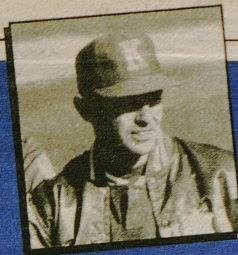


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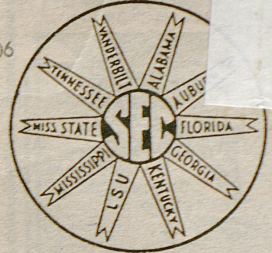
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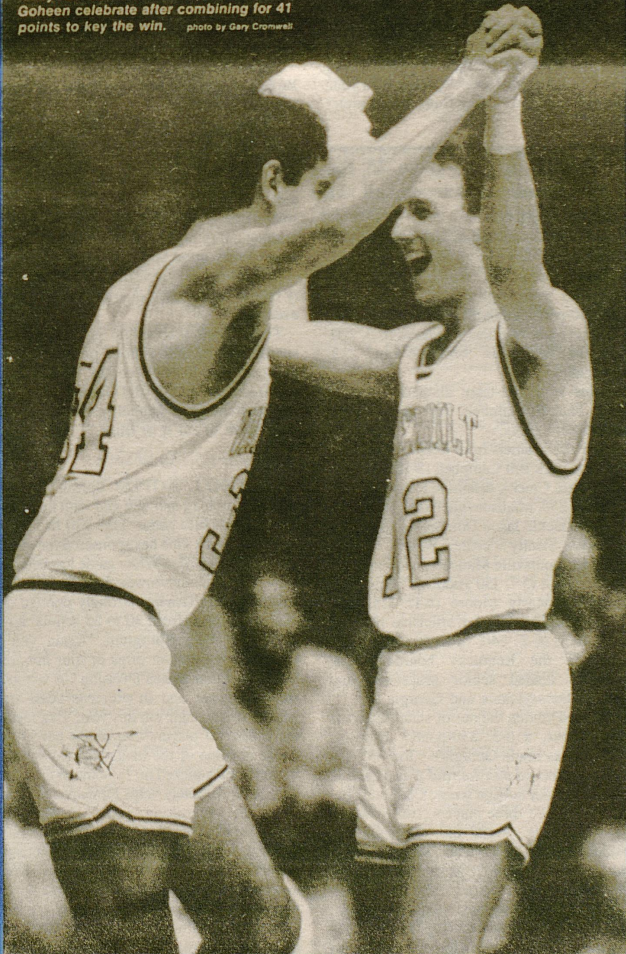
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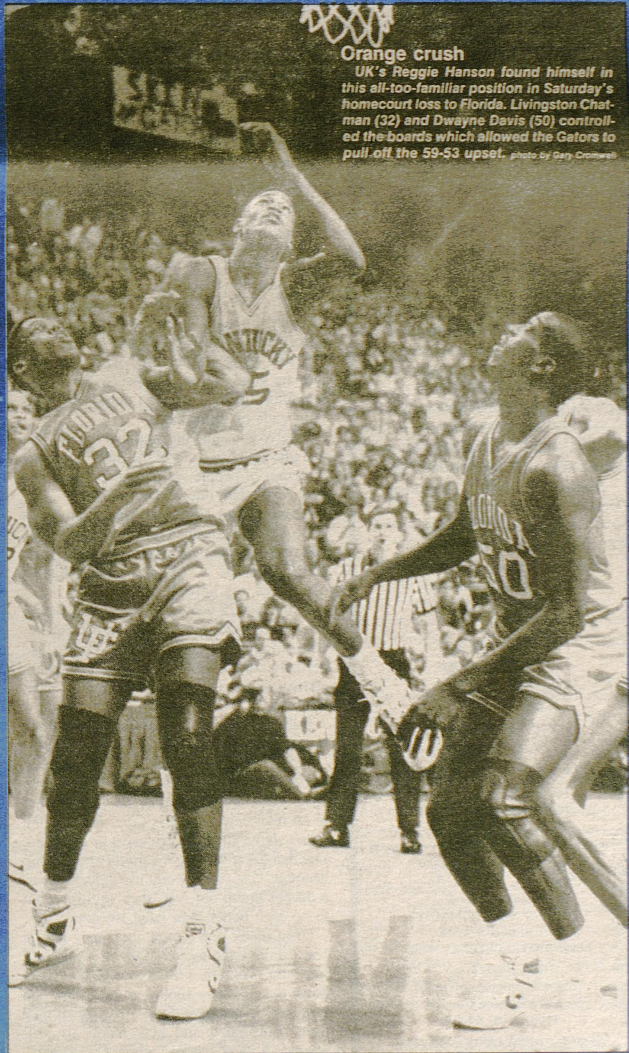
Gold rush

There were some Kentuckians who were happy with Vanderbilt's 81-51 thumping of the Wildcats Wednesday in Nashville. Kentucky natives Frank Kornet (left) and Barry Goheen celebrate after combining for 41 points to key the win. photo by Gary Cromwell



Orange crush

UK's Reggie Hanson found himself in this all-too-familiar position in Saturday's homecourt loss to Florida. Livingston Chatman (32) and Dwayne Davis (50) controlled the boards which allowed the Gators to pull off the 59-53 upset. photo by Gary Cromwell



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Of the 21 players signed last Wednesday by Jerry Claiborne and his staff 12 hail from the Bluegrass State. And UK will apparently take its time in signing No. 22.

Claiborne more than satisfied with latest recruiting campaign—inks 21

Compiled by The Cats' Pause staff

UK football coach Jerry Claiborne was more than satisfied with his latest recruiting class, his eighth with the Wildcats. The UK coach announced last Wednesday that he and his staff signed 21 players, including 12 from the Bluegrass State.

"We're very pleased with the players we've been able to sign," Claiborne was quoted in a story by the *Lexington Herald-Leader*. "We feel like we've signed some wide receivers that are good college prospects. We've gotten some linebackers who could also play tight ends or fullbacks.

"We've got some linemen that we feel like can play on both sides of the ball. These are the types of people we've signed. Most can play more than one or two places."

Kentucky had 22 scholarships to offer. The NCAA earlier trimmed the previous 30 to 25 and three Wildcat walkons also were awarded scholarships. As of last Friday, UK's list of signees was holding at 21.

Catch No. 22 was supposed to be a defensive end from Florida, but that didn't pan out. Chris Graham, from Ft. Walton Beach, had verbally committed to Kentucky. He changed his mind and signed with Memphis State, however.

Still, the 'Cats had what many consider a near-banner season.

"Skill people—running backs, receivers, linebackers—I think we had a pretty good class there," indicated assistant Chip Garber in an interview with *The Cats' Pause*. "We didn't sign a bunch of offensive or defensive linemen because we got a pretty good group last year. Last year's group, we thought it was a decent group but, yet, they've turned out to be even better than what we hoped for.

"You really don't know until they get on your campus and see how they're going to fit into your program. I think four or five years down the road you should go back and rate how the classes have done—how much they have contributed and how many are still around. A lot of schools, whom I won't mention but are south of the Kentucky boarder,

don't have a very good track record of keeping kids in school; they'll lose a lot of people. So I think the strength of your class is if you've got a lot of kids who stay with your program and don't either flunk out or aren't run off."

Please turn to page 25 for a thumbnail sketch on all 21 Wildcat signees.

Thirteen of Kentucky's signees hail from the Bluegrass. In fact, four can be found at Louisville Male High School—Eric Carter (5-11, 190-pound tailback), Salim Shahid (6-3, 177, wide receiver), Terry Samuels (6-3, 220, tight end) and Sean Smith (6-foot, 225, linebacker).

Carter is a first-team all-state selection while Shahid, Samuels and Smith were second-team picks.

Other first-teams from Kentucky include: defensive back Bill Campbell (5-11, 170, Lexington Bates Creek), defensive guard Jon Collins (5-11, 255, Madisonville North Hopkins), defensive tackle Jason Dombroski (6-4, 255, Louisville Trinity), center Wesley Jackson (6-3, 245, Louisville Manuel), wide receiver Kurt Johnson (5-7, 150 Paducah Tilghman), linebacker Marty Moore (6-1, 225, Fort Thomas Highlands) and offensive lineman Barry Rich (6-2, 240, Monroe County).

Outside the Kentucky boarders, UK recruiters landed senior prepsters from Florida, Pennsylvania and Georgia.

Included among the out-of-state signees is David Parks, a 6-3, 250-pound defensive guard. Parks made Georgia's "Top 35", according to the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*.

On the junior college scene, Claiborne and his staff signed three players, two of which are tight ends. From the '88 team the Wildcats lose TE's Charlie Darrington and Martin Pennington while juniors Mike Meece and Steve Phillips return. With the signing of Bobby Henderson and Rodney Jackson, both from Tyler Junior College in Texas, the Wildcat tight end position looks to be in good hands.

One area where the squad didn't bring in additional support was at quarterback.

Earlier, the state's No. 1 signal caller, Jeff Brohm, chose Howard Schnellenberger's program at Louisville.

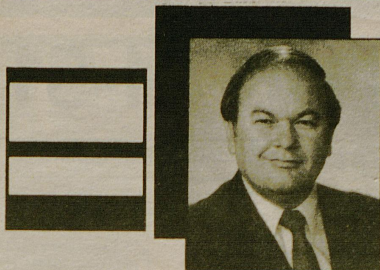
"We're pretty satisfied with what we've got," said Garber about the situation. "Of course, we signed Brad Smith and Ryan Hockman last year. Both of those kids, in fact, are some of the ones that we felt like were better players than what we thought was coming out of high school. I think we've got some pretty good young ones coming up.

"Of course next year that will be a priority on our list, to get a quarterback or maybe even two."

There's one scholarship left. And it's a vacancy where time is not a problem... the main concern is *who'll* be No. 22. "It's just a wait-and-see thing," said Garber, "if we can find another good football player. "We just don't want to fill it to fill it."

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FOOTBALL NOTES: Spring practice begins March 22 and will end with the **Bank One Blue-White** game. This will be the second year Bank One has sponsored the event. Kickoff for the Blue-White game has been set for 6 p.m. at Commonwealth Stadium. . . UK assistant **Chip Garber** strongly pointed out that the cutback from 30 to 25 scholarships helped the Wildcat program. "Again, you're talking about another three or four hundred kids a year that signed Division I-A scholarships last year and in previous years that weren't able to sign 'em this year. That means the caliber of players that might have been going to some of the bigger named schools now are being picked up by some of the other schools. It definitely helps Kentucky." . . . Asked if the recruiting grind is ever too monotonous to handle, Garber said: "It's still exciting. If it's not you better get out because that's such a big part of the program. I think everybody still has the excitement and energy to go out and get the best players that you can. Of course, it's always a little easier when you go to a bowl game, have winning seasons and win championships."



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CATS' PAUSE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

You won't have to stomach negative news much longer

□ Kentucky's two performances last week were nothing to boast about, but I choose to take the high road in this column and point toward the future and not look back.

Crazy, you say?

Well, not exactly. Haven't you heard enough of all the negatives aspects of Kentucky basketball the past year? Haven't you been bombarded with how bad a situation it is on the UK campus in Lexington?

Sure, you have. And you've read a pretty good portion right here in the pages of *TCP*. It wasn't something we've enjoyed, believe you me. But it was a part of the responsibility we had, and have, to subscribers who purchase an annual subscription to find out what is going on in Kentucky.

During the entire mess, we've tried to keep you up to date with the latest *truthful* information while giving you an insight we felt was best for the future of the program.

Along the way, we've ruffled a few feathers, to say the least. But as the old parental saying goes: We did what was best for you at the time.

I'm prompted to say this because a loyal subscriber of *TCP* dropped in the offices last week to renew his subscription and he immediately tore into me for being so negative and washing so much dirty linen in this publication the past several months.

Once I had him calmed down, I posed a hypothetical situation to him, one which would have had us stonewalling the situation the past 12 months, arguing that all the NCAA charges were unfounded, that nothing was going to happen and that Santa Claus would arrive in time for Eric Manuel, Rex Chapman and Shawn Kemp to play in the SEC tournament next month.

And then to the horror of all, suddenly everyone would awaken to the cold, cruel world of reality and discover what we had been telling you for the past year.

Then, I added, what if you call me on the phone and say: "Oscar, how could all of this have been going on all this time and no one knew anything about it? How come you didn't know anything about this and you're suppose to know the inside scoop? How come you didn't keep us informed and warn us all these bad things were happening?"

I would have told my friend: "Gosh, I would have told you, but you would have gotten mad at me, thought me to be a terribly turncoat and you probably wouldn't have wanted to read all that bad stuff anyway, would you?"

You know what, the guy sorta stood there, stunned and almost speechless. The situation hadn't been put that way before.

"Well, I guess I just want to think that we wouldn't be doing the things those things. You know, we don't have to do those things to win."

I couldn't agree more my friend.

A final note to Big Blue fans: You

won't have to put up with the negative stories much longer. And that's the good news. No, let's make that great news.

Oh, there will be a few more losses this season. That optimistic viewpoint of mine predicting a Southeastern Conference regular-season title has faded in the sunset, but better days are definitely ahead.

I prefer to keep an eye on the future and allow the past to serve as a reminder what can happen when you do things the wrong way.

I get sick and tired of hearing: *But everyone else is doing it that way.* Fact is, that theory might very well be true. When a school knows its opponents are cheating it should turn them in quicker than a wink. But two wrongs do not a right make.

Let's run the ship straight and full-steam-ahead, and that's what Kentucky is in the process of doing. And when UK does return to the winning form, it can do so with dignity and push forward proudly, knowing it did not cut corners to achieve a victory.

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□ **WITHIN THE NEXT 30 days**, we'll have a pretty good indication of what to expect in the future. Although the NCAA won't levy its final decision before late April, I've got a very sneaky suspicion we'll know the path UK president David Roselle is taking long before that time frame.

First of all, new athletics director C.M. Newton comes on board April 1 and he told local reporters in no uncertain terms that he fully expects coach Eddie Sutton's status to be solidified, one way or another, before he comes aboard.

During a question-and-answer session with reporters after his appointment last month, Newton said any changes in the department concerning personnel would be resolved, by Roselle and acting athletics director Joe Burch, before he arrives.

What Newton was saying, in so many words, is that he had been given assurances that he would arrive on the Lexington campus with a clean slate to work and not needing a field-clearing ax. By those comments, we're led to believe that anyone who might not be around next fall probably won't be around come April 1.

The future of Sutton and his staff continue to dominate talk about the University of Kentucky wherever you go.

At a sporting goods show in Atlanta last week, where all the big shoe companies convert to market their wares to the nation's retail businesses, the gossip had it that it's a "done deal," that the top replacement candidates are Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski and New York Knicks coach Rick Pitino.

But the gossip doesn't stop there. The really "big" news in Atlanta was the line bouncing back and forth from the big-time shoe companies.

Remember when coach Sutton switched UK from the Converse family to the Nike family upon his arrival in Lexington four years ago? Well, if the rumors in Atlanta have any validity, Kentucky will begin a new approach in packaging its athletic teams' footwear.

Those in the profession say they're hearing rumors that Newton wants to bring the big bucks into the athletic department's coffers and outside the coaches' control.

Under such a plan, a coach would probably be allowed more salary for losing the lucrative side-deal, but the outfitting of UK's teams would be under the direction of the athletics director, not the coaches.

In the past, some people in the shoe industry have suggested that schools are missing out on big bucks by not putting their athletic footwear out on competitive bidding. One company fits all the university's teams. A rep of one company (neither Converse nor Nike, I might add) said a couple years ago Kentucky could expect as much as \$200,000 a year plus free shoes for all its athletes if such a bidding process was undertaken.

Whether or not this particular subject has been on Newton's mind isn't known. I'm sure he's more interested in keeping Vandy on track to a postseason tournament than worrying about shoe contracts for Kentucky.

And it could be that those shoe companies' reps are just trying to speculate on the future and jockey for position. Ironically, several believe that Nike will be out and Converse in if UK should have a new coach. That theory has it that Newton (who just happens to be part of the Converse family) will use his influence one way or the other, just as Sutton did.

It's doubtful Newton will try to pull any deals for an old friend. You can expect him to cut the best possible deal for UK, not a shoe company.

And according to several sources in Atlanta, there will be other companies trying to get in on the action, like Reebok, Adidas, Pony, Avia and LA Gear, to name a few.

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□ **IT'S BEEN WELL-DOCUMENTED** what the worst-possible scenario would be for UK next season: two or more years sanctions prohibiting UK from postseason play and no live television, a limit on scholarships, no off-campus recruiting, a cutback on on-campus visits and the absence of two or more returning players.

Those matters will be settled later by the NCAA, but one has to believe UK is in position to be given the least possible penalties because the university has been so cooperative.

This leads me to believe UK might receive as little as a one-year ban on postseason play, and to me the ban of postseason play is by far the most critical one. All the others can have an effect on

a program, but none can totally paralyze a school as a ban on tournament play for two or more years.

Based on the charges and if UK should be determined as being guilty, it would surprise me to see a more severe penalty. There are four, and only four, major charges in my opinion.

They are the Chris Mills situation, the Eric Manuel test score, the Sean Higgins allegation and the alleged lying to the NCAA by two Wildcats.

From all indications, the Higgins allegation stands a very good chance of being tossed out the window when lawyers of UK and the NCAA work on their compromise early next month.

The Manuel testing situation appears to be one UK will not challenge. However, if UK is not determined to be directly involved, it would not be a major violation against the university, just the student-athlete, although I have problems believing any student can cheat all by himself on a test of that magnitude.

Sources indicate the university's response to the Mills affair is that UK cannot confirm nor deny those allegations from the investigation it has conducted. This seems to lead one to believe UK could be held accountable.

The case of lying and/or giving misleading information to NCAA officials could be far more serious than what first meets the eye. It goes without saying that such actions could be construed as being part of a cover-up.

I'm told by a member of the UK Board of Trustees that this particular item was emphasized very heavily at the session president Roselle held with that board and the UK Athletics Board a couple weeks ago.

The fact that one of the two involved in the allegation was the coach's son does not set well for him as well as for coach Sutton's future.

Whether or not coach Sutton or his son, or Manuel or Mills will be back next season is all speculation. Being completely honest, I seriously doubt all will return.

With that in mind, UK could have a very thin squad, one which would have to give a lotta heart just to be competitive, and it still might not even win 10 games.

Those, I believe, you can count on returning next season would be Reggie Hanson, Derrick Miller, Johnathan Davis, Deron Feldhaus, Richie Farmer, John Pelphrey, Sean Woods and prep signee Jeff Brassow. If you've noticed the absence of LeRon Ellis, there is a reason.

There has been much speculation about Ellis not returning, and for good reason. He's not been the happiest person in the world the past couple seasons. He's cut from a different piece of cloth, much like Chapman was. He speaks his own mind and sometimes that doesn't fit with some situations.

He's curled more than a single hair, like the time while being interviewed by a

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No joke: Vandy thumps UK 81-51

Lack of interest, not conflict of interest, leads to worst Wildcat loss at hands of Vanderbilt in history of the series

By TCP associate editor Mike Estep

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Heard any good jokes lately? If not, here's one:

During the 15-day period from Vandy coach C.M. Newton's Jan. 24 announcement that he would accept the Kentucky athletics director's post until his Commodores met the Wildcats on the court Feb. 8 in Memorial Gym, there was a steady cry from the Nashville media that the 59-year-old would be unable to adequately perform his coaching duties against his alma mater because of a conflict of interest.

Honest. It didn't materialize. Eddie Sutton's Wildcats saw that, providing the punch line by going through the motions in losing an 81-51 laugher that proved to be UK's worst beating at the hands of a Vanderbilt club in school history.

In impersonating a basketball team (and not very well, either) the visiting 'Cats were out-shot (50.9 percent to 32.8 percent), outrebounded (39 to 33), outthrusted, outclassed and, of course, outscored.

"I thought that through this whole game we were out of sync," coach Sutton said, stating the obvious. "I'm not taking anything away from Vanderbilt. They played well and shot the ball well. I know that C.M. said against Alabama they played well but the shots weren't falling. Well, they were falling for them tonight.

"I told our team: 'You've got to establish an inside attack,' and we simply did not do a good job getting the ball inside. We just played very poorly.

"Anybody in the league would've had trouble handling Vandy tonight, though. But I think another team would've made it closer."

The Wildcats controlled the opening tip and took their first, and only, lead of the contest when 6-foot-7 forward Chris Mills found himself guarded by 6-4 Barry Booker, took advantage of a mismatch and converted one of two tosses from the free throw line to make it 1-0 Kentucky.

Booker did him one better on the Commodores' ensuing possession, however, nailing two free throws for a 2-1 lead that Vanderbilt would never relinquish.

"They came out in a man-to-man, and

that's what we were hoping they would do," flu-stricken Sean Sutton, who gave Kentucky some respectability by scoring 12 of his career-high 14 points late in the second half to keep the final margin under 40, said. "So we were able to milk the shot clock down that first time. Soon after they went to a zone, though, and we weren't able to do that. They got ahead and we had to come to them.

"That's one of the big keys with this team: When we have gotten ahead we've played well and we've done well. We did that at Florida and we did that at Tennessee."

But not at Vanderbilt. Although the Commodores stayed man-to-man for six possessions after Mills' freebie, Kentucky couldn't dent the scoreboard. Vandy could, though, and took a 10-3 lead on a Barry Goheen layup before switching to an aggressive 1-1-3 zone that the 'Cats rarely solved the remainder of the contest.

Sutton played string music with an 18-footer the first trip down against the zone, but it was the exception rather than the rule for the Wildcats, who hit on just six of 22 first-half attempts (27.3 percent) in Music City.

"Basically, we just couldn't hit shots," Derrick Miller, who was a woeful 0-8 from the field and managed just a single point after scoring 27 in Kentucky's earlier 70-61 victory over Vanderbilt in Lexington. "We had some open shots, but nothing just wasn't falling. I don't know if it was this place we were playing in or not."

Miller said Kentucky was expecting the zone, but could still do combat it. "Yeah, I think the coaches did a great job

of scouting. They told us exactly what we needed to do against it. It was just that we were missing the shots. You know, when you can hit some outside shots that can open things up inside. That wasn't the case tonight. And we couldn't get the inside game going so we could get the outside game going."

Vanderbilt, thanks to the Barry boys (Goheen and Booker, who combined for 23 first-half points), was right in tune, shooting 58.3 percent from the field and employing runs of 9-2 and 14-5 to lead 39-28 at halftime.

"I'm just not sure we can play much better, on both ends of the court," Newton said. "I thought in the first half what we did defensively triggered everything we did offensively. We were able to get into transition well. It's one thing to run, it's another thing to finish the break. We did a very good job of that."

If the Commodores staggered the Wildcats in the first half with defense (and they did), then they landed the knockout punch early in the second half with a fast-breaking offense. Turning four Wildcat misses into eight points, Vandy scored the 11 of the half's first 13 points as the advantage ballooned to 32 points at 52-20 just four minutes after the break.

From that point on it wasn't a matter of "if" but "how much?" Vandy eventually pushed the lead to 35 (72-37) on Eric Reid's three-point play with 5:26 to play, then coasted home with the 30-point win only because Sutton found his shooting touch down the stretch.

"I'm just very, very proud of our team," Newton said. "It's definitely the best basket-

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UK-Vanderbilt play-by-play

Time	Kentucky	Score	Vanderbilt
19:12	Mills FT, FTA	1-0	
18:58		1-2	Booker FT, FT
18:31		1-3	Reid FTA, FT
16:52		1-6	Booker 21 ft.
16:37	Ellis 14 ft.	3-6	
16:22		3-8	Reid dunk
15:49		3-10	Goheen layup
15:24	Sutton 18 ft.	5-10	
14:02		5-13	Goheen 22 ft.
13:14	Ellis follow layup	7-13	
12:09		7-15	Booker 17 ft.
11:47		7-17	Wilcox layup
10:42		7-19	Kornet tip dunk
10:26	Mills FT, FT	9-19	
9:48		9-22	Mays 20 ft.
8:48	Mills 17 ft.	11-22	
7:33	Feldhaus 15 ft.	13-22	
7:04		13-25	Wilcox 20 ft.
6:02	Miller FTA, FT	14-25	
4:28		14-27	Grant dunk
3:46	Hanson follow, FT	17-27	
2:42		17-30	Booker 20 ft.
2:17		17-32	Goheen dunk
1:38		17-35	Goheen 22 ft.
1:01		17-36	Grant FT, FTA
0:49	Hanson FTA, FT	18-36	
0:12		18-39	Goheen 23 ft.

HALF 18-39

19:09		18-41	Goheen FT, FT
18:48		18-43	Kornet layup
18:20	Mills follow layup	20-43	
17:53		20-45	Booker dunk
17:26		20-47	Kornet layup
16:48		20-50	Goheen 21 ft.
15:59		20-52	Wilcox follow layup
15:40	Hanson 8 ft.	22-52	
14:51		22-53	Kornet FT, FTA
14:37	Ellis alley-oop dunk	24-53	
14:24		24-55	Kornet dunk
13:05		24-57	Kornet 10 ft. hook
12:25	Mills finger roll	26-57	
12:11		26-59	Kornet layup
11:57	Hanson layup	28-59	
10:46	Feldhaus follow	30-59	
10:15		30-62	Wilcox 22 ft.
9:05	Ellis layup	32-62	
8:44		32-64	Kornet FT, FT
7:58	Ellis FT, FT	34-64	
6:24		34-67	Booker 21 ft.
6:02	Sutton 20 ft.	37-67	
5:48		37-69	Goheen layup
5:26		37-72	Reid layup, FT
4:48	Sutton 21 ft.	40-72	
4:25	Sutton 18 ft.	42-72	
3:58		42-74	Goheen FT, FT
3:40	Sutton 21 ft.	45-74	
3:08		45-75	Wilcox FTA, FT
2:57	Sutton FTA, FT	46-75	
2:47		46-77	Kornet dunk
2:28		46-78	Kornet FTA, FT
2:14		46-79	Goheen FT, FTA
2:03	Pelphrey FTA, FT	47-79	
0:58	Feldhaus follow	49-79	
0:32		49-81	Milholland FT, FT
0:13	Hanson dunk	51-81	

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—Cats' Pause chart

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25	Ellis, LeRon	4	9	0	0	2	2	3	4	7	4	10	1	2	0	1	27	
4	Miller, Derrick	0	0	8	0	4	1	2	1	3	4	2	1	3	0	1	21	
20	Sutton, Sean	0	5	9	3	4	1	2	2	1	3	1	6	1	2	0	0	21
12	Feldhaus, Deron	3	6	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	11	
32	Farmer, Richie	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
33	Davis, Johnathon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	8	
34	Pelphrey, John	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	13
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Commodores give Newton an 81-51 surprise package

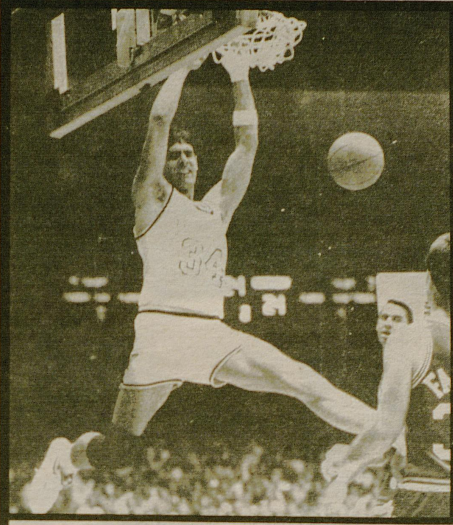
By TCP associate editor Nick Nicholas

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Presents come in all shapes and sizes. On the outside some appear small in magnitude but can be just as valuable and precious to the beholder as one that is comparably larger. True. On the other hand...

Sometimes those large presents can be equally, if not more, fun to unwrap and see what's inside.

Take for instance last Wednesday evening's gift from the Vanderbilt Commodore basketball team to coach C.M. Newton.

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'Dores slam on 'Cats

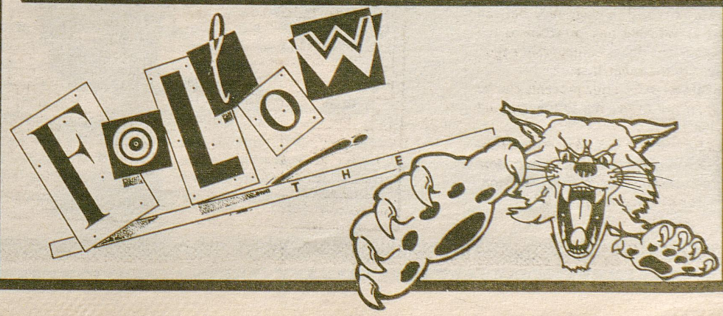
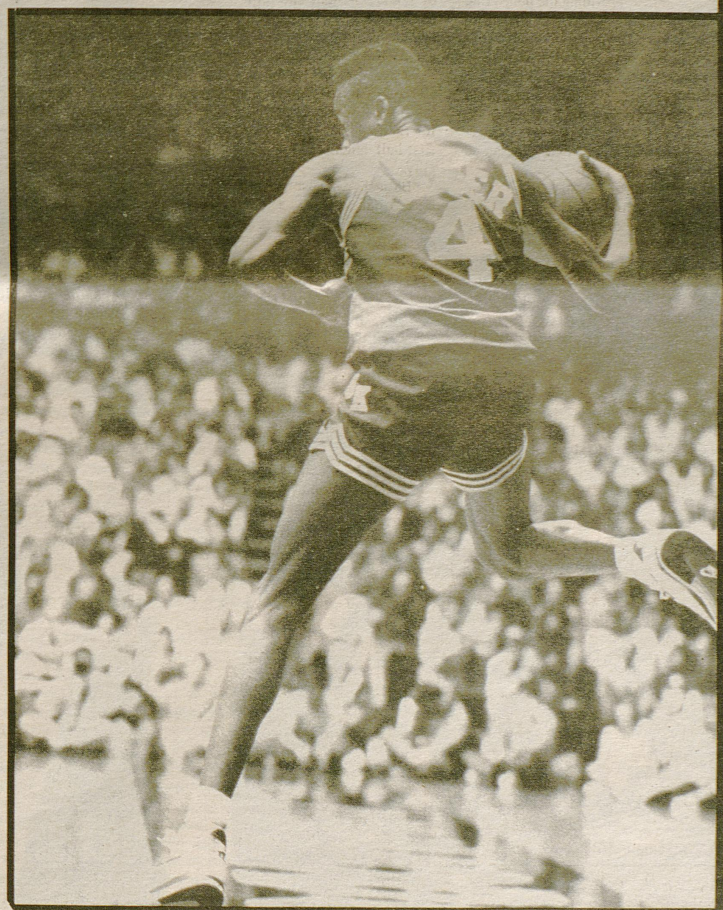
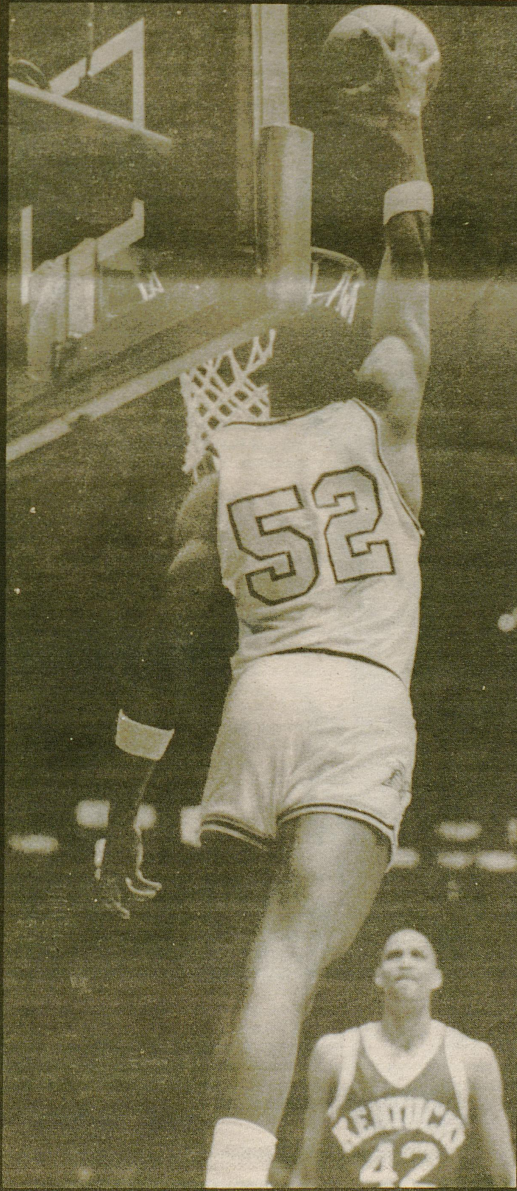
(Clockwise from top left): Vanderbilt center Frank Kornet, a Lexington native, stuffs this one with feeling to give the Commodores a commanding 55-24 lead with 14:24 remaining. Kornet scored 17 points and grabbed seven boards.

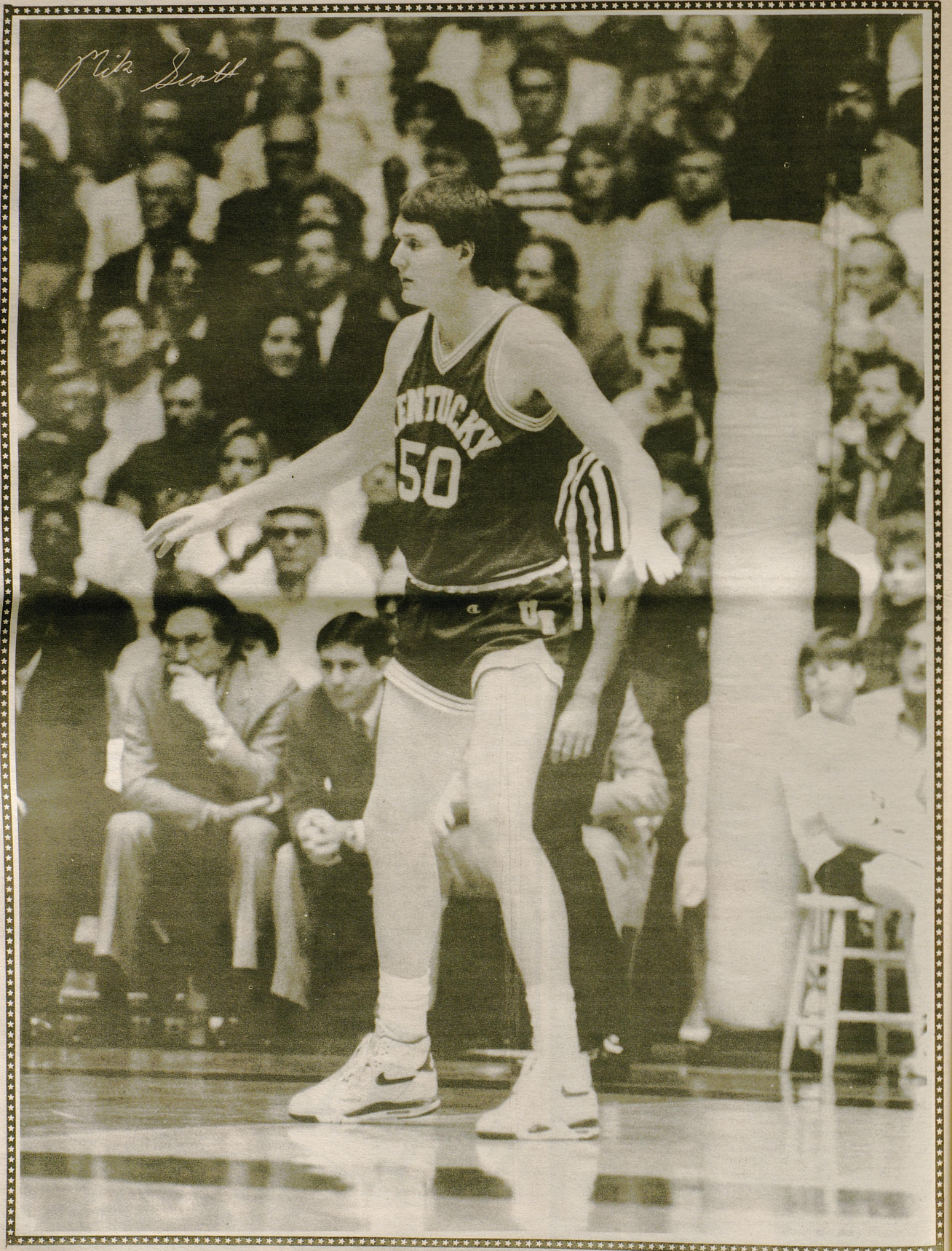
The Commodore mascot was all smiles during Vandy's 81-51 win, the largest margin of victory over a Kentucky club in school history.

UK guard Derrick Miller, who was held to a single point on 0-8 shooting from the field after erupting for 27 against the 'Dores in Lexington, keeps a loose ball in play.

Vandy forward Eric Reid gets a bucket on this high-percentage shot.

photos by Gary Cromwell





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81-51 UK loss to Vandy was bad...but it's been worse

Central routed 'Cats 87-17 79 years ago

Joe Dean Jr., former University of Kentucky assistant basketball coach who now is head coach at Birmingham Southern, asked a trivia question—"Who is Central?"—while assisting UK's own Tom Hammond (BS, Ag., '67),



Russell Rice
Cats' Pause Columnist

son of the late Wildcat backfield letterman Claude Hammond, during the regional telecast of the UK-Vanderbilt (51-81) debacle last week in Nashville.

The question was pertinent because the Commodores were leading by more than 30 points at the time and in position to hand the Wildcats their worst defeat in modern history.

For the record, City College of New York (CCNY) defeated UK 89-50 in the 1950 National Invitational Tournament in Madison Square Garden, worst modern-day loss by a UK team.

There was much to be suspected about that game. The Wildcats were 25-4 and taking lightly a CCNY team that was 17-5.

"We weren't the least bit concerned," Wildcat All-American center Bill Spivey said years later. "We waltzed right onto the floor thinking all we had to do was show up. By halftime, we were 25 points down. We cut it to 12, but they got hot again and beat us."

Three UK players from that team—Dale Barnstable, Walt Hirsch and Jim Line—and some players from CCNY later were implicated in the points-shaving scandal of that era.

The Wildcats' second worst loss of modern times was a 76-41 walloping by LSU two years ago in Rupp Arena. Former Wildcat coach Joe B. Hall had the misfortune of making his debut as a TV color commentator for that game.

However, the granddaddy of all UK losses was an 87-17 shellacking by Central (Centre?) 79 years ago at Danville.

To clear up the confusion and to answer coach Dean's question, we'll look into a brief history of Central. The university, with a divinity school attached, was started in 1893 at Richmond by Southern Presbyterians after many Kentucky Presbyterians defected from the PCUSA and envisioned a university that would compare favorably with the Danville Seminary and Centre College, which were started during the 1890s by Louisville Presbyterians.

In 1893, the College of Theology was moved to Louisville, and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary began with 31 students and a faculty of six. The Louisville seminary and the Danville seminary were merged in 1901, as were Central University and Centre College, with the combined schools taking the name of The Central University of Kentucky.

The game of football started at Central in 1891, when Centre challenged Central to a game. The Central boys had a good baseball team, but knew nothing whatsoever about football. However, they were unwilling to let pass a challenge from their hated rivals from Danville.

Three Richmond men who had played football taught the Central boys a few fundamentals of the game. On game day, the Central boys traveled to Nicholasville, a neutral site selected by the teams, on the recently completed R.N.I. & B. Railroad and learned the rules while on the train. Col. H.D. McClintock, who played for Central in that game, said in 1952 that Centre won by a point, but he could not remember the exact score.

Central inaugurated football as a regular sport the



Bill Rodes (left) and fellow footballers Wayne Plummer (next to Rodes) and Dick Barbee (far right) pose with captain W.C. Fox (center) and Shelby Post as mainstays of the 1908-09 Wildcat basketball team that finished 5-4. The following season, team captain Rodes, Barbee and Plummer did not join the team until after the fourth game, the 87-17 loss to Central.

following year and was rated "Champion of Kentucky" after splitting two games with Kentucky University (now Transylvania) and defeating State College (now UK) in games at Richmond and Lexington.

Central repeated as state champion in 1893, defeating Centre 20-18 in the title game at Lexington. Earlier in the season, Central had taken the measure of State College 48-12. State also lost to Centre, but closed that 5-2-1 season with a thrilling tie game, 24-24, against Indiana in Lexington.

State College defeated Central 38-10 and was state champion the following year. Central played no Kentucky teams in 1895, ranked last in the state in 1896 and was second behind Central in 1897.

Central did not play State the following year, when the Immortals of 1898 gave UK its only undefeated season. Central defeated Centre 34-16 at Danville for the 1989 state championship. In the last season before the merger, the two Presbyterian institutions played a 5-5 tie in the championship game.

State was leading Central 11-5 in Lexington that year when a row started and referee Wallace Muir forfeited the game to Central 6-0.

Muir, who for many years practiced law in his hometown of Lexington, was a 160-pound halfback on the 1898 Central team that defeated powerful Vanderbilt 12-0 at Nashville and Centre 30-0 at Richmond. Virginia defeated Vanderbilt 18-0 at Fontaine Ferry Park in Louisville that year for the "Championship of the South."

Some other players on that 1898 Central team that was undefeated and once-tied, by Newcastle Athletic Club, which fell to the Immortals 36-0, were halfback Lee Bissett, a farmer from Harrodsburg; guards Ned Booker, who kicked the points after, and Scott Brown, 6-foot-6, 214 pounds, of Frankfort; tackles Vandyke Norman, a graduate of Male High in Louisville, and Wade Terrill, 190 pounds, Paint Lick; and ends Sam Sanders, Campbellsville, and a player named Bachman, a preacher's son from Nashville who became a U.S. Senator from Tennessee.

The fullback was Keats Speed of Louisville, "140 pounds of sinew and whale bone." Harry Blanton, 135 pounds, later a dentist at Richmond, was a quarterback who was "most accurate on side kicks which made good gains as the forward pass does now." Wade Bedinger, of

Anchorage, was the center. Rodney Keenon, later a notable attorney in Lexington, was one of the substitutes.

Lee Bissett, in a letter written in 1960 at the age of 80, recalled that Central was not at full strength when thumped by State 60-0, in 1896.

"The mainstays of the team were in Louisville attending the funeral of Vandyke Norman's sister," he said. "Both ends, a tackle and a guard were there and the other tackle was sick. Harry Blanton was at one end and I played the other. The only thing I was thankful for was that nearly all end runs by Smith Alford went around Blanton's end. Seems like Alford made a TD nearly every time he took the ball. I have watched football all these years and I can say I think Smith Alford was the ace of halfbacks."

Alford was a senior earning his fourth football letter that season. He was team captain his junior year. In addition to playing quarterback, he started the 1896 season as an assistant to coach Dudley Short and then succeeded Short in the middle of the season. The Wildcats finished 3-6.

Alford died Feb. 20, 1949, at age 68 in Flushing, N.Y. His son, Oliver, a graduate of Princeton, was a UK line coach on Fred J. Murphy's staff in 1925.

The basketball series started with a 15-14 Wildcat victory in January 1906 at Lexington. In two other games that month, UK won 17-15 at Danville and 22-9 at Lexington. Central won six of the next seven games before embarrassing the Wildcats 87-17 Jan. 28, 1910, at Danville.

E.R. Sweetland, highly-successful football coach who was appointed UK's first athletics director and first real basketball coach a short while before that basketball season began, became ill and was hospitalized while Prof. R.E. Spahr coached the first four games, with the fourth game scheduled against Central at Danville.

State was handicapped further by the fact that Capt. William "Red Doc" Rodes and two other football-playing members of the basketball team—Richard Barbee and Wayne Plummer—didn't join the team until after that game with Central.

Before riding the train to Danville, the State boys defeated Kentucky Wesleyan 14-12 at Winchester in UK's first overtime game; defeated Georgetown at home 31-11 and lost to DePauw 24-11 in Lexington.

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We feel that news about the sports programs at the University of Kentucky should be required reading for all of the state's high school students.

So, the staff of *The Cats' Pause* is starting a program we call "Big Blue Penetration."

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- Woodford County

Yes, it's February, but baseball is around the corner

There's hope for Rupp Arena & Final Four!

When it comes to baseball writers, Roger Kahn ("Boys of Summer") is in a class by himself. And when it comes to class, no one stands taller than Louisville's own Hall of Famer, Harold "Pee



Earl Cox

Cats' Pause Columnist

Wee" Reese.

In a beautiful farewell to the Dodgers' rightfielder, Carl Furillo, Kahn ended with these words:

In 1987, I lost a gifted son to heroin. Roger Laurence Kahn had just passed his 22d birthday. The telephone rang a few days later and the caller said: "This is Pee Wee. You remember I was captain of the team."

"I just want to say," Reese said, "for all the fellers that we are very, very sorry."

Audubon Country Club in Louisville is unique in that it has a baseball Hall of Famer, Reese, and a pro football Hall of Famer, Paul Hornung. Club members honored them with impressive paintings.

Said a club member, John Dromo, "You'd never know by the way they act around the club that they are Hall of Famers."

Oh, come on, John! Pee Wee I can believe, but Hornung has that natural swagger in his walk.

UK ON WHAS? — The owners of radio station WHAS were unsuccessful bidders for the rights to UK games, but I'd bet good money that you'll see a return of Wildcat football and basketball on the station. Jim Host, the ex-Wildcat pitcher who was the successful bidder for the next three years, never would have allowed WHAS to slip away in the first place.

I predict that we'll see a meeting with Host, WHAS general manager Bob Scherer, U of L athletic director Bill Olsen and C.M. Newton, who will be UK's next athletic boss. Those four could work out schedules without many (if any) conflicts between UK and U of L. Both schools, and especially UK fans hundreds of miles away, will benefit.

WHITE'S THE MAN — Let's not kid ourselves; Bill White was chosen as the next president of baseball's National League because of the color of his skin. And that's a shame because Bill White is qualified in every respect.

I've known and respected Bill White since the mid 1950s when he was stationed at Fort Knox. While there he played for a couple of semipro Central Kentucky teams, with Harrodsburg in the Blue Grass League and with a Lexington Frisch's team that also included Bobby Flynn (father of major leaguer Doug) and Scoop Brown.

Maybe Al Campanis did baseball a favor when he uttered his dumb remarks about why blacks aren't qualified to be managers and general managers.

White is plenty capable of doing his own thinking, and I was glad to see that he isn't about to go the American League route on the designated hitter. White is a baseball purist.

NO NCAA — Louisville was in line before Lexington to get the next NCAA Final Four in Kentucky. But now that the Division 1 Basketball Committee has eliminated Louisville from consideration for the 1994 and 1995 tournaments, it's a new ballgame and Lexington, because of the influence of C.M. Newton, will now be in the strongest position to get the next



With the signing of talented quarterback Jeff Brohm, score a recruiting win for Howard Schnellenberger over UK

shot at the Final Four.

Newton is very much a member of the clique that controls NCAA basketball and he will have a powerful say in arguing that Rupp Arena should be the next non-dome site to be awarded a Final Four after 1995. That is, of course, if a couple of downtown hotels are built in Lexington in the next few years.

Newton will be only the second person in the state to be among the NCAA leaders. The other was the man who was UK's director when Newton was at UK, the late Bernie Shively, the man who was responsible for getting the tournaments so many times for Freedom Hall.

Louisville needs a group or an individual who can see beyond the end of its/his/her nose to plan for making pushes for such things as the Final Four. It isn't all that hard to find out future Division 1 members and get them to Louisville, say, at Derbytime.

I was sorry to see that John Bibb, the respected sports editor and columnist of The Nashville Tennessean, called for Newton's resignation as Vanderbilt coach once he announced that he would become the UK director of athletics on April 1. The Nashville media really like Newton and they just couldn't believe that he would leave Vanderbilt for UK. When he made his announcement, the Nashville fellows were stunned.

The 81-51 whipping that Newton and Vandy put on UK speaks for itself about his integrity. The three Kentuckians on the Commodores (Barry Goheen, Frank Kornet and Derrick Wilcox) outscored the entire Wildcat team 62-51.

The Cats' performance lends credence to inside reports from Lexington that the coaches have lost the team. Players reportedly are upset because the coaching staff has one set of rules for one player and different rules for everyone else.

Two years ago when Eddie Sutton was down to seven scholarship players, he was having trouble with Irving Thomas one day at practice in the Coliseum. Thomas was sulking and there wasn't anything Sutton could do about it.

After chewing on Thomas without effect, Sutton stormed across the court and sat with a couple of media types. "I will never be caught in this situation again," Sutton said, but he is.

FOOTBALL RECRUITING — Score one for an ex-Wildcat All-American, Howard Schnellenberger, in his recruiting battle with his alma mater. The Louisville coach hadn't really hurt UK with his previous recruiting classes, but he did in a big way when he landed Jeff Brohm, the talented Trinity High quarterback.

And, for UK fans, it was all so unnecessary. All that Jerry Claiborne had to do last year was recruit Brohm's brother, Greg, a talented player in his own right. Greg was deserving of a scholarship, and he will prove it at U of L.

MICKEY'S BACK — Kentucky's senior tennis players had better get ready for another tough competitor. Mickey Schad, 43, one of the most accomplished players in the history of Kentucky tennis, has returned to Louisville where he is a sales associate with the commercial real estate firm of Harry K. Moore & Son.

Schad won seven Southern junior championships, eight National junior championships and was a member of the Junior Davis Cup team. He was the general manager/pro at the Lexington Tennis Club when it started.

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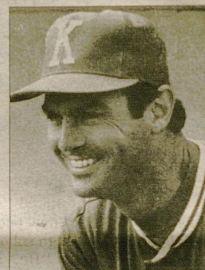
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 Jan. 6: Women's Basketball—UK def. Vanderbilt 74-68
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 Jan. 25: Basketball—UK def. Auburn 86-76
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 Jan. 28: Women's Basketball—Ole Miss def. UK 70-52
 Feb. 1: Basketball—UK def. Mississippi State 73-61
 Feb. 4: Women's Basketball—Georgia def. UK 92-70
 Feb. 5: Basketball—Georgia def. UK 84-72
 Feb. 7: Women's Basketball—UK vs. Tennessee Tech 88-68
 Feb. 8: Basketball—Vanderbilt def. UK 81-51
 Feb. 11: Basketball—Florida def. UK 59-53



Eddie Sutton



Keith Madison

Russell Rice

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The *Lexington Leader's* description of the State-Central game was brief and to the point:

THIS IS AWFUL State University Basket Ball Five Beaten By Central 87-17—Revenge For Foot Ball Defeat

DANVILLE — The State University basketball team of Lexington was overwhelmed here tonight by the Central University aggregation, 87-17. At the end of the first half, the score was 51-3.

The game was fast and furious, but the superior strength and teamwork of the blue and cardinal was too much for the visitors, who had little team work and were outclassed in every part of the game.

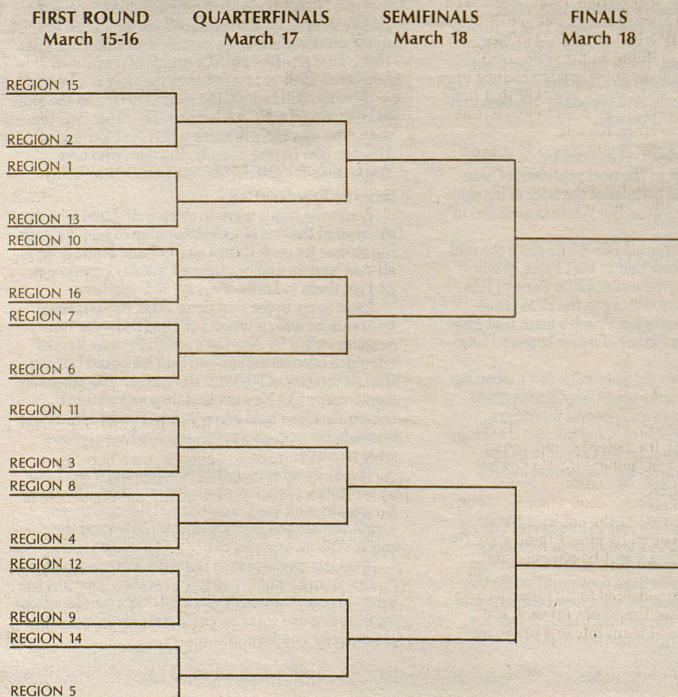
Central defeated State twice more that season, by scores of 31-13 in Lexington and 51-9 in Danville. The Wildcats got a measure of revenge the following season with a 32-13 victory at Danville and a 52-10 decision in Lexington.

The series ended with Central enjoying a 9-7 advantage. Four years later, with the school's name changed from Central back to the original Centre, the series was resumed, with the Wildcats winning the first three games and leading the series with Centre 18-10 when it ended in 1929. Thus the combined series gave UK an advantage of 25-19 over Central-Centre.



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Cats' Pause chart

Thomas' play starting to catch everyone's attention

Former 'Cat shows off at Freedom Hall

When Irv Thomas decided to leave the University of Kentucky basketball team in 1987, not many UK fans were upset.

Thomas, then a sophomore, had been productive at



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

times at UK but spent more time sitting than playing. He averaged just 1.3 points and 4.3 minutes per game his freshman year and the totals increased to just 3.3 points, 3.1 rebounds and 16.1 minutes per game his sophomore year even though he started eight of 29 games.

Those weren't the numbers UK fans expected from the 6-7 Thomas, who picked Kentucky over Florida, Georgetown, UCLA and North Carolina and had a brilliant prep career in Miami.

Thomas transferred to Florida State and had to sit out last year. But he returned to the Bluegrass last week in a big way.

The junior forward had 18 points, 17 rebounds, two blocked shots, two steals and one assist to help the Seminoles upset fourth-ranked Louisville 81-78.

"I think Irv wanted to show people he was the same player that came out of high school," said Florida State Coach Pat Kennedy. "He's never been more intense than he was for this game.

"Playing in Kentucky was a great motivator for Irv. He's the most enthusiastic player I've ever been around and he really played well."

Thomas didn't want to overemphasize his triumphant return to Kentucky. Instead, he wanted to savor an important Metro Conference victory that proved Florida State really is among the nation's top teams.

"It was a little special coming back to Kentucky," said Thomas, who drew praise from Tennessee Coach Don DeVoe earlier this year after the Seminoles beat his team. "I really wanted to have a good game because I still have something to prove to myself.

"Coach Kennedy has given me a second chance in college basketball. At Kentucky I was never that much of a factor. Still, it was a hard decision to leave. I liked the school and had a lot of friends.

"But I really wanted a chance to play and prove to myself that I belonged on this level. If I had just stayed on somebody's bench, I would have never known if I could or couldn't make it."

He has made it. He's now averaging 11.6 points and 6.8 rebounds per game.

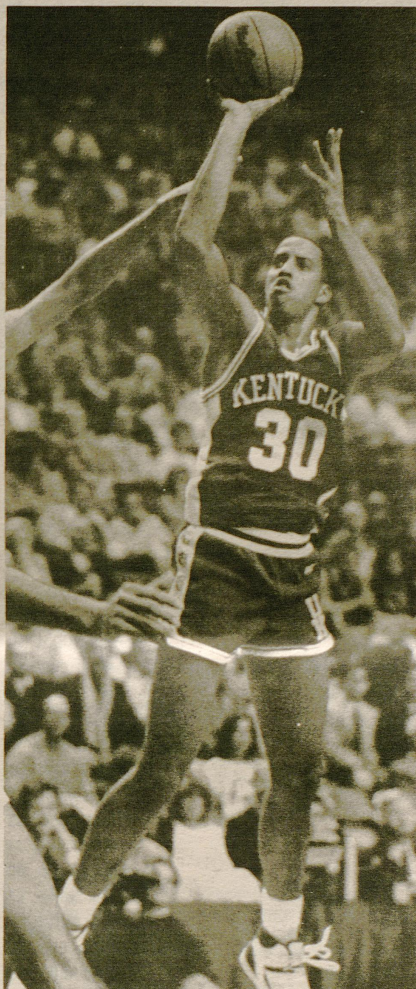
"When Irv came in he had to conform to certain things," said Kennedy. "Irv flat out thought he was going to start when he got here. We made him earn his way through it.

"But he's happy now and you can see it by the way he plays on the court. That's a major factor with most kids. He's found his spot here."

He never did at Kentucky but it probably wasn't all his fault. He signed before the start of his senior season when Joe Hall was still coaching UK. Hall, though, quit at the end of the 1984-85 campaign and Eddie Sutton, not Hall, was running the show when Thomas arrived for the 1985-86 season.

"That had a big effect on me," said Thomas. "You really go to a school because of the coach. I liked Coach Hall and was recruited by him. I think a coach is a little more obligated to you if he has recruited you."

Now the Seminoles are indebted to Thomas. He's provided the inside muscle they were missing last year and has turned a good team into one of the nation's best.



FSU's George McCloud: Thomas had to start all over when he came to Florida State.

He was a warrior against Louisville. He had 13 rebounds, including seven on the offensive glass, in the first half and battled Louisville centers Pervis Ellison and Felton Spencer from start to finish.

Thomas' play still isn't pretty but it is effective. He knows how to work for position, play defense and go to the boards with authority.

"Irv is just a special guy," said teammate George McCloud, considered one of the nation's premier guards. "He's emotional and aggressive every game. He really wanted to prove himself against Louisville to show people in Kentucky what he could do.

"Irv had to start over when he came here. He took some bumps and bruises but he really is a big-time player. He's a leader for our team and the people at Kentucky should miss him.

"The people at Kentucky didn't think Irv was a great player and he never got a fair shot. He was reborn again with us and I bet Kentucky is very sorry he's not playing for them now."

Thomas certainly has no regrets. The return to his native state and Kennedy's system has allowed him to blossom into a legitimate big-time player.

Sutton still thinks Thomas could have been just as effective at UK if he had been willing to redshirt one season.

"Irv is a great young man and has great work habits," said the Kentucky coach. "He was just facing a situation where we had five seniors. Had he consented to redshirting here, that would have allowed him to mature. He would have been a very good player for us. He could have been doing the same things for us."

Instead, he's making a name for himself at Florida State and proving he can play a major role on a big-time team.

NOTES AND quotes from around the Southeastern Conference:

• Back in November Georgia Coach Hugh Durham tried to convince Southeastern Conference media members that his Bulldogs were not the SEC's best team.

"If we play as good as we are written up, then we'll be good," said Durham at the annual SEC Media Days. "But seven of our 13 people have never played a minute or scored a point. We may not be nearly as good as everyone thinks."

He was right, too. The Bulldogs, the media's choice to win the SEC, have struggled in league play and apparently have no chance to win the title after a 3-6 start.

"We could easily have been 6-3 at the halfway mark but in our league everybody could probably say that about two or three games," said Durham. "You just have to go to the bottom line and that is winning."

Even if Georgia won the rest of its games, Durham doubts if his club would get credit for improving.

"If we win we will be doing what the media thought we should," said Durham. "The ones who picked us to do so well could stand a little self-criticism. They were not as accurate as they should have been and maybe didn't know what they were talking about.

"But the media will not say it didn't know what it was talking about when it picked Georgia number one. I've said that numerous occasions in a joking way but I still hope it gets a point across."

• What is the key to winning the SEC championship?

"The big key now is keeping everybody healthy," said UK Coach Eddie Sutton. "No contender could survive if a key player went down with a damaging injury.

"A lot of teams still have a chance and I've contended all along 13-5 could win the league. You could even have a bunch of teams at 12-6 tie for the title. It just depends on which team keeps its players sound and gets a few breaks."

• Many college basketball experts have knocked the level of play in the SEC this year and even the league coaches admit the conference is not as strong this season.

However, Durham thinks the league is much stronger now than it was in December.

"Our league has improved more than any league in the country since November," said Durham. "Our teams are all getting better. Kentucky is indicative of that improvement. Kentucky was struggling in December but it isn't now. But it is that way through the whole league."

• When the season started Ricky Blanton of LSU was a known quantity inside the SEC. His play this season, though, has convinced many he can also make it in the NBA next year.

"Blanton has great heart," said CBS-TV analyst Billy Packer. "He won't ever be a big-time starter or star in the NBA but a lot of teams win consistently because they get good play out of the second half of their lineup.

"Everybody knows about the Stacey Kings and Per-

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KENTUCKY BASKETBALL STATISTICS

(24-game totals)

player	Overall: 11-13		Home: 7-5		Away: 2-5		Neutral: 2-3		SEC: 6-6		a	to	blk.	stl.	min.
	g-gs	fg-a	pct.	3fg-a	pct.	ft-a	pct.	tp-avg.	reb-avg.	pf-d					
LeRon Ellis.....	24-23	151-290	52.1	0-2	00.0	82-112	73.2	384-16.0	136-5.7	78-3	45	55	29	31	757
Chris Mills.....	24-24	130-271	48.0	15-45	33.3	58-83	69.9	333-13.9	196-8.2	79-6	64	78	20	32	821
Derrick Miller.....	24-21	123-259	47.5	39-103	37.9	45-60	75.0	330-13.8	74-3.1	50-2	49	48	1	16	693
Reggie Hanson.....	24-24	97-191	50.8	0-0	00.0	51-67	76.1	245-10.2	108-4.5	81-3	37	48	22	35	784
Sean Sutton.....	23-23	45-105	42.9	10-25	40.0	18-35	51.4	18-5.1	41-1.8	56-2	109	57	0	24	730
Richie Farmer.....	22-0	21-70	30.0	13-44	29.5	19-22	86.4	74-3.4	18-8	16-0	10	10	0	4	206
Mike Scott.....	24-4	27-63	42.9	0-0	00.0	14-18	77.8	68-2.8	59-2.5	37-0	18	20	13	7	303
Deron Feldhaus.....	24-0	26-60	43.3	2-3	66.7	10-15	66.7	64-2.7	57-2.4	27-0	14	27	3	10	313
John Pelphrey.....	15-1	9-16	56.3	2-4	50.0	6-11	54.5	26-1.7	16-1.1	20-0	17	14	0	2	161
Chris Jones.....	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	00.0	3-5	60.0	2-6	2-6	1-0	0	0	0	1	6
Jeff Ginnan.....	3-0	0-0	00.0	0-0	00.0	1-2	50.0	1-3	2-6	2-0	0	1	0	0	4
Johnathan Davis.....	10-0	1-4	25.0	0-0	00.0	1-2	50.0	3-0.3	9-1.3	6-0	0	7	0	1	23
Anthony Mathis*.....	2-0	0-0	00.0	0-0	00.0	0-0	00.0	0-0	0-0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
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OPPONENTS.....	24	609-1354	45.0	127-369	34.4	350-495	70.7	1695-70.6	813-33.9	431-12	346	352	49	188	4800

*Walk-on Anthony Mathis is academically ineligible

KENTUCKY SCHEDULE, RESULTS

Date	Record	UK	Opp.	Opponent	Margin	Top Scorer	Top Rebounder	Att. (Site)
Nov. 19	0-1	55	80	Duke	-25	LeRon Ellis, 17	Chris Mills, 11	8,908 (N)
Nov. 25	1-1	56	54	Iona	+2	LeRon Ellis, 22	Mike Scott, 7	3,765 (N)
Nov. 26	1-2	60	63	Seton Hall	-3	Chris Mills, 21	Reggie Hanson, 6	3,250 (N)
Nov. 28	2-2	89	71	California	+18	Derrick Miller, 36	LeRon Ellis, 8	3,652 (N)
Dec. 3	2-3	65	81	Notre Dame	-16	LeRon Ellis, 22	Reggie Hanson, 7	45,214 (N)
Dec. 7	2-4	82	85	NORTHWESTERN (LA.) ST.	-3	LeRon Ellis, 37	Reggie Hanson, 8	18,932 (H)
Dec. 10	3-4	78	60	WESTERN CAROLINA	+18	LeRon Ellis, 19	Mike Scott, 5	18,253 (H)
Dec. 16	3-5	54	56	BOWLING GREEN	-2	Reggie Hanson, 14	Chris Mills, 15	20,875 (H)
Dec. 17	4-5	91	78	MARSHALL	+13	LeRon Ellis, 33	Chris Mills, 20	18,945 (H)
Dec. 20	4-6	52	75	INDIANA	-23	Chris Mills, 22	Chris Mills, 11	23,212 (H)
Dec. 27	5-6	85	77	AUSTIN PEAY	+8	LeRon Ellis, 23	Chris Mills, 10	18,178 (H)
Dec. 31	5-7	75	97	Louisville	-22	Derrick Miller, 34	Chris Mills, 10	19,502 (A)
Jan. 4	6-7	76	65	GEORGIA	+11	Reggie Hanson, 20	Chris Mills, 12	21,209 (H)
Jan. 7	7-7	70	61	VANDERBILT	+9	Derrick Miller, 27	LeRon Ellis, 10	23,338 (H)
Jan. 12	8-7	69	56	Florida	+13	Derrick Miller, 30	Derrick Miller, 8	11,751 (A)
Jan. 14	8-8	62	64	LSU	-2	LeRon Ellis, 20	Chris Mills, 11	24,288 (H)
Jan. 18	8-9	64	76	Alabama	-12	Derrick Miller, 19	Chris Mills, 7	15,043 (A)
Jan. 21	9-9	66	65	Tennessee	+1	Derrick Miller, 23	Chris Mills, 7	24,464 (A)
Jan. 25	10-9	86	76	Auburn	+10	Derrick Miller, 16	Chris Mills, 11	23,506 (H)
Jan. 28	10-10	65	70	Mississippi	-5	Derrick Miller, 21	LeRon Ellis, 10	7,375 (A)
Feb. 1	11-10	73	61	MISSISSIPPI STATE	+12	LeRon Ellis, 21	LeRon Ellis, 9	22,017 (H)
Feb. 5	11-11	72	84	Georgia	-12	Chris Mills, 19	Chris Mills, 8	9,812 (A)
Feb. 8	11-12	51	81	Vanderbilt	-30	Sean Sutton, 14	Chris Mills, 8	15,646 (A)
Feb. 11	11-13	53	59	Florida	-6	Chris Mills, 17	Chris Mills, 11	23,547 (H)

*Dec. 27 game vs. Austin Peay was played in Louisville's Freedom Hall but is counted as a home game

¹New Rupp Arena attendance record

✓SEC record

REMAINING GAMES

Feb. 15	LSU (A)
Feb. 18	ALABAMA (H)
Feb. 20	Auburn (A)
Feb. 22	TENNESSEE (H)
Feb. 26	Syracuse (A)
Mar. 1	MISSISSIPPI (H)
Mar. 4	Mississippi State (A)
Mar. 9-12	SEC tournament (Knoxville)



Vandy's enthusiasm was UK's main obstacle

From good news department: Bowie's back

SEVERAL COLUMNISTS HAVE written that C.M. Newton should have immediately tendered his resignation as Vanderbilt coach upon accepting the athletics director's job at Kentucky.



Dan Brandenburg
Cats' Pause Columnist

It seems, they said, that Newton might have a little conflict of interest when the Cats and Commodores meet on the hardwood. Maybe, they implied, he won't try so hard against his new employer.

And, apparently, they were right.

If Newton hadn't felt at least a little bit of partiality towards Kentucky, his Commodores would surely have bashed the Cats even harder last week.

The margin was 21 points at the half and 30 by game's end, but it could have easily reached 40.

"I thought that through the whole game we were out of sync. Anybody in the league would've had trouble handling Vandy tonight, but I think another team would've made it closer," UK Coach Eddie Sutton understated.

I have rarely seen a team play with as much enthusiasm as the Commodores displayed last week. The game was in Nashville and it was the last regular season meeting between Newton and his alma mater.

Vandy — and especially its four Kentucky natives, three of whom start — wanted to send Coach Newton out with a bang. However, it was more like an atomic explosion.

GOING INTO THE game, the Cats and Vandy were tied for second in the Southeastern Conference race. Now, Kentucky has dropped to where it is barely in contention for the title everyone thought would be so elusive.

I wonder how many people are questioning Kentucky's passing up Frank Kornet (Lexington), Barry Goheen (Calvert City) and Derrick Wilcox (Louisville) now? Newton was happy to get them, along with Scott Draud (Fort Thomas) who is being redshirted this season.

"This is something we have waited for for a long time. We (seniors) wanted to go out with a win over Kentucky. To go out with a 30-point win is incredible. I really can't describe it," said Kornet.

Goheen is one of the SEC's top three-point gunners and Mr. Clutch, Kornet has offered solid play inside and Wilcox is a capable floor general. Can the same be said about the Kentucky boys on the UK roster?

But we're inching toward speculation here and you know how we sportswriters try to avoid that.

If anyone could predict how a high school junior would play five or six years down the road, they could win the national title every season.

Regardless of that, just consider that Newton has happily grabbed up the Big Boys' leftovers for many years now and has consistently turned them into a competitive team.

And considering that Vanderbilt is a school that actually has *student-athletes*, it is a whale of a testimony for a good coach.

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SPEAKING OF THE Vandy game, does anyone know what happened to Derrick Miller and any remnants of weak-side help on defense that Kentucky had at one time?



C.M. Newton

Miller used to start drooling when a team would fall back into a zone defense, but the junior from Georgia fired nothing but blanks last week.

Reggie Hanson, LeRon Ellis and Chris Mills all had sub-par performances. Sean Sutton — saved by a late three-point barrage — was probably the only Wildcats who played up to his potential.

But when Sutton, a point guard who is known *least* for his shooting, leads UK in scoring, you know it was a long night.

Maybe the Kittens got psyched out by all the pre-game hub-bub about it being Newton's last match with Kentucky, but it's only so long you can use that excuse about having a very young team.

It's February, folks. These kids have practically a whole season under their belts and it's time to wake up and smell the coffee.

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AND WHILE THE basketball Cats weren't having much success with Vandy last week, UK football coach Jerry Claiborne had a little better luck by signing 21 football recruits to national letters of intent.

The Cats signed four fleet wide receivers — three of them in-state prospects — in an effort to shore up the Kentucky offense.

"We needed speed, especially at wide receiver, to give us more of a deep threat in our passing game," Claiborne said. "That's one of the things that has been hampering our entire football team."

Of the 21 signees, 12 were from Kentucky, including four from Louisville Male High School. Also in the group were a pair of junior college tight ends from Texas.

The dominant position among the first 21 signees was wide receiver and defensive linemen with four of each. The Cats also inked three each of linebackers, tight ends, offensive linemen and defensive backs and one running back.

Notice that the slot marked "quarterback" was empty.

Also, for the third straight year, Kentucky lost Mr. Football, Quarterback Jeff Brohm of Trinity stayed close to home by signing with Louisville.

"He's our quarterback of the future," Louisville coach Howard Schnellenberger said.

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ALTHOUGH KENTUCKY SIGNED some pretty good football prospects, it seems that the SEC's rich keep getting richer. SuperPrep Magazine of Costa Mesa, Calif., rates



Sam Bowie

the classes signed by Georgia and LSU to be the ninth and 10th best, respectively, in the country.

"(Georgia's) new coach (Ray Goff) took complete advantage of the situation. They recruited a more national class than you would expect," SuperPrep publisher Allen Wallace said.

About LSU, he added, "They wiped out their own state and they raided Texas, as usual. They're just ahead of Nebraska and Miami."

Miami got SuperPrep's national Player of the Year, linebacker Jessie Armstead of Dallas.

National champion Notre Dame, who inked wide receiver William Pollard from Fort Knox, Ky., topped the list, Florida State was second and Texas, USC, Michigan, Ohio State, UCLA and Clemson rounded out the Top Ten.

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IN THE BASKETBALL good news department, former UK All-American Sam Bowie is back on the NBA hardwood.

After missing most of the past three seasons with a fractured tibia, Bowie played last Thursday for the first time since Nov. 7, 1986. He scored six points in the Portland Trail Blazers' 113-110 loss to the Houston Rockets.

"I was apprehensive about this game. I had been out for over 200 ballgames and it was a learning experience for me tonight, almost like I was playing my first basketball game," Bowie said.

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SOME BAD NEWS for Kentucky high school basketball hit the streets last week when Clay County's Bobby Keith said he is "99 percent certain" that this will be his last season, according to the Associated Press.

The 19-year veteran won the state championship in 1987 and finished second in '85 and '88 behind Richie Farmer, who now wears Kentucky blue-and-white.

His career record of 545-90 speaks volumes. Keith's teams are 93-5 mark over the past three years and the Tigers are currently 23-0 and ranked No. 1 in the state.

Keith said that since he is eligible for full retirement after teaching 27 years in the school system, he wanted to get out while his health was still good.

"I'm spending too much time between my store, coaching and teaching, and I need to slow down," said the man who has taken Clay to the Sweet Sixteen 12 times.

Kentucky doubts itself, f

After blowing 12-point first-half lead, lack of confidence takes over in record-setting loss

By TCP staff writer Jim Easterwood

LEXINGTON — The door to Kentucky's dressing room had been closed for what seemed to be an eternity.

Once inside, the peering-and-prying media horde found a 'Cat team literally drowning in a slough of despair. Their confidence had been shattered.

Florida, down by seven points at halftime, had rallied to win 69-63. It was their sixth straight win.

The 'Cats, too, are on a roll...a downhill one. Kentucky lost its fifth game at Rupp Arena—a record. They also tied a record for single-season defeats. They are now 11-13.

And, unless they get the big "C" back—confidence—they could be in danger of being the first Kentucky team in 62 years to have a losing season.

"I think we've lost some confidence," admitted coach Eddie Sutton. "That's one thing we put on the chalkboard: 'Play with confidence.' When you lose, especially when you are young, you start doubting yourself at times."

Doubling Thomas had nothing on this group of Wildcats.

Like the son of Eddie, Sean Sutton. His blank stare told it all. "In the last few minutes there was doubt in our mind," said Sean. "Those other three games crossed our minds."

The other three games were narrow losses to Northwestern State, Bowling Green and LSU. When it came down to the wire, the lack of confidence showed.

"We haven't been able to win a close game at Rupp yet," said Sean. "It seems every time it gets tight, somehow the other team wins...and we're left with this same feeling."

Sutton said it seems other things—the NCAA allegations, etc.—may be playing mind games with the 'Cats.

"I think its beginning to catch up to us," said Sean. "It's taking its toll on me. I had trouble sleeping two nights after the Vanderbilt loss. I think that the other problems are weighing hard on everybody's mind."

That would appear to be a natural. After all, this is a young team. Chris Mills, for all his maturity on the court, is still young in the ways of the world. He can't really pinpoint the reason for the Cats' sudden slide.

"I don't know what it is," said Mills. "I try to come out and give it my best shot. I'm sure everybody else does too."

Mills did give it his best shot last Saturday afternoon. He had team highs in points (17) and rebounds (11). But it was his best shot, a charging foul in the final two minutes, that hurt the most.

Florida's Jolly Green Giant, 7-foot-2 Dwayne Schintzius, had just missed a short jumper with the Gators ahead 53-50. Kentucky rebounded.

Mills took a long pass from Sean and tried to drive the baseline. But Schintzius moved in to stop him. Although Schintzius didn't appear set, Mills got the personal.

"I felt Chris was the one who was fouled but that wasn't the way they called it," said coach Sutton.

Renaldo Garcia then sank a pair of free throws with 1:01 left to make it 55-50. But still there was time.

However, in a drive down the middle, Sean put up an ill-advised, off-balance shot that resulted in an air-ball layup attempt. Schintzius, who loves tennis, showed his volleyball skills by spiking Sean's shot to the floor.

That did it. Clifford Lett's four free throws—two on an intentional foul by Derrick Miller—offset a three-point shot by Mills for the final six-point margin.

"I think some of the guys were playing much better in the beginning (of the season)," said Mills. "Their confidence is kind of down. Everybody is just not playing with the confidence that we showed when we were winning those earlier conference games."

Miller might be one of those. He had 12 points Saturday after scoring 27 against the Gators when Kentucky won 69-56 in Gainesville.

But, then, SEC coaches aren't dumb. Especially Florida coach Norm Sloan, who has won over 600 games. He made sure there was more Gator-aid on defense this time.

"Our defense did a good job of keeping Kentucky from shooting those uncontested shots," said Sloan. "I thought Garcia did a good job on Miller. He forced him outside his effective range."

Defense did turn the game around for the Gators. Or was it just

SEC Standings*

Team	Conference		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
LSU.....	9-3	.750	17-6	.739
Alabama.....	8-4	.667	16-5	.762
Florida.....	8-4	.667	14-10	.583
Vanderbilt.....	8-4	.667	14-10	.583
Tennessee.....	7-5	.583	14-7	.667
Kentucky 6-6.....	6-6	.500	11-13	.458
Georgia.....	5-7	.417	13-10	.565
Ole Miss.....	5-7	.417	11-10	.524
Mississippi State.....	3-9	.250	9-12	.429
Auburn.....	1-11	.083	8-12	.400

*thru games of Feb. 12

one of those cold halves?

Kentucky shot a miserable 28.6 the second half (eight of 28), scoring just 18 points after leading 35-28 at halftime.

"Their whole defensive game was well done," said Sean Sutton. "But in the end, when we lost the lead, we started to panic and made some mistakes. They took advantage of it. This is a hard loss...it's taken a lot out of us."

So, what are the answers? Do you still try to control the tempo with a patient offensive attack? Or do you shake things up? Inquiring minds like Miller want to know.

"I think we need more movement in our offense," said Miller. "Not just from 2-3 people...but everybody."

Miller said he felt the 'Cats became too tentative after taking the seven-point halftime edge.

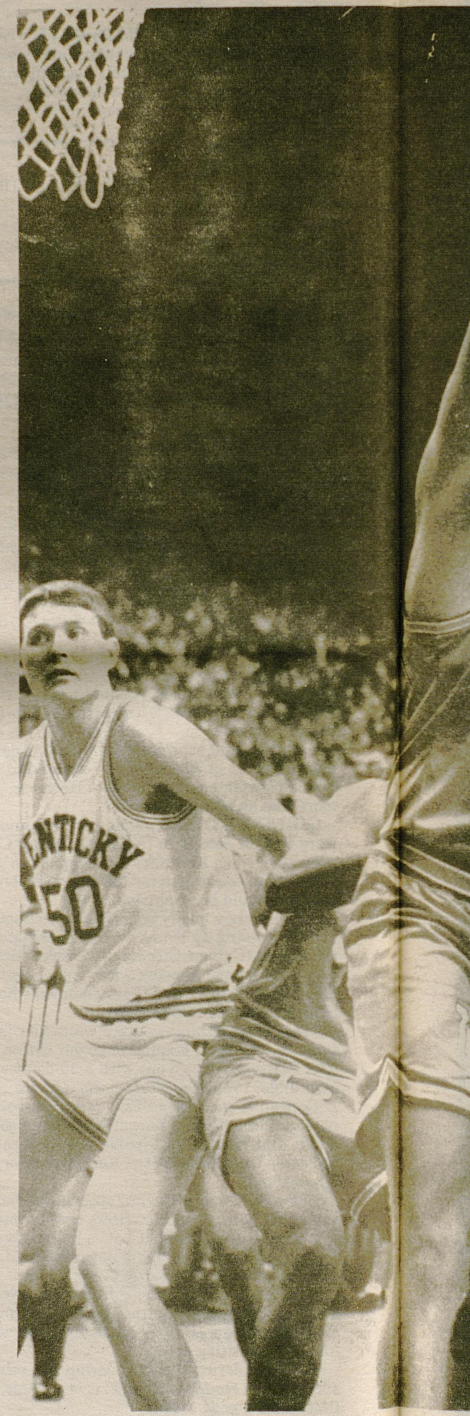
"You don't have to turn the game up but we need to come up with an offense where everybody is comfortable," said Miller. "There have been times I've been uncomfortable out there. Turning it up...well, that might help...but we'll never know until we try."

The 'Cats, at least for the first half, did appear comfortable. They grabbed a 25-13 lead with 7:24 to go and probably could have had an even bigger margin. Florida hit on just four of its first 15 shots and shot a cold 25 percent (nine of 36) the first half.

In fact, after Schintzius hit a 10-foot jumper to make it 10-8 Kentucky, Florida went without a basket for almost nine minutes.

Schintzius finally broke the spell with a six-foot follow shot to

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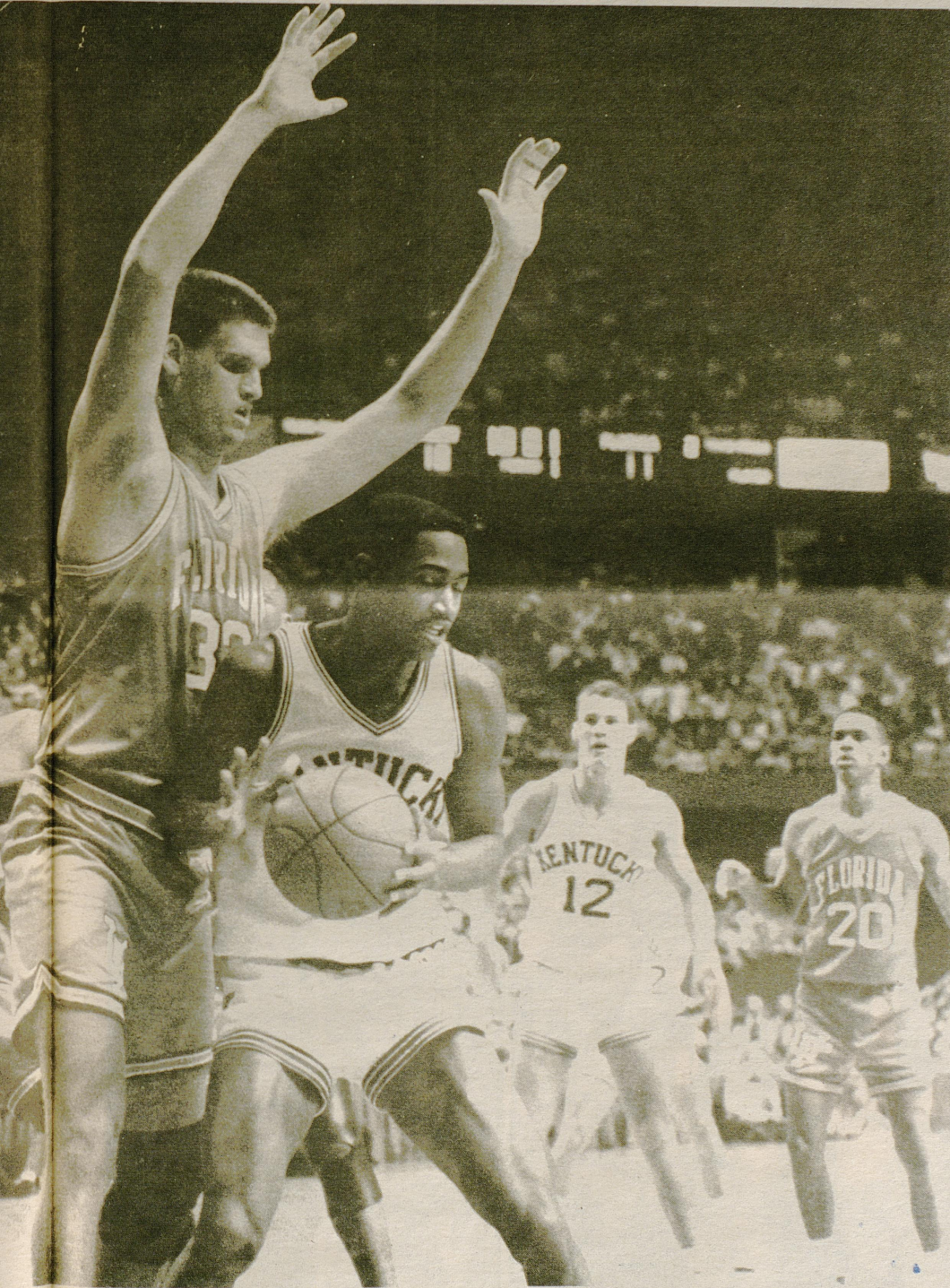
Florida's Dwayne Schintzius, whose presence to 'Cat Reggie Hanson. The seven-foot-two Gator had a

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE Date: 2-11-89 Site: Lexington, Ky. (AH 23547)

VISITORS (Last Name, First)		PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK	PF	TP	A	T	BLK	MIN
1	Florida (11-10, 1-4)	61	21	19	2	1	15	21	1	0	33	
2	Chapman, L.	1	4	0	0	0	7	9	6	4	10	15
3	50 Dwyane, Dwayne	1	5	10	0	0	1	7	5	10	15	21
4	33 Schintzius, D.	5	10	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	4	21
5	20 Garcia, Renaldo	9	9	1	4	4	5	1	0	1	3	11
6	23 Lett, Clifford	8	1	4	0	2	5	6	1	5	6	3
7	31 Pace, Mitchell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	24 Hoops, Brian	1	5	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	34 McKinnon, Kelly	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)												
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TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 45.0 2nd Half 45.5 Game 45.2 Double												
3-PT FG %: 1st Half 0.0 2nd Half 0.0 Game 0.0 Rebounds 4												
FT %: 1st Half 66.7 2nd Half 62.5 Game 64.9												
HOME (Last Name, First)		PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK	PF	TP	A	T	BLK	MIN
1	Kentucky (11-13, 4-6)	63	29	17	1	1	17	21	3	4	1	38
2	11 Mills, Chris	1	6	10	2	4	2	4	4	7	11	33
3	25 Hanson, Reggie	1	4	12	2	0	0	0	0	3	4	30
4	22 Miller, Derrick	2	7	0	0	2	2	1	7	8	0	28
5	20 Sullivan, Sean	9	6	18	0	5	0	0	1	3	4	21
6	12 Feldhaus, Dezan	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
7	30 Scott, Mike	1	5	0	0	2	2	3	5	2	4	17
8	32 Gardner, Richie	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	5
9	34 Felipsey, John	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
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OFFICIALS: Mike Torco, Don Ferguson, F. Harrell
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 Florida 61 Kentucky 63

, falls to Florida 59-53

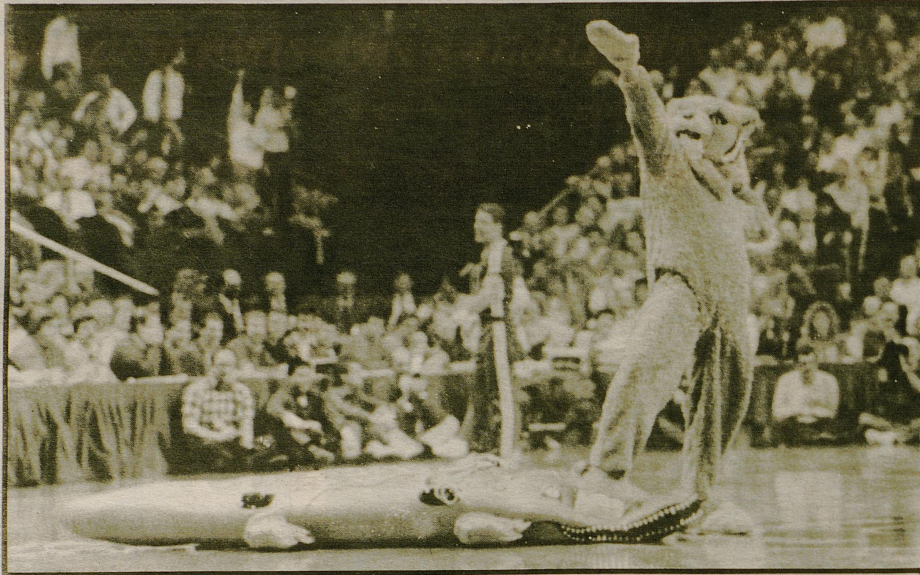


UK-Florida play-by-play

Time	Kentucky	Score	Florida
19:03		0-2	Garcia 3 ft.
18:50	Sutton 18 ft.	2-2	
18:33		2-4	Schintzius 10 ft.
18:13	Mills 8 ft.	4-4	
17:31		4-6	Davis dunk
17:15	Ellis 4 ft. bank	6-6	
16:01	Ellis FT, FT	8-6	
14:55	Mills 7 ft. follow	10-6	
14:39		10-8	Schintzius 10 ft.
13:54		10-10	Schintzius FT, FT
13:45	Hanson layup	12-10	
13:24	Sutton layup	14-10	
11:56	Miller 12 ft.	16-10	
11:42		16-11	Davis FT, FTA
10:33	Mills 14 ft.	18-11	
9:19	Miller 8 ft.	20-11	
8:47	Farmer 8 ft.	22-11	
7:39		22-13	Chatman FT, FT
7:26	Mills 20 ft.	25-13	
7:01		25-14	Chatman FT, FT
6:40		25-16	Garcia FT, FT
6:06		25-18	Schintzius 6 ft.
5:41	Scott, FT, FT	27-18	
4:30	Miller layup	29-18	
3:48		29-20	Chatman follow up
2:46		29-22	Chatman FT, FT
2:15		29-24	Davis layup
1:55	Scott 14 ft.	31-24	
1:01		31-26	Davis dunk
:40	Mills FT, FT	33-26	
:04	Hanson dunk	35-26	
:01		35-28	Davis layup
HALF		35-28	
19:44		35-30	Garcia layup
18:36		35-32	Lett layup
17:41		35-34	Davis 4 ft.
17:04	Mills FTA, FT	36-34	
16:46	Mills dunk	38-34	
16:11	Hanson 14 ft.	40-34	
15:24		40-37	Garcia 21 ft.
14:50		40-39	Chatman FT, FT
13:57		40-42	Hogan 21 ft.
12:01		40-44	Chatman 18 ft.
11:17	Miller follow layup	42-44	
10:22	Miller 14 ft.	44-44	
9:55		44-46	Chatman follow up
6:30		44-48	Schintzius dunk
5:57	Miller 18 ft.	46-48	
4:44		46-50	Schintzius 10 ft.
3:46		46-51	Lett FT, FTA
2:50	Ellis 6 ft.	48-51	
2:12		48-53	Chatman 7 ft.
1:50	Hanson 17 ft.	50-53	
1:01		50-55	Garcia FT, FT
:46		50-57	Lett FT, FT
:04	Mills 21 ft.	53-57	
FINAL		53-56	

—Cats' Pause chart

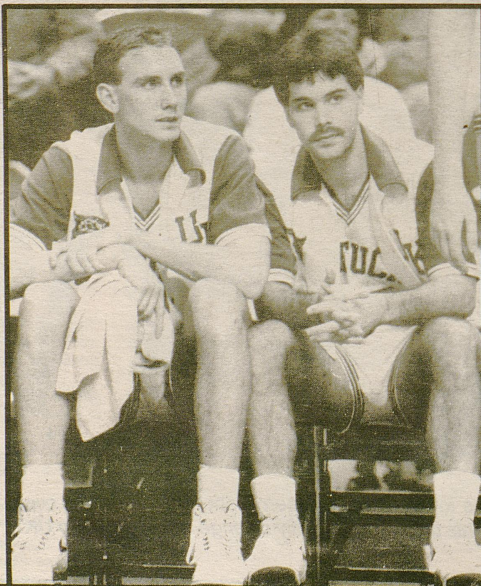
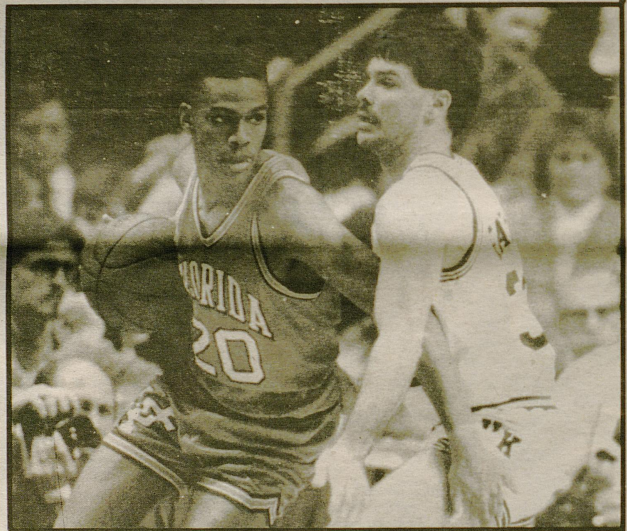
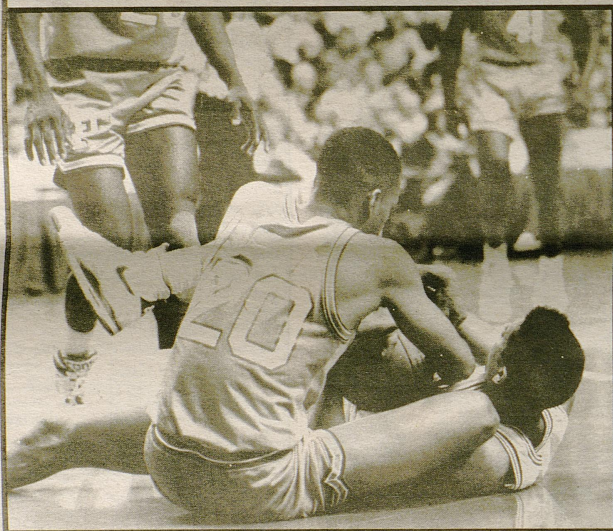
...se presence to opposing basketball players probably compares to the ol' Jolly Green Giant himself, towers over ...two Gator had a couple of big baskets down the stretch to help his team successfully revenge its early loss to UK.



NO GATOR BAIT HERE

Top left, clockwise: Even the efforts of the mascot couldn't revive the 'Cats from their losing ways. UK was defeated by Florida 59-53; Renaldo Garcia looks to drive on UK's Farmer; Head Gator Norm Sloan shouts some words of encouragement to his players; A couple of Mr. Basketballs talk things over; Sean Sutton has the difficult task of denying husky Dwayne Davis away from the basket; and Garcia and LeRon Ellis scrap for possession.

UF-UK photos by Gary Cromwell

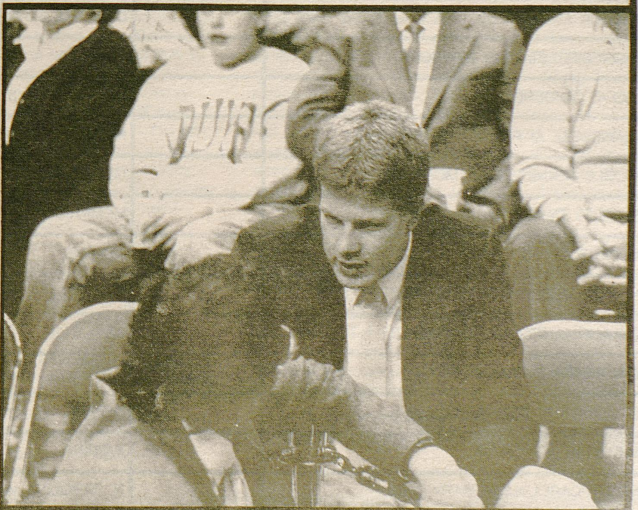
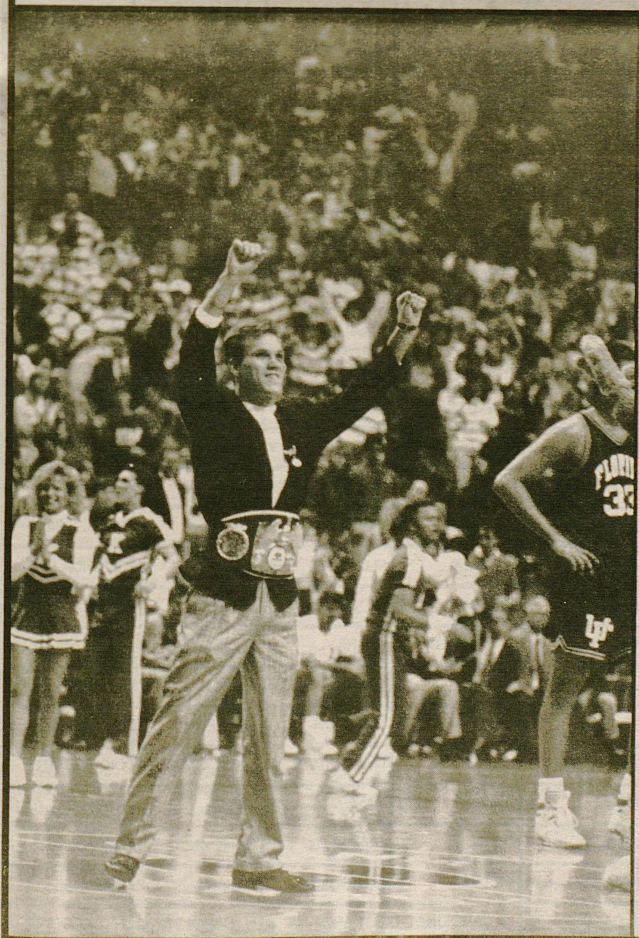
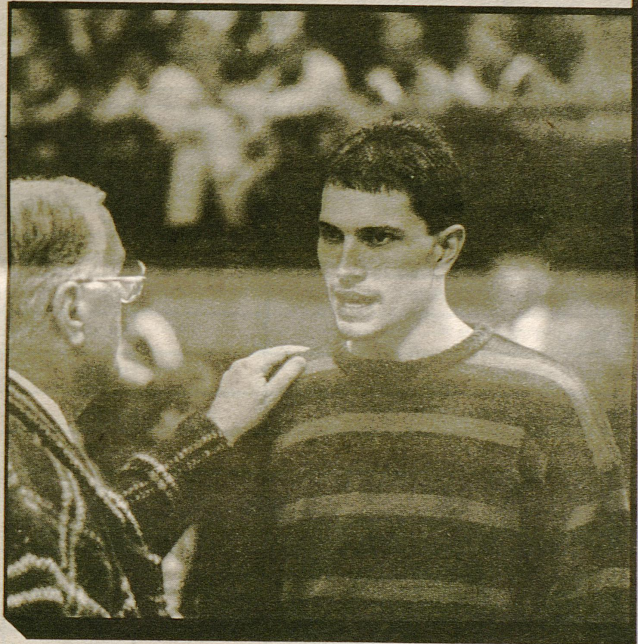




CELEBRITIES COME OUT TO WATCH GATORS, 'CATS PLAY

Top left, clockwise: The Governor of Kentucky, Wallace Wilkinson, was on hand to watch one of his favorite basketball teams play; Charlotte Hornet rookie sensation Rex Chapman took advantage of the all-star break to come watch his former teammates in action; the same held true for ex-Wildcat center Rob Lock. Because of Danny Manning's injury, Lock recently was picked up by the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers; and new IBF middleweight champ Darrin Van Horn showed off his championship belt by forming the "Y" in the K-E-N-T-U-C-K-Y cheer. Van Horn, known as the "School Boy", is a former University of Kentucky student.

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CATS' PAUSE SCOREBOARD

HOME	11:35	VISITORS
10	PERIOD	3
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**TCP Board
Of Experts (?)**



**Reader's
Choice**



**Oscar
Combs**



**Nick
Nicholas**



**Mike
Estep**



**Todd
Hallum**



**Gary
Cromwell**



**Hoop
Demon**

Last week	18-7 (.720)	17-8 (.680)	15-10 (.600)	15-10 (.600)	13-12 (.520)	15-10 (.600)
Total	203-72 (.738)	204-71 (.742)	201-74 (.731)	205-70 (.745)	196-79 (.713)	193-82 (.702)

KENTUCKY AT LSU	LSU 3	LSU 7	LSU 12	KENTUCKY 2	LSU 8	LSU 6
OLE MISS AT TENNESSEE	TENNESSEE 10	OLE MISS 3	TENNESSEE 6	TENNESSEE 3	TENNESSEE 3	TENNESSEE 4
ALABAMA AT MISSISSIPPI STATE	MISS. STATE 1	MISS. STATE 6	MISS. STATE 2	MISS. STATE 2	ALABAMA 5	ALABAMA 6
VANDERBILT AT GEORGIA	GEORGIA 6	GEORGIA 6	VANDERBILT 3	GEORGIA 8	GEORGIA 6	VANDERBILT 1
AUBURN AT FLORIDA	FLORIDA 12	FLORIDA 10	FLORIDA 1	FLORIDA 20	FLORIDA 14	FLORIDA 8
SETON HALL AT CONNECTICUT	UCONN 1	SETON HALL 3	UCONN 5	SETON HALL 2	SETON HALL 1	UCONN 1
MISSOURI AT IOWA STATE	MISSOURI 7	MISSOURI 2	MISSOURI 6	MISSOURI 4	MISSOURI 6	MISSOURI 3
CINCINNATI AT MEMPHIS STATE	MEMPHIS ST. 14	MEMPHIS ST. 11	MEMPHIS ST. 7	MEMPHIS ST. 4	MEMPHIS ST. 10	MEMPHIS ST. 6
OKLAHOMA AT KANSAS	OKLAHOMA 1	OKLAHOMA 2	OKLAHOMA 3	OKLAHOMA 5	OKLAHOMA 3	OKLAHOMA 4
NORTHWESTERN AT WISCONSIN	WISCONSIN 7	WISCONSIN 6	WISCONSIN 1	WISCONSIN 8	WISCONSIN 2	WISCONSIN 1
LOUISVILLE AT FLORIDA STATE	FLORIDA ST. 1	LOUISVILLE 5	FLORIDA ST. 4	LOUISVILLE 2	FLORIDA ST. 5	LOUISVILLE 2
ALABAMA AT KENTUCKY	KENTUCKY 8	KENTUCKY 5	KENTUCKY 1	KENTUCKY 8	ALABAMA 4	KENTUCKY 5
AUBURN AT OLE MISS	OLE MISS 12	OLE MISS 9	OLE MISS 8	OLE MISS 3	OLE MISS 14	OLE MISS 4
MISSISSIPPI STATE AT GEORGIA	GEORGIA 6	GEORGIA 10	GEORGIA 9	GEORGIA 10	GEORGIA 7	GEORGIA 6
LSU AT VANDERBILT	VANDERBILT 3	VANDERBILT 2	VANDERBILT 8	VANDERBILT 3	LSU 2	VANDERBILT 2
TENNESSEE AT FLORIDA	FLORIDA 6	FLORIDA 3	FLORIDA 4	FLORIDA 8	FLORIDA 2	FLORIDA 1
MIDDLE TENNESSEE AT MOREHEAD	MIDDLE 3	MIDDLE 1	MIDDLE 3	MIDDLE 9	MIDDLE 2	MIDDLE 6
FLORIDA STATE AT MEMPHIS STATE	MEMPHIS ST. 3	MEMPHIS ST. 4	FLORIDA ST. 6	FLORIDA ST. 2	FLORIDA ST. 5	MEMPHIS ST. 2
ILLINOIS AT WISCONSIN	ILLINOIS 3	ILLINOIS 7	ILLINOIS 7	ILLINOIS 5	ILLINOIS 7	ILLINOIS 12
NORTH CAROLINA STATE AT GEORGIA TECH	GA. TECH 7	GA. TECH 3	GA. TECH 2	GA. TECH 3	GA. TECH 1	GA. TECH 2
OKLAHOMA STATE AT IOWA STATE	IOWA STATE 2	OKLA. STATE 1	IOWA STATE 1	OKLA. STATE 2	OKLA. STATE 4	OKLA. STATE 2
MINNESOTA AT IOWA	IOWA 8	IOWA 9	IOWA 11	IOWA 15	IOWA 8	IOWA 10
ST. JOHN'S AT DEPAUL	DEPAUL 1	DEPAUL 4	DEPAUL 10	DEPAUL 7	ST. JOHN'S 4	DEPAUL 2
MICHIGAN AT INDIANA	INDIANA 7	INDIANA 4	INDIANA 3	MICHIGAN 2	INDIANA 2	INDIANA 6
NORTH CAROLINA AT MARYLAND	N. CAROLINA 14	N. CAROLINA 9	N. CAROLINA 13	N. CAROLINA 8	N. CAROLINA 12	N. CAROLINA 6

Going out on a limb: Gators will win SEC title

They've stunk it up at times, but who's better?

I have been out on limbs before. Swing and sway with old Stan-leigh.

I'm not sure that I've ever crawled out further and with less reason to expect support than where I'm about



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Cats' Pause Columnist

to go right now: Florida will win the Southeastern Conference basketball championship.

Yes, I saw the Gators against Stanford and, yes, they stunk up the joint. Yes, it wasn't the first time this season you had to hold your nose while watching the Gators play basketball. And yes, no one has been tougher on them than yours truly, even going so far as to say they represented the biggest waste of talent I have seen in 20 years.

But, dammit, who's any better?

Name me a team that can match up with Florida's front line of Dwayne Schintzius, Dwayne Davis and Livingston Chatman.

Aren't Clifford Lett and Renaldo Garcia, at the very least, adequate SEC guards? In fact, more than just adequate?

Isn't Norm Sloan an experienced, knowledgeable coach? Yes, he's got a pain-in-the-behind attitude, but he is an experienced, knowledgeable coach.

Then is it totally unreasonable to expect them to win this league?

I drove up to Starkville recently to watch LSU's Chris Jackson and witnessed one of the best performances by a guard I have ever seen. It wasn't by Jackson, however. It was Greg Lockhart from Mississippi State, who was absolutely magnificent at both ends of the floor: scoring, rebounding, stealing the ball, dishing off assists and playing stick-in-Jackson's-shorts type of defense.

It was a tribute to Jackson's magnificent skills that he got 23 points. It was a tribute to Lockhart that Chris didn't get 43.

But LSU as conference champion? I simply can't see it. Jackson and Ricky Blanton are absolutely superb but the Tigers don't have a post player and their other talent, while good, did not look overpowering to me.

Kentucky is highly-motivated and highly-competitive, but they don't look to be good enough to win it all.

Tennessee has talent and an all-senior starting five, but Dyron Nix can't carry them by himself and center Doug Roth, big as he is, is a very average player. The Vols have only Nix in the list of top 20 scorers although Nix, Roth and Ian Lockhart are all in the rebounding top 20.

Alabama is also a one-player team. Take away Michael Ansley and the Tide is only a ripple.

The schedule also favors the Gators.

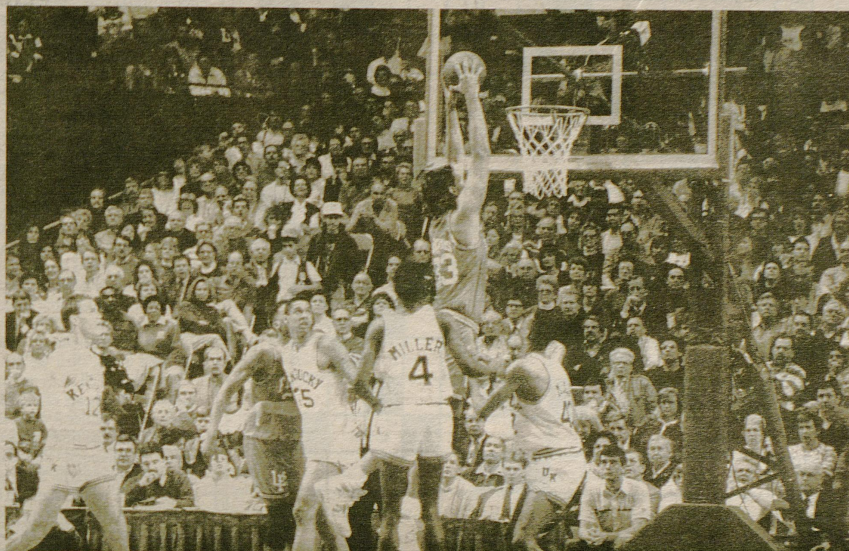
Four of their last six conference games are in Gainesville, including matchups with such toughies as Tennessee, Vanderbilt and LSU.

The only problem with selecting Florida is that you never know which Florida team is going to show up.

Is it the bunch that sleepwalked through the Stanford game or is it the hard-driving five that showed up the following day and with no rest blew a not-bad Ole Miss team out of the gym?

I believe that whomever the Vanderbilt students were who threw the tennis balls at Schintzius with one second to play, thus costing Vanderbilt a two-shot technical foul which resulted in Florida tying the game and then winning in overtime, I believe they did more than break the Commodores' hearts.

I believe they made fools of themselves and at the



It may be going far, but this columnist is going on record as saying that the Florida Gators, led by center Dwayne Schintzius, will win their first SEC title this season.

same time made champions out of the Florida Gators.

Without that miracle win, Florida would have been out of the chase. With it, their halfway record was virtually as good as anyone's.

If I'm wrong you'll never let me hear the last of it. But if I'm right, you can expect the same.

□NOT FOR BROADCAST: Said Dwayne Schintzius about the tennis-ball incident: "If the guy's stupid enough to do it, he's stupid enough to pay for it. Tell whoever threw the tennis balls Dwayne Schintzius says thank you."...One Florida writer says that Schintzius' attitude has improved so much that he has been transformed from Mr. Klutz to Mr. Clutch...The Knoxville News-Sentinel had a bad case of the shorts when it named the 1988 SEC All-Freshman team. It honored Vols' placekicker Chip McCallum. McCallum made only seven out of 19 attempts and was the SEC's poorest at that position...I can't understand these rumors that Auburn's Sonny Smith is a strong candidate to succeed C.M. Newton at Vanderbilt. I would agree that Smith is probably tired of looking at the near-empty Auburn gym, even during years when he has a good team. But I can't believe that he fits the Vanderbilt mold nor that they fit his...Speaking of Smith, he had this to say about his team's play of late: "When your club's oh-for-January there's not much you can be happy about."...Wimp Sanderson, after Newton took the Kentucky A.D.'s job: "I just sent him a telegram congratulating him on his 500th win. Now I guess I'll have to send him another telegram congratulating him on his new job. He's costing me money sending telegrams."...I guess to Donald Trump the Hunt brothers look most look poor.

Clarence Sweatengen of Tennessee commenting on playing at Alabama: "It's a small gym. At one point with 15,000 people screaming it definitely got to us." Alabama's "small" gym is fourth-largest in the SEC, exceeded only by those at Tennessee, Kentucky and Vanderbilt. But as I indicated earlier, when you home gym seats 24,535, I suppose a 15,000-seater is a small gym...Modesty personified—Tennessee's Dyron Nix after his team lost to Kentucky with Nix taking only nine shots: "To win in this league we're going to have to get the ball to me"...Reaching to make a point—From an SEC press release about the recent Ole Miss win over

Kentucky: "It marked only the fourth time since 1959 that the Rebels have managed a win vs. the Wildcats. Prior to Saturday's win, the school had produced as many Miss America Pageant winners during the period as wins vs. the Big Blue." Aw, come on guys...I love the LSU press department where Dale Brown is concerned. No one works harder to make big deals out of average occurrences than do the Tiger basketball drumbeaters. Their latest is that Brown has achieved numerous victories in head-to-head matchups against many of the countries leading coaches. Then they list those coaches: Gene Bartow, Memphis State; Joe Hall, Kentucky; Hugh Durham, Georgia and on and on. Funny, but I thought it was the teams competing with each other, not the coaches one-on-one. Dale is a great coach and a great guy but his record stands for itself. It doesn't need any hyping...It is obvious that Ole Miss plays too many games in which it's two-against-five. Gerald Glass is a great talent and Tim Jumper is outstanding, but there are a lot of nights when they get no help from their teammates. During one recent two-game stretch, forward Mike Paul and center Sean Murphy combined for three baskets in 23 shots, a 13-percent mark...We talk about football and basketball overkill, athletes playing too many games in too short a time period, taking their attention off their studies. What about baseball? Mississippi State recently released its 1989 schedule. The 'Dogs will play 63 games between Feb. 25 and May 7. The longest off time between games is two days and that's when State is on an airplane flying to Hawaii to play five games in five days. Late in the season, during the month of May as the kids get ready for finals, they play eight games in seven days. I realize baseball's physical demands are not as tough as football or basketball, but isn't a 63-game schedule a little tough on a student-athlete?

□THE LAST WORD(S): Rebel coach Ed Murphy after Florida shot 44 free throws to Ole Miss' eight as the Gators won in Gainesville:

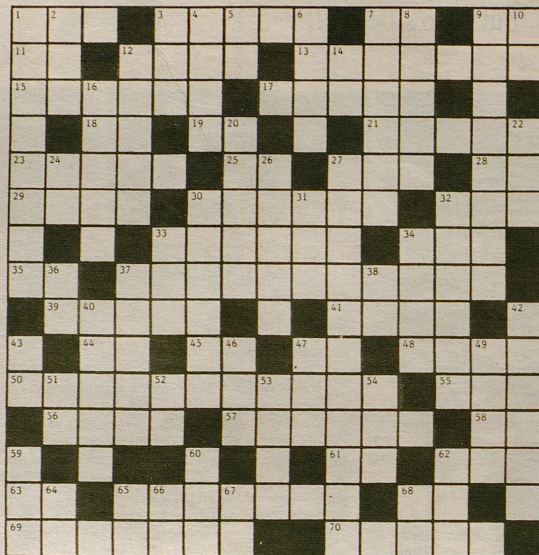
"You've got to be 20 points better to win on the road. The same three (referees) at our place and we'll win."

And Florida coach Norm Sloan in reply:

"When we were at their place they shot 48 so they still owe us some."

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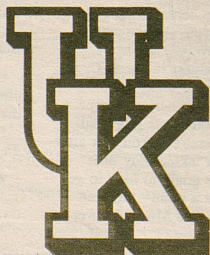
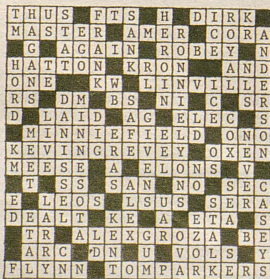
By Dan Krueckeberg



WHEN THEY WERE SENIORS (No. 1)

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 First name of 15 Across | 1 Had 19.1 ppg as sr. guard of 23-3 Cats |
| 3 Sr. Milt Tocco averaged twenty-_____ ppg for Rupp's '42-'43 Cats | 2 Best boxer from the bluegrass |
| 7 Initials of '30s letterman Lawrence | 3 "The old college" |
| 9 Initials of sr. center John of '64-'65 | 4 Nazi Rudolf |
| 11 School where P.E. is now a senior | 5 Abbr. for "right" |
| 12 Senior in coach Joe's last year | 6 Abbr. for "Economics" |
| 13 Originator | 7 Senior Ted of '63-'64 Cats |
| 15 _____ last season came in Rupp's worst year (13-13) of '66-'67 | 8 First name of 1 Down |
| 17 Not higher | 9 _____ senior year was first Cat year |
| 18 Sr. J. Givens' team won the WC _____ title | 10 Initials of coach of '70s sr. T. Parker |
| 19 Abbr. for "Spain" | 11 Finished great career as member of '49 National Champions |
| 21 _____ sr. year was same as 57 Across | 14 Initials of sr. Reggie of '76 NIT Champs |
| 23 Beginning | 16 Not now |
| 25 Symbol for "radium" | 20 Sr. Mike of 26-2 Cats of '69-'70 |
| 27 Senior on Rupp's last squad | 22 Cliff's uniform # |
| 28 Symbol for "silicon" | 24 Initials of baseball's strikeout king |
| 29 Sr. Cowan of '60-'61 Cats | 26 Property burning |
| 30 Sr. guard of Sutton's first team | 27 Senior on Sutton's first Cat squad |
| 32 Sr. captain of #2 ranked '58-'59 Cats | 30 Led "Fiddlin' Five" in scoring |
| 33 Sr. guard of #1 ranked '51-'52 Cats | 31 '59-'60 senior Mills |
| 34 Negative particle | 32 _____ senior classmates were Coffman and 31 Down |
| 35 _____ was senior on '53-'54 undefeated Cats | 33 A. Groza's team _____ it all in both his junior and senior seasons |
| 37 _____ final Cats season saw him hit for 24.0 ppg | 34 The _____ of Wight |
| 39 Repetitive monotone melody | 36 Initials of sr. captain Truman of '78-'79 |
| 41 _____ log | 37 Had 17.0 ppg for '70-'71 SEC champs |
| 44 Initials of a "Fiddlin' Five" senior | 38 Symbol for "gold" |
| 45 Symbol for "osmium" | 40 Had 24.0 ppg in senior year |
| 47 Initials of Larry; sr. with 56 Across | 42 _____ 33.9 ppg came in senior season |
| 48 Football positions | 43 Initials of 70 Across |
| 50 Sr. with Lickert & Jennings | 46 Aggie Sale was a senior on Rupp's first _____ championship team |
| 53 Short for a relative | 47 Follows "4" |
| 56 Kyle's sr. year was also _____ sr. year | 49 Teamed with Jr. Jim in senior season |
| 57 Senior Cat of "Rupp's Runts" | 51 See 63 Across |
| 58 Initials of '64-'65 senior Embry | 52 Initials of former Cincy Reds Scheinblum |
| 61 Initials of 27 Down | 53 Will not |
| 62 Follows "I" | 54 Novel |
| 63 Footballer Simpson | 59 First name of 65 Across |
| 65 Sr. on Cats '75 WCA runnerup | 60 "A good shooting _____" |
| 68 Thus | 62 Coach for '70s senior R. Lyons |
| 69 Sr. guard of Rupp's '62-'63 Cats | 64 _____ was big scoring senior on coach Hall's first team |
| 70 Senior on Joe's National Champions | 65 Initials of '50s letterman Strong |
| | 66 Rupp's last win over _____ came in senior year for Walt Hirsch |
| | 67 Comparative suffix |
| | 68 _____ went to the Final Four as a senior |

Last Week's Answers



'Cats try to avoid infamous '14' against hot LSU, Alabama

Compiled by The Cats' Pause staff

Kentucky's three straight setbacks, the most recent coming at home to Florida 59-53, has put Eddie Sutton and the '89 Wildcats' in a not-so-forgiving predicament. Another loss—No. 14—would give this UK team more defeats than any other in the school's history. Already, this edition of the Wildcats has racked up five losses in Rupp Arena, the most since the building opened for play in 1976.

This Wednesday, Kentucky travels to Baton Rouge (8 p.m. EST) to take on SEC leader LSU and the high scoring antics of Chris Jackson. Jackson paced LSU, 9-3 in conference play, to a 122-106 win over Tennessee last Saturday by scoring 50 points.

After winning its initial three conference games, Kentucky emotionally limps to Baton Rouge with a 6-6 mark, 11-13 overall.

"It's going to be tough," said freshman forward Chris Mills of the game at LSU's vocal Assembly Center. "If we can just go out and execute for 40 minutes... that's exactly what we have to do, then we can win."

Certainly, LSU has more weapons than Jackson. The heart of the Tigers lies in two men, senior battler Ricky Blanton and coach Dale Brown, the front-runner for SEC Coach of the Year honors. Other Tigers like Vernel Singleton and Wayne Sims have added plenty of punch to the starting lineup, too.

Earlier, LSU came into Rupp Arena and handed the Wildcats a 64-62 defeat. In that game Jackson scored his team's final 16 points to help pull off the upset.

"I think we've lost some confidence," said Eddie Sutton about his team after the loss to Florida. "That's one of the things we put on the board as one of the keys this afternoon—play with confidence. When you lose, especially when you're young, you start doubting yourself at times."

Alabama (8-4, 16-5): Wimp Sanderson, who is next in line for conference Coach of the Year honors, has his Crimson Tide headed for the NCAA tournament. The Tide enters Wednesday night tied in second place with Vanderbilt and Florida. Its game at Rupp Arena is a *must* win for the Tide if it's to stay in the hunt for the SEC title.

Last month at Alabama, Kentucky led 50-49 in the second half, but the host Tide outscored the Big Blue 27-14 to win 76-64.

The three-point goal was used to Alabama's advantage as Keith Askins, Alvin Lee and Gary Waites combined for eight three-pointers. Michael Ansley paced four Crimson Tide players in double figures with 19 points while Derrick Miller led UK with 19. 'Bama-UK will tipoff at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

UK OPPONENTS' PROBABLE STARTERS

LSU
GUARDS: Chris Jackson (6-1, freshman, 27 points in last outing against UK)
Lyle Mouton (6-3, sophomore, 4 points against UK)

FORWARD: Vernel Singleton (6-6, freshman, 2 points against UK)
Ricky Blanton (6-8, senior, 21 points against UK)

CENTER: Wayne Sims (6-6, sophomore, 10 points against UK)

ALABAMA
GUARDS: Alvin Lee (6-1, senior—15 points in last outing against UK)
Gary Waites (6-2, sophomore, 10 against UK)

FORWARDS: Melvin Cheatum (6-8, sophomore, 2 points against UK).
Michael Ansley (6-7, senior, 19 points against UK)

CENTER: David Benoit (6-8, junior, 7 points against UK)

*Both games to be televised by SEC-TV



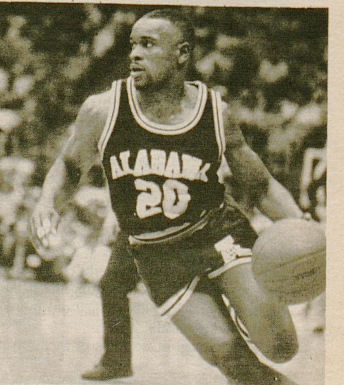
Dale Brown—14-24 versus 'Cats



Ricky Blanton—21 against UK



Sanderson—8-14 versus 'Cats

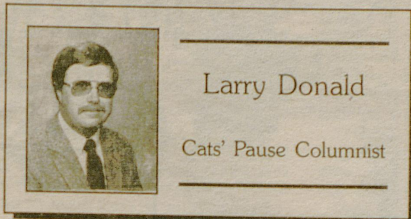


Alvin Lee—3-point marksman

Injuries force one coach to quit in midstream

Is Frieder a candidate for Arizona State job?

Four years after stepping into a job for which he was ill-prepared, Arizona State coach Steve Patterson has walked away. The former UCLA center, frustrated with a season in which his three best players were



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sidelined by injury, stepped aside when the school wouldn't give him a vote of confidence.

A man with only three years in the coaching profession and none of that at the major college level, Patterson took over at ASU on an interim basis when Bob Weinbauer was fired. He kept the program afloat through a tough NCAA probation and actually had the situation looking positive before the wave of injuries decimated the current team.

Arizona State remains, in comparison to the rest of the Pac-10 Conference, something of a mystery. Many of the standard items are already in place to have a successful program (arena, climate, city, campus, etc.) and yet the Sun Devils plod along looking very pale in comparison to sister school Arizona, which has become a legit national power in this decade.

A few weeks ago when I visited Tempe, ASU athletic director Charles Harris passed out assurances that his school wanted very much to be a major leaguer in college basketball. "As you can see by looking at our other sports, we don't play for second place at Arizona State," he said.

In truth, though, the Sun Angel Foundation, major support group and bankroller of the athletic programs here, seems to be a divided house on the subject of basketball. Perhaps having suffered through this decade, everyone will jump to the same page and put a financial package together which will attract an experienced coach.

And who might that be?

Well, how about Michigan coach Bill Frieder?

Clearly, Frieder has a national reputation which would send a signal that ASU was going to wear a basketball game face now. He's also the sort of tireless recruiter who surely could attract some of the top name high school players to the desert. And, from his perspective, it would be a chance to become appreciated, something which will never happen to the basketball coach at Michigan.

Although he's a graduate of the school and has been its most successful coach, Frieder seldom gets his due from the media or fans in Michigan. And, remember, Johnny Orr found a lot more happiness, if not as much success, when he departed Ann Arbor for Iowa State...

Along with Arizona State, it appears there will be a number of big-time job vacancies this spring. Evidence continues to mount that Eddie Sutton is a goner at Kentucky. The days of Bob Wade appear to be numbered at Maryland. And speculation continues that Jim Valvano would have interest in the Los Angeles Clippers' job. I also hear that Florida's Norm Sloan, in light of all the off-court problems in Gainesville, is giving thought to moving his scheduled retirement up a year. Those are some heavyweight coaching positions.

On the next level, Virginia Commonwealth is already open. Cincinnati seems all set to broom Tony Yates. And Vanderbilt is faced with the task of replacing C.M. Newton, newly-named Kentucky athletics director.

And who are the names to watch?

Well, Rick Pitino's desire to become a college coach once again seems to be a nationally-acknowledged item.

Rick Barnes, the first year coach at Providence, has been impressive and is said to understand that his current job is, despite appearances, of the steppingstone variety. Lon Krueger said no thanks to Texas last winter and stayed at Kansas State, but I suspect he'll have a chance to make another call this spring. Ohio State's Gary Williams might be in the picture if Maryland becomes available because that is his alma mater. If he makes a decision with his head, Williams will understand his present job is much, much better than the one at Maryland. But if he listens to his heart...

Wichita State coach Eddie Fogler is also a name you'll hear being mentioned. The man who hired him at WSU, Lew Perkins, is now athletic director at Maryland, by the way. Former Bob Knight assistant Jim Crews is having a good year at Evansville, and bloodlines are important. Pete Gillen has had an excellent run at Xavier while coaches like Mike Jarvis (Boston U.), Mike Deane (Siena), Joe Harrington (Long Beach) and Bob Huggins (Akron) are on a lot of athletic directors' lists. How they'll all mix and match will be a very interesting story as it unfolds this spring...

It's been a long, long time since three better freshmen entered the college game than Billy Owens (Syracuse), Alonzo Mourning (Georgetown) and Chris Jackson (LSU). These three young men wear a future Hall of Fame look and should be household names into the next century. In fact, if Mourning declared hardship, he would be the No. 1 pick this June...

Rather quietly Syracuse's Derrick Coleman is having an All-American-type year. He plays under control and with a maturity that wasn't in evidence during the last two years. I think he's now in good position to exploit his vast reservoir of athletic talent as a pro. If he comes out and if he participates in the various post season camps, Coleman just might be the No. 1 choice next June...

Dick Groat, the old baseball star, is now the radio broadcaster for Pitt Panther basketball. People have probably forgotten that Groat was a hoops All-American while at Duke...

I've known Norm Stewart a long time and have always found him a congenial, even funny, man. But he

certainly has said some strange things this winter hasn't he?...

Watching Utah Jazz center Mark Eaton line-up with the NBA All-Stars I thought back to his collegiate days at UCLA. I would watch him warm up and was always impressed with his size and the athletic skills he seemed to possess. I would ask Larry Brown or Larry Farmer why Eaton never got off the bench and the UCLA coaches would just shake their heads. "No chance," they'd say. Funny what a difference a few years can make isn't it?...

Nevada-Las Vegas, in conjunction with Nike and ABC, is putting together a one-night holiday tournament doubleheader for the next two years. Iowa and Michigan are already in the field and Syracuse is trying to work out an arrangement to join the threesome. If that doesn't happen, look for Seton Hall to be the fourth. The following year Pitt and Ohio State are being targeted for the games which will be played on the last Saturday in December prior to Christmas...

The ACC-versus-the-Big East package is also close to being buttoned down. Television arrangements are being finalized and there's hope the deal can be announced in late March. I mention both of these events by way of suggesting that television's increasing interest in December games and the presence of major corporate sponsors is beginning to pave the way for an end to some of the sissy non-league schedules these teams have played in the past. Ah, American dollars. Does the trick every time doesn't it?...

Pro scouts tell me the best off guard in college basketball is Stanford's Todd Lichti...

There's a divided camp on Florida State's 6-9 guard George McCloud. Some pro sleuths believe he can play the point, but others say he's better suited to be at a shooting guard. Either way they like him a great deal...

On the other end of the pro draft scene, no one's stock has slipped more than BYU's Michael Smith...

As a freshman, Villanova's Tom Greis was a big disappointment. As a sophomore he was greatly improved. As a junior he seems to be on a plateau, not getting worse, but not really showing any significant improvement. He still lacks strength in his upper body and, I'm told, is having some serious knee problems...



Will Florida coach Norm Sloan, with an overall record of 620-392, decide to move up his retirement date?

Bat 'Cat skipper Keith Madison now using change of pace as his 'out' pitch

During his days as a farmhand in the Expos' and Reds' chains, Madison earned his living with the high hard one; now, in his roles as family man and UK baseball coach, he's finding success by slipping life an occasional change-up

By TCP staff writer Jim Easterwood

Sometimes a changeup is just what an old pitcher needs. Such was the case of onetime promising pitcher Keith Madison.

In earlier days he was taking his fastball to higher places.

But now the Kentucky baseball coach has found peace and success in a quiet country setting similar to what he came from.

"I grew up in Edmondson County in the country and enjoyed it," said Madison. "Once you move into the city you lose your privacy...that sort of thing."

Exit Lexington and enter Wilmore, a quaint, rustic community in Jessamine County.

Keith Madison and his family were home...and the Bat Cats' braintrust could feel the change that flowed through his life. The feeling that tells you the wanderlust is gone.

Perhaps it is a mere coincidence, but in the past five years—the time he has been lived in Wilmore—the UK baseball program has also blossomed to one of the finest in the country.

At the helm Madison has finished SEC runnerup twice in 10 years.

But last year tasting seconds wasn't enough. The Bat Cats came oh-so-close in winning the Northeast Regional and a trip to the College World Series in Omaha.

Madison feels the tranquility of his life on Drake Lane, about a mile out of Wilmore, has made it easier to escape the pressures of the job.

"It helps a lot," said Madison. "Out here we got involved with the church, Wilmore Freedom Methodist, and it has helped keep my priorities in the right order."

Baseball and recruiting are now, so to speak, placed on the right shelf in the Madison household.

"I don't let them become like God to me," said Madison. "Now, in living here, I am able to keep things in the proper perspective."

Madison credits a friend, Harold Morris, with helping him to straighten out his priorities.

"I used to have a list of priorities where God had to be first, then family...then job," says Madison. "But Harold told me you need to put family first, then job...and then you have God No. 1 in all those things."

Living in Wilmore, says Madison, has given her and his wife, Sharon, a chance to form strong friendships through their church.

"Before, we both had moved around a lot," said Madison. "Sharon was the daughter of an Air Force colonel and they move around. Her father was teaching at Western Kentucky when we met. Then it was on to minor league baseball. Sharon was a good wife for that...she was so used to moving around."

It was Sharon who found their little piece of heaven in Wilmore. She was looking through a real estate magazine when she found the lot for sale.

"I had never been to Wilmore," recalls Madison. "We drove down there and..."

It was, well, almost love at first bite. Keith, you see, is an avid fisherman. When he saw that the lot backed up to a pond some 50 yards away well...well he was sold.

"I had always dreamed of having a place where I could step out the back door and wet

the line," said Madison. "My sons, Austin and Tyler, love to fish. So, too, does my nephew, Chad, who lives with us."

Keith hired a carpenter to oversee the construction of the four-bedroom home. But he and Sharon, especially Sharon, did a lot of the work themselves.

"We did our own sub-contracting," said Keith. "Sharon did more than I. She took her briefcase and went to all the lumber yards and bought all the materials."

The house is passive solar and is positioned so that in the winter it catches the morning sun in back of the house.

"When it's cold like this (15 degrees), we don't need any heat at all," said Madison. "We have a lot of bricks on the inside of the house so the sun comes through the windows and heats the bricks."

Austin, 10, and Tyler, 7, may be following in the footsteps of Keith, who came close to the majors before injuries did him in. Austin has played T-ball and minor league ball in Nicholasville. Tyler plays T-ball.

"Austin also played in the Jessamine Youth Basketball League," said Madison.

Chad, 17, played end last year for Jessamine County High School's varsity football team.

"He really loved it," said Keith. "His parents moved and he wanted to stay here with his friends."

Madison said it has been an adjustment for him in raising a teenager. But he says his wife has had the bigger adjustment. "Sharon has handled it like a trooper," said Keith. "Chad really loves it here. He lives next door to his geometry teacher and fits in well."

Football, said Keith, has been good to Chad.

"He's started making better grades," said Keith. "Football has really matured him. It has created more discipline. I give coach (Frank) Conyers and his staff a lot of credit.



Whether he's relaxing at his home in Jessamine County, getting involved in church activities, teaching pitching fundamentals at his baseball camp (above left) or visiting the mound during a Bat 'Cat game, UK skipper Keith Madison has found that realigning his priorities has allowed him to get the most out of life. photo on left by Gary Cromwell, photo on right by UK sports information.

It's more than the Xs and Os. The right coach builds the right character. That's what has happened to Chad. His grades have improved and his outlook on life is more positive. I credit football for that."

Days are long now for Madison. Baseball begins Feb. 24 when Kentucky meets Louisville and that means long practices.

But Madison feels it is still important to give time each day to his family. He spends 30 minutes each night catching up on what the kids did at Wilmore Elementary. Then he plays a little ping-pong with the kids.

Chad flits by, grabbing the phone. Girlfriends, too, are a priority in Chad's life.

"We have a devotional talk with the kids and then Sharon and I have time to talk," said Keith. "That's about the only time in the day we have together."

These talks, he says, ease any pressures he feels with the job of keeping Kentucky, the 23rd ranked team in *Baseball America*, in the limelight.

"I really don't worry about having to win," said Madison, whose teams have won 78 of their last 110 games. "The pressure I have now I put on myself. In 1987 I won 40 games, last year we won 36. The pressure I put on is that we have to maintain this consistency. I want us to be known at Kentucky as one of the top baseball programs in the country...yet, if we aren't consistent, we won't be."

Madison said consistency means "recruiting harder."

"This is where I put pressure on myself," said Madison. "To recruit well so we can be consistent and be in the top 25 teams every year."

Madison is in his 11th year as the main man of the Bat 'Cats. Last year the Bat 'Cats wound up No. 14 in *Collegiate Baseball/ESPN* poll. They were No. 19 in *Baseball America*.

But now hear this: This could be the best

year for the Bat 'Cats.

Madison, for once, was lucky. Or is it from living the good life in quiet little Wilmore?

Whatever, his recruits decided to stay home and not join players like junior centerfielder Chris Estep (.313 batting average, 13 homers) and junior pitcher Doug Sutton (8-3, 5.38 ERA). Estep and Sutton both signed with major league teams.

"We have the seven we signed," said Keith. "The tough thing about recruiting at Division 1 level is that we can battle Indiana, Ohio State, Tennessee and other teams in our area up to the signing date in April. But even if we sign them that doesn't mean we have them. If he's exceptional that means we have to worry about the June draft for major league clubs. They can draft right out of high school."

Madison, and he's not by himself, has lost players the day before school starts. Dollar signs, say \$10,000, can sway a young kid pretty quickly.

"This year we are real fortunate," said Madison. "Of the players we signed only one was drafted...and he decided to come on to school."

And that player was a big one—first baseman Mike Harris of Tates Creek. Madison has already penciled him in as a starter.

"He's going to help and will start most of the time," said Madison. "He has great speed and good power. He's a very hard worker. I'm extremely pleased with his attitude."

Many freshmen phenoms come to college baseball as the best player on the team. Like Harris. Some expect to continue that role in college. But not the Tates Creek slugger.

"He came into a situation where we have an All-American shortstop and an all-conference second baseman," said Madison. "So he's blending in well where other players

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Madison changing speeds more these days

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might have an ego problem."

Madison, a former pitcher himself, can appreciate this next recruit. He's Kris Nuss, a lefty from Alabama. He's 6-5 and 215.

A lot of smoke?

"Not really," said Madison. "He has a good fastball but to look at him you would say he's a hard-thrower who is wild. But he's actually a finesse pitcher who throws curves for strikes, has a good change and a good pickoff move."

Madison also is high on recruit Al Lardo of Pittsburgh, who is battling Anthony Morrow, a JC transfer, for the centerfield job left vacant by Estep.

Also, Morrow's JC roommate, Rod Bolton, is being looked on as the possible closer of a relief corps depleted by the loss of Dave Voit and Jon Hudson.

"Bolton was a 'big sign' for us," said Madison. "He led the nation in strikeouts as a JC pitcher. He would have been drafted but he let all scouts know he was definitely going to college."

Other standout recruits are Billy Vanlandingham of Franklin, Tenn., and William Elmore of Elizabethtown.

Pitching should be a strike for the '89 Bat 'Cats.

In addition to the highly-touted recruits, the 'Cats return Matthew Coleman, 3-4, who recovered from a broken finger to pitch in the SEC and NCAA regional tournaments. He was all-SEC as a sophomore.

"He's looking like his old self," said Madison.

Tom Deller will either join Coleman in the starting rotation or be the closer. If it's the latter Bolton will be a starter.

Madison is also blessed this year with two catchers of about equal ability.

One of his primary concerns was finding a backup for Rick Norton, who saw only limited time himself behind senior Robbie Buchanan. Madison found him.

He's Miami Dade Community College transfer Keith Conrad. Norton has the stronger arm and bat but Conrad had an edge in defensive skills.

"With 60 games on the schedule it's nice to have two catchers," said Madison.

Kentucky pitchers can also breathe a sigh of relief when they look around the infield. It is manned by some excellent glovemmen.

Shortstop Billy White returns to try and win first-team All-American honors. He's projected to be the 16th college player picked in the draft.

"This year he's stronger...he worked on the weights," said Madison. White, who has a good eye, will lead-off once again. He hits with surprising power.

Darin Rieman at third is steady at the bat and in the field and Roger Gum will make it a sticky double-play combo at second.

While Madison deplors the loss of brilliant Vince Castaldo (from a knee injury), he is thankful he has a player with Gum's versatility.

Gum, who was the designated hitter a lot last year, started 15-20 games at second when Castaldo went to third. He has good speed and is capable of hitting for a good average.

Rieman started off slow last year but wound-up hitting .287. He hits the ball hard.

"With Vince gone for the year the pressure will be on Darin as the RBI guy," said Madison.

Clutch performer Mark Blythe (.290

"heads" up outfield. And what a head it is. He's shooting for his fourth all-academic honor in the SEC and is a good bet to make it on the academic All-American team. Last year he led the team in game-winning hits.

Blythe flanks either Lardo or Morrow in center with Sam Taylor (.309) in right.

"I feel we have a balanced offensive attack and our defense is exceptionally strong," said Madison.

Once again Madison will turn the Bat 'Cats lose on the basepaths.

"Not everybody has great speed but we do have several guys who can steal bases," said Madison. "White...Gum...Morrow and both Harris and Taylor. They are definite base-stealing threats."

Madison said he decided that speed really kills some years ago.

"The 1986 team was a slow team," said Madison. "I made a comment to John Butler, my associate coach, that we will never have a team of turtles again. Too many times I saw guys ground to the hole but get thrown out by two steps."

Madison, despite the loss of Castaldo, remains very much optimistic that this team could be his best ever.

"They have a lot of tournament experience and know what it takes to win. They have been through a lot of adversity with that horrible start we had last year. They know how to survive."

Goals, of course, are easy to choose. Madison has never won an SEC title. This year he thinks he can. And who would have believed it 10 years ago?

"Not many people would have thought it possible," said Madison in recalling those days of the doomsayers. "I was told it would

be impossible to compete in this league because of a lack of tradition and due to other negative things. But we've proven the skeptics wrong. I think we have turned the corner. We now have tradition."

Madison, at one time, probably would have gladly traded an SEC title for a shot at the majors.

He was with a group of rookies like Rawley Eastwick and Will McEnany when they had big years with Cincinnati some 15 years ago. But arm trouble and then a knee injury curtailed his bid for the majors.

"I had a lot of things going for me," said Madison. "I had led the entire minor league in appearances as a short reliever. I had a good fastball. Then the injuries came. There was a time I used to experience a lot of pain." But time, as they always say, heals all wounds.

"I feel maturing has taken care of the pain now," said Madison. "I feel this is what God wants me to be. Back then, I was playing for Keith Madison. Now, I not only have a chance to control my destiny, but I can shape and mold and control the destiny over a lot of people. And, at the same time, enjoy the competition and be involved in baseball."

Yes, these are the thoughts that go through Madison's head as he makes the 30-minute drive each day to UK from Wilmore and back.

At last, he is at peace with himself.

His traveling days are over.

"It fits in with my background," said Madison. "I grew up in a small town where church activities were a big part in my life. It was the only social activities I had."

In a way, Keith Madison has rounded third and is safe at home.

Vanderbilt 81, Kentucky 51

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ball we've played all year on both ends. It couldn't have come at a better time from the standpoint of the conference race because the significance of this game is that you put a loss on a contender and save yourself from having a loss."

Vandy improved to 7-4 in the conference and 13-10 overall. Kentucky fell to 6-5 and 11-12.

UK-VANDY NOTES & QUOTES:

□ With the win, C.M. Newton got one monkey off his back by beating Kentucky for the second time in a row in Nashville, the only two wins of his career against his alma mater in 15 tries. But he also got the local

press off his back as well. Following the game, one Nashville writer who had been a subscriber to the conflict-of-interest theory, waved a white flag from the press box and shouted, "I surrender."

□ Although it has to be tough to stomach a 30-point, televised loss, UK guard Sean Sutton it wasn't the worst one the 'Cats have suffered this season.

"It's embarrassing," Sutton said. "But I think our guys realize a loss is a loss and you try to forget something like this. This game will probably be easier to forget than the LSU one when we lost in Lexington or the Mississippi game when we played so terrible and should've won that game."

Not that this one didn't hurt. Sutton, always

the optimist, found it hard to find anything positive in the way the 'Cats played.

"Not much," Sutton said with a laugh, more out of frustration than humor. "I don't know."

Even with a little prodding, after being reminded that he turned in a career-high, 14-point performance despite the severe case of the flu, Sean found few things worthy of praise.

"I shot the ball well in that one stretch and, if you get hot and get on a roll, sometimes good things will happen. But still, there isn't much. Kept us from getting beat by 40, maybe."

□ As you might expect, things were a little more pleasant in the other locker room.

Six-nine Vandy center and Lexington native Frank Kornet, who scored 18 points and teamed with fellow Kentuckian Barry Goheen for 41 of the Commodores' 81 total, met the press with a smile almost as wide as he is tall.

"It's hard to express," Kornet said. "I'm really overjoyed. This is a very special win for everybody from Kentucky, including coach Newton."

□ Including coach Newton? The guy who rarely shows emotion on the court? Yep.

"Coach Newton isn't one to show emotion on the outside," Goheen, the Calvert City native who threw in a game-high 23 points, said, "but it was obvious this game was special to him. You could see it in his eyes."

Commodores give Newton surprise package

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Indeed, Memorial Gymnasium might as well have had a Black-and-Gold bow tied to it because Vandy surprised its departing mentor with an unraveling, shredding 81-51 conquest of the Kentucky Wildcats.

This present turned out to bigger than probably Newton could have imagined.

"I'm sure this game was so special to him but he never let it on to us," said Barry Goheen, the main instigator in throwing this incredible party for Newton. "There was no need to letting it on to us because anytime you play Kentucky you're going to be motivated anyway."

"There was no use to motivating us anymore; we were about as high as we could be. He never let on that this was special, but it was obvious that it was special to him."

Newton, who April 1 becomes the University of Kentucky's athletics director, dispelled any "conflict of interest" rumors which were spreading between Nashville and Lexington. Career victory No. 503 shot down any speculation.

Heading back to the dressing room for the

postgame celebration, Newton had to chuckle to himself when one Vandy supporter cried, "Yeah, there sure was a conflict of interest, coach."

Afterward, Newton, on the outside, wasn't giving a hint to the reporters—not once did he imply "I told you so."

"I'm glad to get this win because that means now we're 7-4 and they're 6-5," he stressed. "And if we get another one Saturday we'll be 8-4 (against Ole Miss)."

Practically the only time Kentucky had anything to cheer about was when it owned a 1-0 lead. Quicker than you could say "conflict of interest" the Commodores controlled the momentum, not to mention a 10-3 lead.

Whatever Kentucky tried defensively, first man-to-man then a 2-3 zone, Vandy was a step ahead. "Any defense we played they would hit the three-point and plus they had the inside game," pointed out UK's Deron Feldhaus.

From a fired up Frank Kornet to the Barry Duo—Goheen and Booker—with their three-point shooters loaded, Vanderbilt was able to

open up a 39-18 halftime lead. Would the 'Dores, who hit 58.3 percent of their shots compared to UK's 27.3 figure, let up?

Seeing that the Commodores enjoyed a 35-point cushion in the second stanza quickly states the obvious: Nope. And if problems ever existed between Newton and his kids they were no longer to be found.

"I don't think his decision (to leave) is a negative point or a positive point for us," said guard Derrick Wilcox, who tallied 11 points. "It's just something he decided to do. We're playing the same way we've been playing before he told us he was going."

Entering the game it appeared both Kentucky and Vanderbilt might be facing the verge of elimination, in the SEC race and possible NCAA selection. The 'Cats and 'Dores owned 11-11 and 12-10 overall marks, respectively.

With such a difficult loss to accept, UK, in all likelihood, will have to capture the SEC Tournament later this March to get an NCAA bid. Plus, the 60-year string of winning seasons now has better than a 50-50 chance of being snapped.

Vanderbilt still is playing for a regular-season title, and with a 30-point onslaught to its credit remains in the hunt for an NCAA postseason invitation.

"This is definitely the best basketball we've played all year for 40 minutes," said Newton. "It couldn't have come at a better time, from the standpoint of the conference race. The significance of this game, in any game when you're playing another contender, is that we put a loss on a contender and saved ourselves from having a loss in the loss column."

Really?

Coach, there wasn't added significance because the win came against Kentucky?

"No, no significance," he politely replied.

Penalty for throwing debris is harsh...but needed

It cost Vanderbilt a win against Florida

Three weeks ago at Vanderbilt, Jan. 25, a truly chilling basketball game was played with Florida in the Southeastern Conference championship race. Vanderbilt had won: It led 72-70 and had defended the



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Gators into an out-of-bounds mistake with one second on the clock. The home team fans were ecstatic: A two-point lead, just one second left, and *our* ball.

A sure win over one of the SEC preseason favorites for the title; over the cocky Dwayne Schintzius, 7-foot-2, 265-pound center supreme.

Hold it! A tennis ball is rolling on the floor. Schintzius picks it up, draws back to throw it into the celebrating crowd; then holds up and strides toward the officials.

Referee John Clougherty is signaling a T on the crowd, as another ball bounces in from the stands, and, almost simultaneously, two more.

The officials confer, then re-signal the technical foul and the fingers sign for two shots and move to the Florida

free throw lane.

Schintzius, the Noble, takes the ball and makes both free throws. In the overtime, he scores the first *seven* points. The Commodores are wasted, having spent themselves fighting past the Gators in the last six seconds of regulation. For Vanderbilt, the glorious victory is now a wretched loss, 81-78.

Fans at other places threw tennis balls to Schintzius, mocking his using a tennis racket against two guys at a Gainesville nightclub late one evening.

At Florida State they were thrown at Schintzius when he was introduced as a fun stunt, planned and advertised,

(The rule) states that if anyone "intentionally, purposefully and willfully throw debris to delay, cause injury or curtail the momentum of a team, the officials shall assess an intentional technical foul to the team whose followers violate the rule."

with no foul called. At Tennessee, they were thrown and the technical was called. At Ole Miss, when ice was thrown, they held play to dry the floor and issued a warning. At Georgia, toilet paper was thrown and they called a technical.

Florida coach Norm Sloan is a sharp old warrior of 36½ seasons as chief. He insures that any tennis-ball throws will turn to Florida's advantage by informing the officials, pregame, that the incident calls for a technical foul on the home team, and he is there to see that they enforce the rule.

The Vanderbilt crowd was warned via the public ad-

dress system before the game, so refrained from tossing tennis balls until it was over, they thought.

The crowd-control rule was stiffened last year (Jan. 20, 1988) by Dr. Edward Steitz, editor and secretary of the NCAA Rules Committee. It makes the home school fully responsible for conduct by all.

It states that if anyone "intentionally, purposefully and willfully throws debris (vegetables, fruit, paper, ice, etc.) to delay, cause injury or curtail the momentum of a team, the officials shall assess an intentional technical foul to the team whose followers violate the rule.

"The penalty...on team followers calls for two free throws, plus possession. The technical foul is assessed to the head coach."

The foul on the Vanderbilt followers against Florida resulted in the harshest penalty yet invoked. But it effected what Dr. Steitz sought. It brought national attention to school responsibility for its followers.

Roy Kramer, the Vanderbilt athletic director, has identified two students who threw tennis balls. They must face the Dean of Students and a Student Conduct Council. If found guilty they could be excluded from events or suspended from school.

At the next Vandy home game, with traditional rival Tennessee, at which oranges have often appeared, nothing was thrown but voices (mostly cheering).

The Commodores, as they headed into last week's action versus Kentucky and Ole Miss, were in a four-way tie for third place—with, among other teams, those Florida Gators—in the SEC with a 6-4 conference record. By all rights, they should have been 7-3 for a share of first place with LSU.

Oscar Combs

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local television sportscaster he refused to condemn sportscaster Dick Vitale for his remarks concerning the UK situation. He has more than once indicated his independence, challenging the system which has more than one set of rules for team personnel. He's voiced his opinion that he's often become the favorite target after a loss.

All that has led the fans to believe Ellis is unhappy at Kentucky. Not entirely, just certain situations.

In the end, Ellis' future at UK most likely will be decided on how many years of postseason tournament ban the Wildcats will face.

If Kentucky should get only a one-year ban, I believe Ellis will remain and help lead UK through the forest. The young man loves Kentucky and there's no secret he would welcome a new beginning.

However, if UK should receive two years tournament ban, look out. Two years means Ellis could transfer and play immediately at another school. With a one-year ban, Ellis would have to sit out a transfer year.

If Ellis should stay, UK would still be competitive in most games and, with the NCAA controversy put behind them, the 'Cats could become the Cinderella darlings of the basketball world, with the right leadership. No, not a league championship, but a message on how to play the game by the rules, the way it was meant to be.

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□ CONGRATULATIONS to Jerry

Claiborne and his staff for a job well done on the recruiting front last week. No, it wasn't one of the nation's top 10 recruiting efforts, but the Wildcats once again controlled the commonwealth, despite what you may hear from our good friends up in Louisville.

Claiborne's chief loss was the highly-touted Louisville quarterback Jeff Brohm, who chose to stay home with the Cardinals, but he was the only big one which got away.

Louisville signed a couple other kids UK had contacted, but never offered scholarships, according to UK coaches. Three in-state kids did get away, to places like Ohio State and Notre Dame.

Jerry is pleased with his crop. Some say it is his finest at UK. I'm not ready to go that far, but the fact he was able to ink a group which is, more or less, as good as previous years is a statement itself.

Because of another losing campaign and the delay in renewing Claiborne's contract last fall, there were some who feared UK would lose control of the state. It didn't happen and now everyone knows even Howard Schnellenberger and his 8-3 Cardinals can't penetrate the Big Blue recruiting front outside Louisville.

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□ WHAT A WAY to pay tribute to one's father.

Former Wildcat All-American Kenny "Sky" Walker won the NBA Slam-Dunk contest prior to the NBA All-Star game over the weekend after urging from his family to compete after his father passed

away.

Kenny was on his way to the Knicks-Atlanta Hawks game Wednesday evening when he was stopped in the hotel lobby and notified of his father's death.

Walker returned home in nearby Roberta, Ga., and missed the game.

He had been selected as a late replacement for Michael Jordan in the NBA contest because Jordan didn't feel up to it physically.

At first, Walker informed officials he would not make the event, but after being urged to do so by his mother and relatives, Walker caught a plane to Houston.

Jerome, his father and one of the nicest people I've ever been around, would have been very proud had he been able to sit in front of his satellite dish and watch. On second thought, Jerome had a far better view than any of us.

Kenny, we'll all miss Jerome. Our prayers are with you and the rest of your family.

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□ HITS AND MISSES: Several celebrities were introduced to fans at the Kentucky-Florida game Saturday. Receiving the biggest ovation was new IBF middleweight boxing champion **Darrin Van Horn**, a former UK student who has made quite a name for himself the past couple years. Former UK players **Rob Lock** and **Rex Chapman** were also introduced, but a chorus of boos was mixed in after Chapman's name was announced. Someday, those who booed will want to apologize when they learn "the rest of the

story," as **Paul Harvey** would say...We keep talking about honesty in this day and time of college athletics, but it's time we begin setting good examples for our student-athletes. A few months ago, we mentioned how attendance figures at the Tennessee basketball games were grossly inflated over people actually in the stands. We mentioned UK was guilty of the same standards. Well, we bring up the subject again because UK made a big deal of a record-shattering attendance mark against LSU when UK said there was an attendance of 24,288. That was supposed to be an all-time SEC attendance mark, when in fact (I was told by a couple people who work at Rupp Arena) there were only slightly more than 20,000 actually in attendance. For the life of me, I can't understand why people do things like this. Was this to try and top Tennessee which seats some 24,000? Or was it just another promotional gimmick? I'm told it's impossible to put 24,000 people into Rupp Arena unless you fill the playing floor with people, body-to-body. It would be a good show of faith for the university to correct this obvious error and admit it. If we're going to establish credibility and honesty, let's set a good example. And while we're at it, a postscript to the earlier comments on UT: To the Big Orange's credit, each box score in Knoxville (since moving to the new arena) always has contained two attendance figures, one which lists how many tickets and passes were exactly issued and a second figure which indicates the number of no-shows. The media can choose which one to publish in the box score the following day. It would be nice for all schools to follow this procedure.

A thumbnail sketch on Kentucky Wildcat football signees

Following is a rundown of the University of Kentucky football signees compiled by Wildcat assistant sports information director Joey Howard:

BILL CAMPBELL Defensive Back, 5-11, 170, Fr-HS, Lexington (Tates Creek):

Three-year letterman as a tailback and cornerback at Lexington Tates Creek High School...First-team All-State by *Louisville Courier-Journal* and *Associated Press*...Selected to Kentucky All-Star squad...All-District and All-City...Squad's most valuable player...Rushed for 1,285 yards and 11 touchdowns in 1988. As cornerback, intercepted five passes...Best offensive performance was 225 yards rushing and two TDs vs. Lafayette as senior...As a junior, rushed for a season-high 216 yards and four TDs vs. Russell...Helped lead Commodores to 11-2 record and state semifinals in final prep season...Was coached at Tates Creek by Roy Walton...Also lettered in track, specializing in sprints...Full name is William Joseph Campbell...Born 3/14/70 in Lexington...Son of William and Pam Campbell.

ERIC CARTER Tailback, 5-11, 190, Fr-HS, Louisville (Male):

Three-year letterman as tailback, linebacker and kick returner at Louisville Male High School...First-team All-State by *Courier-Journal* and *Associated Press*...Selected to Kentucky All-Star squad...Lindy's All-Kentucky team...All-District...Squad's most valuable player...Rushed for 1,616 yards on 194 carries (8.3 avg.) and 22 touchdowns as a senior...Had a pair of 200-yard rushing games in 1988, 211 yards and four TDs vs. Wagener and 234 yards and two TDs vs. Jefferson-Town...Long TD rush of 80 yards vs. Wagener...Helped lead Bulldogs to 28-6 record and three state playoff appearances during career, including 9-2 record in 1988...Coached by Jim Jordan...Four-year letterman in track...All-State...Member of state champion 400-meter relay squad as junior...Full name is Eric Lamar Carter...Born 6/8/71 in Louisville...Son of Rollie and Faye Carter...Cousin, Donnie Craft, played football at Louisville.

JON COLLINS Defensive Guard, 5-11, 255, Fr-HS, Madisonville (North Hopkins):

Four-year letterman as nose guard at Madisonville North Hopkins High School...First-team All-State by *Courier-Journal*...Second-team All-State by *Associated Press*...Selected to Kentucky All-Star squad...All-Conference and All-District...Recorded 85 tackles in 1988, including 66 solos and 14 behind-the-line...Best outing was 14 tackles vs. Holy Cross as senior...Also used in short yardage situations as fullback and scored three TDs...Coached by Don Hetch...Four-year letterman in track and five-year letterman in power-lifting...Won state title as junior in shot put...Owns bench press of 40 pounds and squats 70...Voted Mr. Maroon by North Hopkins student body...Full name is Jonathon Michael Collins...Born 1/7/71 in Madisonville...Son of Alfred and Dorothy Collins...His brother, Sonny, is the all-time leading rusher in University of Kentucky football history (1972-75).

JASON DOMBROSKI Defensive Tackle, 6-4, 255, Fr-HS, LeGrange (Timbrook):

Three-year letterman as defensive tackle at Louisville Trinity High School...First-team All-State by *Courier-Journal* and *Associated Press*...Named to Kentucky High School All-Star squad...Lindy's All-Kentucky team...Two-time All-District...Team captain...Helped lead Trinity to 1988 4-A state title and perfect 14-0 record...Ended senior campaign with 45 tackles, including 25 solos and three sacks...Led Shamrocks to an impressive 35-4 record in his prep career...Coached by Dennis Lampley...Three-year letterman in wrestling and four-year letterman in track...Finished 5th in state (heavyweight) as junior in wrestling...Also finished 5th in state in shot put with toss of 49-11 1/2...Student Council representative...Full name is Jason John Dombroski...Born 2/13/71 in Marion, Ohio...Son of Jack and Angela Dombroski...His father, Jack, played football at Ohio State.

BRIAN EVANS Wide Receiver, 6-0, 175, Fr-HS, Louisville (Pleasure Ridge Park):

Four-year letterman as wide receiver and kick returner for Pleasure Ridge Park High School...Honorable mention All-State by *Courier-Journal* and *Associated Press*...All-District...Permanent team captain...Had an impressive 55 receptions for 935 yards (17.0 avg.) and eight touchdowns as senior in "run-and-shoot" offense...Also averaged 16 yards per punt return and 28 per kickoff return...Had career-high 11 receptions for 177 yards vs. Butler and 10 receptions for 146 yards vs. Fort Thomas Highlands as senior...Turned in career-long TD reception of 86 yards against Holy Cross last

fall...Coached by Maurice Pieper...Three-year letterman in track, specializing in sprints...Full name is Brian Oliver Evans...Born 8/9/70 in Louisville...Son of Allen and Barbara Evans.

SCOTT GILLEY Wide Receiver, 5-11, 180, Fr-HS, Tampa, Fla. (King):

Two-year letterman as wide receiver and free safety at King High School...Had 19 receptions for 411 yards (21.6 avg.) and three touchdowns as senior...Best outing came against Sarasota High with six catches for 160 yards and two TDs...Had career-long 88-yard TD reception in that contest vs. Sarasota...Earlier in his senior season, had a 77-yard TD reception vs. Gaither...Returned a kickoff 90 yards for score against Tampa Catholic...Coached by Steve Vickers...Three-year letterman in track, specializing in sprints...Full name is Duane Scott Gilley...Born 1/6/71 in Tampa...Son of Mr. and Mrs. D.S. Gilley, Jr.

BOBBY HENDERSON Tight End, 6-3, 240, Jr-JC, Theodore, Ala. (Tyler JC):

Split time as starter past two seasons at Tyler (Texas) Junior College...Caught 12 passes, including four TDs, in 1988...Had 52-yard TD reception in victory over Northeastern Oklahoma A&M...Honorable mention All-Conference...Grabbed 10 passes with three TDs as freshman...Coached at Tyler by Charlie McGinty...Three-year letterman as tight end at Theodore (Ala.) High School...Had 15 receptions for 230 yards and four TDs as senior...All-District and All-County...Mobile *Press-Register* "Super 21" team...Team captain...Led Bobcats to 9-2 record and spot in state playoffs as junior...Coached at Theodore by C.A. Douglas...Lettered three years in basketball with career-high 25 points vs. Satsuma...Full name is Bobby Lavonna Henderson...Born 2/12/68 in Theodore, Ala...Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Henderson...Education major.

RODNEY JACKSON Tight End, 6-3, 240, Jr-JC, Tyler, Texas (Tyler JC):

Split time as starter in 1988 with another UK signee, Bobby Henderson, at Tyler (Texas) Junior College...Had 12 pass receptions for 150 yards...Honorable mention All-Conference...Helped lead Apaches to 6-4 record...Was coached at Tyler by Charlie McGinty...Signed with University of Tulsa out of high school...Started eight games at tight end as freshman at Tulsa...Caught three passes...Had season-high two catches for 15 yards vs. Memphis State...Transferred to Tyler JC following freshman campaign...Coached at Tulsa by George Henshaw...Three-year letterman as tight end at John Tyler High School in Tyler, Texas...Led district with 36 pass receptions for 780 yards and five TDs as senior...All-District and All-East Texas...Team captain...Coached in high school by Jimmy Franklin...Also lettered in track and basketball...Full name is Rodney Dwayne Jackson...Born 12/31/68 in Tyler, Texas...Son of Robert and Bonnie Jackson...Distant cousin of former Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell.

WESLEY JACKSON Center, 6-3, 245, Fr-HS, Louisville (Manuel):

Four-year letterman as center, defensive tackle, and punter at Manuel High School...Helped lead Manuel to 13-1 record as senior and state 4-A runner-up...Graded 93 percent at center during 1988 season...Averaged 36 yards per punt...Set school record with 63-yard punt vs. Ballard...First-team All-State by *Courier-Journal*...Lindy's All-Kentucky team...Named to Kentucky All-Star squad...All-District and All-County...Team captain...Coached at Manuel by Steve Haag...Lettered three years in baseball as first baseman and pitcher...Batted .410 with eight homers and 44 RBIs as junior...Full name is Wesley Alastair Jackson...Born 1/29/71 at Edwards (Calif.) Air Force Base...Son of Ralph and Rebecca Jackson.

KEN JOHNSON Defensive End, 6-1, 190, Fr-HS, Ellwood City, Pa. (Riverside):

Three-year letterman as tight end and middle linebacker at Riverside High School...All-Conference as senior...Best outing was against rival Ellwood City with 19 tackles, two blocked punts and one sack during senior campaign...Outstanding Senior Award recipient...Honorable mention All-Conference as junior...Coached by Ron Sciaro...Three-year letterman in track and basketball...Specializes in triple and long jump in track...Personal-best of 40 feet in triple jump and 18 feet in long jump...Averages eight points and 10 rebounds in forward spot in basketball...Full name is Kenneth Jerome Johnson...Born 7/24/71 in New Castle, Pa...Son of Kenneth and Marlene Johnson.

KURT JOHNSON Wide Receiver, 5-7, 150, Fr-HS, Paducah (Tilghman):

Three-year letterman as wide receiver, free safety and kick returner at Paducah Tilghman High...First-team All-State by *Courier-Journal*...Second-team All-State by *Associated Press*

...Named to Kentucky High School All-Star team...Lindy's All-Kentucky team...All-District...Three-time All-Conference selection...Scored 21 touchdowns as senior, including three on kickoff returns and two on punt returns...Caught 36 passes for 594 yards and six TDs...Rushed 47 times for another 324 yards and nine TDs...Had kickoff returns for touchdowns of 85 and 84 yards in 1988...Also intercepted four passes from free safety slot...Led Tilghman to consecutive state runner-up spots as junior (4-1) and senior (11-4)...Coached at Tilghman by Allan Cox...Four-year letterman in track...State 2-A triple jump champion as junior...Career-best triple jump is 50-5...Full name is Kurt Patrick Johnson...Born 6/24/70 in Jacksonville, N.C...Son of Shirley Johnson.

MARTY MOORE Linebacker, 6-1, 225, Fr-HS, Fort Thomas (Highlands):

Three-year letterman as fullback and inside linebacker at Highlands High School...First-team All-State by *Courier-Journal*...Second-team All-State by *Associated Press*...Named to Kentucky High School All-Star squad...Lindy's All-Kentucky team...Honorable mention All-Southern...Two-time All-Region and All-District...Led Highlands to 10-2 record and spot in regional finals as senior...Rushed for 986 yards (5.2 avg.) on 189 carries and 10 touchdowns in final prep campaign...Best offensive effort was 268 yards rushing and three TDs vs. Bell County as senior...Had 16 tackles, including five for losses and one sack, vs. Erlanger Lloyd last fall...Rushed for more than 800 yards and 10 TDs as junior...Career-long 85-yard TD run vs. Simon Kenton as junior...Helped Bluebirds to a 28-7 record during three-year career...Coached at Highlands by Tom Duffy...Also lettered in basketball...Full name is Martin Neff Moore...Born 3/19/71 in Phoenix, Ariz...Son of Carol Ann Moore.

NEIL PAGE LB/DE, 6-3, 225, Fr-HS, Roswell, Ga. (Riverside Military Academy):

Two-year letterman as multi-purpose player at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Ga...All-County...Played fullback, tight end and linebacker during prep career...Led Blue Devils in tackles with 52 as senior...Also had four interceptions, two fumble recoveries and six sacks...Rushed for an additional 300 yards on 54 carries and grabbed 16 passes for 280 yards...As a junior, carried a workman-like 230 times for 946 yards (4.1 avg.) and eight TDs...Had 64 tackles, five sacks and three fumble recoveries as junior as well...Was named squad's most valuable player in 1987...Coached by Errol Bisso...Also named most valuable player in basketball...Full name is Robert Neil Page...Born 9/13/70...Son of Bob and Linda Page.

DAVID PARKS Center, 6-3, 250, Fr-HS, Villa Rica, Ga. (High):

Four-year letterman in various positions in offensive and defensive lines at Villa Rica High School...Lindy's Georgia Blue Chip...Atlanta *Journal-Constitution* "Top 35"...Honorable mention All-State...All-Carroll County...Picked up squad's Academic Achievement Award...Helped lead Wildcats to three consecutive state playoff appearances and an impressive 31-8 record in final three prep seasons...Member of AAA state champion squad which posted 14-1 record as soph...Coached by Brad Campbell...Teammate of UK redshirt freshman Jody Matthews at Villa Rica...Full name is David Jerry Parks...Born 11/8/70 in Carrollton, Ga...Son of Jerry and Sylvia Parks...Junior class president...Student council member for four years.

BARRY RICH Offensive Lineman, 6-2, 240, Fr-HS, Tompkinsville (Monroe County):

Four-year letterman as offensive and defensive tackle at Monroe County High School...First-team All-State by *Courier-Journal*...Honorable mention All-State by *Associated Press*...Named to Kentucky High School All-Star squad...Three-time All-District and All-Conference selection...Recipient of the Bobby Dodd Award, symbolic of Kentucky's best prep linemen...Permanent team captain...Moved to linebacker for first and only time of career in state playoff contest against Fort Knox as senior and responded with 20 tackles and one sack...Led squad to 9-3 record in final prep campaign...Coached by Sam Clark...A four-year letterman in track...Throws shot put and discus...Personal-best of 47 feet in shot...Full name is Barry Moore Rich...Born 1/31/71 in Tompkinsville...Son of Joe and Becky Rich.

TERRY SAMUELS Tight End, 6-3, 220, Fr-HS, Louisville (Male):

Three-year letterman as tight end and linebacker at Louisville Male High School...Second-team All-State by *Courier-Journal*...Honorable mention All-State by *Associated Press*...Named to Kentucky High School All-Star squad...Lindy's All-Kentucky team...All-District...Had 21

pass receptions for 400 yards and four TDs in 1988...Had 71-yard TD reception vs. Southern...Also returned punts and kickoffs...Had 70-yard kickoff return for TD against Jefferson-Town...Helped lead Bulldogs to 28-6 record and three state playoff appearances in prep career...Coached at Male by Jim Jordan...Also lettered in basketball and track...Full name is Terance Eugene Samuels...Born 9/26/70 in Louisville...Son of Findy Samuels.

SALIM SHAHID Wide Receiver, 6-3, 177, Fr-HS, Louisville (Male):

Three-year letterman as wide receiver and cornerback at Louisville Male High School...Second-team All-State by *Courier-Journal* and *Associated Press*...Named to Kentucky High School All-Star squad...All-District...Squad's Best Defensive Back Award...Caught 13 passes for 236 yards and five TDs...Also intercepted five passes...Led Bulldogs to 28-6 record and three state playoff appearances in prep career...Coached by Jim Jordan...Also lettered in basketball and track...Full name is Salim Fahem Shahid, Jr...Born 8/27/71 in Brooklyn, N.Y...Son of Salim, Sr., and Lenese Shahid...Plans to major in accounting.

ANTHONY SMART Defensive Back, 5-11, 180, Fr-HS, Cloy, Ga. (Effingham County):

Three-year letterman as multi-purpose player at Effingham County High School in Springfield, Ga...Played all defensive backfield positions, as well as tight end, tailback and kick returner...Squad's most valuable defensive back and most valuable player...Team captain...Had five interceptions in 1988, including a 70-yard TD run vs. Beach...Also had five interceptions as junior...Career-best outing was eight-tackle, two-interception performance vs. Jenkins in 1987...Helped lead Rebels to 14-1 record and state runner-up as junior...Coached by Bob Griffith, who played under Jerry Claiborne at Virginia Tech...Two-year letterman in track...Full name is Robert Anthony Smart...Born 3/25/70 in Springfield, Ga...Son of Loretta Smart.

SEAN SMITH Linebacker, 6-0, 225, Fr-HS, Louisville (Male):

Three-year letterman as linebacker in "50" scheme at Louisville Male High School...Second-team All-State by *Courier-Journal*...Lindy's All-Kentucky team...Two-time All-District...Had 131 tackles in 1988, including 36 solos and 95 assists...Recorded impressive 16 sacks and three fumble recoveries...Career-best 25 tackles as junior vs. Fern Creek...Helped lead Bulldogs to a 28-6 record and three state playoff appearances as a prepster...Coached at Male by Jim Jordan...Also two-year letterman in track (shot put)...Owns best toss of 46 feet in shot put...Full name is Sean Carl-nell Smith...Born 6/9/71 in Louisville...Son of James and Fredia Smith...His father, James, played basketball at Kentucky Wesleyan and briefly with the Atlanta Hawks.

DUCE WILLIAMS Defensive Back, 6-1, 180, Fr-HS, Bethal Park, Pa. (High):

Four-year letterman as tailback and outside linebacker at Bethal Park High School...Named to *Pittsburgh Press* "Finest 44" and *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* "Fabulous 22"...Honorable mention All-State...Rushed for 808 yards (5.6 avg.) on 144 carries and six touchdowns as senior...Career-best 175 yards rushing on 32 carries and three TDs vs. Shaler during senior campaign...Gained 709 yards (6.5 avg.) on 108 attempts and six TDs as junior...Two-time All-Conference...Named squad's team captain and most valuable player as a junior and senior...Coached by Bernie Storer...Three-year letterman in track, specializing in sprints (100- and 200-meter dashes, 4x100 relay)...Full name is Phillip Lawrence Williams, II...Born 11/10/70 in Williamsport, Pa...Son of Phillip and Gertrude Williams...His father, Phillip, was a standout tailback at Youngstown (Ohio) State and played briefly with the Green Bay Packers.

SHERMAN WILLIAMS Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 270, Jr-JC, Danville, Va. (Chowan CC):

One-year starter as defensive tackle at Chowan Community College in Murfreesboro, N.C...Missed first five games with hand injury...Finished the season with 27 tackles, including 16 solos and 12 assists...Had two quarterback sacks...Helped lead Chowan CC to 7-4 record, including 50-7 victory over Dean (Mass.) JC in East Bowl...Played in "Pro 4-3" defensive scheme...Coached at Chowan by Jim Garrison...Played defensive end and defensive tackle at George Washington High School in Danville, Va...Only played football his senior season...Started six games...Coached by Sonny Wall...Did letter one year in track (shot put)...Full name is Sherman Frank Williams...Born 9/15/68 in Danville, Va...Son of Frank and Eva Jean Williams.

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make it 25-18 Kentucky with 6:08 left in the half.

"We really could have been down by 15-16 points the way we were shooting the basketball," said Sloan. "To be down by only seven, the way we were playing and shooting, was really something."

Fast-break layups by Garcia and Lett and a four-foot turnaround by Dwayne Davis—who had 11 points and 15 rebounds—enabled the Gators to put their first real bite on the 'Cats at the start of the second half. Florida trailed by one 35-34.

Mills' slam sparked the 'Cats to a 38-34 lead with 16:46 left. But Brian Hogan's three-pointer put the Gators on top 42-40.

Hogan's shot came after the "Schoolboy,"

Darrin Van Horn, was introduced during a timeout with Kentucky ahead 40-39. But Van Horn's recent success of winning the IBF junior middleweight title failed to rub off. Kentucky never regained the lead after Hogan's three-pointer.

Both teams went colder than Barrow, Alaska, with the score tied 44-44. Florida dominated the defensive boards in this time.

But Livingston Chatman hit a follow shot and Schintzius a dunk four minutes later and Florida led 48-44. Miller answered with a shot but Schintzius returned the favor. Kentucky was in more trouble than John Tower. The 'Cats came no closer than three points the rest of the way.

"I had the strange sensation of pulling for

my team instead of coaching them," said Sloan of the Gators second-half comeback. "I feel badly for Kentucky. They needed this one. But that's the way it goes."

Larry Vaught

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ability to play small forward or off guard in the NBA.

He doesn't have true NBA skills and he's not what you would call a tremendous athlete but he will get a chance to play in the NBA," Blake said.

Eddie Sutton said good shooting makes up for a multitude of sins.

"If the ball goes into the hole it covers a lot of mistakes," said Sutton. "It's a tough loss. We really felt we could beat them."

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UK gridiron, position by position, growing in depth

No poker face here, Claiborne happy with 21

The UK football staff is very pleased with the 21 student-athletes—a group that many are calling the best in the Jerry Claiborne era—that signed athletic scholarships on the Feb. 8 national signing date.



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

Because the NCAA reduced the scholarship limit from 30 to 25 this year, Kentucky had to be selective than usual in assessing this year's group of incoming players. In fact, because Claiborne awarded three of those scholarships to walk-ons from last year's 5-6 team, only 22 scholarships were open for new players. Thus, a couple of talented in-state recruits ended up signing grant in aids at other major-college programs.

That's not to say that everyone connected with the UK program wasn't extremely happy with the 21 players that decided to further their academic-athletic careers with the Wildcats, however. UK not only got 12 prospects from the commonwealth, but many feel the UK staff had one of its best out-of-state recruiting years in some time.

"We're very pleased with the players we've signed," a pleased Claiborne said after receiving official word about his 21 signees. "I think as a whole, this is an excellent group of student athletes.

"We got some pretty good athletes with good speed. It was also a good year in Kentucky. There was enough talent for a couple of schools. We felt there were enough players that we would have loved to sign more in-state kids. We just couldn't sign them all."

Because it's always too early to judge just how good this 1989 recruiting class will be, let's take a look at where some of these players will help out in the future with a position breakdown of UK's current football roster:

□QUARTERBACK: All hopes were dashed of bringing in a top-quality quarterback when Earl Wheeler, a redshirt freshman at Oklahoma State who had entertained thoughts of transferring to Kentucky, and Jeff Brohm, Kentucky's Mr. Football for 1988, decided to play elsewhere. Wheeler, who would have had to sit out next season had he transferred, is also a talented baseball player and decided to stay at Oklahoma State, which was recently hit with three years of sanctions as a result of NCAA violations. Brohm decided to stay in his hometown and join his brother at Louisville.

However, with Chuck Broughton back for his senior season in 1989 and young quarterbacks such as Freddie Maggard, Ryan Hockman and Brad Smith still around for at least three more seasons, the UK staff was not in dire need of a quality signee at quarterback. However, it could be a top priority next year.

□RUNNING BACK: It seems like year-in and year-out UK always comes up with some high-quality running backs and this year might not be an exception. Eric Carter of Louisville Male has excellent speed while Neil Page and Bill Campbell could also be at that position in the future. Of course, Alfred Rawls, Darren Bilberry, Al Baker and Andy Murray will be heavily counted on for the upcoming season. But keep an eye out on redshirt freshman Mike Thomas when spring practice gets started in March. Thomas has both the size and speed to be a truly outstanding asset at a position which UK traditionally has good depth. Also, juco fullback Rodney Sheppard and redshirt freshman Craig Walker have good credentials.

□WIDE RECEIVER: Since the departure of Dee Smith prior to last season, the Wildcat offense has been lacking a genuine big-play artist at the receiver spot. This year UK went out and looked for speed...and found it. Brian Evans, Scott Gilley and Kurt Johnson don't have great size but all have outstanding breakaway speed. Currently, UK has adequate receivers with John Bolden, Phil Logan and Alfred Jones, all of whom have college experience. However, this new threesome will be given a hard look this fall to see if they can help out immediately. Also, Salim Shahid, a 6-foot-3, 177-pounder, is a good prospect, but it's way too early to tell if he will be a receiver or a defensive back.

□TIGHT END: The signings of juco bookends Bobby Henderson and Rodney Jackson quickly wipe out the loss of in-state product William Pollard, the Ft. Knox blue-chipper who signed with Notre Dame. Henderson and Jackson, who have outstanding size and surprising quickness, just might be two of the best juco tight ends in the country. Privately some are saying that both of these players are much further along than Charlie Darrington was when he was brought in two years ago.

In addition to the jucos, Louisville Male product Terry Samuels has promising high school credentials. With only Mike Meece returning, you better believe all three of these new tight ends will get a lot of attention from the staff this spring and fall.

□OFFENSIVE LINE: UK's offensive line might be young, but it has a lot of experience, so this position was not a top priority. However, many will tell you that good quality offensive linemen are always in high demand in the recruiting wars. What UK brought in this year were three linemen with good size. Of the three, Barry Rich is the first name that jumps out at you. Many thought Rich was the premier offensive lineman in the state, and he was regarded as a must in UK's recruiting efforts. Rich, who is listed at 6-2 and 240, is a good athlete out of Monroe County. Wesley Jackson of Louisville Manual and David Parks of Villa Rica, Ga., are also fine prospects to build depth for the future.

□DEFENSIVE BACKS: Because of the graduation of several starters coupled with the fact that most of UK's returning lettermen at this position are upperclassmen, the UK staff made a hard push for some defensive backs. Ron Robinson, Chris Tolbert and Albert Burks are the only returnees with game experience, and this is an area of concern. Lexington Bates Creek product Bill Campbell is considered by some as a fierce hitter, and UK went out of state to get Duce Williams (Bethel Park, Pa.) and Anthony Smart (Clyo, Ga.), who was one of the last players to give UK a verbal commitment.

□LINEBACKER: Chris Chenault is the only player with much game experience that departed from this spot. With the likes of Randy Holleran, Derrick Thomas, Craig Benzinger, Carlos Phillips and some redshirt freshmen returning, UK only signed two linebackers (Neil Page notwithstanding). Ft. Thomas Highlands' Marty Moore was considered one of the better linebackers in northern Kentucky and UK is also very happy with Louisville Male's Sean Smith. Right now, the 'Cats look to be in pretty good shape at this spot at this juncture.

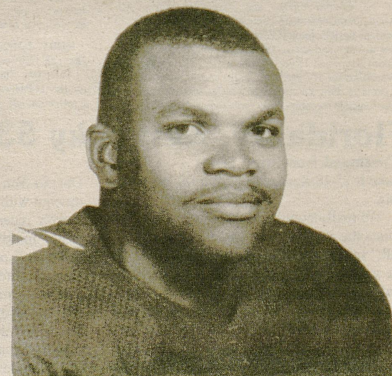
□DEFENSIVE END: This just might be UK's highest priority for this year's recruiting crop. Tony Massey and Billy Swanson are the only returnees with game experience and Ken Johnson of Ellwood City, Pa., is the lone recruit listed at this position. However, because of UK's wide-tackle-six, this is a spot where a defensive back, a linebacker or even a running back could be converted over to defensive end. Remember, Massey was considered a running back/safety before he was moved to end early in his career. So, the UK staff is hoping some of this year's freshmen, along with last year's backups, will come through with some quality depth. At this stage, however, it's hard to speculate which players might be lined up at defensive end for the future. In fact, according to last year's media guide, no incoming freshmen were listed as defensive ends.

□DEFENSIVE LINE: Privately some UK staff members thought Trinity's Jason Dombroski was the premier linemen in the state. Dombroski, 6-4, 255, helped lead the Shamrocks to the state 4-A title last season. Along with Dombroski, UK also got juco Sherman Williams from Chowan (Kan.) Community College and Jon Collins from Madisonville. Williams is considered a good pass rusher while Collins is a good athlete whose brother Sonny was an All-American running back for the Wildcats in the mid-'70s. With the entire right side graduating after this season, all three of these players will be groomed to install depth for the next several seasons. In fact, Donnie Gardner, Doug Houser, Vic Adams, Mike Meiners and Mike Chism all graduate in 1989. So all three newcomers might be fighting for playing time this season.

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What all of this recruiting boils down to is UK has now put together solid back-to-back recruiting classes. Now it's left up to the players and coaches to decide which of these newcomers will take up the starting roles for the next several seasons.

UK fans are hoping these two promising groups of recruits will be the base of some winning football teams.



Kentucky's depth is building for the future with players like sophomore-to-be Freddie Maggard (left) and junior-to-be Al Baker.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Six Years Ago

✓The Kentucky zone defense, plus the on-target marksmanship of guard Jim Master and Kenny "Sky" Walker led the 'Cats to a 73-61 victory over the Florida Gators in the Stephen O'Connell Center.

UK's aggressive defense forced the Gators out on the perimeter, thus vitally cutting off their feared inside attack.

Kentucky held on to a 33-28 intermission lead and slowly added to it in the final 20 minutes. Four Wildcats were in double figures, led by Walker and Master with 18 points apiece. Walker also pulled down a team-high eight rebounds.

✓The University of Kentucky won its fifth contest in a row, smashing Vanderbilt 82-63 at Lexington's Rupp Arena before a packed house of 23,782.

Like in the win over the Gators, Jim Master

and Kenny Walker were at it again. Master, the hot-shot guard from Indiana, hit eight of 10 jumpers from the field for 22 points. Walker scored 16 points and grabbed a game-as well as a career-high 18 rebounds. He became the first Wildcat to record more than 13 rebounds in a game this campaign.

Kentucky started quickly. With the count 15-8 in favor of the hosts, the 'Cats gave the Commodores the KO with a 25-7 spurt on the way to a 44-21 halftime lead.

Vandy shot only 19.4 percent from the field in the first stanza. The 'Dores could get no closer than 53-39. Master, though, then drilled one from the top of the key and Walker stuffed one home and sank two free throws to put the game out of reach.

The victory gives Joe B. Hall's Wildcats a 10-4 mark in conference play and an 18-5 overall record.

✓The Kentucky Lady Kats bid farewell to popular seniors Valerie Still, Lea Wise, Patty Joe Hedges and Terri Naiser with a 77-55 blowout of the Auburn Lady Tigers. A crowd of 8,223 turned out at Memorial Coliseum for the special evening.

Still led all scorers with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Wise had 10 points and nine assists while Hedges tallied 12 points and handed out seven assists.

Nine Years Ago

✓The University of Kentucky Wildcats ventured out West to take on Nevada-Las Vegas and came across a jackpot with a 74-69 win over the Runnin' Rebels. The conquest marked the Wildcats' seventh in a row and 24th of the 1979-80 campaign.

Seven-foot center Sam Bowie, heavily eyed as a recruit by Jerry Tarkanian, connected on a variety of dunks and outside shots to lead the 'Cats with 23 points. Playmaker Kyle Macy added 14 points and forward Fred Cowan contributed 11 as the 'Cats hit 14 of 19 second-half shots from the field.

Kentucky led 42-40 at the half. Pacing the Rebels was Sidney Green, who tallied 17.

✓Joe B. Hall's Kentucky Wildcats leaped out to a commanding 20-2 advantage and went on to embarrass Vandy 91-73 before a Nashville audience.

Sam Bowie was at his peak, perhaps even giving his top performance of the season. He finished with 20 points and nine boards and was intimidating in the paint, rejecting six shots in the first 20 minutes. Kyle Macy paced the Wildcats in the scoring column, collecting 22 points on nine of 13 from the field. Fred Cowan added 20 while Dirk Minniefield chipped in with 11.

Vanderbilt was led by Mike Rhodes' 18 points.

✓In a contest in which Joe B. Hall could find very few errors, the Kentucky Wildcats knocked off the Florida Gators 95-70. UK was tough from the outset, building a 43-25 halftime lead.

Nine Wildcats played more than 10 minutes and seven more than 20 as several players produced fine outings off the bench.

While Sam Bowie led all scorers with 19 points, Derrick Hord came off the bench to put in 18. Also in double figures for the 'Cats were Fred Cowan, Kyle Macy and Jay Shidler.

Thirteen Years Ago

✓The Thundering Herd of Marshall University was rudely treated by a bunch of angry Kentucky Wildcats as the UK wrestling team fought its way to an easy 37-5 win. The match closes out the Mat Cats home schedule for the season.

The win over Marshall was probably the strongest showing of the season by Kentucky. Overall, UK captured eight of 10 weight classes.

✓Louisville's Carl Marilla, a 6-foot, 190-pound all-state linebacker from St. Xavier, has become the 25th player to sign a football national letter-of-intent with Kentucky.

✓Former University of Kentucky football players Steve Meilinger, Bob Gain and Lou Michaels were three of the players honored by the Birmingham Touchdown Club as members of the All-SEC team for the past quarter century.

✓In one of the most entertaining games of the year, the Kentucky Wildcats hit 65 percent from the floor and defeated Auburn 93-82 at Memorial Coliseum.

Jack "Goose" Givens led the Wildcats with a 27-point performance, hitting 12 of 18 shots

from the field. Center Mike Phillips added 24, connecting on 12 of 17 shots from the field. Lexington product James Lee muscled his way to 17 points and seven rebounds.

Leading Auburn was Mike Mitchell with 28 points.

✓The Kentucky Jayvee team lost to Kentucky Business College 93-87. UK's John Cooper led the UK Jayvees with 24 points and 14 rebounds.

Fifteen Years Ago

✓Kentucky football coach Fran Curci is facing problems replacing some of his seniors. Said Curci recently: "My main concern is our strength in the middle."

He is hoping that his new recruiting class will quickly correct that problem.

Eighteen Years Ago

✓Tom Payne, Kent Hollenbeck and Mike Casey starred as UK defeated the University of Georgia Bulldogs 107-95. Payne, UK's seven-foot center, led the 'Cats in scoring with a season-high of 34 points. Hollenbeck contributed 28 tallies while Casey had 21. Payne also pulled down 15 boards.

✓The University of Kentucky is ranked No. 12 in the latest *Associated Press* poll. Currently UCLA and Marquette hold down the No. 1 and No. 2 positions, respectively.

✓Prep gridiron star Tom Ranieri, a 6-foot, 210-pound linebacker from the Bronx, N.Y., signed a football letter-of-intent with Kentucky.

✓The Kentucky Wildcats dominated the boards and hit 54.3 percent to run their Southeastern Conference record to an impressive 12-2 mark by handing the Louisiana State Tigers their worst defeat of the season—110-73.

Tom Payne netted 39 points, the highest total by any Wildcat this season and equaled his own season-high mark of 19 rebounds. Earlier in the year he had pulled down 19 boards on three different occasions. Bill Newton paced the Tigers with 24 points.

✓Rick Drewitz scored 26 points and guard Ronnie Lyons added 24 as the UK Kittens won their 10th game with an 82-65 win over LSU.

Thirty Three Years Ago

✓Led by a 25-point showing by sophomore guard Vernon Hatton, the Kentucky Wildcats downed the Mississippi State Bulldogs 86-65 before 7,000 fans in Lexington.

Kentucky never trailed in notching its 16th win in 19 tries.

Hatton connected on eight of nine attempts from the field. Teammate Bob Burrow scored 15 points while Jerry Bird added 10 as 11 Wildcats hit the scoring column.

Jim Ashmore answered on the Mississippi State scoring end, contributing a game-high 24-point effort.

✓Ed Rutledge, a football coach at Kentucky's Danville High School the past three years, was appointed UK coach in charge of freshman backs.

✓A goal by Dick Heise with 17 seconds remaining gave DePaul an 81-79 win over the Kentucky Wildcats in a contest held in Chicago.

The victory for DePaul meant that its 16-game losing streak to the 'Cats was snapped. It was the Wildcats', coached by Adolph Rupp, fourth loss of the campaign.

Kentucky led 76-66 with five minutes to go. Vernon Hatton, the flashy Wildcat sophomore guard out of Lexington Lafayette, scored 32 points. Bob Burrow was the only other Wildcat in double figures, tossing in 25.

WILDCAT QUIZ

'85-'86 'Tide & 'Cats

1. True or False? Kentucky and Alabama played five times in the 1986 season as UK won all five.

2. Former Alabama football coach and athletics director Ray Perkins is currently coach of what NFL team?
a) Atlanta Falcons
b) Houston Oilers
c) Tampa Bay Buccaneers
d) Detroit Lions

3. At the end of the 1985 season, what category(s) did Buck Johnson hold an advantage over Kentucky's Kenny "Sky" Walker?
a) rebounding
b) scoring
c) field goal percentage
d) both a and b

4. Last week Kenny Walker captured the NBA's Slam Dunk contest. Who did he defeat in the finals?
a) Buck Johnson
b) Clyde Drexler
c) Spudd Webb
d) Michael Jordan

5. Who was the SEC's top assist man?
a) Rod Barnes
b) Terry Coner
c) Roger Harden
d) Gerald White

6. Who led the conference in blocked

shots?

a) Kenny Walker
b) Buck Johnson
c) Derrick McKey
d) Mike Jones

7. True or False? Alabama finished that season tied for second place in the conference with Auburn, both with 13-5 marks.

8. Where did Kentucky defeat Alabama in the NCAA Tournament?
a) Atlanta
b) Charlotte
c) Dallas
d) Knoxville

9. Wimp Sanderson was born in what state?
a) South Carolina
b) North Carolina
c) Alabama
d) Virginia

10. When Kentucky defeated Alabama 83-72 in the SEC tournament at Rupp Arena, in what round did this game take place?
a) finals
b) semifinals
c) quarterfinals
d) the two teams did not meet that season in the SEC tournament

Answers

- 1) False (UK won four of four games)
- 2) Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- 3) both a and b (Buck Johnson 20.7 ppg., 8.3 rpg., Kenny Walker 20.0 ppg., 7.7 rpg.)
- 4) Clyde Drexler
- 5) Terry Coner (7.5 rpg.)
- 6) Derrick McKey (2.3 bpg.)
- 7) True
- 8) Atlanta
- 9) Alabama (Florence)
- 10) Finals

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