of who some of the prospects are, where they are and how big, see inset.

In fact, when UK had records of 23-3 and 20-6 in 1955 and 1956, the leading scorer was junior college transfer Bob Burrow.

Cheers 'n Jeers

CHEERS to Raymond Berry, coach of the New England Patriots for drawing a clear line in the dirt, challenging his players to prove their independence from drugs.

Berry was so incensed when he learned that members of the Pats were taking drugs, he threatened to quit as head coach after Super Bowl XX unless the players voted to submit to a drug testing program.

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Bob Watkins

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"It's time to do something about this problem, and it cannot be done in secret," Berry told *The Boston Globe*. "The point is that there are obviously some young lives being ruined by drugs, and no one, neither the league nor the union, has the guts to do anything about it.

"They don't care. Or at least they act like they don't care. They're all afraid of negative publicity, but what's more negative than some of the things that have come out about some of the league's best players?"

"Somebody has to have the courage to stand up and make this problem public and do something about it. I'm proud my team is the one willing to do that. I think nothing but positive things will come out of this."

The buck does not stop here. Berry's message (and courage) is a worthy demonstration of someone having the courage to step forward. The man should be not only commended for it, but supported by every professional and amateur athletics organization.

Is anyone else weary of hearing about a sports hero fallen victim to drugs?

JEERS to Top 20 poll voters for ignoring Western Kentucky again last week, although the Hilltoppers boast an 8-game win streak, a 16-3 record.

Never mind. Unless the sky falls—or there is another injustice—the Hilltoppers look like a cinch to be in the NCAA Tournament.

■ Louisville's Kevin Walls was absent from the bench Tuesday night when the Cards beat LaSalle at Freedom Hall. The Camden, N.J. native who was so hopeful of being a major contributor to UL's success this season said Wednesday that he is not happy with his playing time. But more than that Walls is chagrined about "negative press" he says he's gotten without getting a chance to prove what he can do.

Parting shot

Ron Shumate, head basketball coach at Southeast Missouri State has made himself a candidate for the head job at Mississippi State.

"I would put it like Eddie Sutton put it," Shumate said this week. "He said he'd crawl to Kentucky to take the job there. If Mississippi State offered me a job, I would crawl down there to have the opportunity to accept it."

Comment: Something tells me there's a difference in *crawling* to Lexington and Starkville, Miss. And so it goes.

Jim Griesch

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a lot of the money the poorly prepared students generate.

But, if colleges tighten up their standards, after a few years, tougher, better students will emerge from our high schools.

Colleges will become institutions of higher learning, again. High schools will be forced to produce better students to meet those demands.

Parents who expect their sons and daughters to attend college may become better parents, helping those children achieve their goals.

The farce athlete (student) will eventually have to disappear. There simply wouldn't be any room for him.

Unfair?

Maybe. But, then, college attendance is not a right. It is an earned opportunity.

Not every athlete has to be a Dean's List scholar. Neither does every other student.

But, they should be expected to read, write, want to learn, expect to learn, and be equipped to reach those goals.

Oscar L. Combs

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UK football and basketball games . . . One of the sportscasting stars on the rise is former Kentucky All-American **Jack Givens** but he got a tough break over the weekend just as he was hoping to show his stuff. Givens had been assigned as the analyst for the **LSU-Auburn** telecast by *NBC-TV* and the game promised to be the break he was seeking on the big-time level. **Jimmy Rayburn** of Lorimar Sports Productions is one of Givens' big fans and said *NBC-TV* wanted to use Givens on the split-national telecast so *NBC* executives could watch Givens' talent first hand. The game was to be aired in New Orleans where all the *NBC* execs were for Sunday's *Super Bowl* game. All was wasted when "chicken pox" forced postponement of the game . . . The postponement of that game also cost the league coffers some \$50,000.

the fee *NBC-TV* had agreed to pay for televising the contest. When the game is played later, if it is, it won't be televised. *NBC-TV* decided to televise the other split-national game, **Louisville-Kansas**, to the rest of the nation. Ironically, the *LSU-Auburn* game was to be no more than a small regional game and would have been shown only in Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi . . . Sure, **Arkansas** lost All-American **Joe Kleine** to graduation last spring but the Razorbacks apparently lost something else. The 'Hogs lost again at **Barnhall Arena** last Saturday, a 14-point decision to **Southern Cal** and now Arkansas owns a 9-8 overall record, 1-6 league mark and tied for last place in the *SWC*. That something else, *by the way* could be a fellow by the name of Eddie Sutton . . .

SEC Gets Ready For Baseball, Round-Robin Style

A near-unanimous vote by Southeastern Conference baseball coaches has eliminated the presence of divisional play for the first time in 27 years.

But while the 10 SEC clubs are moving to a round-robin (play a particular team at home one year and away the next) schedule, the second half of the coaches' improvement package was discarded. League presidents and athletic directors retained a four-team tournament format at the end of the season instead of a proposed six-team event.

"Ironically, the main reason the coaches were in favor of a round-robin was because of the six-team tournament," said UK head coach Keith Madison of the results of the 1984 meeting in Gainesville, Fla. "The coaches voted 9-1 in favor of the round-robin, and then passed the new post-season format. We ended up with one out of two."

The winner of regular-season play hosts the conference tournament. This year, UK entertains five Southeastern Conference opponents and travels to the remaining four, something that Madison says puts the Wildcats in an enviable position.

opening-round field would increase from its present 40 teams to 48.

Major league baseball will be well represented when the eighth annual Kentucky Baseball clinic, hosted by UK head coach Keith Madison, takes place at Lexington's Hyatt Regency Hotel on Saturday, Feb. 15.

Pitcher Tom Browning and second baseman Ron Oester of the Cincinnati Reds, and National League umpire Randy Marsh will all be on hand to provide personal instruction during the seven-hour event. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and runs for 30 minutes in the Hyatt Conference Center (formerly the Patterson Ballroom); the clinic concludes at 4 p.m.

"We're very lucky to have these three gentlemen with us this year," said Madison, who has divided the clinic into separate categories for coaches, players and umpires. Five time slots have been set aside for 40-minute speeches, and individuals will be permitted to choose their particular topic.

Madison was very instrumental in Cincinnati's discovery of Browning, who last season became



Madison's Baseball Clinic Set For Feb. 15

"It (five home series) is definitely in our favor," the coach said. "We're an untried team, and having to play at both LSU and Mississippi State should be enough for anyone. The Wildcats also visit Tennessee and an Auburn club that is sporting very high expectations. At Shively Field, Kentucky plays host to Alabama, Florida, Vanderbilt, Mississippi and Georgia. UK opens its 1986 season Feb. 28 at West Florida.

Although still in its possibility stages, the NCAA is considering changing its College World Series eight-team format to a four-team, single-elimination event for the purpose of enticing a major network television package.

"The networks have become interested in televising a Final Four-type collegiate baseball championship because of the success ESPN has had with the present format," said UK head coach Keith Madison. The 1985 College World Series was the most watched CWS in history, with ESPN sporting an average of 1.5 million viewers for each prime-time contest. The Texas-Miami semifinal game drew over two million.

"I definitely think baseball is a double-elimination sport, but the exposure for all of college baseball would just be too much to pass up," Madison concluded. If passed, the NCAA

the first big league rookie to win 20 games since the 1950s. "We were playing Tennessee Wesleyan down there (Athens, Tenn.) in 1982 in a warm-up game prior to meeting Tennessee. Only problem was, things got too warm because Tom Browning was on the mound.

"Immediately after we arrived back in Lexington I called Reds' scout Chet Montgomery and I guess the rest is history. Browning had an excellent curve and good velocity, but he might have had a tough time getting any recognition down there. That game he pitched might have been the only time an NAIA school ever beat us."

Former Kentucky governor and baseball commissioner A.B. "Happy" Chandler is the reason behind Marsh's inclusion to this year's clinic. "Happy introduced me to Marsh at a Reds' game last summer, and he was very receptive to the idea of coming down to speak," Madison said. "That will be an informative part of our schedule."

Included on the speaking docket will be UK assistants John Butler, John Mugarian and John Schaly, along with University of Louisville head coach John Mason and minor league manager Hal Dyer. Assisting Marsh on the umpiring portion will be local minor league arbiters Vic Travis and Larry Vanover.

For more information, please call (606) 257-8901.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Six Years Ago

*Center Sam Bowie tipped in a missed shot with more than 15 minutes left in the game to tie the score at 41 and Kentucky led the rest of the way in defeating Alabama 72-63 in Tuscaloosa. The win made amends for an earlier season 14-point home loss to the Tide. The missed shot which Bowie put back in was also the last shot UK missed the entire game as the Cats hit a staggering 14 of 16 second half shots for a school record 87.5 percent. Coach Joe Hall said it was his team's best half of the year on the road as they also hit 13 of 14 free throws. There were only 13 turnovers committed in the game and the Tide led 37-31 at half. Kyle Macy led UK with 20 points while guard Jay Shidler hit a season high 18 points. Bowie added 14 points.

*Kentucky's inside-outside punch was too much as UK downed the hot Mississippi Rebels

86-72, handing the Rebels their second worst loss of the year and only their second defeat in the last eight games. The win was UK's 20th of the year, against four losses. Kyle Macy was UK's outside threat, hitting for 28 points while handing out seven assists. Fred Cowan scored 17 points and Sam Bowie hit for 15 while blocking five shots in the first half alone. The 'Cats hit 64.2 percent of their field goal attempts on 34 of 53. John Stroud led Ole Miss with 27 points.

*The UK lady Kats missed two shots at the end of regulation and then lost in overtime to highly-ranked Tennessee 91-83 in Lexington. The game was marred by 55 personal fouls. Valerie Still led the Lady Kats with 28 points. Liz Lukschu added 19 points.

Ten Years Ago

*Freshman forward Bob Fowler and junior

guard Joey Holland were suspended from the UK basketball team for breaking curfew. The suspension left UK with only nine players, including football player Derrick Ramsey.

**"It's the same old thing. We gave the effort and came out on the short end," said UK guard Larry Johnson as the Cats fell 69-65 to Vandy in Nashville. Kentucky outrebounded the Commodores 44-30 and took 25 more shots but were able to hit only 29 of 74. Jack Givens scored 24 points for the Cats while Reggie Warford scored 12. UK is now 5-7 in the league and 10-10 overall. Vandy is one game behind co-leaders Alabama and Tennessee in the SEC race.

Fifteen Years Ago

*The Wildcats set a record as they passed the 100 mark for the fourth straight game, beating Mississippi State 102-83. The win boosted UK's SEC leading record to 10-1. A 32-point perfor-

mance by Tom Parker, fine clutch play by guard Jim Dinwiddie, and an outstanding relief job by center Jim Andrews were the game's highlights. Jack Bouldin led State in scoring with 34 points. *Ronnie Lyons scored 41 points in leading the UK Kittens to an '87-'88 win over Marathon AAU.

*UK basketball coach Adolph Rupp was reported in satisfactory condition at the UK Medical Center. Rupp was hospitalized for treatment of an ulcerated right foot. Assistant Joe Hall was named in charge of the team for the road games with Florida and Georgia.

*Kentucky is now ranked eight in the AP poll, with UCLA and Marquette 1-2.

*The Florida Gators beat the cold-shooting UK Wildcats, 74-65. Tom Purvis led Florida with 24 points while Kentucky was led by forward Tom Parker with 20 points. Sophomore center Tom Payne grabbed 19 rebounds for the Cats.

Thirty Years Ago

*Kentucky halfback Dick Moloney turned down an offer from a Canadian League team to sign with the New York Giants.

*UK nudged a stubborn Florida team 81-70 in Gainesville. UK led by three points at the half. Gerry Galvert scored 21 points, Bob Burrow 19, Jerry Bird 16 and Phil Grawemeyer 14. Lexington native Charles Pike scored 29 points for the Gators.

*Brit Kirwan, the son of former UK coach Abe Kirwan, signed a grant to play football at Kentucky. Kirwan played end at Lexington Henry Clay High School.

*UK baseball coach Harry Lancaster opened practice in unusually warm weather.

Wildcat Quiz

1. Yes or No? Ole Miss has never defeated Kentucky at Oxford during the '80's.

2. When was the last time UK lost at Ole Miss?

- a) 1983
- b) 1982
- c) 1979
- d) 1977

3. Where is Ed Davender's hometown?

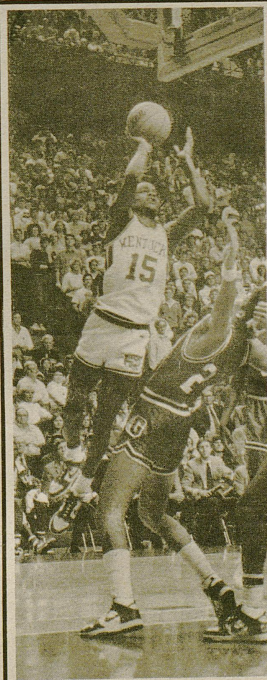
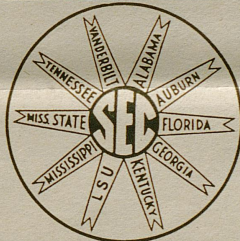
- a) Bronx, NY
- b) Jersey City, NJ
- c) Brooklyn, NY
- d) Pittsburgh, PA

4. Against which SEC team did UK attempt the most free throws in one game?

- a) Vandy
- b) LSU
- c) Mississippi State
- d) Auburn

5. If UK wins the SEC title this season it will be their-----conference championship (regular season).

- a) 33rd
- b) 34th
- c) 35th
- d) 36th



Ed Davender

6. What NBA team drafted former Wildcat Frank Ramsey?

- a) New York Knicks
- b) Cincinnati Royals
- c) Boston Celtics
- d) Philadelphia 76ers

7. UK played one Mid American Conference team last season. Which team was it?

- a) Kent State
- b) Toledo
- c) Ohio
- d) Bowling Green

8. True or False? Former Wildcat Jack Perkinson was named to All-American team in 1946.

9. What NBA team drafted former UK forward Fred Cowan?

- a) Golden State Warriors
- b) New Jersey Nets
- c) Washington Bullets
- d) Houston Rockets

10. What former UK player is currently playing for the Chicago Bulls.

- a) Kyle Macy
- b) Kevin Grevey
- c) Jack Givens
- d) Dirk Minniefield



- 10. a) Kyle Macy
- 9. d) Houston Rockets
- 8. True
- 7. b) Toledo
- 6. c) Boston Celtics
- 5. d) 36th
- 4. c) Miss. St. (56-1979)
- 3. c) Brooklyn, NY
- 2. b) 1982 (67-62)
- 1. No, Mississippi beat Kentucky 67-65 in 1982



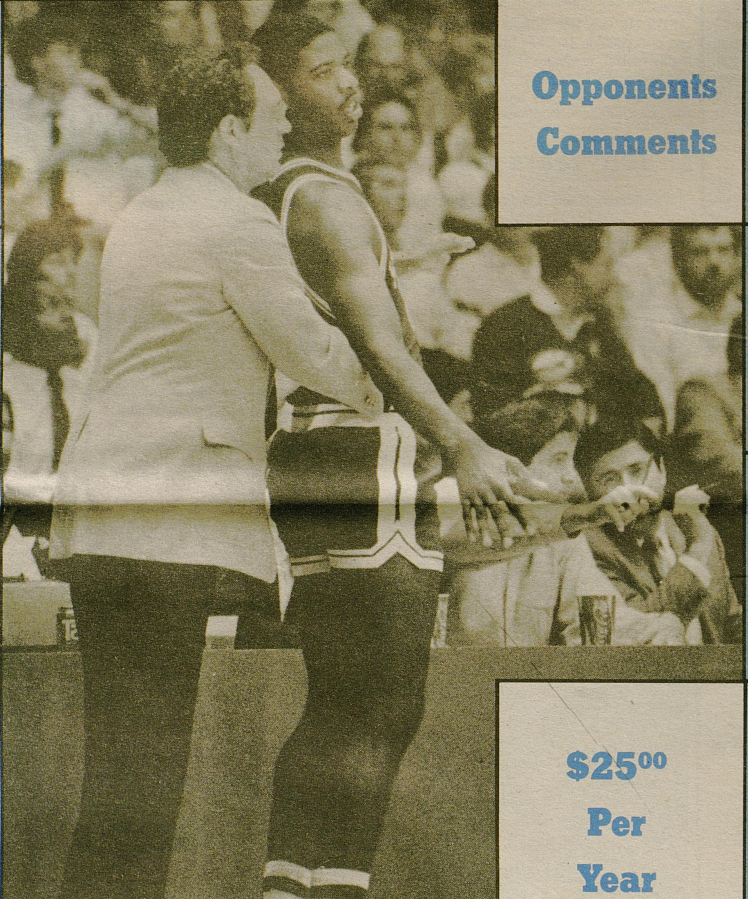
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