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Navy's Seven-Foot All-American Center David Robinson Leads His Troops Into Rupp Arena Sunday To Take On Sutton's 'Cats

Considered by many as the top collegiate player this season, David Robinson will lead his Top Twenty Navy outfit into Lexington to face the Kentucky Wildcats. His frame itself could be considered as a torpedo packed with TNT. Following Navy's 91-66 victory over East Carolina, Robinson led the Midshipmen to a 7-2 mark with a 28.1 ppg figure to go along with 12.4 rebounds per contest.

During Navy's nine outings, seven times Robinson led the team in the point production category, including a career-high 43 points against Michigan State.

He became the first Navy player to score 2,000 career points after a 31-point performance during his team's conquest of East Carolina. Robinson—who eclipsed the school career point record against UNLV in late

field-goal percentage—his 60.7 percentage mark was listed 16th on the charts.

In a story (December 7, 1986) with *New York Times*' William C. Rhoden, Robinson said his defense was his biggest weakness.

"When I say defense, I mean being quick on my feet, guarding my man, staying down, not letting him drive past me, always knowing where he is," said Robinson, a math major with a concentration in computers.

"These are the things I need to work on."

"When I came here (to the Academy), I wanted the discipline the Navy would offer me. It's made me a stronger person and a much better leader. I was a shy person when I came here. Now, anything that I'm a part of, I want to take charge of. Basically, this place teaches you that life isn't always easy."

The big question surrounding Robinson is,

44 points in two Colonial Athletic Association wins. His career-high of 26 points led his club in its 72-58 win over UNC-Wilmington. Rees also scored 18 points against East Carolina.

The Middies other starting guard, Doug Wojcik, is considered one of the nation's best at handing out assists. Entering this season he had averaged 7.2 assists following his sophomore and junior seasons. This season he's improved his average to eight assists per contests while pouring in 10.4 points per game.

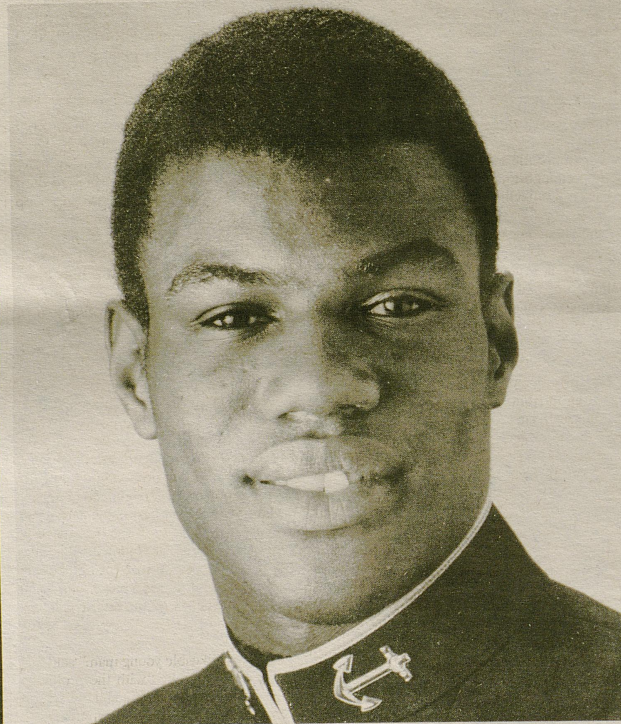
The probable starters at the two forward slots are 6-7, 215-pound senior Carl Liebert (11.6 ppg, 8.3 rpg) and 6-7, 218-pound sophomore Derric Turner (7.4 ppg, 4.1 rpg).

In regards to last season, Navy has a new look on the bench. Pete Herrmann is in his first season as Navy's head coach, replacing Paul Evans. Evans is now the head man at Pittsburgh.

Prior to the start of the season Herrmann was quoted as saying, "The level Paul got us to is a credit to him and the players. Now it's up to us to continue it. It's a tough act to follow."

Over the past two seasons Navy posted marks of 26-6 (1984-85) and 30-5 (1985-86).

Yes, Evans, Robinson and the rest of the Midshipmen do indeed have a "tough act to follow."



Navy's David Robinson Hopes To Sink Kentucky Sunday

December (Vernon Butler previously held the record of 1,952)—now has 2,019. Only 50 players in NCAA (Div. I) history had scored 2,000 points and grabbed 1,000 rebounds before this season. Robinson now has 1,048 caroms after ripping down 16 against East Carolina. Butler holds the career rebound record with 1,115.

Robinson was recently named one of the 10 finalists for the Sullivan Award for the country's top amateur athlete for 1986.

Last season, Robinson was brilliant while leading his club to the East Finals. In the NAAs, Navy recorded wins over Tulsa, Cleveland State and Syracuse (in the Carrier Dome) before being eliminated by Duke.


Robinson was the only college player during the 1985-86 campaign to be ranked in the Top 20 in four categories. The four categories were: rebounding—head and shoulders above Division I players with a 13.0 average; blocked shots—led the nation with 5.9 rejections; scoring—was 14th with a 22.7 figure; and

will the Navy allow Robinson to turn pro next season? When Robinson graduates this spring he is required to devote at least two more years to the Academy. That decision will be made in the spring by the Secretary of the Navy.


"Basketball has become a bigger part of me," said the 21-year old Robinson. "I enjoy spending my extra time working on it and now I can't think of anything I'd rather do for a living."

Robinson, if he has a season compared to his junior year, could end his career with 2,500 points, 1,300 rebounds and a 62-percent shooting mark from the field. Only five NCAA Division I players have achieved 2,500 points and 1,300 rebounds. However, no one has ever had those latter totals with a 60 percent or better career mark from the field.

Navy, meanwhile, isn't a one-man show. Six-foot-four guard Cliff Rees is averaging 14.4 tallies per game. Rees, a junior, scored

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Cats' Pause Publisher



What Goes Up... Must Come Down (And Did)

What goes up must come down. And it certainly has.

Just three weeks ago the Kentucky Wildcats were on top of the basketball world, thanks to an 85-51 bombing of Louisville.

The 'Cats reached the pits Sunday when the Big Blue was blasted off the face of the earth by the LSU Tigers to the tune of 76-41.

Needless to say, it was one of the all-time lows in Kentucky basketball, even worse than the horrendous second half against Georgetown in the 1984 Final Four.

The game statistics told the story. Kentucky shot an unbelievable 25 percent from the field for the game, made a season high 26 turnovers (most by a UK team since the 'Cats were guilty of 33 mistakes five years ago against another LSU team) and lost by 35 points.

The 25 percent shooting mark is the worst in the history of University of Kentucky basketball, at least since such records have been recorded starting back in 1947.

The 35-point loss was the worst home court loss since the 1926-27 season when Cincinnati dropped Kentucky by 38, 48-10.

Since 1943, the Wildcats have lost a total of 53 games including the most recent. During that time, the 'Cats have been beaten by more than 15 only three times. The worst before Saturday was a 23-point decision (94-71) at the hands of Alabama.

To say this is a game which will be long remembered is an understatement.

A dark day in Kentucky basketball? You bet.

It was to be a day of great joy.

ABC-TV was televising its inaugural game with Al Michaels and Joe B. Hall doing the announcing. LSU was to be the easy prey. The Tigers had lost three in a row, had been on the road for ten days and were facing their third opponent in six days, all on the road.

Top that off, the Tigers were occupying the cellar of the Southeastern Conference standings with a paltry 1-5 record.

As the saying goes, games are won and lost on the court, not on paper.

And LSU was anything but a paper tiger this particular day.

Not only did Kentucky display as poor a brand of basketball as these eyes have ever seen, LSU performed to the opposite tune. The Tigers played as though their very lives depended on the outcome.

Dale Brown, the LSU boss who has become famous for motivating his forces when the Kentucky game pops up, had them raring to go.

One observer who visited the LSU locker room at halftime, said he was so impressed with Brown's chalktalk, he would have suited up himself, had he been called on.

Up by four (25-21) at intermission, Brown reportedly told his players, "we've mowed the front yard and we don't want to stop now. We want to mow the back yard and then go inside and mow the living room carpet."

That, the Tigers did. They took no prisoners.

Most likely, none of the Wildcats on the floor Sunday will live to witness a worse UK beating in Rupp Arena, or perhaps anywhere else for that matter. A Kentucky team just

isn't likely to play that bad ever again.

UK coach Eddie Sutton wasted no time in his post game press conference to deliver an apology to the Kentucky fans.

Sutton called it the worst exhibition of basketball he had ever experienced as a coach on any level of competition.

He immediately called a 6:30 p.m. practice session and insisted the additional practice was called to make the team better and not to punish the players.

Still, one has to wonder what has gone wrong the past three weeks.

This team certainly isn't good enough to beat a Louisville team by 30-plus and then be bad enough to lose by 30-plus to LSU.

Fact is Louisville was not bad enough to lose by 30-plus and then beat Florida State on the road. Fact is, college basketball is becoming a very whacky game.

It truly is a game of streaks, peaks and valleys, ups and downs.

Kentucky's talent isn't to be confused with some of elite teams around the country, but the Wildcat cupboard is far from the level to lose by even 20 to anyone at Rupp Arena.

It's fairly obvious to anyone in the stands or sitting in front of their television screens that this team isn't playing together or for the sake of the club.

And, yes, Eddie Sutton certainly has a big chore in front of him.

The debut of Joe B. Hall as color analyst for ABC-TV Sunday was a successful one in most everyone's book.

The former Wildcat coach gave viewers insight to the various strategies used by both coaches and throughout the contest Hall pointed out situations which the average fan probably was unaware.

Working with ABC's popular Al Michaels, the two were faced with holding an audience in the worst Kentucky blowout in television history.

Media types after the game gave Hall high passing marks and even one of Hall's strongest critics—*Lexington Herald-Leader* part-time sports columnist Billy Reed—even suggested that Hall should replace Dick Vitale as ABC's top color analyst.

One regional television producer said he thought Hall did a very good job with his first assignment, saying Joe B. deserved a 6 to 6.5 rating on a scale of 1-10.

And what were Hall's thoughts?

"I really enjoyed working with Al Michaels, he's really a pro, one of the very, very best in the business," said Hall after the game. "The game was tough, obviously, because it wasn't close, but I thought we did a good job."

Hall did well because he was thoroughly prepared. He enjoyed an edge, having known and recruited most of the Kentucky players himself. And his insight into the LSU team and Dale Brown was interesting throughout the blowout.

And although he was quite objective

throughout the two-hour production, you could sense his sympathy for the Wildcats as Kentucky withdrew into a shell of itself in the final half.

And humor?

There was one exchange which provided fans a different side of Joe B. Hall.

When Michaels asked Hall if he had ever experienced anything like that (the second half blowout), Hall responded with a reminder of the infamous second half against Georgetown in the 1984 Final Four.

While the Kentucky-LSU was anything but exciting for Wildcat fans, Coach Jerry Claiborne and his staff seized the opportunity of national television and a roaring crowd of 23,000-plus to entertain almost two dozen top football recruits over the weekend.

The biggest names were Frank Jacobs of Newport Catholic and Jeff Ellis of Louisville Male. But they were far from the only blue-chippers in town.

This is the most critical recruiting year in the Claiborne era and combine that with the fact that there are more quality prep prospects in the state this year than any of the past 10 to 15 years, you can understand why Claiborne and his staff are going all-out.

And if there is one single position where Kentucky desperately needed immediate (as in today) help it is at tight end.

Just so happens that both Jacobs and Ellis are premier prospects for tight end. Both are ranked among the very best in the nation and they could very well spell the difference in a couple of victories at Kentucky this fall.

Ellis, who is the son of former boxing champion Jimmy Ellis, is a player who is an impact player, one who could line up and play first- or second-string from day one of his freshman year.

"He's a very likeable young man," said one talent scout last week, "with the problems Kentucky experienced at tight end last season and with very little talent coming back, both he and Jacobs could step ride in and play."

A three-sport star at renowned Male High, Ellis has been recruited by every major football power in the nation. Sources in Louisville believe the final decision will come down to Kentucky, UCLA, Ohio State and Alabama. Texas, Notre Dame and Michigan made big pushes, but those close to the family believe Ellis will want to stay close to home so his parents can watch him play.

"Jeff is very close to his parents and they are a very close-knit family," said one family friend. "I'd be surprised if he went too far from home."

Louisville could be in the race, but Howard Schnellenberger's recent affair with Alabama, Atlanta Falcons and Florida State has caused a stir of uncertainty in the River City and some recruits are wondering if UL would keep its major commitment to football if Howard should move on sometime in the near future.

Elsewhere in this issue of *TCP*, columnist Bob Watkins quoted one UL official as saying the recent episode in Louisville will probably hurt local recruiting, but has helped na-

tional recruiting.

Ellis is rated as the nation's No. 1 tight end prospect by super scout Max Emfinger. Ellis is ranked ahead of both Mike Everitt of Schaumburg, Ill., and Danny Lohmeier of Omaha, Neb.

According to Emfinger, UCLA and Alabama are at the top of Ellis' list, but Jeff had a very good visit to UK over the weekend and Claiborne is optimistic.

Jacobs, who gives the state two of the nation's finest tight end prospects, has been wooed just as much as Ellis and perhaps even more. He's considered a "can't miss" blue-chipper.

Every major college in the country is after this youngster and Kentucky is likely to be in a battle to the very end, probably with the likes of Notre Dame, Ohio State, Boston College and UCLA.

Jacobs, who plays both tight end and defensive end, is listed as the nation's No. 6 defensive end by super scout Max Emfinger. According to Emfinger, Jacobs' top two choices as late as last month were Boston College, UCLA and Ohio State.

Kentucky coaches feel otherwise. They believe the Wildcats are at the top of his list.

Among others who made visits to Kentucky this past weekend were: 6-5, 275-pound lineman Scott Ball of Valrico, Fla.; 6-2, 195-pound fullback Brad Bolton of Montezuma, Ga.; 6-2, 225-pound linebacker Joey Couch of Paintsville; 6-3, 205-pound linebacker Paul Fowler of Mishawaka, Ind.; 6-2, 185-pound defensive back David Frazier of Gainesville, Fla.; 6-3, 195-pound defensive end Howard Freney of High Springs, Fla.; and 6-4, 230-pound linebacker, defensive end, tight end Todd Harrison of Gainesville, Fla.

Also in for visits were top blue-chippers like 6-3, 245-pound lineman Todd Mead of Big Stone Gap, Va.; 6-5, 210-pound center Bob Moeller of Fenton, Mo.; 6-6, 295-pound Todd Oerford of Fairfield, Ohio by way of NE Mississippi Junior College; 6-5, 232-pound offensive lineman Randy Speights of Satsuma, Ala.; 6-0, 200-pound defensive end James Summerall; 6-0, 220-pound defensive end Billy Swanson of Paducah; 6-3, 220-pound lineman David Wilkins of Cincinnati, Ohio and 6-2, 170-pound defensive back Gary Willis of Gainesville, Fla.

Willis, Harrison and Frazier all attend Buchholz High in Gainesville, the same school which produced UK star running back Ivy Joe Hunter.

Kentucky's football staff seems to be building its most intense recruiting campaign around two weeks, ironically built around two ABC-TV basketball games at Rupp Arena.

Another huge crop of blue-chip football recruits are expected in town this weekend when Kentucky hosts All-American David Robinson and Navy on Sunday at Rupp Arena.

Feb. 11 is the magical date for signing football recruits to national letters of intent. Although it will be two or three years before the crop can be judged with any degree of accuracy, you can bet Claiborne's staff will

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UK Lady Kats Drop 12-point Decision To No. 2 Tennessee

Kentucky, which cut a 12-point second-half deficit to two, dropped a 76-64 decision to No. 2 Tennessee at the Stokely Athletics Center (Jan. 11).

UK trailed by only two, 66-64, with 3:59 left in the contest. However, the Lady Vols wrapped up their 11th victory in 12 starts by outscoring UK 10-0. Kentucky's record slipped to 8-5.

Belitta Croley was one of four Lady Kats in double figures, leading the team with 20 points. Next was Jodie Whitaker with 18



Belitta Croley

followed by Debbie Miller and Sandy Harding with 12 tallies apiece.

Kentucky raced out to an early 15-5 lead. Tennessee, however, sliced UK's margin to four by halftime, 33-29. UT then took matters into its own hands, outscoring UK 7-0 on its way to a 36-33 advantage. Eventually, the Lady Vols upped the count to 51-39 before the Cats closed the gap to a mere two points.

Tennessee was led by 6-foot sophomore, Bridgette Gordon. She poured in a game-high 24 points, including eight in the final five minutes of the contest.

Sims Breaks Rebel Blocked Shot Mark

Mississippi's senior center Ronnie Sims, who has seen action in only 41 games since transferring from Shelby State Community College, broke the Ole Miss career record for blocked shots (Jan. 10 against Florida) with four to give him 52 for his career. The previous record was 50, held by Eugene Harris (1976-77). Sims has averaged 1.3 blocks per game in his career.

Last season, Sims tied Harris' mark of 32 blocks in a season, which is also an Ole Miss season record.

Sims' inside strength has been instrumental in helping Ed Murphy's Rebels win eight of 12 contests. The 6-foot-9 200-pound upperclassman from Memphis, Tenn., as of last week was averaging 9.8 ppg and 5.3 rebounds to boot.

After three games in the SEC, Ole Miss owned a 1-2 mark.

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UK Has Tall Order—Neutralize Robinson

Bennett Expects To Be Better Than Ever

Kentucky took on Pervis Ellison and won. Now, though, UK's inside players will see the nation's premier center — David Robinson of Navy.

The Wildcats handled the 6-11 Ellison and beat Louisville 85-51. Don't expect the same type of outcome against Navy, a team that won 30 games and surprised everyone by reaching the NCAA East Region title game last season.

The 7-1, 230-pound Robinson was unknown to most college fans before the 1985-86 season. When the year ended, he was an All-American.



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

He became a household name when he had 35 points, 11 rebounds and seven blocked shots in a victory over home-standing Syracuse in the NCAA Tournament. He showed the nation that game just how much talent he possessed.

Just to prove that his dominating play in the NCAA tourney was no fluke, Robinson led the U.S. national team to unexpected victories over Yugoslavia and Russia last summer in the world basketball championship.

"David Robinson is a great player," said UK Coach Eddie Sutton. "He's the type of aircraft carrier in the middle that every coach dreams of having."

Sutton doesn't have that luxury this season. Instead, he must hope that Rob Lock or Irv Thomas can neutralize Robinson the way they did Ellison. And newcomer Mike Scott is sure to get a chance to test his defensive skills against Robinson along with Cedric Jenkins, who is just now starting to fully recover from his preseason injury.

But Robinson is a *player*. He could finish his career with 2,500 points, 1,400 rebounds and a field goal percentage over 60 percent. No other player has ever done that.

He already holds NCAA records for blocked shots in a game (14) and season (207).

And this is a guy who didn't start a game his freshman year. Since then, though, he has developed into the nation's best center.

Last season he pulled off 13 rebounds per game, the best mark in the nation. He averaged 22.7 points per game, 14th best in the nation, and shot 60.7 percent from the field.

"Playing Robinson will be an even bigger challenge than going against Ellison," said Lock. "I'm not afraid of the challenge but I certainly respect his ability. He's an outstanding player."

National Basketball Association coaches agree with Lock's view of Robinson's talent. Any NBA team would love to have Robinson in uniform next year.

But Robinson, who could have left Navy after his sophomore year and avoided any military obligations, doesn't know yet whether he will seek part-time duty with a National Basketball Association team next year or remain an amateur to play in the 1987 Pan American Games and 1988 Olympic Games.

It's already been announced that Robinson will serve only two years — not the normal five — of active duty because he is too tall for unrestricted duty on ships, submarines or airplanes. After that he'll have four years of reserve duty.

Any NBA team would be wise to draft Robinson and take him whenever he was available during the 1987-88 and 1988-89 seasons. After that he could become a permanent fixture in the NBA.

But more than money motivates Robinson. Academics and integrity are just as important to him as points and rebounds. That's why he might not take the big bucks from the NBA until he has played in the Olympics.

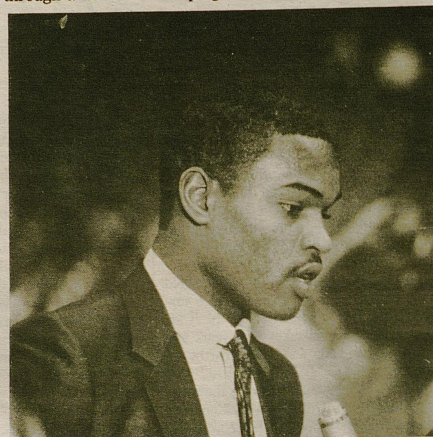
That attitude is what helps make Robinson a true All-American.

BENNETT says his injured knee is healing and he expects to come back stronger than ever next season.
"My knee is doing well and is holding up under my

rehabilitation program," said Bennett. "The doctors feel I can come back better than before I was injured."

"Maybe the injury will even turn out to be beneficial for me. I will be stronger and sitting out a year has given me a chance to learn more about the game. Plus, we have a banner recruiting class coming in the next year."

He could be right, too. Remember when Milt Wagner missed the 1984-85 season with an injury and Louisville struggled through a mediocre campaign. Wagner came back for his



Winston Bennett

final season of eligibility last year and helped the Cardinals win the national championship. Bennett certainly wouldn't mind having the same thing happen to him.

"But I haven't given up on this year," said Bennett, who still travels with the team and sits on the bench at every game. "I can handle my injury now but it hurts to see us losing. I still think we have some talent and can be a good team. But we have to get going."

SUTTON KEEPS hearing two general comments from other coaches concerning the new three-point shot in college basketball.

"Two things come up when coaches talk about the three-point shot," said Sutton. "First, it's 70-30 against the shot. Most coaches just don't like it."

"Second, if we are going to keep the shot, move the line out. The pro rule is too far but the international distance is okay."

"Big guys don't like the rule because you don't jam the ball inside as much any more. Outside shooters think it is great."

The three-point distance may not be perfect but it has made the game more exciting. Moving the distance from 19-9 to the international distance of 20-5 would probably be fairer but I like the fun the shot has put into the game.

Players and fans like the shot. And do does the media. Now a team can get 12 or 15 points behind and still have a chance to come back.

And I don't buy the theory that the shot is too easy. Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee all proved to Kentucky that aggressive defense can make the three-point shot difficult.

I'd even like to see the rule in high school. Now most high school games are boring because players can't, or won't, shoot from the outside. Instead, teams make 10 to 12 passes and then jam the ball inside. It's not entertaining and the lack of outside shooting is hurting high school basketball.

Move the three-point line back to 20-5 in college and then let high schools use the same rule. It will make the game even better at both levels.

HIGH SCHOOL football players can sign national letters-

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It's The 'Year Of The Guard' In SEC

White Is Leader Of The Pack

A couple of weeks ago Eddie Sutton was asked, "Who is the best guard in the Southeastern Conference?"

"I won't even touch that one," replied Sutton, probably realizing his answer would reach enemy camps, ala Auburn, Gainesville, Knoxville, and Tuscaloosa.

His diplomatic reply to "who's best" was very smart. Sure, Ed Davender and Rex Chapman are two of the league's top perimeter players. And Sutton, unlike last year when he said Davender was the best defensive guard in the SEC, kept his cool.

He had to. Because there are some dandy veteran guards in



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

the league, the UK coach laid off this particular loaded question.

Tennessee returns last year's SEC leading scorer—senior Tony White. Alabama has back the league's top assist man for the last two seasons—senior Terry Coner. And Auburn and Florida have two outstanding guard combos which over the last two or three seasons have driven opposing coaches crazy—Tiger seniors Gerald White and Frank Ford; and Gator senior Andrew Moten and junior Vernon Maxwell.

"We've (SEC) got great guards and nobody respects guards more than I do," Sutton added. "There are some schools (SEC) who have wonderful guards and we've got some very good ones, in my opinion."

A very nice gesture if I say so myself. Eddie, you easily could have ventured into politics.

Last season the league was dominated by Kenny Walker, Buck Johnson, Chuck Person and John Williams. Three of the four were seniors and bound for NBA status while Williams chose to forgo his final two years of eligibility at LSU and join this famed trio.

For instance, the four players left behind significant shoes to fill (SEC records):

Chuck Person (first-round selection, Indiana Pacers)—Person's 2,311 career points making him the all-time leading scorer in Auburn history. He's also third on the all-time SEC list behind only LSU's Pete Maravich and Ole Miss' John Stroud. First-team (AP) All-SEC in 1985 and 1986.

Kenny Walker (first-round selection, New York Knicks)—Second on the Wildcats' career-point total with 2,080. Became first player since Bernard King (1977) to lead the SEC in both points (22.9) and rebounds (10.2) in 1985. Following the 1985 and '86 seasons was selected as the league's top player. First-team All-SEC (AP) in 1985 and 1986.

Buck Johnson (first-round selection, Houston Rockets)—Fourth on the all-time 'Bama scoring charts with 1,869 tallies. Also sixth on Crimson Tide's career rebounding list with 933. First-team All-SEC (AP) in 1985 and 1986.

John Williams (first-round selection, Washington Bullets)—Became only the third player in LSU history to score 600 or more points in one season (658 last year). Led the league in rebounds per game, averaging 8.5. Holds SEC Tournament record for most boards in one contest—20 against Florida last year. MVP of 1986 SEC Tournament. First-team (AP) All-SEC in 1986.

Those four did leave behind some high-quality shoes to fill. However, there are plenty of outstanding guards settling in to those superstar vacancies. Last season it was the "Year of the Big Men" in the SEC. Now, it's time to change this season's slogan to the "Year of the Guard."

Times Are Changing In SEC

"I kinda figured it was going to be the "Year of the Guards" in the SEC this year because the big guys had left," said Florida's Maxwell. "I was anticipating this year to be the "Year of the Guards."

With apologies to 'Bama's Derrick McKey, Auburn's Chris Morris and Jeff Moore and LSU's Nikita Wilson, it's the little guys' time to step in amongst the SEC stars. Introducing the three-point play had to help matters. But with the Whites (Tony and Gerald), Chapmans, Coners, Motens and others, the three-point goal only adds fuel to an already blazing fire. This would have been the "Year of

the Guards" even if the three-point line wasn't installed.

If this hotshot group had a leader his name probably would be Tony White of Tennessee. Last season he paced the SEC in scoring, netting 22.2 points per game. Nicknamed the "Wiz" by former teammate Kevin Woods, White is just that—a basketball sorcerer. This season he's vying for his second straight conference scoring title. In 13 games White is averaging 24.2 ppg.

White's philosophy is simple. "I really just relax because I know teams are going to play (me) hard," said White, moments after he tossed in 32 points during UT's 75-68 win over then-No. 9 Kentucky. "Mainly, I just think about what I have to do and when is the right time to do it. In the second half the opportunity was there."

Tennessee's senior guard drilled in 20 points during the second half. He did it against UK's Davender and James Blackmon, two other SEC guards with limitless potential.

"Tony White will be in the NBA," Sutton predicted. "He can penetrate and then if you have to "help off" he'll get the ball to the open person. If you don't then he's just going to jump up and shoot it over you. I think he's an outstanding basketball player."

During last season's SEC Media Days in Lexington it was Sutton who tabbed Davender as the SEC's defensive wizard. Prior to UK's contest against Florida, Davender and Chapman both were averaging 15.8 ppg and 3.2 assists per contest.

It's too early to say but Chapman could be the best of the lot. Not now, though.

"He's a great player," said Norm Sloan, in reference to Chapman. "He's destined to be one of the outstanding players of the game. He really has so much ability. Yeah he's a great one."

But it's Davender who has two-plus years of experience under his belt. He's UK's defensive specialist while Chapman is only beginning to learn defense, Eddie Sutton style.

It was obvious that after the UT win somebody would confront White with the question, "Who is better?"—UK's Uptown Ed or UT's Wiz.

"I really wasn't taking it into a personal thing," replied White about who is the better player. "I've got to give Ed Davender a hand; he played very good defense on me. It was if (tonight) I was doing something good, and he was doing something good (scoring 29 points). My shot just fell for me tonight."

Davender returned the compliment.

"He's the best guard I've played against since I've been playing college basketball," said Davender. "The only person that even comes close is Steve Alford."

And who's better?

"White," answered the UK junior.

Let's get a second opinion. This time, I'll ask a former SEC player to find out who's the best guard in the league. You sir, aren't you Roger Harden, a former Wildcat starting guard from last year's 32-4 squad?

Harden Favors Coner At The Point

First, who do think is the best point guard in the league?

"I think Terry Coner is," said Harden minutes after UK defeated Florida last Wednesday. "I say that with hesitation mainly because he's been there longer and is a little bit more seasoned. I think Eddie Davender, just because of the fact that he's not played point guard in his first two years, will come into his own as a point guard. But Terry Coner is head and shoulders above any point guard in the league."

"It's not even close." Coner is the SEC's version of "Mr. Assist." A 6-3, 170-pound senior, Coner was only 19 assists shy of Ole Miss' Sean Tuohy's SEC record for the most in one season (260). Although suffering from a knee injury early in his final season, Coner has compiled 6.4 assists in 9 games.

Wimp Sanderson must have an eye for finding those deceptive passers. Coner is the third consecutive Alabama player to lead the league in assists. In 1983 Ennis Whatley was the SEC's top assist producer, while in 1984 Eric Richardson owned the title of the league's Top Assist player. And for the past two seasons Coner was the SEC king of threading the needle with sharp passes.

If Coner is the best point guard, who then is the best scoring guard, Roger?

"I definitely think you've got to put Rex Chapman in that category and Tony White, of course, is a proven player," said Harden. "I don't think Tony White is as effective as everybody thinks he is just because I don't think you can win big with a point guard that does most of your scoring. That's a sign that you have some flaws in your offense."

"I think James Blackmon, potentially is the best offensive guard in the league. There are some good scoring guards (SEC). . . Rex and all of our (UK) guards are."

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have a good feel long before 1990.

HITS AND MISSES . . . Reports out of Baton Rouge have it that former LSU great **Joe Dean** is becoming the odds-on favorite to be named the new athletics director at LSU within the next few weeks. Dean, who is an executive with the Converse Rubber Company, is one of the more popular figures associated with college sports today and would certainly be a refreshing face at LSU . . . For the basketball junkie, there is never enough hoop information on recruiting, where the prep stars go and how they pan out. If you're one of these individuals, you'll want a copy of the all-new *The CM Basketball Survey* which is published by **Charlie Metcalf** of Louisville. The 60-page softbound book is a bit overpriced at \$9.95, but no price is too steep for the basketball junkie. You want to know where all the so-called top 100 prepsters of the last five years are today? Then this book has it. You can write Metcalf at: P. O. Box 16009, Shively, Kentucky 40218.

. . . Converse rep **Al Harden**, father of former Wildcat **Roger Harden** was in town over the weekend and presented a check of \$1,000 from Converse to the **Dale Baldwin Fund**. Converse, which outfitted UK basketball for some fifty years before UK switched to **Nike** last season, is still on the UK scene as UK cheerleaders (of which Baldwin was captain when he suffered his tragic accident) still wear the Converse shoe . . . Some bad news for home satellite dish owners who want to watch the Wildcats in action. Last month, **TCP** published the coordinates for December games so Wildcat fans living out of state could pick up the games without the hassle of having to search around all the stars in the universe. That information was provided courtesy of **Louisville Productions** which beams the games up to the heavens for the UK Television Network and Host Communications. Last week, a spokesman for Louisville Productions said the information would not be made public again at the direction of Host Communications. A spokesman for Host Communications said that firm had made a company decision not to make the information available to the public in the future. According to **David Sullivan**, Host will make the satellite information available only to recognized UK alumni groups for special parties and gatherings. Here's hoping **Jim Host** rethinks his company's decision and allows the information to go public again. There are literally thousands of UK fans outside Kentucky who have no other way of following the Wildcats and making this information available would only help promote and publicize the Wildcats to potential recruits around the country. After all, most satellite programming guides have no trouble in providing viewers with the same information from the major networks like ABC, CBS, NBC, USA, ESPN, WGN, WTBS and etc. . . **Jefferson-Pilot** the syndicated network for the Southeastern Conference, recently announced that you can find their games on **WESTAR V, Transponder 1**. . . Look for former *Courier-Journal* sports columnist **Earl Cox** to begin write two columns each week for the *Lexington Herald-Leader* within the next week or so. Reportedly, one of his columns will appear in the Sunday edition. Say what you may, but the *H-L* certainly recognizes a circulation bonanza when it becomes available . . . Kentucky's 3-4 start in the SEC race means the 'Cats, for all intent and purposes, can start rebuilding from the ground up and forget about any thoughts of winning a league title. Right now, the 'Cats need to concentrate on one game at a time and hope to avoid a second division finish . . . After the embarrassing loss to LSU, can you believe that **Kentucky** is still ranked in the *USA Today/CNN Top Twenty-Five*? I can't either, but the 'Cats are still No. 24.

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The Bottom Line On UK Basketball

'I Apologize,' Says Sutton

LSU Takes No Prisoners; Pounds UK By 35

By Nick Nicholas

With 11:02 remaining the four scoreboards at Rupp Arena were blinking madly as if something was seriously wrong. On two occasions the scoreboards were fixed by an in-house electrician and play was resumed. At the 11:02 mark in the second half UK trailed 46-30.

If the matter was left up to Eddie Sutton he would have sent home Mr. Fix-it, called off the game, awarded a win to LSU, and headed straight to Memorial Coliseum to do some repair work of his own.

LSU's 76-41 victory over Kentucky opened a lot of Big Blue eyes not to mention a lot of UK record books to see when the 'Cats had suffered such an embarrassing defeat. The Kentucky coach didn't need a history text to know when he had been associated with such a humbling loss.

"I've coached for 30 years and this is the most embarrassing basketball game I've ever been a part of," Sutton said, watching his team drop its record to 9-5, 3-4 in the SEC. "I apologize to all the great fans in Kentucky for the way we played this afternoon (Sunday)."

To set the records straight the 35-point pasting was UK's worst setback in the 10-plus seasons at Rupp Arena. Previously, the Wildcats' biggest margin of defeat was 14, twice to Alabama (1980, 1987). You have to turn back the calendar to March, 14, 1950, to find when the 'Cats were handled so easily—CCNY 89, Kentucky 50 in the NIT.

And while everyone was wondering what was wrong with the 'Cats, later that evening Sutton took his club to the coliseum for a workout.

Yes, in this fight between felines, Dale Brown's Tigers were ferocious while Sutton's bunch were mild, very mild. LSU was successful on both ends of the court—using a successful high-post offense and a gritty man-to-man defense—and easily tamed the 'Cats.

"We would screen down, across then break back," said Brown, whose team arrived in Lexington on Friday. That's when Brown decided to change his offensive strategy.

"No one had seen it," Brown noted. He also mention his team's ability to shut down UK's three-point attack (5 of 14) was another key figure during LSU's win.

Instead of installing the "freak" (zone) defense it used during last year's Southeast Regional finals, LSU used a man-to-man alignment. It worked wonders.

"We had two defensive game plans for Kentucky," Brown said. "Then we totally changed. We figured they would prepare for our freak defense so we took a calculated risk and went man-to-man as an experiment. At the half we decided to stick with it, win or lose."

"It paid off." Yeah Coach, like in the sum of 26 Kentucky turnovers and a horrendous 12 of 48 from the field (25 percent). UK hit only 6-of-31 from the floor in the second half (19.4 percent).

At the other end of the court LSU drilled 52.6 percent from the field, including a sparkling 71 percent figure in the second half.

Once "Wildcats" in a 34-point victory over Louisville earlier this season, with their latest performance they could be dubbed as the "Mildcats."

"LSU played a super game," said Sutton. "I thought it was a game in reverse of what we did to Louisville. I know that had to be an embarrassment for them also."

Bernard Woodside said it up best: "Sooner or later we would have exploded."

Last year the Tigers earned a trip to the Final Four by defeating Kentucky in the Southeast Regionals. While waiting for the return of Nikita Wilson in December (academics), LSU was hit hard by the injury bug. Big men Ricky Blanton (6-foot-7) and Zoran Jovanovich (7-1) were earlier sidelined for the remainder of the 1986-87 campaign. Thus, before the LSU-UK contest the Tigers found themselves in the SEC cellar with a 1-4 record.

Oh, how this win could send Brown's club back on the road to recover.

The boys from Baton Rouge, 10-8, were led by Anthony Wilson's 28 points. Included in Wilson's game-high total was a 5-of-7 effort from 3-point land. Nikita Wilson also helped pick the Tigers off the mat by scoring 16 points. The senior netted all of his points in the second half. Senior forward Oliver Brown hit the jackpot with a pair of "dozens". He connected on 6 of 7 from the field for 12 tallies and he was credited with 12 rebounds.

James Blackmon scored 14 points and was the only 'Cat to reach double digits.

Controversial Score Pumps Brown, Tigers

A strange thing happened as both teams were ready to start the second half. Before one second even ticked off the official clock UK had been awarded two points.

Officials Don Shea, Don Rutledge and Mike Tanco put on the board an Ed Davender basket near the end of half (five seconds left). During Davender's basket, which bounced high off the rim before falling through the cylinder, James Blackmon was whistled for grabbing the rim.

Anthony Wilson hit the technical shot and LSU led 25-19. The Tigers then missed a field goal before the intermission buzzer, and entered halftime with a six-point lead.

Uh... change that to a four-point lead because the referees said Blackmon did not touch the ball (afterwards, Blackmon told reporters that he did hit it).

The play just made LSU angry.

"It was about like having a dagger stuck in your back," Brown said. "It's hard enough to play here or any place on the road. I wasn't questioning if the rule was right, but it was a psychological thing—why wasn't it done then."

"I then gathered myself and instead of being a raging bull maybe I should be cool. I told the team at the timeout 'That's the last two damn points they're going to get from us.'"

"I think it maybe inspired us... it made me more determined. But at first it didn't. It was like (getting) blackjacked in the back of the head."

Given a little boost at halftime UK failed to climb back in the game. LSU's Anthony Wilson quickly erased the memories of the "halftime basket" with seven straight points. And after Brown got in on the act with a short jumper and a dunk, the visitors owned a 36-21 lead with 16:21.

Following a UK timeout, Blackmon's three-pointer pulled his club within 12. Meanwhile, the A. Wilson-Brown show continued.

LSU pushed the lead to 14 (38-24) when the Tigers patiently worked for a shot, which Wilson canned from 18 feet. Cedric Jenkins was then called for traveling. LSU took advantage of the turnover (one of 26 by UK) when Brown converted at the other end on a layup.

The Anthony Wilson-Brown show was responsible for the Tigers' initial 15 tallies in the second stanza.

Throw in the towel—LSU 42, UK 28. Louisiana State finished the game by outscoring the 'Cats, 34-13. Blackmon's two free throws made the score 46-30. Not until the 6:05 mark was Kentucky able to score. UK trailed by whopping 29 points (59-30) before Paul Andrews hit a three-pointer.

"It's the worst; to lose by that many points at home to the last place team (SEC)," said Ed Davender, describing his feelings afterwards."

Many Kentucky fans were leaving with seven minutes remaining as their team was headed to a 34-point disaster.

"All I know is that we got beat," said Chapman, who was kept under wraps by Woodside's tenacious defense. The freshman guard was held to a seven-point performance.

'Cats Commit Turnover Crime; Charged With 19 In First Half

"We turned the ball over more tonight than we have done in a 40-minute period all year," said Sutton. Nineteen of UK's 26 miscues popped up in the first 20 minutes. LSU never trailed. In fact, besides zip-to-zip UK was even only once, 2-2. The Tigers then ran off 15 points compared to six points by the home team.

Kentucky did manage to pull within five on two occasions in the half (22-17, 24-19). One bright spot for Kentucky was its improvement from the free throw line. UK coolly drilled in 9-of-10 first-half attempts. Overall, the 'Cats connected on 87.5 percent from the charity stripe.

UK entered the game with a less-than-impressive 57.6 mark from the free throw line. Kentucky's newest player, 6-11 Mike Scott, made his Wildcat debut with 6:23 re-

Official NCAA Basketball Box Score for LSU vs UK, Jan 18/87, Lexington, Ky. Includes player stats for both teams, team rebounds, and officials.

UK Hits Only 19.4 Percent In 2nd Half

maining in the first half. He failed to score while playing eight minutes.

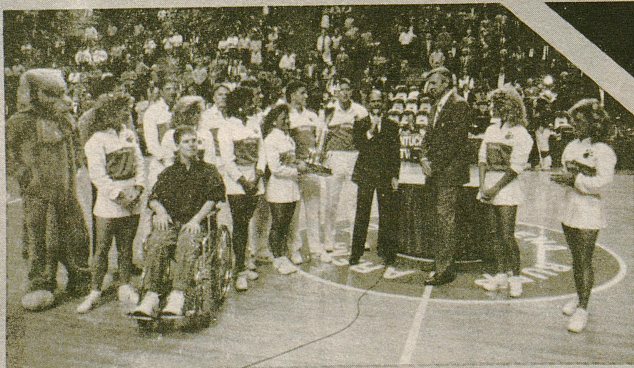
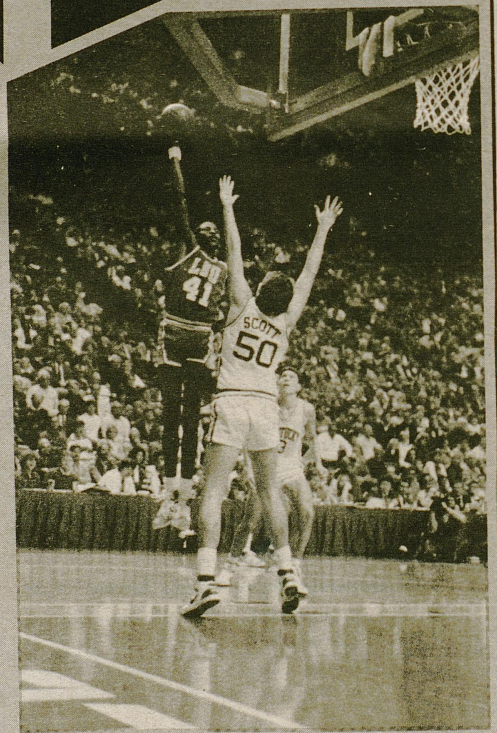
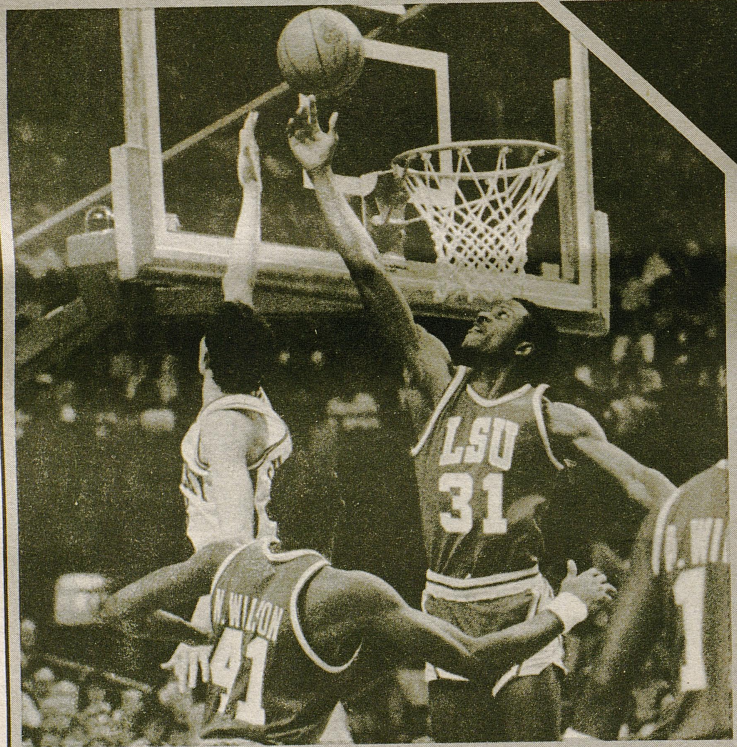
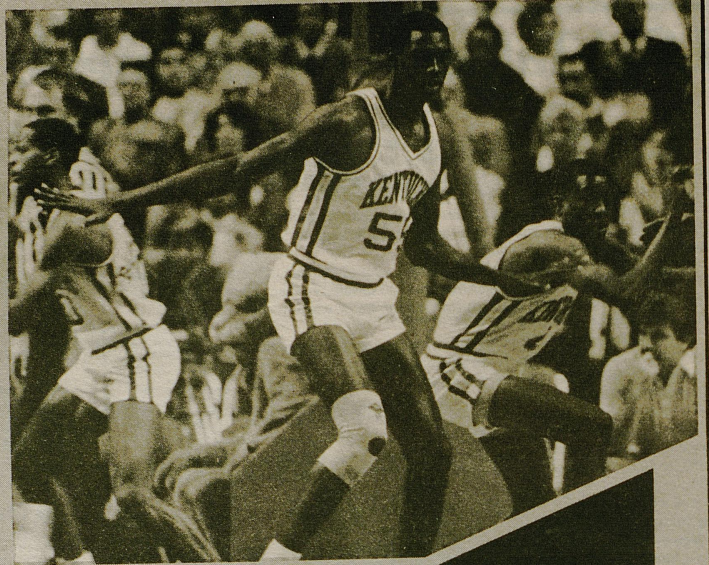
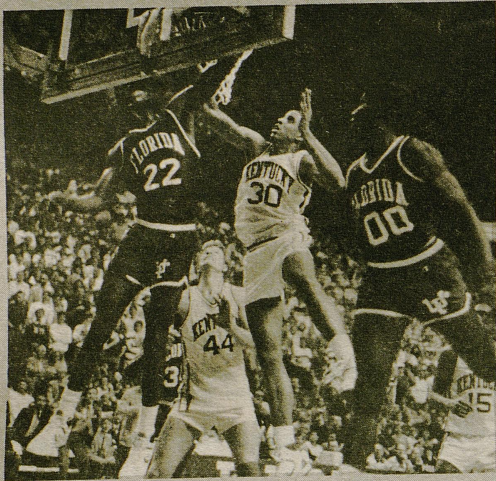
Wilson was the only player listed in double figures with 11-first half points. He scored the Tigers' final five points of the half.

Richard Madison's six points paced his team at intermission.

Tiger-Wildcat Tidbits

Kentucky's worst loss at home (prior to Sunday) was a 48-10 defeat to Cincinnati. UK's worst loss ever in Lexington was to Kentucky U. by a count of 42-2 on February 20, 1903... After the contest Eddie Sutton said he and the team were going to look over the LSU-UK film before practicing that night... Dale Brown on the strength of the SEC. "We've played Oklahoma and Alabama is a lot better than Oklahoma, in my opinion. We've played Georgia Tech and Florida is a lot better than

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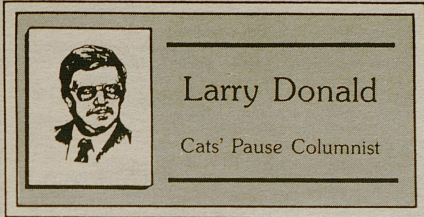


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'Coach K' Has Duke Playing To Potential

Unfair To Compare Chapman To West

If you are a total devotee to college basketball then you must enjoy this **Duke** team. Surely it is a far less talented bunch than last year's Blue Devil entry which played for the national championship in Dallas, but in terms of maximizing what it has, coach **Mike Krzyzewski's** team may have no peer in the country. Essentially Duke has burst from the pack into the Top Twenty thanks to its ability to play defense. The Devils don't have great size in the starting lineup (6-7 **Jim Smith** is the center) but there's great quickness and a desire to play defensively as Krzyzewski likes. On the offensive end, Duke presents problems because at 6-10, **Danny Ferry**



Larry Donald
Cats' Pause Columnist

is a great passer and prefers playing outside. Bottom line? Duke is good enough to get back to the Final Four, barring injuries. . . I realize this is bucking the universal trend, but I am starting to like the three-point play. . . and from the 19-9 distance. However, I still think the NCAA Basketball Rules Committee did a great disservice to the game by implementing the rule before it had been thoroughly researched. . .

It's reasonable to speculate there may have been a worse Big Ten team that this year's **Northwestern** edition, but I've never seen one that's poorer. Not since 1932 has this program produced a Big Ten champion and only three teams since 1960 have even managed a winning season. Two things that bother me: First, after **Rich Falk** led the Wildcats to an 18-12 mark with a first ever NIT bid in 1983, he should have been given a lifetime contract. Instead, he was fired three years later. Second, this school remains in a conference where it cannot compete because of its academic entrance requirements, yet never fails to cash a Big Ten check from the Rose Bowl or NCAA tournament. . .

Only 12,000 in the Cap Center for **Georgetown-St. Johns**. Only 5,000 in the Boston Garden for **Villanova-Boston College**.



Antoine Joubert

Hmmm. . . I've maintained for some time that the Big East's underpinnings have never been as stable as they should be. . .

Jud's Just Rolling With The Punches

How are things going at **Michigan State**? Well, during the game at Illinois the basketball rolled over to an irate coach **Jud Heathcote**, who picked it up and bounced it off the floor. Unfortunately, it rebounded up and hit him squarely in the face. "I've always said the game will make a fool of us all," he said later. . .

My early vote for Coach of the Year would go to **Temple's John Chaney**. His Owls are within a **Gerald (UNLV) Paddio** jump shot of being unbeaten and could become the NCAA tournament darlings. Chaney is an outspoken man, sometimes even a controversial one, but he has overcome a great deal to put the Temple program into prominence and already has a pair of wins over crosstown rival Villanova this season. . .

Eddie Fogler took a giant coaching step forward when his **Wichita State** team defeated Kansas. It wasn't an artistic game,

but the Shockers produced a season maker with that win. And what a salvage job Fogler has done with **Henry Carr**. A year ago Carr was deep on the WSU bench. This year he leads the team in scoring. . .

Brent Musburger ought to know better than to compare **Kentucky's Rex Chapman** with **Jerry West**. One's a nice looking



Clem Haskins Doing The Job At Minnesota

prospect who had a good game against Louisville. The other's in the Hall of Fame. Why must guys in the media continue with these ridiculous (and unfair) comparisons? In high school **Michigan's Antoine Joubert** was called "the next **Oscar Robertson**." I just wonder how good he could have been if they'd let him be "the first Antoine Joubert"?. . .

What's Wrong In Tulsa?

Given their style of play, it is difficult for me to imagine that **Providence** will be a fresh team in March. . . Whatever happened to **Tulsa**? This is a team which was in everyone's Top Twenty, but coach **J.D. Barnett's** team has been something of a mystery. . . On the other hand, I wonder how those people who left **Syracuse** off their Top Twenty ballot are feeling right now? Probably about the same as those who picked **Louisville** No. 1—embarrassed and hopeful that no one remembers. . .

Player of the Year in college basketball? Anyone else think **Ohio State's Dennis Hopson** deserves consideration? . . . Sorry, I still think **Georgetown's Reggie Williams** is too streaky to be considered a great player. Don't always listen to what the announcers tell you. Instead, just watch. . . **Villanova** gets the pub in Philly and **Temple's** probably got the best team, but the city's best player is **St. Joseph's** junior **Rodney Blake**. . .

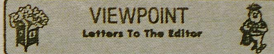
That **Minnesota** won nine of its first 12 games is a great testimony to **Clem Haskins's** ability as a coach. . . Already Iowans are starting to fret about the traditional swoon. Will **Dr. Tom Davis** change that pattern? I'd bet on it. . .

Prep experts tell me the junior class will be one of the all-time best in terms of producing great players. Very soon I anticipate we'll be getting grade school reports. . . Deja Vu? This fall **South Carolina** coach **George Felton**, a former assistant to **Bobby Cremins** at **Georgia Tech**, signed guard **Brent Price** of Enid, Okla. The first major signee Cremins had at Tech was **Mark Price**, the older brother. . .

Texas Christian coach **Jim Killingsworth** on the Southwest Conference: "I don't know how we got so far down, but I don't think it was as drastic as everyone made it out to be. Every conference has up and down years and we just happened to be down last year." . . Killingsworth's Frogs have been the biggest story of the SWC and now loom as the favorite. . .

Give **Southern Mississippi** coach **M.K. Turk** credit for his honesty. When asked about his softer-than-air schedule, he replied: "I know there are coaches who believe a strong early schedule helps you later on, **Denny (Crum)** does it every year and that's a great philosophy if you have a history of success. We still maintain a strong sense of realism here. We are building. We have 15 home games and I'd hope we continue to do so in the future. We are still building our program." . . .

The **Pac 10's** move to basketball prominence? . . . How about, wait 'til next year?



More On UK-U of L

Dear Sir:

I want you to know how much we "WILDCAT FANS" in Southern Indiana appreciate *The Cats' Pause*. Your paper is the only paper we can get without hearing something negative about the 'Cats. Keep up the good work!

In regards to your resolution about the contract renewal between Big Brother and Little Brother. I don't think this will work because Little Brother does not have 23,000 fans to fill RUPP ARENA (according to the results of a local newspaper poll), the 19,000 you see file into Freedom Hall every home game are all they have.

Oh, and Mr. Dishman, about "America's Coach." Denny Crum comes about as close to being America's Coach as the Atlanta Braves come to being America's Team in baseball. Why couldn't America's Coach get America's Team into America's gameplan?

Oh, just one more thing, Mr. Watkins, I seem to recall a couple of issues ago you said U of L would win, maybe in double figures. . .

Well, maybe not! Big Brother 85, Little Brother 51. . .

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Scottsburg, Indiana

Weisbaden Wildcat

Dear Sir:

I have been a subscriber to *The Cats' Pause* ever since I joined the Air Force. First, when I was in New Mexico starting nine years ago, and currently while being stationed in Weisbaden, Germany. Reading *TCP* is the ONLY way I can keep up on what's really happening with UK.

Although I am from Louisville, I've been a solid UK fan for all of my 33 years of life. So I know you won't hold that against me. My father taped the UK-UL game and sent it to me to watch. Got it yesterday and have already watched it twice. Go Big Blue! They really put a whupping on the Cards. That's the worse UL loss that's ever happened to a Denny Crum UL squad. UK played about as pretty a game as anyone could have hoped for.

Just wish they hadn't turned around and lost to Georgia in the next game. I also thought that it was pretty bush league how Eddie Sutton ignored Denny Crum and hardly shook his hand before the game started. There is no need for that kind of behavior. Anyway, Eddie has the last laugh on that issue for this year (so far, anyway). Old Adolph was probably pretty happy about the outcome of that game. Looks like Denny needs to take his boys out to the woods and get some things worked out. Enough of that for now.

Sure would like to see you put this letter in *TCP's* letters-to-the-editor's section. I've never written to you before but this has been fun. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite an UK fans anywhere, to correspond with me about the 'Cats. As I said, I am in the Air Force, stationed in Germany and my mailing address is:

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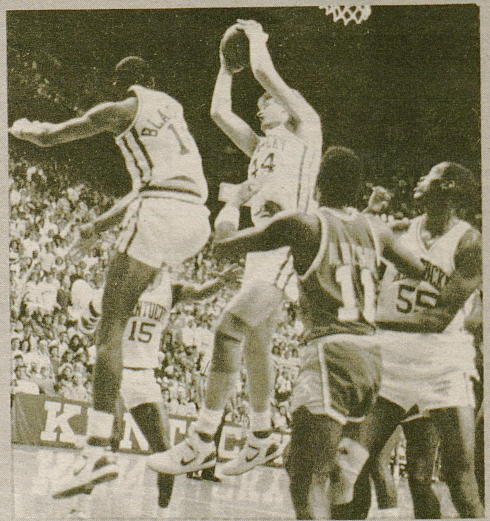
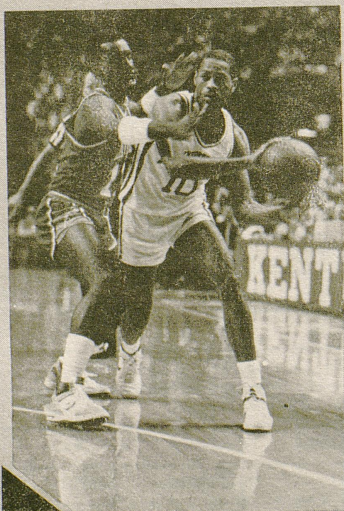


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Two Weeks Ago		16-9	15-10	18-7	19-6	17-8	18-7
Total		127-48	124-51	180-45	125-50	127-48	123-52
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LSU AT MISSISSIPPI STATE		MISS. ST. 1	LSU 1	LSU 4	LSU 5	LSU 6	LSU 4
OHIO STATE AT IOWA		IOWA 7	IOWA 9	IOWA 3	IOWA 13	IOWA 5	IOWA 1
INDIANA AT MINNESOTA		INDIANA 4	INDIANA 7	INDIANA 2	INDIANA 9	INDIANA 7	INDIANA 4
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ARIZONA AT ILLINOIS		ILLINOIS 4	ILLINOIS 8	ILLINOIS 10	ILLINOIS 6	ILLINOIS 5	ILLINOIS 2
DUKE AT CLEMSON		DUKE 1	CLEMSON 2	DUKE 2	CLEMSON 4	DUKE 1	DUKE 3
MARYLAND AT OLD DOMINION		ODU 2	ODU 6	ODU 5	ODU 1	MARYLAND 3	ODU 2
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PITTSBURGH AT BOSTON COLLEGE		PITT 1	PITT 3	PITT 1	PITT 10	PITT 1	PITT 2
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Kentucky Guards Best In The League

SEC Loaded With Fine Backcourt Talent

What can you say about the SEC?

As usual, the conference is tough to figure out. Who would ever have thought that Kentucky would be beating Florida by 23 points at one time in their game last week? And what about LSU almost knocking off the Tide down in Tuscaloosa?

Although Alabama is undefeated at 5-0 as of presstime, I think the eventual conference champion will probably lose four to six games. Each team can feel comfortable knowing that playing at home usually means a win. Kentucky lost two home games, but the win at Auburn made up for one of them. The unpredictable



Dicky Beal

Cats' Pause Columnist

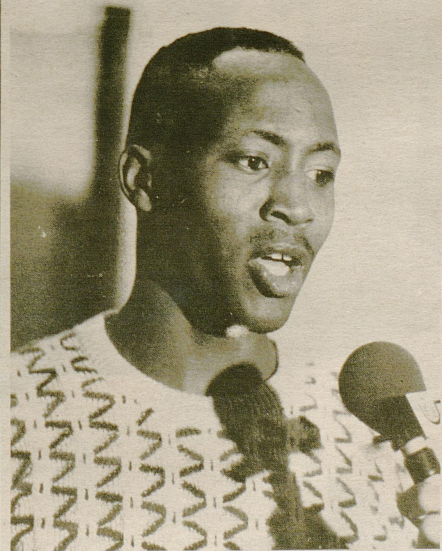
conference has one thing that you can count on, however—great guard play.

Kentucky's Guards Best In The League

Let's start off with the best guards in the conference:

Kentucky's 'Cats have the distinction of having the most talented foursome around. Ed Davender, James Blackmon, Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller are the players that make Kentucky click.

Davender has to be the best defensive guard in the league. Holding Andrew Moten out of double figures is not an easy task. Ed has slick moves to the basket along with a good jump shot. His leadership carries the team when it needs a lift. Usually when the 'Cats need an important free throw, Ed is usually the guy you can count on. It's not easy knowing you will be guarding the opposition's best



UT's Tony White—Mr. Offense In SEC

guard. It usually takes away from your offensive game, but Ed has the experience to match any guard in the country.

Chapman has probably surpassed everyone's expectations. We all knew he was good, but I'm sure everyone thought it would take time for him to really mature. Rex still makes mistakes, but overall he has played super. There is nothing that Rex can't do. A super player who has a super attitude. A star of the future.

James Blackmon is starting to play like the James I know he can be. He is shooting his jumper with confidence and that means trouble. He is playing excellent defense. One thing that most people may not have noticed. During the Florida game James had a fast

break opportunity. He split between two Florida defenders but got fouled as he went up. James was trying to dunk the ball in traffic. What this indicates is that Mr. Blackmon is ready to bust out.

Look out SEC foes. Derrick Miller is a super shooter. His heart is probably as big as anyone's on the team. Any time you go to an opposition's home court you would expect any freshman to have some big problems. Derrick welcomes the challenge with open arms. He needs to gain a little weight, but his confidence will make Miller tough to handle.

But Gator, Tide Backcourts Not Far Behind

Everyone got to see the M&M Boys—Moten and Maxwell—when



UK's Ed Davender—Best Defensive Guard

the Gators were in town last week. I don't think that either played well against the 'Cats, but I'm sure you will be hearing about these two performers. Moten has been deadly from three-point range, hitting over 50 percent. Maxwell is a smooth performer who can hurt you by driving to the basket. Maxwell had 26 points against Kentucky, but anyone who shoots over 20 times per game, should score 20 points. This pair of guards rate as the second-best guards in the SEC.

Roll, Tide, Roll—that's what you hear if you're in Tuscaloosa, Ala. I really like this Tide team. They have a great inside game, but they have a player who I feel is probably the most underrated player in the country. Jim Farmer is a super guard. He doesn't leap very well, he's not the quickest guy around, but when the game is over, he is the person that has hurt you. I think he's a good shooter who plays great in Wimp Sanderson's scheme of things.

Terry Coner and Mark Gottfried can both hurt you on both ends of the floor. Coner, who is coming back from knee surgery, is finally rounding into form. By tournament time, look out. Gottfried is a heady player that can score and defend with anyone in the conference. This group is close behind Florida's duo, but I'd take them any day.

League Scoring Leader White Leads UT Duo

The big Orange of Tennessee has the most explosive guard in Tony White. He scored 32 against the 'Cats, but I feel that he takes too many shots. It's very difficult to stop someone who may shoot almost 20 times a game. He shot well against UK, and I don't want to take anything away from him. He has great moves to the basket with a nice outside touch. Fred Jenkins is a solid player. He can play either guard position and is a good defensive player who needs to look for his offense.

Let's not forget about Auburn's guards. Gerald White and Frank Ford can play with any pair in the nation. White provides leadership and a nice shooting touch. He is the catalyst for the Tigers running game. Ford is a strong guard who can go inside as well as go outside. Ford has the ability to be in the right place at the right time. These two players make the Auburn Tigers a team to be reckoned with.

Georgia, Vanderbilt, LSU, Ole Miss and Mississippi State have very good guards, also. No team can have the distinction of having an easy night when it comes to guard play. In a game where the big men are still dominant, with the three-point line, on any given night, someone can get knocked off.

You probably won't see more exciting guards anywhere than you do in the SEC. Most of them can run, jump and shoot with any guard tandem there is. You can't go wrong by picking any pair of guards in the league. All of them are winners. That's indicative by their play.

UK's Bob Bradley To Head N4A

University of Kentucky assistant athletics director Bob Bradley has been elected president of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics (N4A). Bradley was elected by his peers during the recent NCAA Convention in San Diego, Calif. He will serve as president-elect for the remainder of 1987 and will assume the presidency next January at the NCAA Convention.

Bradley came to the University of Kentucky in 1977 as academic athletic advisor and was promoted to assistant director of athletics for academic affairs in 1984. His main responsibilities include the managing of UK's Center for Academic and Tutorial Services (CATS), the supervision of the counseling staff, on-campus recruiting, and the interpretations of NCAA rules.

Under Bradley's direction, the UK Academic Advising program was selected by "CBS Reports" as the best program in the country and featured CATS in a feature documentary on college basketball.

Continuing the strong commitment to excellence under Bradley's leadership, Kentucky has paced the Southeastern Conference in the number of football players selected to the Academic All-SEC Team for three straight years.

Coming from a strong high school background, the Hornell, N.Y., native graduated from Hornell High School, where he lettered in basketball, football, baseball and track. He received his BS degree from Salem College in 1971 and his MA in educational psychology from Kentucky in 1972.

The National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics is an educational service and professional organization dedicated to support and enhancement of the academic achievement of intercollegiate athletics. Founded in 1976, the N4A has grown in membership from 30 at its inception to around 300 today.

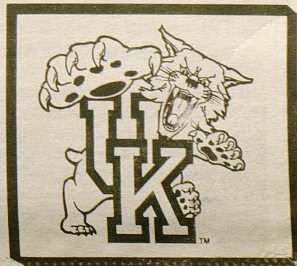
"This is quite an honor for not only Bob, but for the entire university," said UK athletics director Cliff Hagan. "Under his direction, our CATS program has become a model for all of college athletics. In fact, in a poll conducted by N4A at the convention, the CATS program was recognized as the foremost of its kind in the country. It's only fitting that Bob Bradley should head up such an organization."

DeBoer To Coach East Team In 1987 Sports Festival

University of Kentucky head volleyball coach Kathy DeBoer has been appointed as volleyball coach for the East women's team in the 1987 U.S. Olympic Sports Festival. The Festival is held every non-Olympic year and features the nation's best athletes in all Olympic sport regional competition.

DeBoer also holds the position of assistant athletics director at Kentucky.

Joe Segula, coach of the University of Pennsylvania women's volleyball team, was appointed assistant coach for the East team. This year's event will take place July 15-26 in Durham, N.C.





University of Kentucky Ass Frank Ham Has Pro Nice Guys Can D

Looking through the Kentucky basketball or football facts books, you won't find much credit given to assistant athletic director Frank Ham for the success of the university's sports programs.

But if you talk to people around campus, you'll find that Ham is one of the most important people to have ever graced the Memorial Coliseum Hall of Fame.

That's not only because of Ham's work with the popular Blue-White Fund, which helps financially support the university's athletics. Ham is a key person at Kentucky because of who he is more than because of what he does. And he does a lot.

"Oh, don't say that," said Ham in an interview at his office recently. "I don't think there are that many people who think I'm important to the functioning of this large athletic department."

If you're not, Mr. Ham, then how come when you retire this June, although that's not official yet, they're going to take the responsibilities you currently hold and spread them out between three or four other individuals?

Ham, the assistant AD to Cliff Hagan since July of 1975, is not only in charge of the annual giving fund, but he and assistant Lori Barnes also handle the paperwork for donations and ticketing, as well as the licensing of UK's new logo. Ham is also responsible for the game-day parking at Commonwealth Stadium, as well as serving as a crowd-control officer for the Southeastern Conference.



Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist



Up until last fall, Ham was the liaison between the NCAA, the SEC, and UK for handling the paperwork involving the student-athletes, a position now held by Bob Bradley of the CATS Center.

"I handled that for nine years," said Ham. "It was a full-time job. It was quite a challenge. It's interesting and rather difficult to take the NCAA manual and interpret it."

Ham also makes speeches around the state and country to various alumni clubs, civic organizations and various other groups on behalf of the university.

"The university isn't a hard thing to sell," said Ham. "People may want a pitch, but what they really want is perhaps some information about the university that they want to hear. People are looking for a closeness between themselves and the university. And, even if they don't have an interest, I want them to leave feeling they've learned about the university. And I want them to know that we're more than just football and basketball oriented here at Kentucky."

When Ham talks about UK's athletic department, he mentions the number of sports in the department, the amount of money it takes to run the department, and about how UK needs the public's help to stay a top-flight institution, among other topics.

"We're spending a lot of money to build new facilities for our student-athletes," says Ham. "We must have \$15 million going to construction costs alone. Overall, the university must be spending at least \$50 million for the construction of new facilities."

Grew Up Following Notre Dame

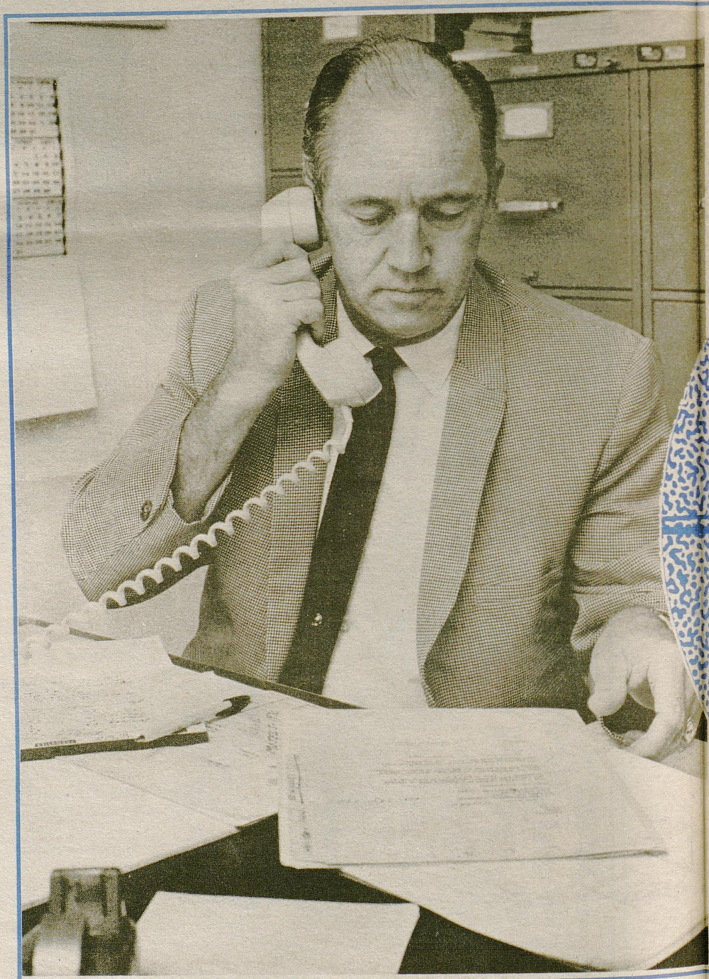
If there's anything else Ham does, he probably would keep it quiet. He's one of those rare individuals who doesn't toot his own horn, so to speak. He's a man whose modesty belies a distinguished career that began way back in the South Bend, Ind., area, in the backyard of the famed University of Notre Dame.

"My relationship with my family was great," said Ham. "My parents were disciplinarians but my home was a haven for youngsters. They'd congregate there because a lot of players from Notre Dame were frequent visitors to my house. A lot of them were from our previous residence in Ohio, and our house was their home away from home."

Ham's father, Albert B. Ham, was a personal friend of famed Irish football coach Knute Rockne. Through the years, Ham has carried on the family tradition, making and keeping friendships with people like Ara Parseghian, the former Notre Dame football coach, and John Wooden, the ex-UCLA mentor whose teams won 10 national championships in basketball.

While attending high school in Niles, Mich., Ham earned 10 athletic letters in football, basketball, track and golf during the days when freshmen weren't eligible to compete on the varsity level.

Upon graduation from high school in 1935, Ham worked a year before starting his studies at Olivet College, from where he graduated in 1940. He then

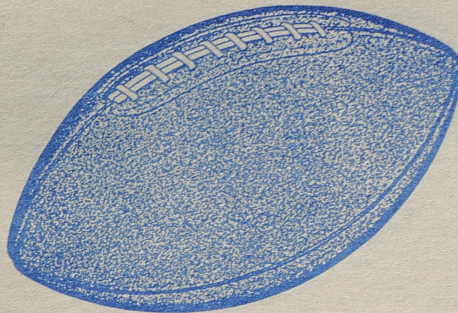


Hagan's Right Hand Man Since 1975

did graduate work at Indiana University and coached high school football and track at John Adams High School in South Bend in 1941. He then returned to Niles, where he was the head coach in football, basketball and track.

"Two of the three years I was there we won the conference in football and

Assistant Athletics Director Proven That Sometimes, Can Finish On Top



went to the quarterfinals in basketball," Ham explained.

Once Coached UK Grid Coach John Ray At Olivet

In 1946, Ham went back to Olivet College, where he was named the school's athletic director and head football and basketball coach.

"They wanted me to come back and rebuild their athletic program," said Ham.

Of the many players Ham coached was one John Ray, who came to UK in 1968 as head football coach, coming to the Bluegrass state from Notre Dame, and bringing Ham with him as an administrative assistant. At the time, Ham was assistant to the president at Olivet College with responsibilities in public and alumni relations. When Ray resigned in 1972, Ham was reassigned to the athletic director's staff.

"He was a tremendous athlete and good student," Ham said of Ray. "He was a very good coach, too."

Since Ham joined the university staff, he's had the privilege of working with two presidents, two athletic directors, three head football coaches and three head basketball coaches.

family and I have truly benefitted from living here."

Ham has been around athletes and athletics all his life and he wouldn't have had it any other way.

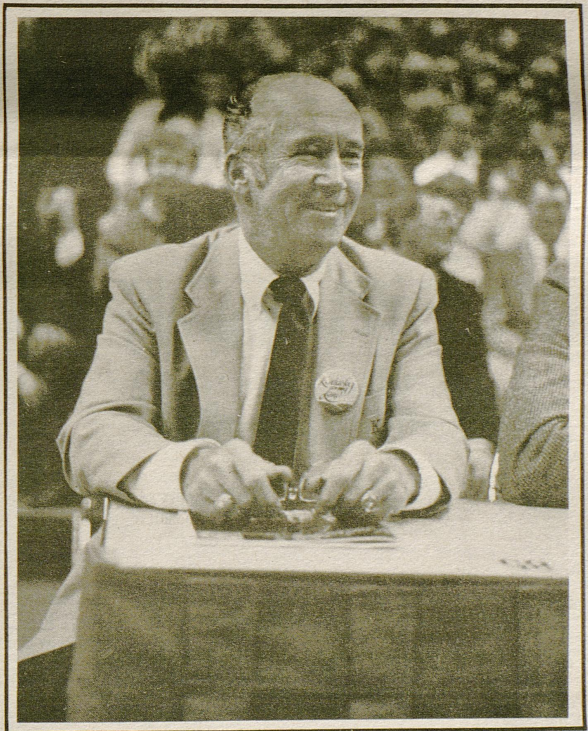
"Having participated in athletics, I decided it would be enjoyable to coach as well," said Ham. "The excitement of teaching and coaching, plus being around young people, keeps you young." Ham is now 70 but he doesn't act like he's old at all.

"A lot of people think all coaches do is teach X's and O's," said Ham. "But there's a whole lot of criteria as well. You've got to help them with their personal and academic problems if you can. You've gotta let them know you care about them as human beings, not just athletes.

"My involvement with athletics is a chance for me to pay back the people who have helped me," Ham continued. "All of us have an obligation to our



Ham Alongside Wife Rosemary



Frank Ham Watches UK Basketball Game

"And all of them have been friends," said Ham. "Of all those people, I'd say there's probably only one other person around here that has been associated with those great coaches. That's Russell Rice (UK's sports information director)."

Ham has thoroughly enjoyed his time at Kentucky.

"In all the years I've been here, I've never experienced a time when I wasn't happy doing what I was doing," he said. "Some things have been a little aggravating, yes, but the burden was never more than I could handle. The people in the commonwealth of Kentucky have been splendid. They have a way of making a fella feel good. The majority of them will go out of their way for you. My

fellow man. We're here for a purpose, and that's to help each other."

Ham's distinguished career hasn't gone unnoticed at the University of Kentucky. He's been honored several times by his friends and colleagues.

In 1980, Ham was awarded the UK Distinguished Service Award by the Alumni Association, an award seldom given to a non-alumnus of the university.

In 1985, he was chosen as an honorary "K-Man" by the Board of Directors of the K-Men's Association.

In 1973, Ham was inducted into the Olivet College Athletic Hall of Fame and received the Distinguished Alumni service award from the same college in 1968.

He has held other honors as well.

"I've always felt like it was always a good policy to be nice to people," said Ham. "I try to find ways to be kind to people. It helps me in this job and in life itself."

DeFilippo Signs On At UK As Assistant AD

The appointment of Eugene B. DeFilippo Jr., 36, as assistant athletics director in charge of fund raising, marketing and promotion at the University of Kentucky, and the impending retirement of assistant athletics director Frank Ham were recently announced by Wildcat athletics director Cliff Hagan.

DeFilippo, who has been athletics director at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg since 1984, will begin his new duties Jan. 26. Ham will retire June 30 after 19 years with the athletics department.

Hagan said DeFilippo will be responsible for the development and implementation of a comprehensive fund raising program and coordination of marketing and athletic promotions, while also acting as a liaison with corporate, community, alumni and other external groups.

A native of Florence, Mass., DeFilippo has an extensive athletics background as a player, coach and administrator.

After earning letters in three sports at North Hampton High School and Williston Academy, he earned three varsity letters and graduated *cum laude*, earning a bachelor of science degree at Springfield College, and received his M.A. in educational administration at the University of Tennessee in 1974.

He was a graduate assistant football coach, working with running backs, quarterbacks and wide receivers on Tennessee's 1973 Gator Bowl and 1974 Liberty Bowl teams. He spent the next five years as offensive coordinator at Youngstown State, which won consecutive Mid-Continent Conference championships in 1978 and 1979.

After three years as offensive coach at Vanderbilt, DeFilippo served two years as director of administrative services under Commodore athletics director Roy Kramer, with duties ranging from administrative assistant to Kramer, NCAA and SEC liaison and as recruiting coordinator for all sports with particular attention to football.



Eugene B. DeFilippo Jr.

He also worked with George Bennett in fund raising and in the formation of new Commodore Clubs.

Hagan said there were many applicants for the position, but few had the collegiate level experience that is vital to what he termed a "most important task."

"That group included some in-house, some alumni and some friends and many others," he said, "but few had the on-hand familiarity, experience and knowledge that goes with current intercollegiate fund raising.

"I felt we did not have time for on-the-job training. This is one of the most important functions in the athletics department and we plan to put great emphasis on it."

Hagan said the department wanted someone young, enthusiastic, aggressive, experienced and anxious to be at the university.

"We wanted some new blood pumped into the program," he said, "and we felt it important that our fund raiser have a football background and varied knowledge and experience from other educational institutions."

In outlining the needs of the department, Hagan pointed out that the State of Kentucky does not have the wealth and corporate strength of most competing states, while a sizeable amount of higher education funding once again has been cut in the commonwealth.

"Our new assistant director has been directed to establish an aggressive statewide fund-raising mechanism, soliciting the cooperation and involvement of our alumni and supporters across the breadth of this state," he said. "I will see that the necessary cooperation and budget are provided from the athletics association.

"We have financially funded a first-class football program at the university with unlimited training equipment, travel and recruiting dollars. Through the Blue-White Fund, we have provided the items our coaches have requested."

He referred to 140 yards of artificial turf on one of the football practice fields, where lights have been installed for late practice sessions; a soon-to-be-completed \$6 million football training center that will contain a 9,000 square-foot weight room, along with training, dressing, meeting and media rooms, running track and laundry; and a spacious office complex and new football recruiting

lounge at Commonwealth Stadium.

"When we established our building priorities five years ago," Hagan said, "expansion of Commonwealth Stadium headed the list. It was soon apparent that a new training facility was of prime importance and this took precedence and will be ready for fall.

"In the meantime, a \$6 million Harry C. Lancaster Aquatic Center is under construction, the million-dollar Hilary J. Boone indoor tennis facility is a reality, funding is being provided for renovation of the running track and lights on the baseball field, and new dressing rooms have been completed in Memorial Coliseum for the women's basketball program."

He also pointed out that UK athletics, in contrast to some other schools, does not receive any state dollars to support its programs and receives no tuition write-off for spring sports.

"We have about \$13 million worth of new facilities under way," he said, "and contrary to public opinion, the athletics association has put no money into basketball facilities in recent years, with the city building Rupp Arena and money for the lodge being raised privately.

"The goal for the association's fund-raising thrust will be to raise a minimum additional one million dollars a year. I feel that is a reasonable and obtainable goal, which will provide the funds necessary to expand Commonwealth Stadium."

DeFilippo said he was anxious to get on with his new job at Kentucky.

"I'm really excited about the opportunity to come to the University of Kentucky, which is a tremendous institution both academically and athletically.

"I'm also happy that my children (Christine Lynn, 10; John Eugene, 9; Mary Elizabeth, 11 months) will be able to grow up in Lexington, which I consider one of the country's finest cities.

"I am looking forward to working in the Kentucky program and being back in the SEC. I feel there is great potential there and I am anxious to get started."



Kentucky Holds On To Defeat MSU Bulldogs 57-49

Six consecutive free throws near the end provided the Kentucky Wildcats the cushion they needed in Starkville, Miss., Jan. 12 as the Cats held on to defeat a stubborn Mississippi State team 57-49.

Playing before a crowd of only 4,614, the homestanding Bulldogs gave the Wildcats all they wanted and then some before the Cats finally snapped their two-game losing streak.

"I must give their team credit," said UK coach Eddie Sutton of the Bulldog's effort. "They are a lot better than their record. They made some big plays to get back in the game."

Still, Sutton was not without compliments for his own team, especially after losing back-to-back games to Tennessee and Alabama.

"Our defense was outstanding," pointed out Sutton. "We've played good enough defense to be undefeated but our offense is stagnant. We don't screen and execute like we should offensively. Without the three-point goal, we'd be in trouble."

As in games earlier, Kentucky jumped out to a big early lead (12-4) on a Rex Chapman three-pointer, an Ed Davender layup, two more jumpers by Chapman and a three-point bomb from Derrick Miller.

And just when Kentucky appeared to be ready to put the Bulldogs away, first-year coach Richard Williams' forces charged back.

In fact, State evened the score at 12-12 at 9:50, scoring eight unanswered points on a pair of buckets from Reginald Boykin, a pair of free throws from Hubert Henderson and Anthony Blakely's jumper.

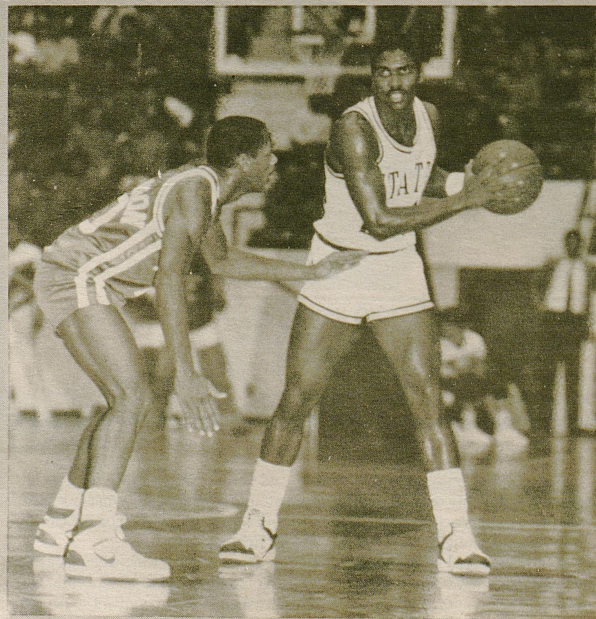
From that point, the score was tied twice in the first half as the Cats were never able to shake the pesky canines.

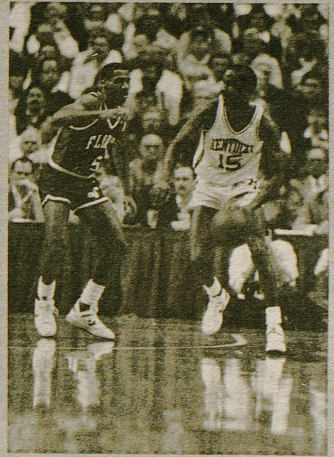
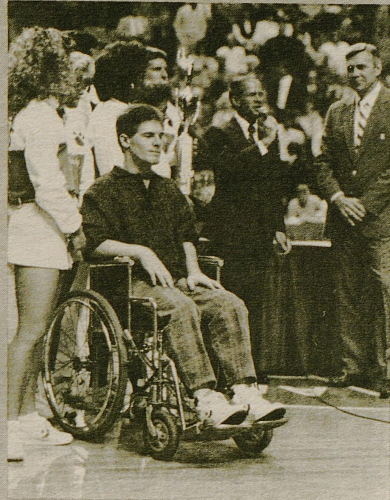
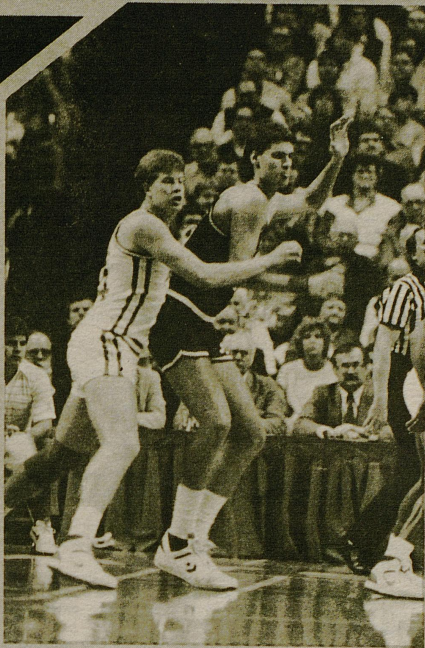
After leading by 26-22 at the intermission, State kept after the Cats until the Dogs finally went on top at 12:47 on two Blakely free throws.

Kentucky came right back with a Miller 3-point bomb and after Boykin put State up by 34-33, Miller did a repeat at 11:55 to put the Cats in front for good at 36-34.

The Cats then reeled off nine more points to take a commanding 45-34 score, but couldn't stand the prosperity. James Blackmon's three-pointer at 7:07 gave the Cats a 45-34 margin. Then, UK went ice cold and went for four minutes before Blackmon broke the ice again with another three-pointer.

State got within four on two different occasions, but Kentucky iced the game in the final 0:38 when Richard Madison, Chapman and Davender canned six straight charity shots.





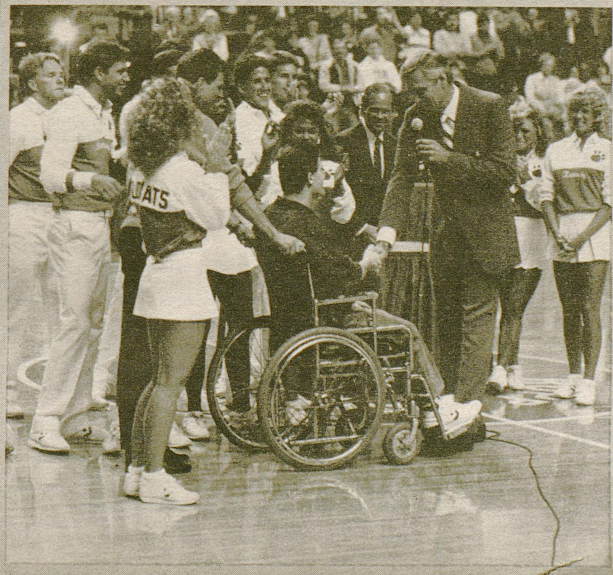
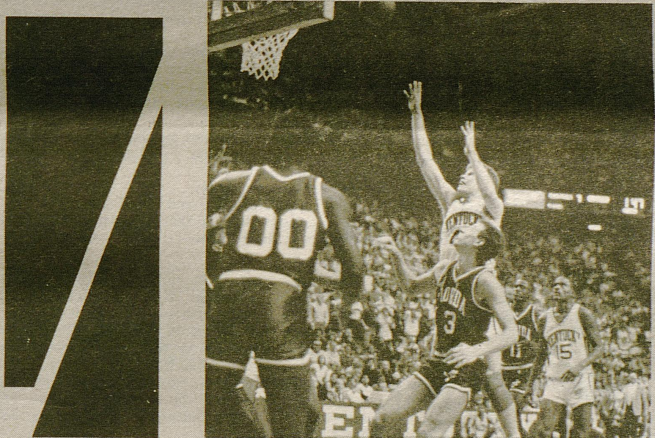
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Figures and things. Remember the figures 4, 17 and 1. Each is a significant number to Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton.

Four. "I really believe that if we can hold our losses to four, we have a chance to win the league. Maybe even five losses," Sutton said after his team beat Florida last week.

■ A 14-4 record would win the SEC title, he believes. I wonder.

Certainly the Southeastern Conference race is going to be zany. But the coaches (and educated fans) know the conference crown doesn't mean as much as it once did. (At least) two



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

reasons why:

✓ The SEC tournament has become a fixture with the winner getting the automatic NCAA bid.

✓ The 64-team NCAA field. As many as seven SEC teams could be invited to the NCAA tourney.

At this writing nine conference teams have winning records. The surprises (so far) at the low end have been Vanderbilt and perhaps Tennessee.

Of course all this brings to mind something Alabama coach Wimp Sanderson said after his team's win over Kentucky. Noting the 18-game round robin regular season and subsequent tournament, Sanderson said, "trouble is we chew each other up before the NAAs."

Probables and possibles for the NCAA tournament?

● Probables: Alabama, Florida, Auburn, Vanderbilt, Georgia and Kentucky.

● Possibles: Tennessee.

● NIT possibles: LSU and Ole Miss.

17. A guess here is that 17 wins will get Kentucky an invitation to the NAAs.

'Magic' 4

Sutton got a new lucky number earlier this month. 1.

When Todd Ziegler quit UK, it left Sutton with *only* 16 players to fill 15 scholarships next season.

If they all come back next year, UK will have nine returnees from this year's team—Winston Bennett (captain), Ed Davender, Cedric Jenkins, Rob Lock, Richard Madison, Irving Thomas, Derrick Miller, Rex Chapman and Mike Scott.

The new faces will be: Reggie Hanson, LeRon Ellis, Jonathan Davis, Sean Sutton, Deron Feldhaus, John Pittman and Eric Manuel.

So, how will Sutton get his roster to the NCAA limit of 15? Easy. Here are some possibilities:

✓ Pittman might not qualify under Proposition 48. The 7-foot Texan still must retake the ACT.

✓ Sean Sutton, his father has said, will be redshirted next year. He could join the team as a walk-on. This option would score public-relations points for Coach Sutton since choosing to pay his son's way to college would be a noble gesture to those who believe if a man can afford to send his kid to college, he ought to and save the scholarship for someone who needs it.

✓ Hanson might transfer to another school.

✓ Thomas might transfer to another school.

As Sutton has said, these problems have a way of working themselves out.

■ Sutton's "lucky number" then? 1.

Rex Chapman

UK's much written about, much discussed freshman, was complaining recently—albeit in his usually polite and mannerly way—that the media blitz has been something of a problem for him.

And one has to sympathize with Chapman of course. He is a student-athlete who wants to enjoy his college experience. Unfortunately, I suppose, because part of that experience for one so imminently blessed to play the game properly, is that he must pay the price of celebrity.

"He's a star," Winston Bennett has said of his roommate.

And so every little kid (and big kids too) from Pikeville to Paducah wants to know what makes Chapman tick. His chemistry.

So, if fans are interested in seeing, reading about Chapman, then the media are bound to make reports on him.

Nothing wrong with that. Chapman is a Wheaties type, i.e. Mary Lou Retton, in a state where basketball heroes have more recognition than the governor.

It is not likely, I suppose, but some of us in my profession

may back off with the fullcourt pressure on Chapman. But the kid has—just as many of us thought he would do—captured hearts and imaginations of Kentuckians.

Part of his college experience must be learning to deal with the adoration which is genuine and as important to fans as it must remain to this budding star.

It is my hope that Chapman does not allow his boyish charm and demeanor and caring for what his teammates think, feel, to be calloused over by the blitz of celebrity.

News 'n views

NEWS. Ex-University of Kentucky quarterback Bill Ransdell is one of 240 college prospects invited to participate in an NFL sponsored National Invitational Camp Jan. 28-31 at the Hoosierdome in Indianapolis.

"Bill will be coming in along with 22 other quarterbacks from coast to coast," Tom Healion of the NFL Scouting Office said Wednesday. "It will be a shorts and t-shirts type workout where they'll throw some passes, make some handoffs and go through some skill drills in front of the NFL scouts."

Players, 240 of them, at all positions and from all schools, have been invited to the camp. It is a direct lead up to the NFL college draft in April.

"The very fact that these players have been invited to this camp says something about how much we think of them. The ones we wanted to take a look at, make video tapes on," Healion said.

NEWS. Ex-Kentucky Wildcat Todd Ziegler wasted no time "showing the flag" for his new team. Sitting alongside redshirt Steve Miller, Ziegler was on Western Kentucky's bench for the Hilltoppers game with Alabama-Birmingham Jan. 10.

NEWS. Noting the premium Murray Arnold puts on quickness and speed, it is difficult to see how Ziegler figures into the Hilltoppers style any better than he did UK's.

NEWS. Alabama-Birmingham coach Gene Bartow skipped the postgame press conference at Western a year ago after his Blazers lost a 2-point game to the Hilltoppers.

"I would like to apologize for not coming to this press conference last year," he said. "But I just didn't know there was one. I don't think I've missed one in my 26 years in coaching."

Larry Pursiful

One of the finest backcourt players in University of Kentucky basketball history, Larry Pursiful (team captain on 1961-62 team) has embarked on a special sort of roundball endeavor. He will coach the Kentucky Baptist Crusaders basketball squad on a two-week trip to Kenya this summer.

The Crusaders will play the Kenyan national team in Nairobi as well as club teams in that city and others in Mombasa.

Pursiful, who is youth director at Carlisle Street Baptist Church in Louisville, visited Kenya on a mission trip last summer as part of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's partnership with its opposite number in that African country.

"While I was there I mentioned the idea of bringing a team back and the Kenyan people were really enthusiastic about it," Pursiful said last week. "I just felt it was something I needed to get involved in so when I came back home I talked to people in the Kentucky Baptist Convention and they thought taking a team over there would be a natural part of the partnership."

The project has gained momentum since Pursiful and co-director Robby Speer of Elizabethtown began working on it a three months ago.

Currently, they have seven players committed, all former or current college athletes. "And we're still looking at some other players," Pursiful said. "We feel real good about the way things are coming along."

Incidentally, Pursiful will be a "player-coach" on the team. For those who might not remember, the 6-2 native of Bell County was named All-SEC in 1962 and was selected to the NCAA All-Mideast Region team that year. Along with Louie Dampier and Kyle Macy, he was one of the finest perimeter shooters in UK history.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Kentucky Baptist Crusaders or offer support, write to Pursiful at 109 Commanche Dr., Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701. He can be reached by telephone at 502-765-6533. Robby Speer's number is 737-1910.

Western's Hilltoppers

Coach Murray Arnold's team faced what he called "a moment of truth" against Alabama-Birmingham Jan. 10 very well, winning by 18 at Diddle Arena. But the Hilltoppers seem to suffer from the same malady that has befallen Kentucky and (worse) Louisville. I call it *Up 'n Down-itis*. Western won at VCU then lost at Jacksonville.

It makes Western something of a mystery since—unlike UK and UofL—the Hilltoppers are a veteran team.

Western is a good basketball team that simply does not seem to be hitting on all cylinders and has fallen victim to the 3-point shot in critical games (Eastern Kentucky and Jacksonville). At times the 'Toppers have flashed some of the form that vaulted them into the nation's Top 10 just five weeks ago, but the down-

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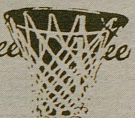


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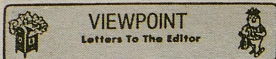
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- Vance Hall, 6-8, Seminole, Fla.—South Alabama
- Jeff Boutelle, 6-7, Weatherford, Texas—Texas Christian
- Bruce Nix, 6-7, Midland, Texas—Sam Houston State
- Jeff Berlin, 6-7, Hutchinson, Kan.—Hardin-Simmons
- Tyrone Harbin, 6-7, Carl Albert, Okla.—Texas A&M

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'Cat In Kansas

Dear Sir:

Please renew my subscription. *TCP* is a welcome sight here in Big 8 country since all the local papers ignore Kentucky whenever possible!

Also, congrats on a fine publication. My friends who are Kansas fans drool when I talk about *TCP*—there's nothing like it here at all.

Go 'Cats!

Jan Lunsford
Topeka, Kansas

Bobby Knight—Pro. . .

Dear Sir:

I have been reading *The Cats' Pause* this year and I enjoyed it very much.

But I am getting a little bit upset with some of you so-called 'Cats' fans over Bobby Knight. In your Dec. 13 issue of *TCP*, two letters got to me.

Bobby Knight is not jealous of Kentucky. Why should he be? He runs a great program at IU. Over 95 percent of his players get their education. How he handles his own family problems is no one's business but his own. 'Cat fans and every other college better look at their program. There are very few schools who play tough teams the first part of the year.

Bobby Knight must know something about basketball, he has turned out 17 coaches in Division I basketball. Other colleges call him and ask about basketball coaches for their schools (ask Michigan).

Coaches and teams from other nations want to play IU and talk with Bob Knight.

I don't approve of some of his language or his habits at times, but I have seen other coaches act just as bad.

And the other 'Cat fan from Dayton, Ohio. May I remind him it was *not* the same IU team that beat UK by 24 points during the season. When IU played Kentucky in Dayton in the NCAA tournament, IU was missing Todd May (24 ppg. average). So don't say UK beat the same team.

And I believe Bob Knight and Joe B. Hall are friends.

Why don't people print the good things about Bob Knight? Like the way he helped Landon Turner after his car wreck, how he helped a kid in Terre Haute and how he has helped other people.

Bob Knight has helped schools, people, clubs—and has never had good news printed about him.

And I would say that *The Cats' Pause* is one of the finest basketball papers I have ever read.

Roddy Miller
Newcastle, Indiana

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Dear Sir:

I don't understand why UK continues to schedule Indiana in basketball. Bobby Knight has become an embarrassment to college basketball, so let's stop patronizing him. Let him take his distaste for the UK program elsewhere. We shouldn't have to listen to it in Rupp Arena.

Tom Howell
APO New York

Thank Goodness Football Season's Over

Sloan's The Right Man For Bama A.D. Job

Humorist Will Rogers said he'd never met a man he didn't like. Another fellow later commented that he'd once had a wife who felt the same way, but that's another story.

The point is that in September I've never seen a football game I didn't like. But at this time of the year, after watching 10 or 11 football games in person, and Lord knows how many on television, I'm footballled out.

Filled with football to the ears! Kapoot! Finished! Bored! Enough already!

Perhaps it was the meaningless and generally boring bowl games



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

that did it. Iowa and San Diego State was a honey and the Ole Miss-Texas Tech game wasn't too bad.

But most of the TV "spectaculars" were dull, dull, dull, topped off by the worst Orange Bowl in years.

When I was broadcasting SEC games and would get a bad one, that is a non-competitive game, we would joke in the booth during a commercial break that we could hear radios clicking off all over the South.

Well, during the Oklahoma-Arkansas debacle, the din of TV sets being switched to other channels must have sounded like a swamp full of crickets. Everywhere!

The fact is that unless you have a Penn State-Miami matchup, interest in bowl games has become primarily regional. How on fire do you think the west coast was to see LSU-Nebraska or Ohio State-Texas A&M, or the 15 or so others that paraded across your screen during the month of December? If the action didn't grab the viewer



Dean Perfect Man To Run Show At LSU

quickly with early scores and spectacular play, it was "click, click" time in most homes.

So the college season has mercifully ended and it's on to the Super Bowl, basketball and all that other good stuff that winter brings. A couple of comments about this past year, if you please.

Bama Press Not Crying Over Perkins' Departure

Alabama's Ray Perkins did a good job on the field and as an administrator, but there won't be too many members of the press sorry to see him go.

Perkins, at a press conference, could be rude and sarcastic. He seemed to delight in cutting down some poor writer or broadcaster, who, by asking what Perkins considered a damn fool question, was really only trying to do his job.

It's the young ones he burned with his tongue because their sheer

innocence led them into asking lightweight questions. But instead of being patient with them, Perkins humiliated them in front of their peers.

Older, more experienced writers stayed out of his trap. When you're winning you can get away with this attitude. When you're losing, woe unto you because the press takes care of its own. Fortunately for Perkins, he did not lose the past two years.

In hiring Steve Sloan as athletic director, Alabama has gone the other way. In my 20 years in the SEC, Steve Sloan, with whom I worked with for five years, earned my respect as one of the nicest, most decent men I have ever known. He will be outstanding as an administrator. This man is everything someone in his position should be. Alabama's fortunes are in good hands.

I don't know new coach Bill Curry, but if he and Sloan are tight, that's good enough for me.

One other note about college administrators. *Sports Illustrated* ran a story endorsing Joe Dean for the job of athletic director at LSU.

Comedian and my good friend, Jerry Clower, during a troubled time once wrote a letter on my behalf which he started by saying, "I know I don't have a dog in the fight, but. . ."

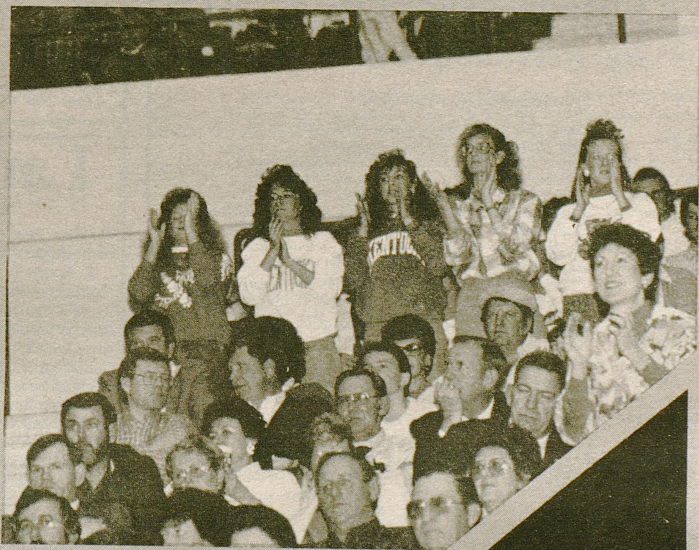
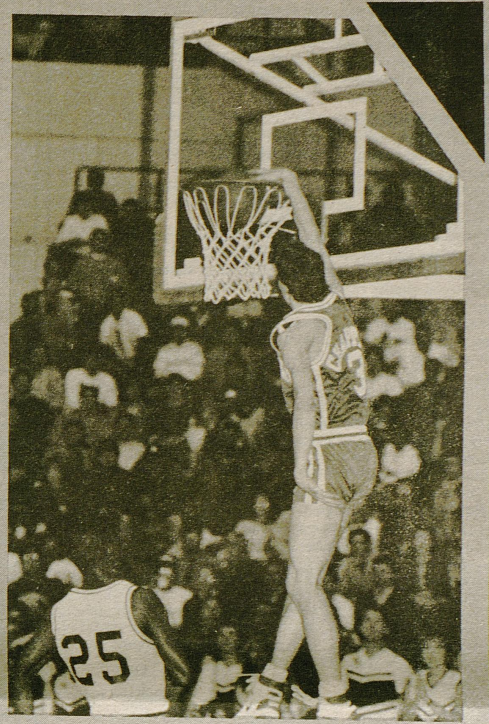
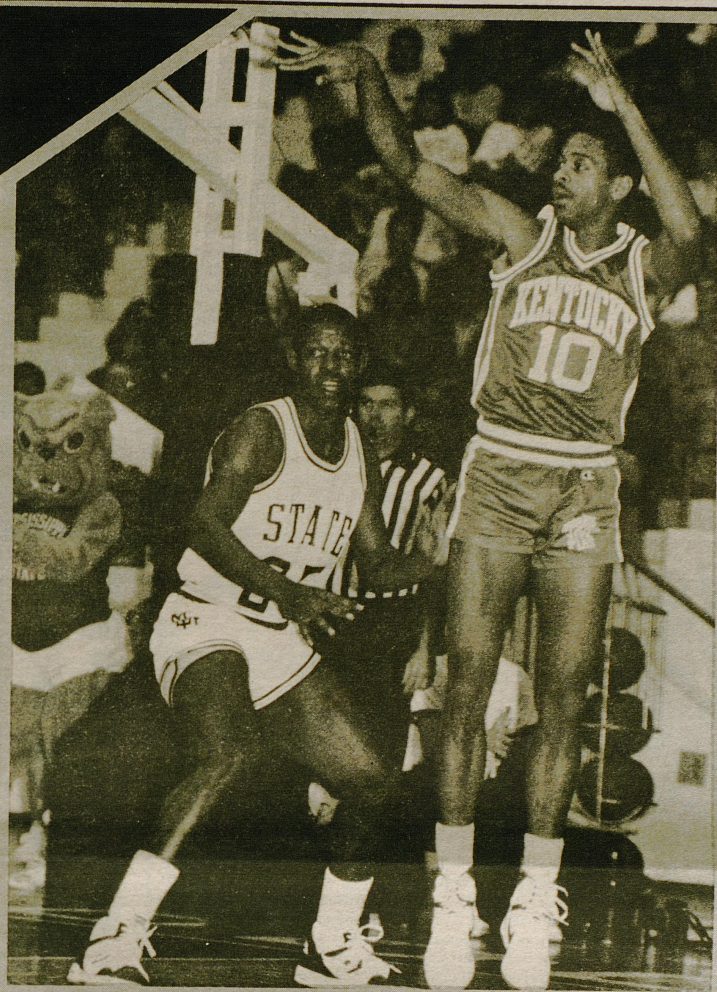
That's the way I feel about the situation at LSU. I know I don't have a dog in the fight, but if there's a number two spot behind Steve Sloan on my list of most admired men in college athletics, it would most likely be filled by Joe Dean.

The man is a decent, honest, respected human being with friends everywhere and not an enemy in the world.

If he were to take over at Tiger Town, it would be a strong signal to LSU fans everywhere that Mickey Mouse had moved out of Baton Rouge.

Not For Broadcast

Vanderbilt's **C.M. Newton** ranks 11th in the nation in wins with 451 coming into the new year. . . **Ed Murphy** is in the process of proving that coaching does win basketball games. The new Ole Miss leader has apparently made the Rebels a team to be respected in the SEC. . . Newton says that Ole Miss, Tennessee and his own Vanderbilt team are the most improved clubs in the league. . . When **Auburn** opened this season against UAB, it marked the first time in 52 games that coach **Sonny Smith** had made a change in his starting lineup. For the better part of two seasons, **Chuck Person**, **Chris Morris**, **Jeff Moore**, **Frank Ford** and **Gerald White** started every game. That lineup won 37 and lost 21. . . Add to attendance mysteries. The capacity at the **University of Georgia Coliseum** is listed as 11,200. The largest crowd in the Dawgs' history was 13,200 against Georgia Tech in 1964. You figure it out—and then don't tell the fire marshals. . . In a recent game at **Ole Miss**, Jackson State scored only six points in the first half. Needless to say, that was a new record at Tad Smith Coliseum for the fewest points in one half. The previous record was 10, set by Mississippi State in 1982. Incidentally, the Rebels beat Jackson State 58-36. . . **Florida's Vernon Maxwell**, through mid-December, had scored in double figures in 46 consecutive games. . . Aim your satellite dish at **Westar V** if you're a basketball fan. SEC highlights are being shown each Friday morning from 10 to 10:30 a.m. EST. . . **Tony White** may become the fourth **Tennessee** player to score more than 2,000 points in his career. He needs less than 400 for the balance of the season. He has no chance to catch the Vols' all-time leader **Ernie Grunfeld**. Grunfeld scored 2,249 in his career. . . **Kentucky's** basketball record through the years is astounding. 1,413 wins, only 441 losses. Winning percentage, 76.2. Marvelous! . . . **Pat Dye** says that the 1986 **Auburn** football team came as close to playing to its full potential as any team he's ever had at the school. . . **Alabama** took 110 players to the Sun Bowl in El Paso, and less than 300 fans. . . **Milton Gordon**, **Tennessee's** fine linebacker, was playing around with a gun when he was in high school. The gun fired and the bullet hit him in the rib cage, bounced off and lodged in his chest just below his collarbone. Doctors wanted to perform surgery immediately, but Gordon said no. "We had a game the next night," Gordon said. "I told them to put the operation off for a couple of days." The medics said no further damage was likely so his trainer put gauze and tape over the wound and Gordon played the game with the bullet in him. "It kind of stung a little when I would hit somebody with that shoulder," Gordon said with a shrug. "And there was a little bleeding. Nothing major." . . **The Last Word** again goes to **LSU** basketball coach **Dale Brown**, the most quotable coach in history. Following his recent 10 point defeat to Ole Miss Brown said: "I think this is a perfect case of work ethic beating the unemployed and the freeloader. The work ethic Ole Miss displayed tonight beat our unemployment line and our union mentality to carry just one piece of steel instead of three because the job will last longer." Roughly translated, that's Dale's way of saying his team is lazy.



Bob Watkins

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itis has struck and kept Arnold's team out of the rankings. "We're still probing, still searching (for the right combinations)," Arnold said after the UAB win. "One guy I think is going to have to get more playing time is Fred Tisdale." One pleasant surprise has been sophomore guard Brett McNeal who shoots the 3-point shot as effectively as some of the best in the country.

Louisville football

We will know for sure on Feb. 11 when the NCAA national signing period begins, but word from coach Howard Schnellenberger's camp is that recruiting is going well. "We expect to announce what may be Louisville's best (recruiting) class ever, including some very solid quarterbacks," Ron Steiner, top aid to Schnellenberger, said last week.

"Under the rules you can have 95 kids visit your school and last year we had maybe 85," Steiner said. "But so far this year as many as 120 have expressed interest in visiting UofL."

"And the quality of kids coming in is higher than it has been too," he added. "For instance, we have one quarterback who is considering Michigan, Ohio State, and two other schools like that, and Louisville. So, that's encouraging."

A year ago UL signed 29 players. Schnellenberger expects to sign "28 or 29 this time," Steiner said.

What about the damage done by speculation recently connecting Schnellenberger as a candidate for jobs at Alabama, then Florida State, and the Atlanta Falcons.

"It seemed to hurt us locally, but it helped nationally," Steiner said.

How's that?

"Exposure," he said.

Hmmm.

UL's schedule is set for next season. The Cardinals open at home Sept 5 against Tulane. Cincinnati visits Sept. 12. UL is on the road to Purdue Sept. 19 followed by an open date Sept. 26. Southern Mississippi visits Cardinal Stadium Oct. 3 ahead of road games at Wyoming Oct. 10 and Florida State Oct. 17.

The Cards host Akron and coach Gerry Faust Oct. 24 ahead of three straight road games at Tulsa Oct. 31, Tennessee Nov. 7 and Memphis State Nov. 14. Louisville closes at home Nov. 21 against Western Kentucky.

Parting shot

From John Feinstein's "A Season On The Brink," Indiana guard Stew Robinson, explaining to Coach Bob Knight why he could not be in bed at 10 one evening: As part of one of his courses, Robinson said he had to attend a play.

"The old 'I have to go to a play routine,' huh, Stew?" Knight said grinning. "Who are you going with?"

"Myself," Robinson answered.

Knight: "You sure you aren't going with a girl?"

"Sure."

"You better be sure," the coach said, "because if one of my friends who is going to that play tells me you're there with a girl, you'll be in big trouble."

"What friends of yours are going?" Robinson asked.

"None of your damned business."

And so it goes. ■

LSU-Kentucky

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Georgia Tech. That's the only evaluation I have. I would think five teams (SEC minimum) would go to the NCAAs". . . Sunday's televised battle was the national announcing debut of former Wildcat coach **Joe B. Hall**. Hall and play-by-play man **Al Michaels** covered the contest for ABC. . . More on Sutton and the 35-point outcome. "This was a fluke. Like the Louisville game was a fluke. We could play the game 100 times and no way they would beat us like that again." . . Sutton on the debut of **Mike Scott**. "He played alright. Nikita (Wilson) hit some big-time shots on him. He hit some shots on Mike that I'm not sure he would hit every night. We played him about as much as we felt like we could. He played alright tonight." Sutton on the loss and rest of the season. "It just counts as one 'L.' Hey, we beat Florida the other night; Florida is good. They are one of the 20 best teams in the country. I still think this ballclub has a chance to be pretty good, but we're going to be up and down. Hopefully, never down like this again." . . LSU could and should have led by more than six (uh, four points) at halftime. The Tigers missed eight attempts within two feet of the cylinder in the first 20 minutes. . . Center **Nikita Wilson** didn't score his first bucket until 11:18 in the second half. However his 10-footer was the first of five consecutive goals by the senior. . . Guard **Ed Davender** committed a game-high seven turnovers. Center **Rob Lock** and freshman **Rex Chapman** were guilty of six and four miscues, respectively. . . While doing an outstanding job on Chapman, at the other end of the court **Bernard Woodside** dished out eight assists. . . Lock and **James Blackmon** pulled down six boards apiece to lead the 'Cats. UK was outrebounded by the Tigers, 37-26. . . Taking the last 6:44 of the Florida game along with the loss to LSU and Kentucky has been outscored, **98-44**. Ouch!



Nick Nicholas

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Well, Davender says White is the best he's played against. Harden, on the other hand, is more impressed with Coner, Davender, Blackmon and Chapman. I'm sure you'll get an argument from Norm Sloan or Sonny Smith if you happen to leave off their fine guards from consideration.

Moten and Maxwell are potentially the league's most talented backcourt act. Last season in every contest either Moten or Maxwell led the Gators in scoring. The M & M connection outscored their starting SEC backcourt opponents 678-374 while helping the Gators earn a trip to the NIT.

When it comes to quality backcourt experience in the SEC the Ford-and-White tandem quickly comes to mind. Before this season Ford started in 97 of 98 possible games, while White was penciled in 91 times. During that stretch Auburn totaled an impressive win-loss record of 64-34. This season Ford and White hope to guide the Tigers to their fourth consecutive trip to the NCAA.

If White doesn't have any recurring back problems, then there's not another backcourt in the league with more experience and savvy than Auburn's. When the NCAA tourney rolls around look for White and Ford to end their collegiate careers on a high note.

Anybody else want to throw in their two cents?

"It is the 'Year of the Guards,'" said UK assistant Dwane Casey.

"You have two excellent guards at Florida, and there are some excellent guards at Vanderbilt in (Barry) Goheen and Barry Booker. You also have excellent guards at Auburn. Tony White is an excellent player.

"We (UK coaches) feel like we have a stable of very good guards in Ed, Rex, James, Paul (Andrews) and Derrick (Miller)."

"When you've got great guards, then you can do a lot of things," said Sutton.

No matter who you think is the best, whether its White, Davender, Maxwell, Chapman, or someone else from this crop of excellent SEC playmakers, this season in the SEC is "The year of the guard."

I don't think you'd get an argument from any one in regards to that.

Larry Vaught

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of-intent Feb. 11 and Kentucky still does not have a verbal commitment from one of the state's best players.

If Kentucky doesn't land tight end Frank Jacobs of Newport Catholic, wide receiver Eddie Thomas of Ft. Knox or tight end Jeff Ellis of Louisville Male, the Wildcats have serious problems. Those are three big-time players and UK must have that type of talent to compete in the Southeastern Conference. If all three leave the state, and it could happen, it would be a major blow to the UK program.

Already lineman Walter Underwood of Louisville has picked Alabama over Kentucky. Thomas likes Georgia while Jacobs is being heavily courted by national champion Penn State, Notre Dame and Boston College. Ellis also has his choice of schools.

Coach Jerry Claiborne better trot out all his big guns the next two weeks to land at least two of the state's top three players. Maybe even a phone call from Sutton or Rex Chapman, who did pick UK over other national basketball powers, would help impress Jacobs, Thomas and Ellis. It certainly couldn't hurt.

B/C's Cronauer Rates The Country's Top Recruiting Classes

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- Daryl Duncan, 6-7, Blinn, Texas—Texas A&M
- Jeff Huffmon, 6-6, Vincennes, Ind.—Idaho
- Bruce Moore, 6-6, Louisburg, N.C.—Hardin-Simmons
- Richard Sutherland, 6-6, Paducah, Ky.—Samford
- Oscar Moore, 6-6, North Florida, Fla.—Mercer
- Kevin McIlwain, 6-6, North Arkansas, Ark.—Nicholls State
- John Harless, 6-5, Modesto, Calif.—New Mexico State
- Richard Hollis, 6-5, New Mexico, N.M.—Houston
- Carlos Diggins, 6-4, Butler County, Kan.—Kansas State
- Willie Joseph, 6-3, Cerritos, Calif.—New Mexico State
- Dale Spears, 6-3, South Florida, Fla.—American University
- Al Lewis, 6-2, Diablo Valley, Calif.—St. Mary's (Calif.)
- Johnny Payton, 6-1, Northeast Mississippi, Miss.—Mississippi
- Chris Spencer, 6-1, Casper, Wyo.—Pan American
- Rene Glover, 6-0, Allen County, Kan.—Kansas State
- Lorenzo Nash, 6-0, Vincennes, Ind.—Idaho
- Jamie Farr, 5-10, Northwest, Wyo.—Creighton
- Tim Tillery, 5-8, St. Petersburg, Fla.—Eckerd

- JUNIORS Lee Mayberry, 6-2, Tulsa Will Rogers, Okla.—Tulsa
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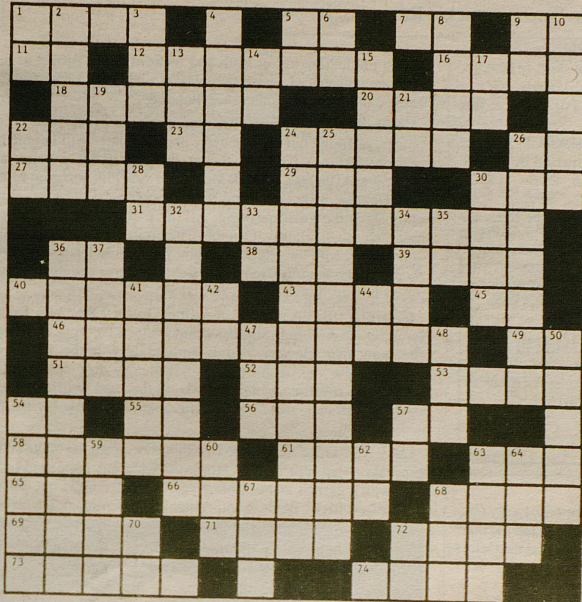
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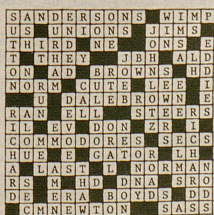
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WILDCAT AWARD WINNERS THROUGH THE YEARS (No. 1)

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Won Fewest Turnovers honors in '82 & '83 | 1 Initials of 3-year letterman Thompson |
| 5 Initials of Academic All-American Mike of '71 | 2 Shows you your seat |
| 7 Initials of last Cat to gain All-Southern Conference honors; Ellis | 3 Price |
| 9 Initials of '83 Scholastic Award winner Derrick | 4 '75 Academic All-American Wildcat |
| 11 Initials of '77 & '78 letterman Tim | 5 Initials of Academic All-American Mike of '70 |
| 12 Namesakes of first Cat to enter Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame | 6 Initials of a 2-time consensus All-American |
| 16 Water | 8 1st 4-time All-SEC Cat for Rupp; Tingle |
| 18 Entry to Hall of Fame came in '78 | 9 Initials of only 4-time winner of Best Defensive Player Award |
| 20 Sense of what to do or say | 10 A two-time All-SEC Cat |
| 22 Robey the Cats in rebounds in three seasons | 11 1st name of '69 & '70 Leadership Award winner |
| 23 Tavern | 14 Initials of Larry; won 110 Percentor Award in '72 |
| 24 First name of 58 Across | 15 Namesakes of 71 Across |
| 26 Initials of All-SEC Cat in Rupp's last season and Hall's first | 17 Initials of early-'50s Cat Lou |
| 27 Black bird | 19 Much fuss |
| 29 Masculine name | 21 Indefinite article |
| 30 Relative | 22 Initials of first Cat to earn Academic All-SEC honors twice |
| 31 Awarded Olympic Gold | 24 1st to win Leadership Award three times |
| 36 I | 25 Last Best FT Shooter winner for Rupp |
| 38 Cape | 26 1st Best Defensive Player winner 3 times |
| 39 Middle East country | 28 Pac-10 state abbr. |
| 40 Earned MVP honors in 3 seasons | 30 '72 Most Assists award winner Key |
| 43 Football action | 32 Award winner in classroom and on court |
| 45 See 55 Across | 33 Abbr. for a Big Ten state |
| 46 1st 3-time All-SEC for coach Hall | 34 2-time Best Defensive winner Flynn |
| 49 Abbr. for "on-line" | 35 Symbol for "Iridium" |
| 51 Ages | 36 Won 1st Shively Memorial Plaque ('67) |
| 52 Friend | 37 Always |
| 53 Masculine/feminine name | 41 Billy earned Olympic Gold in '56 |
| 54 Initials of '78 & '79 Best Defensive Cat award winner | 42 Symbol for "tin" |
| 55 Abbr. for "Nova Scotia" | 44 Initials of 3-time Academic All-SEC Cat Chuck |
| 56 Feminine name | 47 Abbr. for grade scores |
| 57 Initials of 1st Cat All-American of '50s | 48 Abbr. for football measurements |
| 58 1st 3-time All-SEC Cat of the '50s | 50 First name of 26 Down |
| 61 Tune | 54 and field |
| 63 Deface | 57 Initials of '75 Academic All-Amer. Bob |
| 65 "Cool" cucumber | 59 Shopping |
| 66 Dormant | 60 Asian ox |
| 68 Earned MVP honors twice | 62 Abbr. for a Bible part |
| 69 Prison feature | 63 Only 3-time Leadership Award winner |
| 71 Leadership Award was won in '72 | 64 Card type |
| 72 Gait | 67 Big |
| 73 Academic All-American honors came in '79 | 68 Abbr. for a midwestern conference |
| 74 Only 3-time winner of Best Varsity FT Shooter Award | 70 Initials of '35 All-SEC Cat Edwards |
| | 72 Initials of '66 Freshman Leadership Award winner Phil |

Last Week's Answers



Meet The Press

Sutton Still Optimistic About Club's Chances Despite Poor SEC Start, Picks Florida And Alabama As League Favorites

By Mike Estep

After arriving back home from the only two-game road trip Kentucky will make this season, Eddie Sutton had these tidbits to serve up from his weekly press conference last Tuesday, the day before his 'Cats were to take on the Florida Gators.



Ups and downs: After getting off to a 2-3 start in league play, Sutton once again said it's going to be an up and down season with his club.

"We're going to struggle a little bit, I've said that all along," Sutton said. "There are nights when we can play with anybody in college basketball, there are nights when probably the lower 10 percent can beat us, and I think that's already been proven thus far."

"Last night in our ballgame with Mississippi State, I thought we did some things well and some things not very well. And I think that's gonna be the way it is until we get a very established inside attack. When you depend on outside shooting, you're gonna be up and down. There are moments in a basketball game when you play well, and there are

"I think everybody got the idea, 'Well, it's gonna be a tough season.' Then we beat Louisville and everybody gets their optimism up. We're gonna be a good basketball team on given nights, but on other evenings we're not gonna play that well. I think that's already been established."

Never say die: Although Sutton admitted Kentucky is struggling right now and hasn't played up to par in the conference, he added that he thought the 'Cats could still be a contender for the regular season title.

"I don't think you ever give up 'til the fat lady sings her song," Sutton said. "I mean we were 1-3 at Arkansas and we won out, and won the championship. And so until it's impossible for you to win, I don't think you ever give up."

"This ballclub's gonna get better, there's no doubt in my mind. I told our staff this morning, if you say all the prayers you can say this week, go to church and say some Hail Mary's and if we can win over Florida and LSU and go down to Vanderbilt and win then we're right back in it."

"And the thing you've gotta remember is they gotta play each other—Alabama's gotta play Florida twice. What one has to do is take



Sutton: Don't Count Us Out 'Till Fat Lady Sings Her Song'

going to be moments when you get in the depths of the valley. That happened at Tennessee when they ran off 14 points in a row on us. If I had 25 timeouts I could stop that, but they only give us five.

"I was happy to get out with a win last evening, I'd rather play poorly and win than play well and lose. You're gonna hear me say that a lot of times."

"If you analyze the game, and it's a 40-minute game, we probably played maybe 27 minutes of good basketball and 13 minutes that I'd like to put in a horror film. We're just inconsistent right now, in my opinion."

False alarm: Sutton said that the fact that Kentucky has gotten out of the gate slowly in the conference race just goes to show you how much the Wildcats played over their heads against Louisville.

"I keep saying, 'Be patient, we're gonna be up and down.' It's gonna be that type of a season. We're not gonna be overpowering. I think a lot of false alarms went out after we beat Louisville like we did, and that was a fluke—to beat 'em by 34 points. I think all of us realize that. We're not that much better than Louisville. I'd say we're a little bit better, but not that much better."

care of their own business. That's why it's very, very important that we do that."

Alabama, Florida... and the seven dwarfs: In handicapping the SEC race thus far, Sutton said Alabama and Florida, who were tied for first place with 4-0 records going into last Wednesday's games, stand above the rest of the league.

"The league, I think Florida and Alabama are up here," Sutton said, raising his hand to eye level, "they're on a higher level than anybody (else) in the conference. I think Florida and Alabama are better than anybody. Then I think there's seven teams that are all about the same. I think Mississippi State is the weakest ballclub in the league. But I think those other seven teams, it depends on who plays well that given evening and who shoots the ball well, that's who's gonna win. Hopefully we'll get better."

And if he had to choose one of those two teams to be the favorite?

"Pick 'em. That's what it says in the newspaper every day, pick 'em," Sutton said. "They're both very fine basketball teams. And they're both deserving to be in the Top

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ten, and we voted 'em in the Top Ten this week."

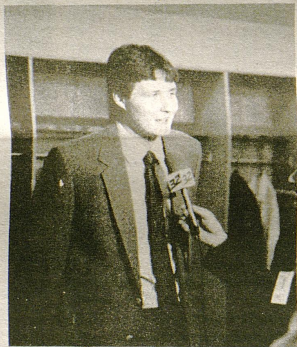
Still on the mend: When asked if injured Cedric Jenkins is ready to see 25 or 30 minutes of game action after suffering a stress fracture in his foot, Sutton said, "I don't think so. It may be another couple of weeks before he can do that."

"I had a visit with (UK team physician Dr. Michael) Ray, and he tells me that physically, he's OK. But there's still pain. Everybody in this room has a pain tolerance. And I visited with (Jenkins) and his father on Sunday in Knoxville, and I told Cedric, 'I know it's painful, I know it hurts. But you've got to play through pain,' I said. 'Here's (David) Rivers, who a lot of people thought wasn't even gonna play for Notre Dame this year (after being injured in an auto accident), but he's played through pain. And you have to do the same.'"

"And I thought last evening (against Mississippi State), he displayed that."

Cats' paws: Sutton was asked to comment on the development of Mike Scott, the 6-10 transfer who will be eligible to suit up for Kentucky Sunday when the 'Cats take on LSU.

"Mike Scott has played very well (in practice), in my opinion and in the opinion of our staff," the coach said. "He's in pretty good condition, he's not in tip-top condition right



Mike Scott—Mr. Soft Paws

now because he's been off for over a year. But he's got great hands. I love those paws. He's got soft paws. He can shoot the basketball, when the defense collapses he can fan the ball to the open person because he's got great passing instincts. So there's no doubt Mike Scott is gonna help this basketball team."

Chapmania: Sutton continues to marvel at freshman Rex Chapman's ability to cope with all the media and fan attention he's receiving lately and still be able to play good basketball.

"Rex Chapman has had more pressure put on him than any freshman in the history of Kentucky basketball," Sutton said. "I think he's handled it quite well. He's an outstanding basketball player, but he is a freshman. If you look across the country at how many freshmen are playing in big-time programs, there aren't that many, if they're winning."

In addition to being a marked man on the court, Chapman has been a hot commodity in the eyes of the national media, receiving numerous interview requests each day and having his picture featured on the cover of a recent issue of *Sports Illustrated*.

"I believe that he's handling it quite well with his teammates, and I think his teammates have handled it well. I think that's important."

"How many times does a freshman come in and be on *Sports Illustrated's* front cover and get a feature article written on him?"

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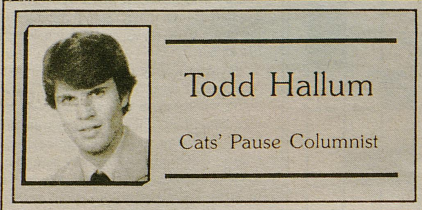
'Bama, Florida Earn Early-Season A's

So Far, Kentucky Receives B

As the Southeastern Conference basketball race starts to heat up, time has come to pass out the mid-term grades. Already you can see winning at home hasn't been an easy chore. For instance, just ask Vanderbilt or Kentucky.

Vandy was flying high, opening its conference slate with an upset over host LSU. Later the Commodores were surprised by in-state rival Tennessee. Don DeVoe's club shocked the 'Dores 81-72 in Nashville.

Although Kentucky has won two league games on the road, the 'Cats have been stung by both Georgia and Alabama at home. Hard



to figure, isn't it?

UK and Vandy, however, are not the only exceptions. Every conference school except Alabama and Florida (prior to Jan. 14) has already suffered a home-court defeat. Because 'Bama and the Gators have yet to taste a home defeat, both teams receive the only "A's" in the conference.

The only "excellent" marks have been earned by two of the most experienced teams in the conference. Alabama starts three seniors, one junior, and a sophomore. Down in Gatorville, UF lines up with two seniors, two juniors, and a freshman.

Now let's hand out the report cards.

Alabama, (A)—Has earned the distinction of being the best team in the league so far. In fact, after 'Bama's convincing 14-point conquest over Kentucky in Rupp Arena, UK's Eddie Sutton said he really likes Wimp Sanderson's ballclub and would love to coach the 1987 edition of the Crimson Tide. Experience played an important role in 'Bama's road victory at UK. Every time Kentucky would make a run at the Tide in the second half, the visitors responded with key baskets by veterans Derrick McKey and Jim Farmer. Though it still might be too early to tell, Sanderson's club looks to have the best *team* chemistry he's had in quite some time. In fact, this team is playing better than last year's team though Wimp is afraid to admit it. 'Bama is the premier team in the SEC.

Florida, (A)—Recognized as one of the preseason favorites in the league race, Norm Sloan's team has quietly gone about its business and climbed to the top of the standings. Freshman Dwayne Schintizius has made his presence felt as a shot blocker in the paint. Along with Schintizius, Florida has three-point artillery of the M&M gang—Andrew Moten and Vernon Maxwell—in addition to sharpshooting forward Joe Lawrence. Earlier in the season Florida was on a roll putting together an eight-game win streak earning a Top Twenty position before losing to California in the Rainbow Classic. The key question is whether Schintizius can be enough of a force in the middle to compensate for an otherwise average front line.

'Cats Bring Home "B"

Kentucky, (B)—You have to give Eddie Sutton credit for keeping UK afloat in the upper half of the league standings. Without a bonafide inside game, Sutton has mixed and matched his way with a team which mainly relies on two freshman guards for scoring. Road victories over Louisville and Auburn are strong reasons why Sutton is one of the premier coaches in the business. Sutton for the most part has received all-out efforts from Rob Lock and Richard Madison, but both are not going to play well every night unless some relief from the bench is provided. That's where a healthy Cedric Jenkins and transfer Mike Scott come into the picture. As the season progresses, Jenkins and Scott will enable Madison and Lock to catch a breather or two on the bench. Both Lock and Madison are not effective when they are tired. Rex Chapman has been sensational at times but still has yet to learn the ropes of playing in the SEC. With the help of a healthy Jenkins and Mike Scott, UK should make a late run for another SEC crown.

Tennessee, (B)—Tony White, Tony White, Tony White. He has been absolutely phenomenal this season and has showed why he is the best guard in the SEC. If a game is anywhere close, White has the ability to take a game into his own hands and score 30 points on any given night. Like UK, the Vols have a suspect inside game. Though 6-11 center Doug Roth has improved, he has yet to prove to be an intimidator on a consistent basis. Dyron Nix's play has been a pleasant surprise for coach Don DeVoe. But can DeVoe get

enough production out of Roth and forward Elvin Brown to be a legitimate contender? Those two players will decide how far Tennessee can go in the conference standings.

Vanderbilt, (B)—Vandy was one of the surprise teams in the country, storming out of the gates with a 9-1 start. Will Perdue has been outstanding, averaging better than 18 points a game and challenging Alabama's Derrick McKey for All-SEC honors at center. Barry Goheen, Scott Draud and Barry Booker have given the 'Dores solid play at the guard position. All three can break a game open from three-point country. Can this Cinderella story continue? Help is on the way with the return of Bobby Westbrook (Vandy's leading rebounder last season). He is back following an elbow injury which caused him to miss a month of action.

Georgia, (B)—Academic casualties Toney Mack and Patrick Hamilton have all but eliminated any chance Georgia had in the conference race. However, Hugh Durham has kept the 'Dogs from going into the tank with a near upset victory over Auburn (OT) and a 64-63 overtime win over LSU on the road. Durham's keen coaching will have the Dogs playing a spoiler's role for the rest of the season.

LSU, (C)—Once again Dale Brown has been talking about retirement. But what else is new. However, what has happened to his team which earned a spot in last year's Final Four. First, Brown lost forward Ricky Blanton and center Zoran Jovanovich who both



Brown Has His Work Cut Out For Him

went down for the season because of knee injuries. Secondly, Brown's team has played a tougher schedule than in the past. Already LSU has played TCU (SWC favorite), Georgia Tech, New Orleans and Oklahoma. But this team is capable of playing better basketball. Center Jose Vargas has displayed glimpses of greatness with a 33-point performance against Florida and a 20-point outing at Oklahoma. Brown's motivational tactics are dearly needed for the 'Tigers to get back into the thick of the league race.

Sonny's Boys Can Improve; Deserve "C" Mark

Auburn, (C-plus)—Here's a team that has yet to live up to its potential in the early going of the SEC schedule. Though the Tigers are now getting situated with the return of point guard Gerald White (ailing back), Auburn still has been inconsistent. The Tigers are going to have to learn how to handle the big-time status of being a nationally ranked club. One disturbing note was how the team handled itself in the closing minutes of the 63-60 loss to Kentucky. Although behind by a couple baskets in the last five minutes of the game, Auburn seemed to panic and threw up too many ill-advised three-point shots. They say patience is a virtue and that's definitely the case for Sonny Smith's team.

Ole Miss, (B)—New coach Ed Murphy has demonstrated he can bring success to the Oxford school. In fact, the Rebels captured the Holiday Bowl Classic in San Diego. Junior college transfer Charles Prater has been a nice surprise at guard as well as the play of forward Eric Smith and Roderick Barnes. Upending Ole Miss in Oxford won't be an easy assignment for any SEC squad. Meanwhile, Murphy's team needs a few road wins to build its confidence.

Mississippi State, (D)—The dormat team of the SEC so far has been Richard Williams' Bulldogs. MSU doesn't possess a single scorer to help propel its weak offensive machine. What has happened to guard Tracy Taylor? Last season Taylor was one of the better backcourt players in the SEC, but has yet to give MSU the offensive punch it needs from a veteran and proven performer.

'Cats Jump Out By 23, Hang On To Beat UF 67-62

By Mike Estep

Inconsistency. That's what UK basketball coach Eddie Sutton has been preaching from his basketball pulpit all season. His young, inexperienced team will come out one night and play like one of the top teams in the country, as they did in the Louisville game at Freedom Hall. Another night they come out and don't have the intensity, and don't play well at all, as they did in their loss to Georgia.

"We're going to struggle a little bit, I've said that all along," Sutton said in his weekly press conference one day before his 'Cats took the court against Florida. "There are nights when we can play with anybody in college basketball, there are nights when probably the lower 10 percent can beat us, and I think that's already been proven thus far."

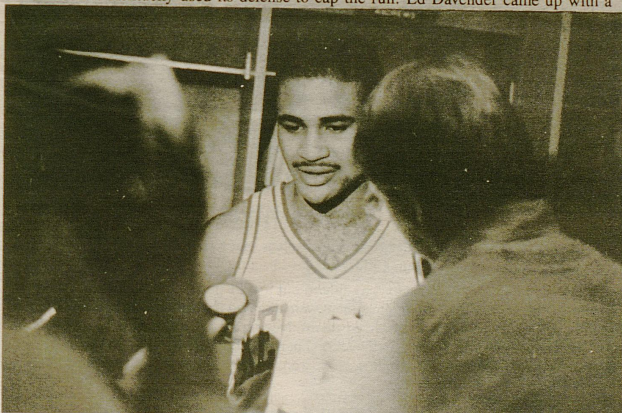
"Last night in our ballgame with Mississippi State, I thought we did some things well and some things not very well. And I think that's gonna be the way it is until we get a very established inside attack. When you depend on outside shooting, you're gonna be up and down."

The next night, Sutton turned out to be a prophet. For the opening 34 minutes against Florida, which came into the game in a flatfooted tie with Alabama for the conference lead, Kentucky played its best basketball of the season. The 'Cats raced out to a 63-40 advantage with 6:44 remaining in the game, only to go scoreless until Ed Davender followed a missed free throw with just :25 left on the clock. In the meantime, Florida reeled off 17 unanswered points to cut the lead down to just six, and eventually cut the margin to just three when Vernon Maxwell hit a three-pointer with :10 to play. Kentucky wasn't out of the woods until senior reserve Paul Andrews sank both ends of a one-and-one with :07 left in the game.

"I'm happy we won," Sutton said following the game, "because it was a big game for us. If we can win Sunday (against LSU), and go down to Nashville and beat Vanderbilt, then I think we're right back in the (SEC) race. I really believe that the team that can hold the losses to four will win the league, in my opinion."

UK Defense Sparks Early Run

Kentucky came out of the gate quickly, jumping out to a 13-1 lead with 14:58 to play in the first half. Rex Chapman got the scoring underway with an eight-foot jumper from the right baseline. And after Chapman fed Richard Madison a conventional three-point play to make it 5-1, the freshman phenom hit two long range bombers to stretch the lead to 11-1. Kentucky used its defense to cap the run. Ed Davender came up with a



Andrews Talks To Reporters After Game-Winning FTs

steal at midcourt, passed it to Chapman, who hit a streaking Rob Lock for a layup that put Kentucky on top 13-1.

Kentucky was content to trade baskets from that point on, and went into the locker-room at the half with a 33-21 lead.

"Defense, defense," Sutton said when asked why Kentucky was able to get out to such a quick start. "Our defense was excellent. It has been all season."

Indeed, Kentucky's swarming defense completely shut down the high-octane Gators in the first half, forcing them to shoot just 27.6 percent (eight of 29) from the field. And Norm Sloan's club, which is one of the league's best from three-point range, could connect on just one of seven bonus attempts in the first 20 minutes for 14.3 percent.

At the break, Florida's high-scoring trio of Maxwell, Andrew Moten and Dwayne Schintzius converted only four of 20 field goal attempts and had just 10 points between them.

The Wildcat defense continued to dominate until late in the second half. Up by 23 at 63-40 with just under seven minutes to play, Kentucky decided to take the air out of the ball and work some time off the clock.

Long Dry Spell Nearly Cost 'Cats The Game

That's when Florida used some defense of its own, and the outside shooting of Maxwell, to get back into the ballgame.

Florida employed a sticky man-to-man all over the court and hounded the 'Cats into numerous turnovers. Maxwell scored 11 of his game-high 26 points in the 17-0 Gator run, and suddenly, UF was back in the game, trailing just 63-57. And they got even

closer. After Chapman missed the front end of a bonus situation with :25 seconds to play, Davender snuck into the lane and made a twisting, reverse layup to give Kentucky some breathing room at 65-57. But Maxwell converted a pair of foul shots and then stole a long inbounds pass, took it the length of the floor and hit a three-pointer from the top of the key to trim the margin to three with :09 to play.

Andrews then hit a pair from the charity line to clinch the win for Kentucky, lifting the 'Cats to 9-4 overall and 3-3 in the conference. Florida dropped to 12-4 and 4-1. "I thought for 33 minutes, we played about as well as we can play the game of basketball," Sutton said. "And the last seven (minutes), we struggled a little bit."

"Late (in the game), as I told our players, I thought our intensity level went from about here, down to here," Sutton added, first placing his hand above his head and then lowering it considerably. "And when we don't play hard, we're asking for problems."

"But Florida's a very fine basketball team. They're a Top Twenty ballclub. Their team responded in a very competitive manner."

Gator-Wildcat Tidbits

By holding Florida to just 62 points, Kentucky was able to keep the potent Gator offense nearly 30 points under its average. Florida had been averaging just over 90 points per game coming in. . . For the game, Kentucky shot 52.2 percent from the field (24 of 46) and 33.3 percent from three-point range (four of 12). Florida shot just 35.3 percent from the floor for the contest (24 of 68) and 23.5 percent from beyond the three-point line (four of 17). . . Despite the hot shooting from the field, Kentucky continued to have its problems from the foul line, converting just 15 of 31, prompting coach **Edie Sutton** to say, "I'm gonna let my wife **Patsy** teach free throw shooting from now

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE

Date Jan. 14/87 Site Lexington, Ky.

VISITORS (Last Name, First)

No.	Name	Pos	pts	fg	ft	tr	pf	tp	st	bl	sk	min
21	Kenny McClary	f	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	6	4
4	Joe Lawrence	f	2	7	1	4	1	3	2	1	3	0
33	Dwayne Schintzius	c	3	14	0	0	1	2	2	2	4	5
5	Andrew Moten	g	4	11	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	5
11	Vernon Maxwell	g	9	21	2	10	6	8	0	0	0	5
00	Ronnie Montgomery	g	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
13	Pat Lawrence	f	1	7	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
22	Chris Copers	f	7	5	0	0	1	5	1	6	7	3
23	Clifford Lett	g	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
34	Melvin Jones	f	3	4	0	0	1	2	4	1	5	3

TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)

TOTALS	24	68	4	17	10	20	16	17	33	27	62	13
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TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 8-23, 27.5% 2nd Half 16-35, 45.7% Game 24-68, 35.3%

3-PT FG %: 1st Half 1-7, 14.3% 2nd Half 3-10, 30.0% Game 4-17, 23.5%

FT %: 1st Half 1-11, 9.1% 2nd Half 6-9, 66.7% Game 7-30, 23.3%

HOME (Last Name, First)

No.	Name	Pos	pts	fg	ft	tr	pf	tp	st	bl	sk	min
01	Kentucky											
22	Richard Madison	f	2	4	0	0	1	1	1	2	3	5
44	Rob Lock	c	4	5	0	0	1	5	4	9	13	4
3	Rex Chapman	g	6	11	2	5	2	4	2	1	3	16
10	James Blackmon	g	4	8	2	4	3	4	1	4	5	13
15	Ed Davender	g	6	10	0	3	3	7	1	4	5	15
4	Berrick Miller	g	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Paul Andrews	g	2	2	0	0	2	3	1	2	3	6
30	Irv Thomas	g	0	5	0	0	1	5	3	2	5	2
55	Cedric Jenkins	g	0	1	0	0	2	2	1	5	6	2

TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)

TOTALS	24	46	4	12	15	31	17	32	49	21	67	14
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TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 14-28, 50.0% 2nd Half 10-18, 55.6% Game 24-46, 52.2%

3-PT FG %: 1st Half 2-8, 25.0% 2nd Half 2-4, 50.0% Game 4-12, 33.3%

FT %: 1st Half 3-9, 33.3% 2nd Half 12-22, 54.5% Game 15-31, 48.4%

OFFICIALS: Charles Vacca, Don Ferguson, Sonny Holmes

Technical Fouls: NONE

Attendance: 23,215

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st H.	2nd H.	OT	OT	FINAL
FLORIDA	21	41	XX	XX	62
KENTUCKY	33	24	XX	XX	67

52.2 Percent Shooting Pulls 'Cats Through

until we play LSU on Sunday. We got ourselves in a jam. Gosh darn, if you can't hit free throws well then you're asking for a lot of problems. I'm sure a lot of our fans think we don't work on free throws, but no one works on 'em harder than we do. We shoot at least a hundred a day, and our players are all shooting over 75 percent (in practice). But it doesn't show in the ballgames." . . . **Rex Chapman** led Kentucky in scoring with 16 points. The freshman hit on six of 11 field goals and was two for five from three-point range. **Ed Davender** had 15 points and **James Blackmon** had 13. . . **Rob Lock** turned in a fine performance for UK. Lock had nine points and a game-high 13 rebounds. . . Florida's **Vernon Maxwell** took game-high honors in scoring with 26. . . **Andrew Moten** and much-heralded freshman **Dwayne Schintzius** turned in subpar performances for **Norm Sloan's** ballclub. Moten was just four for 11 from the field, and Schintzius suffered through a terrible three of 13 night, most of his shots coming from in close. . . Although he played just 10 minutes and failed to score, Florida's **Ronnie Montgomery** deserves some recognition. Montgomery's mother died the night before the game, and the junior stayed in Lexington and played anyway.

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That's tough. You've got to be pretty mature to be able to handle that."

What else is new?: One writer asked Sutton if the coach thought other SEC teams play with more intensity against Kentucky than against their other opponents.

"Hey, Mr. (Adolph) Rupp established that," Sutton said nodding his head. "And Mr. (Joe B.) Hall continued that great tradition. Everybody would rather beat Kentucky than anyone else. I mean we've won more SEC championships than all the other nine schools put together. When we look at film, and I don't care who it is, just look at two teams in the SEC, the intensity level isn't the same as when we have to face 'em. But that's a tribute to what I call the No. 1 basketball program in the country. I think they certainly play 25 percent better (against us) than they do against anybody else.

Wait 'til next year: While Sutton said he has enjoyed this season from a coaching standpoint, having to come up with more strategy to try to combat all the injuries, he said he would much prefer the situation he will have next year when all the new recruits arrive.

"I'd rather have the best talent in the world and let 'em play. That's more fun," he said. "But it is a challenge. I guess, for our staff to try to find trickier, ways maybe that we can win. Whereas if you have a lot of talent the best thing you can do is let 'em play. If I coached the Celtics the way K.C. (Jones) does, I'd let 'em play. That's what he does, he let 'em play. They play hard.

"But it's a trying time, from the standpoint that last year everything was so smooth, everything went well. We didn't have any injuries and we hit some big-time shots. We had experience. And now we're playing some young players and we're not as talented. So I think our staff has worked harder than we did a year ago."

NCAA Cuts: Although he made it clear Kentucky probably wouldn't be negatively affected by the recent NCAA legislation that reduced scholarship limits from 15 to 13, Sutton said he was opposed to the rule.

"As far as cutting down the number of scholarships, I don't think it's a good situation," Sutton said. "I think Kentucky and the other big-time programs in college basketball can survive, but I think it hurts maybe some of the smaller folks.

"It could hurt us, this year, and this is a good example even for a big-time power like Kentucky. Let's say we get 13 scholarships, and we were down to seven (earlier this year). So we could get down to five very easily. It could even hurt us.

"To me it seems ridiculous that they would vote on that. If I'm not mistaken, 75 percent of the NCAA budget is paid for by the NCAA (basketball) tournament. Now why do you cut two scholarships out of basketball? If your gonna cut a budget, why do you do that in basketball? Why do you turn away the mouth that feeds you?"

"The smaller schools are the ones that are going to suffer. They're the ones that are gonna get hurt. I think it's a horrible thing. It won't hurt us as much as it's going to hurt our little brothers, and I don't mean Louisville."



One Word For UK's Offense—Offensive

Has Been Anemic Since Start Of SEC Play

There's only one word that can adequately describe Kentucky's offense as of late. . . offensive. As in foul, abominable, rancid, putrid, el stinko.

Or as Webster would say:

offensive [ə-fen(t)-siv] *adj* 1 : giving painful or unpleasant sensations : NAUSEOUS, OBNOXIOUS 2 : causing displeasure or resentment 3 : Kentucky's scoring attack down the stretch against Florida and for the entire LSU game.

Kentucky's offense struggled early in the season, as the 'Cats eeked out unimpressive wins over Austin Peay and Texas Tech. But Ed-



Mike Estep

Cats' Pause Columnist

die Sutton's ballclub seemed to hit its stride, battling then second-ranked Indiana down to the wire in Bloomington before falling 71-66 to Bob Knight's Hoosiers. Then came a 15-point win against Lamar, a pair of blowouts in the UKIT and then, the almost perfect game against Louisville in Freedom Hall. In that game against U of L, Kentucky was nearly flawless on offense, hitting 32 of 59 shots from the field for 54.2 percent, converting 11 of 17 three-point shots for 64 percent and committing just 11 turnovers.

It's been all downhill since then.

Just three days later, on the same Freedom Hall court, Kentucky came out flat and was soundly beaten by Georgia, much more decisively than the 69-65 score would indicate. And after putting together a good game against Auburn on the road—a 63-60 win in UK's only outstanding SEC performance to date—the wheels came off the wagon. A 69-55 setback to Alabama in Rupp Arena. A 75-68 loss to Tennessee in Knoxville. An ugly 57-49 win over outmanned Mississippi State in Starkville. A Jekyll-Hyde 67-62 victory at home over Florida.

Since Dry Spell vs. UF, UK Hasn't Been Same

Against the Gators, Kentucky played its best and most inspired basketball of the season for 34 minutes, jumping out to a 63-40 advantage with 6:44 to go in the game. Kentucky hasn't been the same since. For the remainder of the game, the Wildcats managed just one basket, that coming on a layup by Ed Davender after a missed free throw with just :25 remaining on the clock. Davender's bucket ended a string of 17 unanswered Gator points. Florida outscored UK 22-3 in the last six and a half minutes.

"I thought for 33 minutes, we played about as well as we can play the game of basketball," Sutton said following the win over Florida. "And the last seven (minutes), we struggled a little bit.

"I've never had a ballclub quite like this one," Sutton continued. "We're just gonna have to keep coaching them hard, they're good people. We gotta get 40 minutes of consistent play. There are times when we play as well as anyone in the country. And then there are other times when we couldn't beat the worst Division I team in the country."

Sunday, against LSU, before a national television audience, was one of those times. It was the Wildcats' latest, and surely the worst exhibition of the year, a 76-41 trouncing at the hands of visiting LSU. The same LSU ballclub that came into the contest with an overall record of 9-8, 1-5 in league play. The same cellar-dwelling Tiger team that only beat Hardin-Simmons by six, 77-71, that lost to Ole Miss by 10, that was riding a three-game losing streak coming into Rupp Arena.

Sutton was looking for 40 minutes of consistency, and that's what he got—unfortunately for the UK coach, it was consistently bad. He also got saddled with the UK's worst loss ever in Rupp Arena. Sunday's 35-point loss eclipsed the previous record for margin of defeat, which had been 14 points against Alabama on two occasions, the most recent coming just two and a half weeks ago. And you have to go all the way back to the 1950 NIT Tournament, when CCNY whipped Adolph Rupp's team 89-50, to find a bigger loss.

Game Stats Tell The Story

One look at the final statistics will bear out just how anemic Kentucky was on offense:

Field goal shooting—12 of 48 for 25 percent. Kentucky scored just six field goals in each half, six of 17 in the first half (35.3 percent) and a horrid six of 31 for the second period (19.4 percent).

The heart of Kentucky's lineup simply couldn't put the ball in the basket—Rex Chapman was three of 13 from the field, one of four on three-point attempts; James Blackmon was three for 11, all of those coming from the bonus area where he converted three of seven; Davender was two of seven from the floor; and Derrick Miller, dubbed the "Shootist" after his remarkable shooting displays early in the season, was 0-for-six from the field, 0-for-two from three-point range.

In the meantime, LSU was on fire. After shooting a cool 30.8 percent in the first half, the Tigers hit 22 of 31 attempts in the second half, a blazing 71 percent.

Turnovers—Kentucky, which was averaging just 13 miscues per ballgame coming into the LSU contest, was hounded by the Tigers' tough man-to-man and committed 26 turnovers. Seven of those belonged to sure-handed Davender, six of them to Rob Lock.

Assists—UK came into the game averaging in excess of 12 assists per ballgame. But the 'Cats dished out just eight Sunday, five of them coming late in the second half after the outcome had already been decided. LSU, on the other hand, handed out 19 assists.

Offensive rebounds—For the game, Kentucky was out-rebounded 36-27. UK claimed just 11 offensive boards, five in the first half, six in the second half. Sure, the Bayou Bengals only had



Sutton Watches Worst UK Loss In Rupp

11 offensive boards themselves, but Kentucky missed 36 shots, nine more than LSU.

Kentucky was able to put just 21 points on the board in the first half, and two of them were awarded during the halftime break when officials reversed themselves on an offensive goaltending call. It got worse in the second period. UK managed just 20 points for the last 20 minutes. Both were season lows for points scored in each half.

Worst Loss Ever For Sutton

In fact, the game was so terrible from a UK standpoint that Sutton said he was embarrassed to come into the media room and talk to the press after the game.

"I didn't bring any of our players to the press conference today because they don't deserve to come," Sutton said as he opened up his postgame comments. "I wish I didn't have to come and face all you folks. I've coached 30 years, and this is the most embarrassing game I've ever been a part of. And I apologize to all the great fans of Kentucky for the way we played this afternoon."

If you take the last six minutes against Florida in which Kentucky scored just three points, and the ballgame against LSU in which the 'Cats scored just 41, Kentucky has scored a grand total of 44 points in the last 46 minutes of play. And 13 of those have come from the free throw line, leaving just 31 points scored from the field during that stretch.

Which led Sutton to call a special practice session after the game on Sunday.

"I've never seen a ballclub struggle like that one did today for 40 minutes," Sutton said. "We're practicing today at 6:30. We're gonna work their fannies off.

"It's not punishment. We'll look at the film and we'll go out there and practice for a couple of hours.

"You come back tonight, you show the guys what they did wrong and you hope that you can build on it."

And for Eddie Sutton's construction crew, that's one building they'll have to start from the ground up.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Four Years Ago

*Kentucky trailed through most of the game, but managed to squeeze out a victory over the Florida Gators 70-63 before 23,688 fans at Rupp Arena. The 'Cats were behind 37-31 at the half on the strength of junior guard Charles Griffin's 16 first-half points. The 'Cats played more aggressively in the second half and got the ball to Melvin Turpin more frequently, allowing the big man to get easy baskets and chip away at the Gator lead. Florida maintained its lead until the 5:38 mark when Charles Hurt made a layup and Turpin hit two free throws. The 'Cats hung on the rest of the way. Turpin led Kentucky with 23 points and 10 rebounds. Griffin led the Gators with 23 points.

*Freshman Kenny Walker led the Wildcats to an 82-77 win over the Vanderbilt Commodores in Nashville's Memorial Gymnasium. Walker scored 14 points, 11 in the

second half, all of which came at times when UK was trailing and needed points badly. The game was decided once again by UK's fine shooting. Kentucky shot 64 percent from the floor compared to Vandy's 44.6 percent. The game was tight all the way, with neither team able to establish control at any point. UK jumped out to a 6-0 lead, then watched Vandy score the next 11 points to grab an 11-6 lead. From that point on, the lead was never bigger than five points for either side. At the half, Vandy led 39-36. Jim Master had the hot hand throughout the game, and when Walker was not scoring, Master was. The two gave UK its first lead in the second half at 58-57 with 7:13 left. The teams traded baskets until two UK turnovers resulted in Vandy baskets, then Jeff Turner hit a turnaround jumper to tie the game at 69-69 and force an overtime. In the extra period, clutch free throw shooting won the game for the 'Cats.

Master led all scorers with 26 points and grabbed a team-high six rebounds.

*UK assistant coach Leonard Hamilton is one of eight individuals who will be honored as charter members of the University of Tennessee at Martin Athletic Hall of Fame at induction ceremonies on Feb. 18. Hamilton established a school assist record with 210 in his two seasons there.

Six Years Ago

*Kentucky set a Rupp Arena record as it blasted Florida by 54 points by a 102-48 score. The margin of victory was the most ever recorded in the arena. While Kentucky hit 60 percent and scored over the century mark, it was its defense that sparked the win, as the Gators were forced into 21 turnovers. Kentucky came out with fire in its eyes and romped to a 52-26 halftime lead. Kentucky was coming off back-to-back losses at Alabama and LSU. Sam Bowie led Kentucky as he equaled his career high of 29 points, hitting 12 of 17 shots. The UK center also grabbed nine rebounds. Melvin Turpin and Dirk Minniefield added 17 points each while Bret Bearup scored 10. Minniefield also passed out eight assists.

*Kentucky showed more signs of breaking out of a January slump by going on the road and defeating Vanderbilt 78-64. It was three rookies—Jim Master, Melvin Turpin and Bret Bearup—along with sophomores Dirk Minniefield and Sam Bowie who led the Kentucky victory march. Master, Bearup and Turpin combined for 31 points, 16 rebounds and six blocked shots. Master scored 16 of those points while Turpin came in and relieved Sam Bowie when he suffered a leg injury, and the Lexington native finished with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Minniefield led Kentucky with 18 points while Bowie added 17 before bruising his hip late in the game. There were nine ties and six lead changes in the first half and the game was close until Kentucky was able to pull it out in the late going, hitting clutch foul shots. Charles Davis led Vandy with 23 points and 15 rebounds while Louisvillians Al Miller and Jimmy Gray scored 17 and 16 points, respectively.

Seven Years Ago

*Coach Joe B. Hall shook up his starting lineup and his team responded with a 76-63 win over Florida at Gainesville. Hall started Dirk Minniefield and Kyle Macy at the guard spots, Fred Cowan at center, and Chuck Verderber and Derrick Hord at the forwards. UK got balanced scoring and several of the players who lost their starting jobs played well. UK jumped out to a 39-24 lead at the half. Cowan led UK with 16 points while Macy scored 11 and LaVon Williams posted 10.

*A record number 97 foul shots were taken in a marathon game at Rupp Arena in which Kentucky defeated a scrappy Vanderbilt team 106-90. Kentucky hit 44 of 48 foul shots, including a perfect 23 of 23 in the second half, when Vandy had trimmed UK's lead to six at one point. The Commodores hit 40 of 49 foul shots. UK had six players in double figures and three fouled out. Kyle Macy scored 18 points, including 12 of 12 from the

line. Derrick Hord and Fred Cowan each scored 17. Sam Bowie had 16 points and LaVon Williams had 15. Mike Rhodes had a superb shooting game, scoring 34 points for Vandy.

Twelve Years Ago

*The Lexington Chamber of Commerce announced that Lexington's new 23,000-seat basketball complex will be known as Rupp Arena. The complex is part of a \$46 million Lexington center under construction in downtown Lexington and expected to be completed by the fall of 1976.

*Replacing an ailing Bob Guyette in the starting lineup, Jack Givens made good use of his first starting assignment as he poured in 19 points on eight of 11 shots as the 'Cats turned back Florida 87-65. Kevin Grevey led UK with 26 points and 12 rebounds as UK shot 56.9 percent from the field.

*Kevin Grevey hit for 24 points, 12 rebounds and four steals as UK nipped Vandy 91-90 in Nashville. After the Commodores had come from 16 points behind to trail just 57-56, Grevey made six key baskets and wrapped up the win with two free throws with five seconds to go in the ballgame.

Thirteen Years Ago

*The Wildcats blasted Mississippi 93-64 as Kentucky's balanced attack smothered the Rebels. Coach Joe Hall used his entire bench and four Wildcats hit in double figures led by Jimmy Dan Conner with 20 points. The 'Cats are now 3-2 in SEC play.

*Alabama coach C.M. Newton went to a 1-3-1 zone defense in the second half to stifle a UK threat as the Tide took an 81-77 decision over the 'Cats. Alabama outscored Kentucky 42-33 in the second half to secure its fifth win against just one loss in league play. Kentucky dropped to 3-3 in SEC games.

Thirty Years Ago

*For the first time in several games, Kentucky didn't face a slowdown and the result was a 97-72 blowout over a Tennessee club which is supposed to be the school's best in five years. The surprisingly easy road victory was Kentucky's 14th straight over the Vols. The 'Cats pulled away midway through the first half and never looked back. Gerry Calvert paced UK with 20 points. Ed Beck scored 17 and Johnny Cox had 16. Adrian Smith scored 16 points off the bench for UK. Leon Ammerman led Tennessee with 31 points.

*Kentucky is third in the UPI poll and fifth in the AP. North Carolina and Kansas are one-two in both.

*Kentucky held on in the end and erased a tie for first place in the SEC by downing favored Vanderbilt 91-83 in Nashville. UK led throughout and by as many as 22 points in the first half but still had to stop several Vandy threats in the late going. Gerry Calvert and Johnny Cox shared scoring honors with 23 points each. Calvert tallied 21 in the first before fouling out. John Crigler added 13 points. Al Rochelle of Guthrie, Ky., paced Vandy with 21 points. The loss snapped the Commodores' 26-game homecourt winning streak.

Wildcat Quiz

1. Yes or No? Has Kentucky ever met Navy on the basketball court?

2. Navy is a member of what conference?
a) ECAC South
b) Big East
c) Little East
d) Colonial Athletic Association

3. Who is the head coach for the Midshipmen?
a) Pete Herrmann
b) Paul Evans
c) Davey Jones
d) John Paul Jones

4. What Navy player led the nation in rebounding and blocked shots last season?
a) Vernon Butler
b) Napoleon McCallum
c) David Robinson
d) Kyler Whitaker

5. What team eliminated Navy from the NCAA tournament last season?
a) St. Joseph's
b) Duke
c) Syracuse
d) Cleveland State

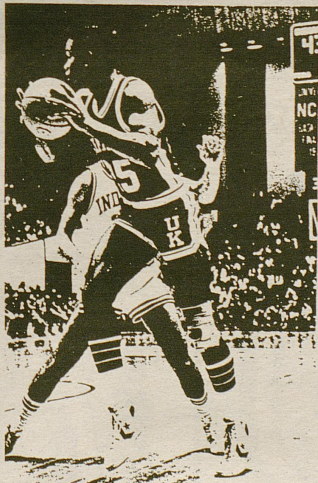
6. True or False? Neither Terry Shigg or Steve Bruce have scored in a UK game this season.

7. What player was Kentucky's Mr. Basketball in 1983?
a) Tony Kimbro
b) Winston Bennett
c) Paul Andrews
d) Phil Cox

8. True or False? UK forward Winston Bennett earned Academic All-SEC honors last year.

9. Against which SEC team on the road last season did UK guard James Blackmon score 22 points?
a) Georgia
b) Tennessee
c) Alabama
d) Ole Miss

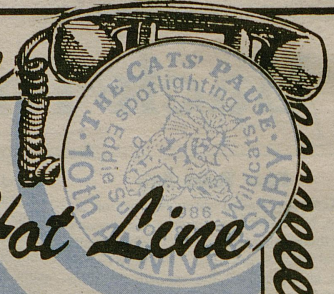
10. In high school, Ed Davender broke New York Alexander Hamilton High School's scoring record. What former SEC player previously held the mark?
a) Tony White
b) Toney Mack
c) Jerry Reynolds
d) Vern Fleming



Answers

1. Yes (UK holds a 2-1 series edge)
2. Colonial Athletic Association
3. Pete Herrmann
4. David Robinson
5. Duke
6. False (Shigg scored two pts. in UKTT)
7. Winston Bennett
8. True
9. Alabama
10. Jerry Reynolds





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