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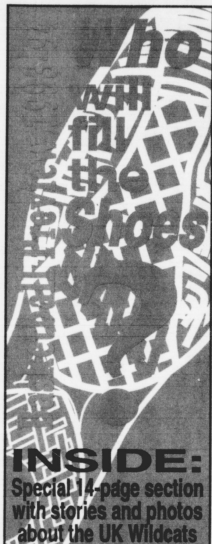
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### Best of both worlds: Vols, UK hoops



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### No. 2 UK embarks on fresh season

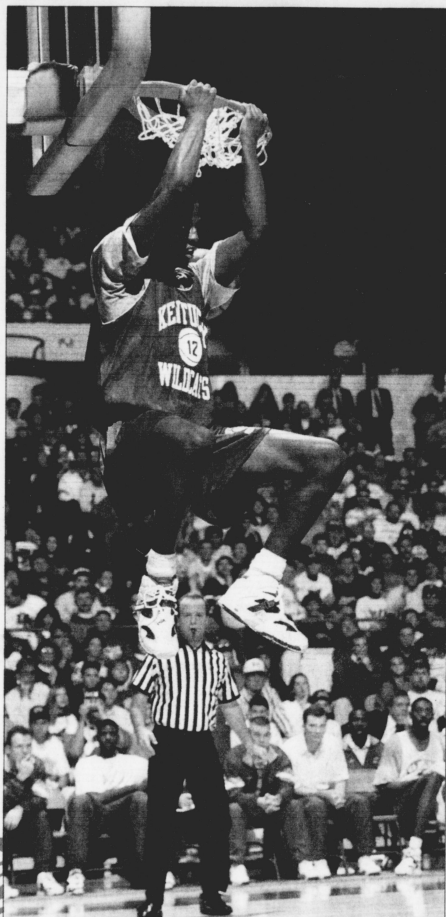
By Brian Bennett  
Senior Staff Writer

Dust off the pompons, lace the high tops and clear the phone lines for the radio call-in shows. It's basketball time again in the Bluegrass.

Or at least nearly so. The 1993-94 UK men's basketball team takes on its first opponent, Athletics in Action, tonight at 7:30 in Rupp Arena.

Of course, it's only an exhibition game, merely a glorified scrimmage for the Cats, ranked No. 2 behind North Carolina in the AP Top 25 poll. UK will play another exhibition Tuesday night against the Australian National team before opening the season against intra-state ultra-rival Louisville.

UK will keep its enemies guessing. "One thing you've got to understand about exhibition games is that you can't show too much," UK coach Rick Pitino



JAMES FORBUSH/Kentucky Staff

**SLAMMING SOPHOMORE:** UK forward Rodrick Rhodes puts down a jam during the Blue-White scrimmage last week at Memorial Coliseum.

said during UK's Blue-White scrimmage.

"There's a fine line. You have to work on certain things in practice to get game-ready against a talent like Louisville, but ... you can't show too much."

Maybe the most important thing UK will show tonight is how Pitino plays minus the Mostister Wala. Athletics in Action will be the first opponent the Cats have played since March 5, 1990, without former All-

American Jamal Mashburn. They were 81-17 in his three years.

Not that the loss of the school's fourth all-time leading scorer has left a dearth of talent on this year's club. Still, the Cats are loaded on the front line.

"We're a very talented ballclub," Pitino said. "We've got a lot of depth."

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JAMES FORBUSH/Kentucky Staff

**NOT QUITE:** A host of UK tacklers stop East Carolina's Junior Smith last week during the Wildcats' 6-3 win at Commonwealth Stadium.

### Terrific Tennessee vies for Beer Barrel

By Eric Mosolgo  
Staff Writer

Tomorrow, the biennial Volunteer invasion of Kentucky will commence as thousands of Tennessee fans will jam I-75 between Knoxville and Lexington in an orange-colored caravan.

The destination for the "Rocky Top"-singing UT faithful will be Commonwealth Stadium, where their beloved football team will face the UK Wildcats at 4 p.m. in the "Battle of Beer Barrel."

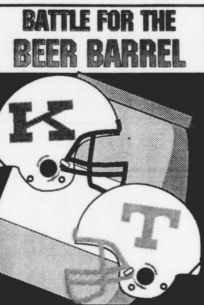
This blue, orange and white-colored barrel, awarded to the winner of each year's UK-UT showdown, has not resided in the Bluegrass in nearly a decade. The last time the Wildcats walked away from this border war victorious was 1984, winning in Knoxville 17-12.

Recently, the series has consisted of the Big Orange crushing less talented UK teams by large margins. In addition to losing the past eight meetings with the Vols, the Cats have fallen to their nemesis in 13 of 15 and 23 of their past 27 matchups.

Last year's link in the Cats' chain of futility against the Vols took place in Neyland Stadium, with UT prevailing 34-13.

The two teams enter their annual meeting this year with invitations for postseason bowl games firmly in hand. UK (6-4 overall, 4-3 in the Southeastern Conference) secured its place in the Peach Bowl last weekend by defeating East Carolina.

While UT's current No. 7 ranking in the AP poll is the highest among SEC teams (excluding Auburn, which is ineligible for the bowl parade), the Vols (7-1-1, 4-1-1) have only a minuscule chance of reaching the conference championship game in Birmingham, Ala.



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Because of a 41-34 loss at Florida and a 17-17 tie at Alabama, Coach Phillip Fulmer's squad enters the weekend trailing the Gators in the SEC East Division race. Only an unlikely Florida loss to lowly Vanderbilt this weekend in Gainesville could keep the Gators from participating in the championship game.

Therefore, the SEC's agreement with the bowl alliance probably will send the Vols to the Citrus Bowl on New Year's Day, providing they finish the year with victories over UK tomorrow and Vanderbilt in the season finale.

Sentiment for a national playoff system is likely to be on the rise in the Volunteer

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### Police release sketch of suspected assailant

Staff report

UK police are searching for a man who recently assaulted a Lexington woman near the University's Arboretum.

The suspect is a white male, 20 to 30 years old and between 6 feet and 6 feet 6 inches tall. Police reports say the man had an athletic build and dark blond hair.

The search stems from an assault on Stephanie Bradburn, 22, of Lexington, on Oct. 9.

Bradburn told police that the assailant approached her about 200 yards from the UK Arboretum on Alumni Drive while she walked her two dogs, UK spokesman Ralph Derickson said. She said the man approached her and grabbed her throat, at

which time one of her dogs apparently bit him. The attacker ran away after being bitten. Bradburn was not seriously hurt in the attack, and nothing was stolen, Derickson said.

Police also are looking for a man spotted Monday near the scene of the attack.

It is not known whether the man is connected with the Oct. 9 incident.

He was described as a tall, white male between the ages of 25 and 35; he has thin, shoulder-length hair.

Police say the man was seen running through the arboretum wearing a red cape.

Though police are making routine checks of the arboretum and the immediate vicinity, they urge anyone who must travel in the area to use caution.



### INSIDE:

As of Wednesday's tallies, UK leads the University of Tennessee in the Big Blue Crush. Story, Back Page.

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•The UK Dance Ensemble will present its fall performance Saturday at the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall. Story, Page 3.

#### WEATHER:

•Partly cloudy and breezy today with a 50 percent chance of showers; high between 50 and 55.  
•Partly cloudy, breezy and colder tonight; low in the mid-20s.  
•Mostly sunny but cold tomorrow; high between 40 and 45.

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### Some UK groups simply hot about new adult dance club

By Jennifer Wieher  
Staff Writer

With the opening of a new adult dance club near campus last night, UK and local businesses are split on its entry into the community.

The new club, called Simply Hot, is located on Scott Street.

Bill Howell, a worker in UK's Reynolds Building No. 2, which is located near the club on an offshoot of Scott Street, said he has no objections to the bar being so close to campus.

"There have been bars here for years, and they have never hurt anyone," Howell said.

Other workers in the Reynolds buildings also had no objections to the opening of Simply Hot.

Rob Brown, an employee in the Stores Department in one of the



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Simply Hot, an adult dance bar that opened last night near campus, has some UK groups upset.

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- C. How many seasons has Joe Hall been head coach before he took the Wildcats to the NCAA Championship Game?
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**IFC to elect new members on Monday**

**Staff report**

The Interfraternity Council, which regulates and promotes social fraternities on campus, will elect all new members for its Executive Committee on Monday.

Offices open to election are president, executive vice president, vice president for finance, vice president for public relations, vice president for Rush, vice president for chapter services and vice president for education.

Each nominee must have attended UK for at least one year, and he must be an active member of a social fraternity. In addition, each nominee must have at least a 2.3 grade-point average and have completed at least 30 credit hours. The election is open to any fraternity member, but he must be nominated to the council by the his fraternity's official representative.

New council members will take office on Dec. 6.

**Football**

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State. After all, the Vols will be shut out of the national championship hunt even though the only blemishes on their record came in the college football hotbeds of Florida and Alabama.

Barring Notre Dame, UT may be the hottest team in the nation. Following the tie with the Crimson Tide, Fulmer's team has shelled its past two opponents (defeating South Carolina 55-3 three weeks ago and Louisville 45-10 two weeks ago).

Fulmer said his team needed the open date on its schedule last week.

"We looked at the open date week as an opportunity to get some of our injured players

**LEGO MY LOGO**



JAMES FORBUS/UK Kernel Staff

Dr. Anthony Newberry, interim president of Lexington Community College, shows off the new LCC logo yesterday in the lobby of the college's academic and technical building. The logo, designed by Amy Shoup of Meridian Communications, was donated to LCC by the company.

healthy again," he said.

He added that "it is a positive for us to have an open date to prepare for (UK's) offense. (The Stack-I) is something you don't see that often, and it is a challenge to defend."

The Stack-I attack, which seemed to be operating effectively in mid-season, has fizzled the past two weeks. The Wildcat offense produced only one touchdown over that span.

In last season's clash, sophomore free safety Jason Parker wreaked havoc on UK.

Tomorrow's game, however, will be decided by how effective the Cat defense is in containing a balanced UT offensive attack.

The Volunteer offense has been

imposing this season, piling up an average of 465.8 yards (10th nationally) and 40.1 points (fourth nationally) per game.

Junior quarterback Heath Shuler, a player destined for NFL stardom, leads a high-octane passing attack. For the year, Shuler has completed 151 of 232 passes for 2002 yards and 21 touchdowns.

Senior linebacker and team emotional leader Marty Moore said he is not dwelling on the fact that tomorrow's game will be his last at Commonwealth Stadium.

"I'm just looking at it as my last time playing Tennessee," he said.

Odds appear to be stacked against UK as it seeks its seventh win of the season. Since 1985, the Vols possess a startling 32-1 record in November (the lone loss coming to Notre Dame in 1990).

But who was the last SEC team to beat UT in its dominant month? That's right, the Cats in 1984 — the last time they went bowling.

**Hoops**

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But UK might not break out of the gate as quickly as last season's 30-4 squad, which won its first 11 games and earned a No. 1 ranking.

"We may take a loss here or there at the start of the season," senior point guard Travis Ford said. "(But) I think there are fewer question marks this year. We have so much depth. We can go 10, 11 deep and at each spot we can go two or three deep."

One athlete not in action for UK tonight will be Walter McCarty. The sophomore, who sat out last year for academic reasons, is serving an NCAA-mandated one-game suspension for participating in an intramural league last year.

UK fans will have to wait until Tuesday night's exhibition game to see McCarty's tools.

Still, every other Cat figures to see significant playing time, action that could prove invaluable for a precocious team.

**Hot**

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Reynolds buildings, said the club should not cause any problems in that part of campus.

However, Rex Graham, the assistant campus minister for the Christian Student Fellowship said he believes differently. He said the club will cause more harm than good.

"That type of establishment isn't productive," he said. Graham added that although Simply Hot is not on campus or in a UK building, it does not reflect positively on UK's campus.

Spiritual organizations like CSF are on campus to soothe spiritual

battles and to better the environment of UK, he said, and clubs and bars near campus will only stifle that effort.

Ellen Rosenman, the director of women studies for UK, said the club will only present women as objects for men's entertainment.

"It is very unfortunate" the club has to open at all — especially so close to campus, Rosenman said.

Simply Hot's co-owner, Nick Katsikas, said he and his brother, David, checked with the neighborhood before they decided to open the club, and they didn't find any problems.

"A club had been here before... and we haven't had any objections yet," he said.

Doug Eades, the assistant campus director of the Baptist Student Union, said, "We object to those types of clubs, regardless of their location."

Arby's assistant manager Carla Boggs said she doesn't think the company would have any objections to the opening of Simply Hot. Boggs also said she doesn't think the club's presence will make any difference in the neighborhood.

Simply Hot features topless female dancers. It has three floors, two with stages for the dancers, and a third for special occasions such as bachelor parties, Katsikas said.

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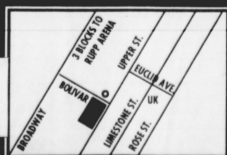
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# DIVERSIONS

## UK dancers display feats of feet

### Student troupe to perform on Saturday night

By Regan Rock  
Staff Writer

Saturday night, months of grueling practice and endless rehearsals will come to a dramatic conclusion as the UK Dance Ensemble puts on its fall show.

The dedicated group of dance enthusiasts has been working tirelessly since auditions in mid-September to prepare for this semester's performance.

Rayma Beal, the director of the ensemble, is thrilled about the progress of her dancers. "We're just smoothing out the rough edges now. They'll be ready to put on a very professional show this weekend," she said.

Theatre junior Kim Brooks, president of the ensemble, agreed that the group is prepared to give a spectacular performance.

"We have a lot of new members, and the show is earlier in the semester than it usually is, so it's been hard getting it all together so soon," she said. "We've worked really hard though, so I'm confident we'll put on a great show."

Saturday's performance will echo the vibrant leaves of autumn with a colorful collage of dance styles. Both jazz and tap will be represented, with a spotlight on modern dance.

"Deep Forest," choreographed by guest artist Elizabeth Ann Brown, "A Yuletide Offering" and "Lunar Tides" are just a few of the works to be performed.

"Choreographers get their ideas from many different sources — a book or a song sometimes," Beal said. "Something inspires you and you want to express your emotions through movement."

"Lunar Tides," choreographed by Brooks and danced to the music of



JAMES FORBUSH/Kentucky Staff

Members of the UK Dance Ensemble practice for their concert Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts.

Enya, is a celebration of society's relationship with nature. "My piece is very circular — like watching people breathe. There is this wonderful connection in it between the dance, the dancer and the earth," Brooks said.

"Each dancer is in a couple dance, so switching from one style of movement to another is a real challenge. Quick changes one after the other can be very difficult, but it helps the dancers learn how to more professional," Beal said.

Brooks said she thinks the greatest challenge of the show is "Deep Forest."

She said, "It's hard to consistently keep the mood of the piece. You've got to keep the choreographer's ideas in mind, or the movements lose their meaning."

The music for the show was arranged and orchestrated with a graduate student in the School of Music. The costumes, designed by the different choreographers, consist of unitards and simple dresses.

"The costumes must permit freedom of movement while facilitating the idea behind the dance," Beal said.

The dancers have enjoyed working on the fall show, a key element

in success, Beal said. "If the dancers don't like what they are dancing, it will come across in their movements. The love of movement always shines through," she said.

"It's wonderful seeing all the dancers perform and have fun," Brooks said.

"We had a dress rehearsal last Sunday," Beal said. "We videotaped it so the dancers could see all their mistakes and laugh at themselves. I just hope that this weekend's performance isn't quite so humorous."

While Beal hasn't begun planning the spring performance yet, she has been busy organizing other dance activities.

On Dec. 10, the ensemble will lecture and demonstrate simple dance techniques at the Bardstown Elementary School, and in January, the group will perform Brooks' "Lunar Tides" for the Southern District Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

The ensemble also will play host to and take part in the American College Dance Festival in March.

Beal said she hopes the fall show will leave the audience with many different ideas and emotions. "I hope that they're pulled into every dance and share in the joy and fun," she said. "Every audience member should walk away with some new interpretations."

The Dance Ensemble's fall performance will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall. Cost of admission is \$5 for the general public, \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$1 for children 12 and under.

## Lex Luthor's villainy recast in Superman

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the evil financier and archvillain Lex Luthor of ABC's "Lois and Clark," actor John Shea is perfectly willing to steal from the poor, trip old ladies and swipe lollipops from big-eyed children.

But there's one thing he will not do. "The hair stays," said Shea, grinning. He won't shave his head to portray the traditional, hairless Evil Scientist depicted in DC Comics' tales of the Man of Steel. And it's not Shea's vanity.

"Hey, this is the '90s. Do you think a billionaire like Luthor couldn't get himself a full head of hair?" Shea points out. "Lex Luthor has got to be a modern villain."

"What you know about villainy at this point in your life is that things are not what they seem. Villainy wears a suit," he said. "So my idea was to look like Cary Grant and to think like Richard III. That's the fun."

Fun did not enter into his last foray into series TV, CBS' earnest "WIOU," which lasted for 13 episodes in the 1990-91 season. He played news director Hank Zare of beleaguered, bottom-ranked TV station WNDY.

"I never shed a tear when it was canceled," Shea said. "I tried to give Hank's character an edge, but they kept writing him as the hero, the nice guy. It was boring!"

Luthor is anything but boring. "When I first started working on him, I bought three volumes of the collected works of Nietzsche," Shea said. "What I discovered was that Lex Luthor is a modern Superman who, by his will, has made himself."

"And now, at the top of his game, he's bored. The greatest moment in his life was when this guy flew out on his balcony! 'At last, I have a worthy adversary!'"

Shea also is pleased that his show's writers are letting Luthor's relationship with Lois Lane develop, as he put it, "into some twisted areas."

"You can see why Lois Lane would be attracted to somebody like Lex Luthor. He's everything that Clark Kent isn't," he said.

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## Criticism is warranted for UK football team, even with Peach bid

### EDITORIAL

It is quite a funny game, this college football. One minute, a team can seem destined for doom, destined to lose all it had worked for. The next, the ball somehow pops its way, and it seems respectable.

Some say the UK football team does not deserve its Peach Bowl bid. You have to admit, they have some pretty strong evidence.

•If it weren't for the all-mighty Southeastern Conference, which has lured five bowls into taking teams from the league, the Cats wouldn't be anywhere near a bowl game.

•UK beat East Carolina 6-3 and lost to Vanderbilt 12-7 — not exactly performances you would expect to see from a bowl team.

•See above entry.

All of that talk doesn't really matter, though. The Cats are in the Peach Bowl and Coach Bill Curry and his team should be commended for getting there.

Now, some words of advice to UK's master of the gridiron:

•Get back to the offensive play calling you used against South Carolina and Ole Miss. It worked.

•Practice your two-minute offense; you may need it. The Georgia and Vanderbilt games could have been won with a little more poise late in those contests.

•You do not have, as you said, "six of the best wins in America." The best team (recordwise) you've beaten this season is Ole Miss at 5-5.

•Your wins come against teams with a combined record of 17-40-2, which really isn't that impressive when you come right down to it.

And, to the team: With respect to the fact that you are college athletes playing every week, what you have accomplished is admirable. Still, the only way you can gain the respect you want is to beat the spread against Tennessee and win in the Peach Bowl. Otherwise, 6-6 will remain mediocre.

### LETTERS

#### Kernel cartoonist deserves praise for commentary

To the editor,

I am very happy to notice that the students over at the College of Law are too immersed in scholarly activity to read the newspaper or watch national news programs.

Obviously Beverly Knapp and Johnathan Whitaker (who wrote a letter to the editor this week which was published in yesterday's Kentucky Kernel) are ignorant of the purpose, intent and substance of Alex DeGrand's cartoon dealing with the New Jersey Republican party and charges they paid black preachers not to get up before their congregations and preach that it was the moral duty of those congregations to vote for Jim Florio.

Being from New Jersey (and a liberal Democrat), I was impressed with DeGrand's cartoon.

It showed, quite adeptly, the way in which Republicans have perceived the black vote in American elections. If attempted to elucidate the sheer stupidity these stereotypes are based upon as well as to chastise anyone who thinks that the black clergy members can be bought not to preach to their congregations about issues that directly influence the

lives of each congregant.

DeGrand's cartoon was not racist in any conceivable way. He was poking fun at racial stereotyping and people who share these attitudes, not perpetuating racism within society.

Perhaps one can argue that the inclusion of watermelons in the cartoon was in poor taste. However, the addition of this feature of the cartoon was necessary to make clear the focus of the political statement and was similar in scope to comments made by black leaders including, but not limited to, the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

So, all I can say to the readers who were offended is that DeGrand's cartoon portrayed an intense political issue in a mature and comical way and should have offended no one.

We should not demand an apology and resignation of such a talented artist, rather we should praise DeGrand's intellect and ability to capture these issues in an easily understandable way. If only you kept up with current events, you would have understood the nature of the cartoon, its intent and its substance.

Perhaps as budding lawyers you can sue the Kentucky Kernel for racism.

Michael Levy  
Political science graduate student

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## Work only worthy if necessary for grades



**John Abbott**  
Kernel Columnist

I was sitting in the lounge of my residence hall Wednesday night, doing anything but lounging. Having fitfully ignored the existence of my physics class for the past month or so, I now had to absorb three unbelievably amusing chapters of physics, all practically new to my eyes, in one night. And it wasn't doing a heck of a lot for my mental well-being.

A friend of mine walked in, sat down and began flipping through a really big book. Eager for a temporary escape from the laws of torque and rotational motion, I turned around and began grilling him about his activities.

"What class is that for?" I asked him.

"It's not for a class," he replied.

"Er... then why are you reading it?" I asked him incredulously, seeing how thick the book looked. I couldn't fathom why he would even bother with it unless there was a grade riding on it (or if he was desperately trying to impress some intellectual woman he was trying to score with, à la Tom Berenger in that zenith of American cinema, "Major League").

"To kill time," he replied, grinning.

No grade. No gorgeous intellectual woman. No anything. He was carrying that thing around... voluntarily.

I couldn't believe it. Long

books for fun?

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Even if I were trapped on a deserted island with only the complete works of Stephen King for entertainment, I would pick up one of those thousand-page extravaganzas, grimace, and do something infinitely more enjoyable such as lying face down in the grass, drooling.

I'm not interested in lovingly crafted plot development, carefully drawn characters or epic story-

lines; I want speed. Efficiency. Tell me what happens and get out.

I figure that if you've used up 500 pages and haven't said your piece, then to hell with you. I could be drooling happily in a field instead of wasting time on your over-long garbage.

I once tried to tackle Dostoevsky's "Brothers Karamazov," which is a fair-sized tome (my copy was 850 pages — probably an abridged text, since Dostoevsky never used one sentence when he could use 58), but it didn't hold my attention for very long.

is much less accurate than (100-2)/(850-2) x 100 percent, and I've got to be accurate, don't I? What if someone challenged my figures in a court of law?

Then I'd calculate how many pages I covered per minute, both actual (i.e., how fast I was going) and theoretical (how fast I could be going if I wasn't stopping every minute or so to recalculate the percentage of the book I had left to read), and the percentage difference between the two, to find out just how much time I was wasting performing these elaborate computations on a book that I was supposedly reading for enjoyment.

Then I thought it might be nice to construct a graph, the better to understand the data I had collected. I stopped reading the book altogether because I had more than enough data on my reading speed to extrapolate how long it would've taken me to read the book (actual time and theoretical time).

You can't read a book and construct a really good pages-turned-per-unit-time graph at the same time, so what was the use reading the book anymore?

The book was just getting in the way, so I burned it. I can always read the Cliffs Notes.

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Somehow around page 100, I started calculating what percentage of the book I had left to go each time I turned a page.

Never mind that 10/85 is a very small value — it was vitally important to me that I was on top of my progress at every second. Of course, I had to include a correction factor of .2 since the book started on page 3 instead of page 1.

After all,  $[100/850] \times 100$  percent

## Combating low self-esteem begins at home

Dear Counselor,

Other people think I am super-organized and get lots of things done, but I don't feel that way about myself. I know I could always do better or get more done if I really tried.

Nothing ever seems to go the way I want it to, and I often feel I don't have much control over my life.

Lately, I have been so tired and discouraged and feel things are just getting worse.

Why can't I ever feel good about myself?

Beth

Dear Beth,  
The hardest person to love is yourself.

Humans differ from other animals because they have the ability to form an identity and to attach value to it.

Your self-concept has been developing throughout your life, and it becomes more complex as you grow older.

Problems with self-esteem arise when you judge yourself too harshly. It is not easy to change the way you think and feel about yourself, but you can do it.

Here are some suggestions for ways to change the way you feel about yourself.

•*Stop expecting too much of yourself.* If you've been feeling down on yourself lately, you probably have a long list of your shortcomings, so try seeing yourself through the eyes of your best friend.

•*What would that person say about your abilities; your achievements; the way you treat others; your attitude about life; your spe-*

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cial talents, interests and activities; your dreams and goals; your physical appearance and characteristics; and your family, education and most influential experiences?

By looking at yourself through someone else's eyes, it will be easier to see your good side.

•*Choose what you want to be.* Your self-esteem gets higher as you come closer to being the person you would like to be.

Complete the following sentence: "I would like myself better if I were more..."

Now, decide how you would be different if you accomplished this goal. How would you behave? Then, act that way the next time you have a chance.

It doesn't matter if other people notice a change — your behavior is

you give yourself a good defense against the judgments and criticisms you heap on yourself when you are feeling down.

•*Count your accomplishment instead of your failures.* Instead of looking at your "to do" list and counting the things you didn't get done, list the things you did.

If you give yourself credit for all the things you got done, you'll be less critical of yourself.

If you decide to walk two miles four times this week and do it, you have a self-satisfaction ratio of 4 over 4 or 100 percent.

However, if you decide to walk two miles eight times each week and only walk four times, your self-satisfaction ratio drops to 50 percent.

•*Allow yourself to feel special.* When you compare yourself with your friends, make sure you acknowledge positive and negative

physical appearance. The point is to look your best, not for other people, but to improve the image you hold of yourself.

•*Get interested in new people, places and things.* When you concentrate on the negative feelings you have about yourself, your self-esteem sinks even lower.

Take opportunities to pick up information through magazines, newspapers, discussion groups and organizations.

When you give your mind something else to do, you are not as likely to be so critical of yourself.

When you raise your self-esteem, you put yourself in a better mood and your good mood then reinforces a positive self-image.

Once you get the good feelings going, they reinforce themselves.

Expecting that you will be perfect at whatever you do sets you up for failure.

Don't try to do everything at once — start using one or two of the suggestions and see what works best for you. It has taken a long time to develop the attitudes that make you feel bad about yourself, and it will take time to change those attitudes.

Many of these suggestions come from a book, "Getting Up When You're Feeling Down," by Harriet B. Braiker. You may want to refer to it for additional information on how to feel better about yourself.

Students who wish to address these issues may come to the UK Counseling and Testing Center, 301 Frazier Hall, or call 257-8701.

Your best friend may be a whiz in chemistry while you have to study hours to get a good grade, but you are able to draw complex blueprints for buildings and your friend can't draw a straight line. Give yourself permission to feel good about the things you do well.

closer to the kind of person you want to be.

•*Do the things you do well.* When you make your "to do" list include some things you do well.

They don't have to be complex or difficult things. They may be things you do every day or special abilities or talents you haven't used for a long time.

By including things you do very well in your daily schedule,

comparisons.

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•*Take good care of yourself.* One of the best self-esteem builders is to feel good about your

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### Big Blue Crush Bloodmobile Schedule

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Monday Wednesday

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## UK poised to crush competition at UT

### Staff report

As Big Blue Crush continues, UK has managed to claw its way back on top after a brief lead by the University of Tennessee.

As of Wednesday afternoon, UK had collected 1,629 pints of blood, needing only 721 to match last year's total, and this year's goal of 2,350 pints.

UT reportedly collected 1,296 pints of blood, just 704 pints away from its goal of 2,000.

Central Kentucky Blood Center's spokeswoman Marsha Berry said UK had a record number of donors Wednesday — "more than we've ever drawn — 648 units," she said.

"Students are doing great," Berry said. "They have really come out and have been really supportive."

Today, during the Big Blue

Crush Finale, WKQQ-FM, 98.1, will be doing a live broadcast all day, and the UK cheerleaders will be on hand from 1 to 2 p.m. at the donor center.

For those who don't have time to wait in line but who still would like to donate, Berry suggested getting there when the site opens. She also advised against arriving at the end of the drive, as well as obvious "break times" — such as around lunch time.

The drive winds up today with donation sites at Dickey Hall and Buell Armory from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Donors should be aware of the lunch break from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

The blood center, 330 Waller Ave., also will take donations from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and the UK Hospital site will be open from 5 to 9 p.m.

## Professor says survey to be legislative issue

By Brant Welch  
Senior Staff Writer

A recent report on the shortcomings of Kentucky highways has raised several eyebrows and should bring further discussion in the 1994 Kentucky General Assembly, UK business professor Charles Haywood said.

"Economic Significance of Highway Construction in Kentucky," a 34-page report compiled by Haywood and research associate Melanie Arvin, found the Federal Highway Administration rates only 12 percent of Kentucky highways as "good," compared to a 41.7 percent "good" rating of all roads nationally.

The rating places Kentucky in 50th place out of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The report also found that when inflation is figured in, Kentucky highway expenditures have been in constant decline dating back to the 1980s.

Haywood presented the report to the Kentucky Legislative Joint

Committee on Transportation Tuesday.

"I've had some feedback," Haywood said yesterday. "Most of it has been very favorable. I think the report has brought the realization and the recognition of those who had not been aware that (Kentucky highway) expenditures have been declining and the road conditions are as bad as they are."

Haywood said several members of the committee were interested in the findings.

"They received the report in good regards," he said.


"Several members had a keen interest in the report."

Haywood said he thinks the issue will be brought up during the 1994 Kentucky General Assembly.

"We try to avoid recommending policy measures," he said.

"Just guessing, I think the General Assembly could make some increase in the gasoline tax to help raise money for road construction."

Nearly 80 percent of Kentucky's roads were rated "fair" and 8.4 percent were found to be in "poor" condition, ranking Kentucky 23rd.




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## House pushes through bill to curb violence at clinics

### Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A bill cracking down on abortion clinic violence passed the House yesterday after lawmakers rejected a bid by anti-abortion lawmakers to soften penalties for protesters who stage peaceful blockades.

It was approved on a voice vote after the House voted, 246-182, to reject an effort to send the bill back to committee and strip out language opposed by abortion foes.

Hurrying to get the bill to President Clinton before Congress be-

gins its Thanksgiving recess, supporters kept the measure free of controversial amendments so it wouldn't differ much from the Senate version passed earlier this week.

Both bills create new federal crimes for threats, use of force and obstruction at abortion clinics.

"This is a very significant step," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

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## WHO Will Fill The SHOES



### Mashburn's departure leaves no clear heir

BY TY HALPIN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Jamal Mashburn stood just outside the three-point arc, a soldier waiting for his weapon. His arsenal came in the form of an orange sphere, which he aimed at an 18-inch wide hoop.

As he fired, his blue and green jersey ruffled slightly...

Wait a minute. Blue and green?

Yes, it's true. The 6-foot-8 former All-American who launched UK from probation to prominence has loaded up his Filas and headed to Dallas for his first season in the NBA.

Those are some big shoes to fill. The Cats now lack a legitimate go-to guy, not to mention the 21 points a game Mashburn shelled on opponents.

"We understand the magnitude of losing a Jamal Mashburn, but we don't want any excuses," UK coach Rick Pitino said. "Mash right now is doing fine for himself, and we've got to take over in his departure."

UK appears to be doing quite well for itself, as well. The Cats have garnered a No. 2 Associated Press preseason ranking. Compare that standing with last year's No. 5 spot, and you could say the 1993-94 Wildcats are better than a year ago.

You wouldn't be alone. Even Mashburn agrees.

"I think this team should win a championship, if I can put that much pressure on Coach Pitino," Mashburn said after an Oct. 29 exhibition game in Dallas against the L.A. Clippers. That's more pressure than Chris Webber was under in last season's NCAA title game.

More than anyone else, Mashburn's former teammates will miss his on-court dominance. His overpowering presence in the

treacherous second many opportunities for his roommates and friend.

"We have five or six guys who can score double figures every night."

"We have fewer question marks this year," Ford said. "We've got so much depth. We're 10 or 11 deep. Each spot goes two or three deep."

But Ford was realistic for Wildcats sharpshooters trying to raise up the stack.

"Nobody is going to take his spot," Ford said. "Nobody is going to get his stats. It's not something we can't overcome."

The overall consensus about this year's team is that no one person can replace a player of Mashburn's caliber.

"Everyone will need to step up," said ESPN's Dick Vitale. "I think that frontline will make improvements."

"All players are going to have to step up their own games," said center Andre Riddick. "It's not going to be just one guy."

Mashburn didn't just leave UK without providing younger cadets with some training. Sophomore forward Jared Prickett may have benefited most from Mashburn's presence.

"I guarded him the majority of the time last year," Prickett said. "He's not big on advice. (But) just playing with him, you can learn so much."

Because Mashburn lived in Lexington most of the summer, some of UK's freshmen had the chance to meet last year's leader.

"There were a million times I wanted to ask him for his autograph," said guard Anthony Epps.

Forward Walter McCarty is entering his first year as a Wildcat after sitting out last year because of Proposition 48. McCarty's versatility has been compared to Mashburn's.

"I try to do some of the things that he did here at Kentucky and he does now, basically just playing inside and out," McCarty said. "The difference is that he's just a lot stronger player right now."

McCarty has been placed on a special diet designed to mold him into the tank-like figure Mashburn has become.

"Some people thought he'd replace Mashburn," Pitino said. "Right now, they're not in the same sentence."

McCarty's eating has taken on almost hereditary proportions.

"It's like we're a family," McCarty said. "Me, (strength coach Shaun Brown) and Andre Riddick. We're eating every meal together. Basically, I try to take in like 3,000 calories for every meal. It's around 10,000 calories a day."

"Sometimes it gets to where I just hate to eat. But that depends on what I'm eating too."

Pitino wants to see McCarty become more of a savage and less of a socializer when he eats.

"Walter's eating habits are not good," Pitino said. "He eats too normal. He takes small bites, he eats slow, he talks, he looks you in the eyes. He needs to be less polite. We need him to eat more like a football lineman."

Pitino realizes that it will take McCarty a while to reach Mashburn status.

"McCarty's going to need a year," he said. "He's not physically ready to play this game with any consistency. Right now he's 208, and we gave him a goal by the Louisville game to be 215."

"Walter is physically not ready, and, mentally, he hasn't played college basketball, so he's going to need a good year (to adjust)."

McCarty, who some expect to become UK's impact player, will be eased into life

in the collegiate ranks. Pitino vows not to let McCarty be thrown into the front lines the way Rhodes.

"We're very deep, and we can bring (McCarty) along the right way instead of the incorrect way we brought along Rodrick Rhodes last year," Pitino said.

"And when I say incorrect, I mean we put him into a position where he had so many ups and downs, and it's unfortunate that he had to go through that type of season."

McCarty said he thinks he's ready to be put in the line of fire right away.

"I can compete," he said. "I can hold my own at this level. But I know that to do a lot of things I need to be stronger and put on a lot of weight."

If this season's team is to be better than last year's, it will be depth and a new power game that will take them there. UK's confidence is already in championship form.

"If you believe from day one that you are better, it will come, somebody's Pitino's said."

"And that's the belief I want to have. Whether we are or not at this point of the season is insignificant."

"As a team we have a chance to be a better ball club and be more team-oriented," Martinez said.

Mashburn's loss leaves UK in a crossroads at this point. Pitino is leaving everything open for his Cats to win another Final Four appearance in their respective Wildcat superlakes aim against Louisville Nov. 27 to start their long road to Charlotte, N.C.

"You never know what's going to happen," Pitino said. "That's the exciting thing about college basketball. Everybody can put their head on their pillow at night and dream about winning their plans to go to Charlotte."

# This Ford has been around the block

## Evolution from Eddie Haskell to UK's top star was long haul

BY BRIAN BENNETT  
BASKETBALL '93-'94

Gez whiz, Wally. Just two years ago, Travis Ford's practice shenanigans resembled those of Eddie Haskell, the mischievous sycophant from TV's "Leave It To Beaver."

Two seasons have created quite a spinoff. Nowadays, Ford is reminding watchers of a main character from another '50s TV show — "Father Knows Best."

As the Jamal Mashburn-free 1993-94 UK Wildcats begin their season, Ford stands as the team's unquestioned leader.

Perhaps maturation should be expected, even demanded, from the pint-sized point guard. Next month, Ford will turn 24 — George Burnstian in collegiate athletics.

"I get a lot of kidding about it. I don't see that big of a difference," Ford said, and then smiling, "Maybe there is."

Maybe the biggest difference is between Ford and UK's two true freshmen.

Jeff Sheppard and Anthony Epps are both five years younger than No. 5.

"He's so old we can almost call him sir," Sheppard said.

Sir seems an odd moniker for the cherub-faced, 5-foot-9 senior. But Ford does not back down when people say he's the leader of the Cats.

"I'd better be," he said. "I'm going to have to be more of a leader, vocally more than anything."

"I'm not going to be leader as in to say I can go out and dominate

and score 20 points and grab 10 rebounds every night. My role is to get players in the right position, get the ball right where we want it and make sure everybody's in on curfew."

That, of course, is what a true point guard should do. But it's not what Ford has always done. After an outstanding freshman year at Missouri in 1990 — he was named to the All-Big Eight Freshman team — Ford transferred to UK. Slowed by a knee injury and perhaps a bit of chubbiness, Ford's work ethic and demeanor did not impress the ever-demanding Pitino, who originated the Eddie Haskell label. Ford played just 12.7 minutes per game his first season at UK.

"Everybody had question marks," said the Madisonville, Ky. native, "I had question marks too. But I still had confidence in myself."

**(Travis Ford is) so old we can almost call him sir.**

**—Jeff Sheppard  
UK freshman**

Last season saw a much different Travis Ford.

Over the summer of 1992 he lost weight, rehabilitated his knee and, maybe most importantly, improved his attitude.

"I think Travis will become the

best leader I've ever had as a coach," says Pitino now. "He's matured the right way."

Ford was the second-leading scorer on the Cats' '93 Final Four team (13.6 ppg) and dished out almost five assists per game.

Ford seemed to improve as the

fourth in the nation last year in three-point accuracy, making 101 of 191 for 52.9 percent.

"When you guard him, you've just got to realize that he doesn't miss many shots," Sheppard said.

But Ford's not just a pull-up jump-shooter; he's also deceptively quick on the drive, something Epps learned quickly this summer.

"When I first saw him, I thought no way he's that fast," said Epps, the Cats' backup point guard.

"Then you get out there and you see why he could do some of the things he was able to do. He was really killing me, taking me to the hole."

Still, the keys to this Ford are his skills as a floor general.

"There will be times when everybody looks at the coach," Pitino said. "The leader on the court takes the bull by the horns before the coach has to. That's what Travis does."

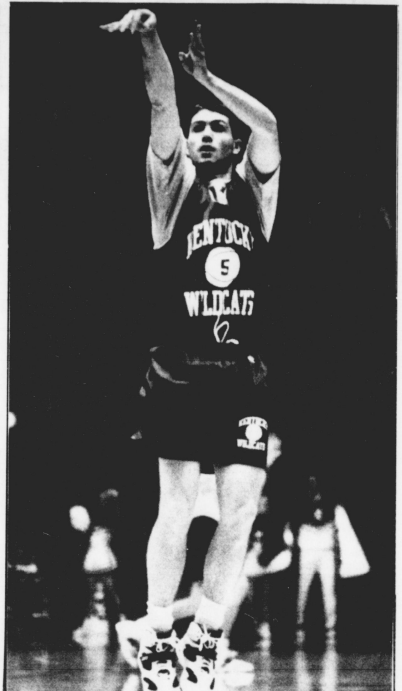
"Not only is he a great college basketball player, he has a chance to be a great coach someday."

Travis  
**FORD** G

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| 91-92        | 33-0         | 12.7        | 69         | 80.0%        | 36-1.1         | 114-3.5        |
| 92-93        | 34-34        | 32.4        | 166        | 88.1%        | 71-2.1         | 463-13.6       |
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## Donovan yet another Friar in Pitino's coaching oven

BY ERIC MOSOLGO  
BASKETBALL '93-'94

As Rick Pitino spoke to his Wildcat team for the first time in 1989, UK assistant coach Billy Donovan must have been reflective as he read the hopeful expressions of the unheralded players that would one day be immortalized as the Unforgettables.

Pitino was in the process of telling the squad that he planned to win with what he had in the room. Three years later, the Unforgettables came within a miracle shot of the Final Four.

Donovan was also present when a brash Pitino uttered roughly the same monologue four years earlier as he took over as head coach at Providence College. Then a junior guard, the player would become affectionately known as "Billy the Kid" took inspiration from his new mentor's confidence.

A season later and two years removed from a disastrous 11-20 campaign, Donovan catapulted the Friars on their unlikely run to the Final Four.

As a player and as a coach, Donovan has been a student of the Pitino system, including a brief stint as a player with the New York Knicks when Pitino coached there.

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This knowledge of Pitino-Ball is more valuable than gold for an assistant with aspirations to one day be a head coach. Just ask former Pitino disciples Stu Jackson, Ralph Willard, Tubby Smith and Herb Sendek (who are currently head coaches at Wisconsin, Western Kentucky, Tulsa and Miami (Ohio), respectively).

Donovan, who was elevated to associate coach status following Sendek's departure earlier this year, says that UK is the perfect setting to groom his coaching skills.

"Every day I wake up and realize how lucky I am to be involved with the greatest college basketball tradition in the country," he said.

Four years ago, Donovan could not have imagined the 90-degree turn his life was about to take. Unhappy with his work at an investment banking firm, he decided to call his former coach in hopes of landing an assistant's position.

It was a call that has changed his life. Chalk one up to assertiveness.

Given the impressive track record of his predecessors, a head coaching position now almost certainly awaits Donovan somewhere over the horizon. At 28, his star is on the rise.

And while he looks forward to the day when he will get to run his own team, the Wildcat assistant says there is much left to accomplish at UK.

"I'm very, very content and happy where I am right now. My main goal is to help us win a national championship," Donovan said.

To prepare for that lofty goal, Pitino demands total dedication from his staff. Many days during the season require the coaches to put in 20-hour days.

"If you want to be a success in whatever you do, you have to put the hours in and you have to work hard."

"I enjoy working for Coach Pitino because he gives you a lot of responsibilities. You get to touch all aspects of coaching, from scouting, to recruiting to on-the-floor coaching," said Donovan.

When you are spending vast amounts of time working hard, your profession had better be a labor of love. For Donovan, it most assuredly is.

The future head coach says he most enjoys "developing a relationship with the guys through the recruiting process and then getting them here on campus and watching them grow over a four-year period."

"Watching people be successful is what I really enjoy."

He has seen the Pitino magic act at all its major stops. The only rabbi Pitino and Donovan have failed to pull out of the hat is the one that holds a national title in its basket.

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# McCarty is no Mashburn — at least not yet

BY BRETT DAWSON  
BASKETBALL '93-'94

On Friday, Nov. 5, Jamal Mashburn, UK's former 6-foot-8, 240-pound power forward, strapped on his Filas for his first ever regular-season NBA game.

About that time, Walter McCarty, UK's 6-foot-9, 208-pound power forward of the future, had just unlaced his Converse basketball shoes after completing his first week of practice at the Division I level.

Different heights, different weights, different gym shoes — how much do Walter McCarty and Jamal Mashburn really have in common?

Plenty, according to the hordes of UK fans and preseason prognosticators who are touting McCarty as the second coming of Mash. But if it's all the same to you, Walter McCarty would like to cut out his own niche in Lexington.

So, if you want to talk about Mashburn's shoes, discuss his \$7.5 million Filadelfia endorsement deal, not the prospect of McCarty stepping into Mash's vacant Cons.

"There's really nothing I can say to (people who expect a Mashburn replacement)," McCarty said at UK's media day. "Mash was a great player, but I'm not him."

"I'm just here to help the team out and do whatever I can, because there's not really going to be a Mashburn on this team."

Actually, there's not going to be another Mashburn on any UK team ever. Players like Mash are not easy to come by. If they were, UK coach Rick Pitino would probably have 12 or 13 of them by now.

But, in time, McCarty seems destined to become an outstanding player in his own right. In time.

"My role is not to come in and be a dominant player, and it's not to just be out of the picture, either," McCarty said. "I just have to come in and contribute."

McCarty joins Rodrick Rhodes, Tony Delk and Jared Prickett this season to form what might be the strongest sophomore class in the nation.

Unlike Rhodes, Delk and Prickett, though, McCarty, who was a casualty of Proposition 48 last season, doesn't have a year of college basketball under his belt. McCarty

said that will mean some rust on his game early, but he added that sitting out for a year might not have been all bad.

"The main effect (of sitting out) has been not being able to play organized ball. Besides that, I think everything's going well."

"I had some things to work on. The biggest thing I had to work on is getting stronger, lifting weights, just getting in the weight room and then coming out and taking some shots."

The year of work paid off for McCarty, who has added 20 pounds to his wiry frame since arriving on campus last fall. But Pitino said that McCarty's work is about half done.

"He's about 12 to 15 pounds away from being a great player," Pitino said. "I'll be another year before we see a dominating player."

But McCarty is showing the potential right now to be that dominating player sometime in the near future. Just ask UK point guard Travis Ford.

"When you first look at Walter, you see this really thin guy," Ford said. "But he uses his body well. His body does him good, because he's a slasher-type player."

"He can shoot the three, he can run the floor, he can get up quick. He can do a whole lot of things on the floor."

Even Pitino admitted that McCarty, who was Indiana's Mr. Basketball runner up two years ago after averaging 22 points, 11.7 rebounds, 3.6 blocks and 2.8 assists as a senior at Evansville's Harrison High School, appears ready to make a major contribution here and there.

"He does have dominating skills," Pitino said. "He has great, great skills, and you'll see flashes of brilliance, but I don't think he'll be that consistent impact player until he puts on the extra 15 pounds."

Ford predicted that improvement will come quickly from McCarty, noting that he has already improved vastly since the summer.

"This summer, when I first started playing with him, I was like 'maybe in two or three years he'll be good,'" Ford said. "But over the summer he kept getting better and better and just improving."

"He's never played a college game. As long as he keeps improving as much as he is, he'll be a great

college player."

As far as the comparisons to Mashburn go, for now, it's like comparing Nikes and Pro-Keds.

"They aren't even in the same sentence right now," Pitino said.

McCarty, meanwhile, said that while the comparisons are flattering, he needs his space to grow into becoming the best player he can be.

"In a way, (the comparisons are) unfair, because I've yet to play one Kentucky game," he said. "But in a way it's a compliment."

"I try to do some things (Mashburn) does, going inside and out. Basically he just does it a lot better and he's a lot stronger."

McCarty was quick to point out that the UK offense could be more versatile without Mashburn.

"I think there's not really going to be a go-to-guy on this team," he said. "Everybody's going to have to have the confidence if they get the ball with five seconds left, they're going to have to take it to the hole."

"We're going to have to have a lot of confidence in each other."

McCarty has struggled at times to pick up Pitino's complex offense, but said he's progressing slowly but surely with the system.

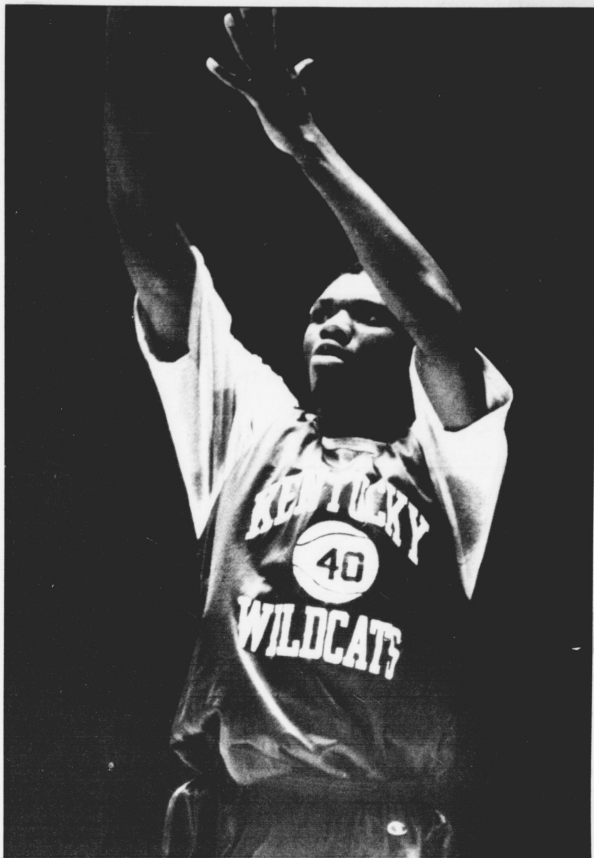
"There are a lot of things I'm getting on to and being able to do," he said. "But there's a lot of things I'm struggling with also. This is just an adjustment period for me."

The entire season is likely to be an adjustment for McCarty, but he is ready to accept whatever role Pitino gives him, including playing backup to other frontcourt players like Prickett and Rhodes.

"When they get tired or they get in foul trouble and have to come out of the game, that's when I'll come in," he said. "I'll just get in there and keep hitting the boards and blocking some shots."

After a Final Eight and a Final Four in the last two seasons, the Cats are hungry for the next step, McCarty said. And he said he'll do his best to make UK a national title contender again, even if he is the first Walter McCarty, and not the next ... you know who.

"A lot of people are trying to put a lot of pressure on me, but I don't pay it any mind," he said. "I'm just waiting. My time's gonna come. I'm just out there trying to make this a better team."



LOOKING UP: UK sophomore forward Walter McCarty enters his first season as a Wildcat with many expectations for his future.

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# Lady Kats hope 64 is magic number in '94

BY BRETT DAWSON  
BASKETBALL '93-'94

As if it weren't bad enough that the UK Lady Kats spend their existence in virtual anonymity, playing in the considerable shadow of Rick Pitino and company, the UK women also happen to hoop in the nation's strongest conference.

The Southeastern Conference boasts the country's top two teams in the preseason, Vanderbilt and Tennessee, and it sent six teams to last season's NCAA tournament.

The Lady Kats were not among that group of six, however. Their 18-10 record was solid, but a 5-6 mark in the SEC eliminated UK from consideration for the Big

Dance.

Despite the loss of Jocelyn Mills (15.4 points per game, 7.5 rebounds per game) and Mia Daniel (10.7 ppg, 6.5 rpg), the Lady Kats are confident that this is the year they can reverse their fortunes and return to the post-season for the first time since the 1990-91 season.

The team has particularly high hopes because this year the women's NCAA tournament has expanded its field to 64 teams for the first time in history. UK head coach Sharon Fanning says this means all teams in the top half of the SEC have a good shot at being selected.

"Out of that 64, that's 16 more, and eight are going to be automat-

ic, so that gives you 8 more games," Fanning said. "If you go around the board, you could say one SEC, one ACC, one Big Ten and the majority of the major conferences will get another team in."

"It looks like from history that if (the SEC is) doing well, we'll send six teams, maybe seven."

But if the Lady Kats are to finish in the SEC's upper echelon, they will need a more consistent effort than the one they posted last year.

The Lady Kats pulled off a number of upsets, including a last-second win over state rival and national power Western Kentucky. Often, though, UK lost late leads and blew games to teams they felt they should have beaten.

Senior forward Christie Jordan said the Lady Kats' consistency will be the key to the season ahead.

"I felt like last year we gave up at the wrong times," Jordan said. "We would get a little lead, then slack off a little bit. We felt like that came from the point that in practice didn't feel like we pushed each other hard enough."

Jordan is one of several frontcourt players who will be asked to pick up the slack for the departed Mills and Daniel. Among the others are seniors Jennifer Gray and Tedra Eberhart and junior Karri Koach.

Fanning expects the strengths of her team to be depth and an ability to push the ball up and down the floor. That can be attributed to the strong guard play the Lady Kats anticipate from junior shooting guard Stacey Reed and sophomore point guard Christina Jansen.

Reed was the Lady Kats' second leading scorer last year at 11.4 points per outing, but this year she switches from the point guard to the

scoring guard slot in order to better use her outside shooting abilities.

"Stacey still wants the ball in her hands a lot," Fanning said. "She'll still have ball in her hands as much as she did at the point, the thing is she'll be coming off screens this year."

Jansen has impressed Fanning as much as any player during the off-season.

After an up and down freshman year, the Louisville, Ky., native has begun to display some of the talents she exhibited during her career at Mercy Academy.

"Christina's confidence level, her ability to not get frustrated with herself and to keep the game in perspective and to not overreact and just her overall skill level have all improved," Fanning said.

The players are anxious to see the new backcourt alignment.

"Stacey at the two will be good for us because, like everyone knows, she loves to shoot the ball," Jordan said.

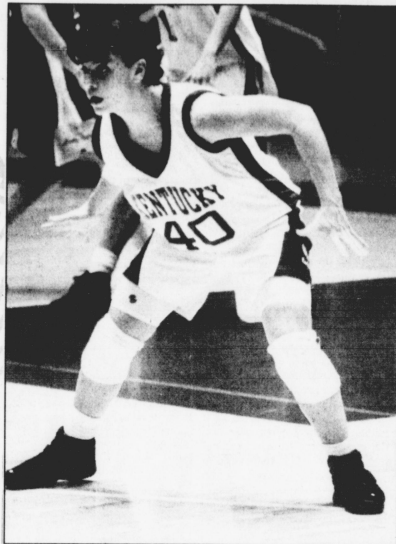
"I think with Stacey and Christina on the floor at the same time, we're really going to get the consistency we need out of the one and two positions."

With a strong tandem in the backcourt and frontcourt players who can get out and run the floor, Fanning said Lady Kat fans can expect the same type of team they've seen the last several years.

"The game hasn't changed," Fanning said. "We will still run and push the ball up the floor, read the numbers and attack on offense."

Fanning and Jordan agreed that the Lady Kats enter the season with reason for high expectations.

"This is a team that has not only



IN POSITION: Christina Jansen and the Lady Kats hope NCAA Tournament expansion helps their postseason chances.

set goals, but a team that has high expectations in terms of what the results are going to be," Fanning said. "I think we can make it to the (NCAA) tournament, and I think we can do real good in the tourna-

ment," Jordan said. "I wouldn't be surprised to see us get to the Sweet 16."

"That's something I've always wanted to do, and I think we have the group of girls to do it."

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## Eberhart takes trash out on court

BY ERIC MOSOLGO  
BASKETBALL '93-'94

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tough defense, good decision-making abilities, rebounding and trash talking?

Trash talking? Most definitely, if the player is Lady Kat small forward Tedra Eberhart.

"My game is to go out and talk as much trash as I can and make sure I back it up," said Eberhart, a 5-foot-11 senior.

"Even if I miss a shot, I still talk trash because I know I'll make up for it on defense."

This is the case more often than not. Last season, she was voted the squad's outstanding defensive player.

Eberhart honed her defensive, as well her trash-talking, skills in her hometown of Decatur, Ga., a suburb of Atlanta. She attended Southwest DeKalb, the same high school as Olympic gold medalist Gwen Torrence, and got to know the sprinter.

"When she was training for the Olympics, she would come to the stadium down the street from where I live. I would go up there and talk to her," Eberhart said.

Since arriving at UK from Georgia, Eberhart has made steady progress in the Lady Kat program. As a freshman, she averaged 4.5 points per game.

That average rose to 7.3 points per game as a sophomore and to 10.1 per contest last year. She also collected 5.6 rebounds per game during her junior season.

With a year's worth of experience gained from starting last year, Eberhart will be counted on to be one of the leaders for this season's Lady Kat squad.

"To me, this is Tedra's last go-around and a time for her to shine, step forward and be a leader for our team," Lady Kat coach Sharon Fanning said.

"We expect and need Tedra to be a team leader in terms of work ethic and attitude. That alone could make a difference in where we end up at the end of the season."

There is no secret where Eberhart wants to be at the season's end.



UK senior Tedra Eberhart.

"I want a ring," she said. "The way things are going in practice right now, I feel we have a very good chance at being number one in (the Southeastern Conference) if we keep up our intensity and aggressiveness."

This is quite a lofty goal, especially when you consider the fact that most preseason polls have conference foes Vanderbilt and Tennessee listed as the top two teams in the nation.

It is obvious, though, that Eberhart is not a player easily overwhelmed by an opponent. In the Lady Kat media guide, she ranks herself as her favorite sports figure.

Further down on the Eberhart page, you encounter a most bizarre and enlightening quote.

Asked what she would change about women's basketball if she had the power, she said she would "make girl curli illegal because the activator gets in your eyes, and it's hard to get it off your hands."

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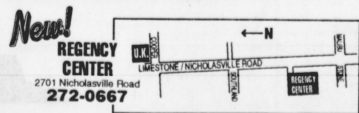
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# Brassow sows the seeds of UK's future stars

BY BRANT WELCH  
BASKETBALL '93-'94


Two years ago, former UK players John Pelphey, Deron Feldhaus, Sean Woods and Richie Farmer, dubbed the "Inforgettables," were praised for not jumping ship when scandals wrecked a once-proud UK basketball program. They stuck around, although the situation looked more than bleak. It was an admirable and impressive decision.

It is possibly more admirable and impressive that Jeff Brassow decided to come to Lexington during that period. The fifth-year senior from Alief, Texas, signed with UK in 1988 when other high school prospects were staying away from UK like most people try to stay away from the flu.

He signed before he even knew what fate the NCAA would hand UK, which turned out to be a two-year hiatus from postseason play, or even who would be the replacement for embattled coach Eddie Sutton, who resigned.

"I felt real good after I found out (Rick) Pitino was going to be the coach because I knew he was from the NBA," Brassow said. "The (New York) Knicks were doing really well, and his team from Providence had made the Final Four. "I was confident that we would win, but I never thought we would win like we have."

Brassow, who was recruited



**Jeff BRASSOW**

| YEAR         | G-S          | Min         | Ast.      | FT pct.    | Reb.-avg.      | Pts.-avg.      |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| 89-90        | 28-2         | 17.3        | 26        | 65.5%      | 98-3.5         | 191-6.8        |
| 90-91        | 28-22        | 21.8        | 32        | 81.5%      | 89-3.2         | 228-8.1        |
| 91-92        | 2-2          | 28.0        | 2         | 66.7%      | 10-5.0         | 30-15.0        |
| 92-93        | 31-2         | 11.5        | 38        | 68.8%      | 60-1.9         | 126-3.9        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>89-28</b> | <b>16.9</b> | <b>98</b> | <b>72%</b> | <b>257-2.9</b> | <b>575-6.5</b> |

• 6' 5" • 220 • Senior • Houston, TX • (Alief Elisk)

mainly by former UK assistant coach James Dickey, had to pick between two Wildcats.

"My final two choices were Kentucky and Arizona," said Brassow, the last non-Pitino recruit. "I felt if I went to Kentucky, I would get to play a lot of freshman and sophomore years and start my junior year, and that's happened."

Brassow averaged better than 17 minutes a contest his freshman season, scoring 6.8 points a game and 3.5 rebounds.

His hustling style of play also produced 39 steals that year, in which UK went 14-14. He averaged 8.1 points a game and had 41 swipes his sophomore year.

"I did get to play a lot and got to play against one of the toughest

schedules in the nation," he said. "It turns out if I went to Arizona, I probably never would have gotten to play because of Chris Mills (who transferred to Arizona from UK) and some of the other players that transferred there."

At times, the road has been rocky for Brassow. In what would have been his junior season in 1991-92, he went down in the second game of the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee, a career-threatening injury.

He returned last season, playing 11.5 minutes a game and averaging 3.9 points, but both knees still nagged him and hindered his play.

Brassow said he is in "100 percent" health entering this season, in which he expects to play both the

wing guard and small forward positions.

If Midnight Madness was any indication, Brassow is back. In a 10-minute intrasquad scrimmage, he hit three three-pointers and led all players in scoring with 11 points.

"He's looked really good," Pitino said.

When you think of UK's pressing, hustling style, the image of Brassow getting in an opponent's face is easily remembered. He once got former Florida center Dwayne Schintzius so mad that he threw an elbow at Brassow and was called for a technical.

Surprisingly, Brassow wasn't exactly of the Pete Rose hustle mold before he arrived on campus.

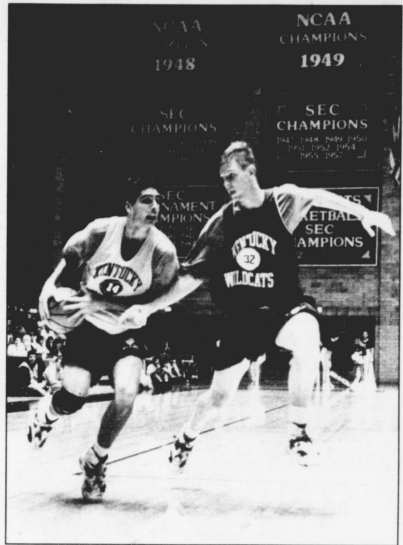
"In high school I didn't really have to play that hard because I had so many good teammates around me," he said. "We won every game by 20 or 30 points. But if you didn't play hard in (Pitino's) system, you weren't going to play."

Brassow stressed that he has never had any regrets about deciding to play at UK.

"I turned out perfect for me, and I wouldn't have it any other way."

Brassow said his goal this season is for people to remember him as a person that was and is committed to the UK program.

"I want to get through this year and have people respect what I've done here," Brassow said, "that I stood by my commitment to come here when things weren't good."



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# Senior wants to be both hero and goatee

## Bearded, beefier 'Jimmy' ready to be team leader

BY BRIAN BENNETT  
BASKETBALL '93-'94

Gimel Martínez's goals have been the same each of the past three off-seasons: bulk up, bulk up, bulk up.

After the skinny, 6-foot-8 center/forward was beaten, battered and abused by beefier power players his freshman year, Martínez hit the weights the following summer. The result? He added more than 15 pounds to his frail physique.

This season, the senior has put on another seven or eight pounds. But the most noticeable addition weighs only a few ounces — his goatee.

Already bedecked with a mous-

tache, Martínez cultivated his chin growth after UK lost to Michigan in the Final Four. Did he do it for the intimidation factor, a la Jack McDowell of the Chicago White Sox? Naw, ain't nothin' but a G thing, he insists.

"Some people might say it looks intimidating," Martínez said. "(But) it started out just for looks, and I liked it."

So did Martínez's family and friends. Well, most of them.

"Everybody in my family liked it except my grandma," Martínez said.

"She offered me money to shave it. Maybe through the season I might run a little short of cash and



Gimel



| YEAR  | G-S   | Min  | Ast. | FT pct. | Reb.-avg. | Pts.-avg. |
|-------|-------|------|------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 90-91 | 26-0  | 9.1  | 6    | 63.6%   | 32.3-2    | 42-1.6    |
| 91-92 | 36-21 | 16.0 | 35   | 88.3%   | 116-3.2   | 249-6.9   |
| 92-93 | 32-0  | 14.8 | 40   | 71.4%   | 97-3.0    | 197-6.2   |
| TOTAL | 94-21 | 12.8 | 81   | 78.1%   | 145-2.6   | 488-5.2   |

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have to shave it off."

UK coach Rick Pitino asked the crowd at Big Blue Madness to decide whether to let Martínez keep the hair. The crowd said aye.

"Coach kind of gets on me every once in a while, but I can take it," Martínez said.

"I think I'll keep it."

But "Jimmy," as his coaches and teammates call him, wants to be known as more than just the team's Sy Sperting this year.

He wants to finally put together a consistent season.

Routinely booed his freshman campaign when he averaged just 1.6 points per game, Martínez was UK's most improved player his sophomore year.

That season, he earned the starting job at center, led the team in free-throw shooting and began to score with authority, including a 26-point, 10-rebound game against Alabama.

Martínez missed the first month of last season with a fractured right foot and never really found the right footing.

His playing time slipped to less than 15 minutes a game, his scoring

fell to just 6.2 points a game.

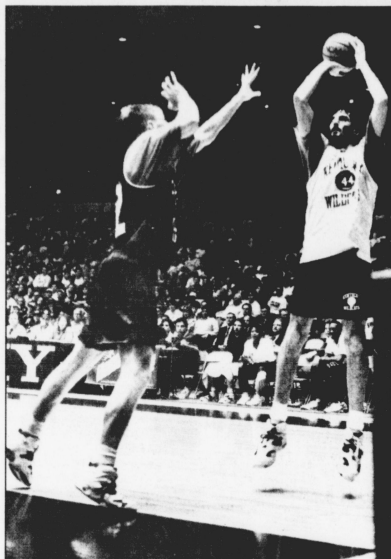
Worse, he looked bewildered in the final minutes of the Michigan game when he missed three crucial shots in overtime.

"I feel very good right now. I don't feel out of shape at all," said the Miami native after the first couple of practices.

"That was the biggest thing the last couple years. I came in a little out of shape, and it would take me a while to get in basketball shape."

Pitino was impressed with Martínez's conditioning. The Cats' fifth-year coach called Martínez's early play "tremendous" and rated him one of the three most impressive players in initial practices, along with guard Anthony Epps and center Rodney Dent.

Still, Martínez will have to battle for every minute this year with seniors Dent and Andre Riddick ahead of him at center and sophomores Jared Prickett and Walter McCarty pushing for playing time at power forward.



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MASKED: Senior Gimel Martínez, sporting a new Fu Manchu 'do, has shown great improvements from last season.

It's a situation not lost on Martínez, who refused to miss practice when a Mark Pope elbow broke his nose last month.

"Basically, it was an S shape. It was the worst broken nose I've seen," Pitino said.

"He played the next morning after he had it set twice."

But even if Martínez doesn't garner a huge amount of playing time, he knows he can be of service to the team when things get, well, hairy.

"I just want to be a leader out there," he said.

"I want to help the young guys and be the best I can be."

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# Harrison eyes Final Four return

BY MELISSA ROSENTHAL  
BASKETBALL '93-'94

UK basketball is all about getting back to the Final Four and winning the national championship this year, junior guard Chris Harrison says.

"I honestly think we have a good chance of winning it all this year. We know what it takes and we all want it bad," Harrison said.

"Most of us have experienced what it is like to have a championship in the palm of your hand and

then lose it. This year, we want it all.

Although Harrison saw limited playing time last season (4.8 minutes per game), he thinks this season might be different.

"I am stronger and mentally ready to do what needs to be done when called upon," he said. "I am confident that I can be an asset to the team."

Harrison, who played his high school ball at Tollesboro, is one of only three Kentucky natives on UK's roster.

"There is some added pressure when you know everyone in your hometown is counting on you and, in a way, looking to you to put them on the map," he said.

"In a small town like mine where everyone is a die-hard UK basketball fan, when things don't go your way, you feel like you are not only disappointing yourself but a lot of other people too."

Harrison said he has been playing basketball for as long as he can remember. "I think my parents put a basketball in my crib and said, 'Go to work.'"

His goal in life always was to play basketball for UK.  
"Basketball at UK is a tradition,

### Chris HARRISON

| YEAR  | G-S  | Min | Ast. | FT pct. | Reb.-avg. | Pts.-avg. |
|-------|------|-----|------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 91-92 | 20-0 | 3.9 | 4    | 75.0%   | 7-0.4     | 19-1.0    |
| 92-93 | 12-0 | 4.8 | 12   | 66.7%   | 5-0.4     | 18-1.5    |
| TOTAL | 32-0 | 4.3 | 16   | 71.0%   | 12-0.4    | 37-1.2    |

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not just a sport," Harrison said. "It is a great feeling being a part of such a rich tradition. There is no feeling quite like it."

With the loss of former All-American Jamal Mashburn, Harrison said UK will have to really come together this year.

"We don't have Jamal to look to anymore so, when a tight situation arises, it will basically be whoever gets the ball will take the shot."

Harrison said the team will prob-

ably look to senior point guard Travis Ford for some leadership.

"Travis is an experienced player, and we can all learn from that experience," he said. "(But) in a tight situation anyone could step up and take control at any given time."

"I think (sophomore forward) Walter (McCarty) will also help the team a lot this year. He is a tremendous talent, but he has a lot of pressure on him."

"I would best describe the team as soldiers in an army. If we do what we are told, we will win. It's as simple as that," he said. "We are ready and focused and will do our best to come together as a team and win it all."

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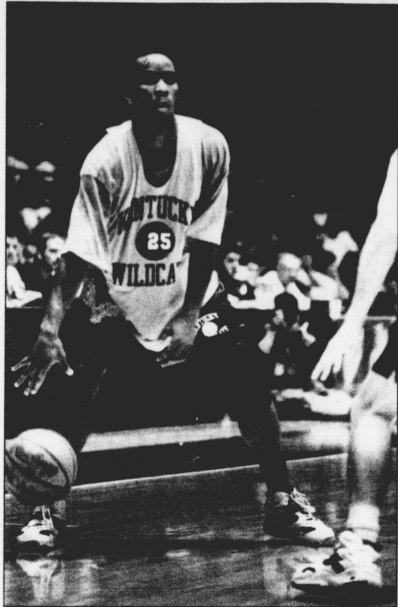
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# Rhodes remembers relapses



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**EPPS-optional:** Freshman Anthony Epps, who led Marion County to the state title, hopes to lead the Cats to future championships.

## Epps and flows

### Kentuckian gets his UK wish

**BY GRAHAM SHELBY**  
BASKETBALL '93-'94  
Anthony Epps wanted to be a UK basketball player.

Now he's got his wish, and all that comes with it. Though he hasn't played a game for the Wildcats, and at 6-foot-2, 185 pounds, his dimensions are relatively normal, people still recognize he's a basketball player. That translates into lots of attention for the freshman from Lebanon, Ky.

"In a way I like the attention, but sometimes it can get nerve-racking when you're going to eat and people are just, like, staring at you," Epps said.

"When you're going to class, you never know when somebody's going to walk up to you and start speaking to you, when you don't have any idea who they are or what to say to them."

It's gotten to the point that at times he said he's denied his membership on the team, telling overzealous fans, "Ah, I just live in the (Wildcat) Lodge with these guys." Epps has been living and playing ball with those guys for a few weeks now, long enough to earn an evaluation from the man he intends to sub for, All-Southeastern Conference point guard Travis Ford.

"He's doing great; he really is," Ford said. "He's surprised me."

"I think he's going to be a great leader someday."

Pitino, who once called off recruitment of the Marion County star, said he has been "very pleased and surprised with Anthony Epps."

The fifth-year coach had held concerns about who would run the UK offensive show when Ford needed a rest, but he's encouraged by what he's seen in Epps so far.

"He's picking up the system quickly. He's doing a really good job of pressuring the ball defensively. He's good on the break and probably the best passer on the team," Pitino said.

No surprise if Epps is a quick study of the Pitino system — it's largely what brought him to UK.

Epps said he rooted for Louisville throughout his childhood. That changed with the arrival Pitino's offensive schemes.

"Coach P. got here, and he brought this new style. It just changed everything," Epps said.



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**BY TY HALPIN**  
BASKETBALL '93-'94  
Kneading and churning through his inaugural season of collegiate basketball, Rodrick Rhodes could not find a recipe with the right consistency. The mix was either too juicy (Georgia Tech and Louisville), or too dry (the last half of the year).

"I'm glad that's over with," Rhodes said, his voice seeping with relief.

As the season went on, Rhodes seemed to lose the touch that produced double-digit performances early in the year, including 27 against the Yellowjackets and 20 against the Cardinals. Rhodes averaged just 5.7 points per game in the last 18 games.

"I've seen basketball from more types of angles," Rhodes said, possibly referring to the view from the bench late in the season. "I learned a lot in the second half of the year. It's over now. I'm at the end of the ladder, and I'm trying to work my way up."

The beginning of Rhodes' road to UK began in Jersey City, N.J. More specifically, his climb to the college level started at St. Anthony's High School with coach Bob Hurley Sr.

"Some of his moments, he was clearly successful," his old coach said of Rhodes' rookie season at UK. "He had too many inconsistencies in his play, but that's because he was a freshman."

Rhodes knows the experience he gained last year taught him some lessons that may turn out to be more valuable than a Michael Jordan rookie card.

"I got caught up in the excitement of coming in and being an impact," he said. "It wasn't me just doing well, because then the exposure came. Everybody has their ups and downs. You just have to deal with it."

Rhodes was not totally ready for the media exposure, even though Hurley Sr. and his staff thought they had trained their pupil to focus on the game, not the cameras.

"We thought we had him prepared for it," Hurley Sr. said. "He's a gifted young man. The gift is sometimes a curse."

One member of the media — perhaps the loudest — admits to building up the Rhodes' early successes.

"I think we in the media may have played up his performances a bit too much," ESPN's Dick Vitale said. "I mean, he comes in out of high school and he had some great moments against Georgia Tech and at Louisville."

"He's not going to be the type of player he was last year."

So, what type of player will he be? First, Rhodes beefed up over the summer. More importantly, he changed some of the spices in his repertoire and added a dish.

"He's thinking pass before shot,"

UK coach Rick Pitino said after one week's worth of practice. "If Rodrick can play like he's playing right now, he can be an All-American."

The relationship between Pitino and Rhodes was, at best, fair last season. This year, things seem to have changed.

"In Pitino's system, you've got to play hard every time out," Vitale said. Early last year, everything came easily for Rhodes.

"I didn't quite understand what it took to be a good college basketball player," Rhodes said. "As long as I'm on the floor and I'm working hard, I'm doing something right."

Hurley Sr., a man who teaches his students to do everything right, spoke with Rhodes when he was home this summer and keeps in close contact with his family.

"I think he knows what he has to do to be successful now," Hurley Sr. said. "It's not something drastic. He's much more prepared to work hard now. He understands the system. He's familiar with what coach Pitino expects of him."

A change in Rhodes' mindset has left both coach and player at a happy medium.

"Just talking with Coach P., there should never be a game I don't play well," Rhodes said. "This year I want to be a more consistent player. You don't have to score a lot of points to be consistent. If I'm out on the floor, that's where I can show my talent."

That talent was shown in flashes last season. His 38 points en route to winning MVP honors at the ECAC Holiday Tournament was one of the brightest flames.

Rhodes can't be expected to put up those numbers every night out, Hurley Sr. said.

"Rod" got a world of ability," he said. "Right now, it's focus and concentration."

With an enhanced physique and a pinch of experience from last season, Rhodes seems more relaxed and prepared to endure the beating of 30-plus college games.

"My maturity has improved a lot from Year One to Two," Rhodes said.

Vitale thinks Rhodes will be more than just improved.

"Rodrick will become a marquee player in the future," Vitale said. "I think the kid is gonna be a star."



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**RHODES SCHOLAR:** Rodrick Rhodes says he's learned from his rookie mistakes, and is ready for a sophomore splash.

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# SEC '93-'94

## Razorbacks, Wildcats easy choices

### Depth, talent set UK, UA apart



**BRIAN BENNETT**  
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If you're looking for suspense this Southeastern Conference basketball season, borrow an Agatha Christie novel from the library. Just make sure you have it finished by Feb. 9.

That's when UK and Arkansas, who figure to murder everyone else in the league, will hook up again for what has become an annual hoops hoplia.

Once again, the Cats and Hogs will be the marquee teams in the conference, and their matchup in Rupp Arena will determine the overall regular-season SEC champion.

Don't expect another culprit to steal the crown like Vanderbilt did last year.

Here's a look at the preliminary suspects (last season's records in parentheses):



#### EASTERN DIVISION

**1. UK (30-4, 13-3 in the SEC):** Had Jamal Mashburn returned for his senior year, the Wildcats would have been a strong contender for the 1994 national title.

With Mashburn gone, the Cats are a strong contender for the 1994 national title.

That's because this is UK, and their depth and talent make it hard to feel sorry for them when they lose an NBA lottery pick.

With Travis Ford's leadership, Tony Delk's shooting, a strong inside game and the maturation of Rodrigue Rhodes, the Cats will overpower this division.

UK will also need production from sophomore Jared Prickett.



**2. Georgia (15-14, 8-8):** The Bulldogs won seven of their last 10 games and return all five starters.

Talented sophomores Shandon Anderson and Carlos Strong join junior transfer Cleveland Jackson to form a solid base.

Seven-foot center Charles Claxton has a Shaquille O'Neal body but a Chris Washburn work ethic. If that improves, the Dawgs will be tough for anybody to beat.



**3. Vanderbilt (28-6, 14-2):** The Commodores lost double-figure scorers in Bruce Elder and Kevin Anglin, but what will hurt more is the loss of coach Eddie Fogler, who jumped ship for South Carolina.

The defending SEC champ, however, return SEC co-MVP Billy McCaffrey and Chris Lawson for first-year coach Jan van Breda Kolff, and they still will be highly competitive.



**4. Florida (16-12, 9-7):** Is this the year the Gators finally rise out of mediocrity and make the NCAA Tournament for coach Lon Kruger? Maybe, but don't count on it.

They lost a highly underrated player in Stacey Poole and don't have anyone to replace him. How well Kansas transfer Ben Davis (6-foot-9, 250 pounds) plays may determine if Florida goes NIT-ing again.



**5. South Carolina (9-18, 5-11):** Fogler will be longing for McCaffrey by about Dec. 15.

He inherits seniors Jamie Watson and Emmett Hall (14.7 and 14.0 ppg) but has no depth to support them.

Only Tennessee keeps the Gamecocks out of the East cellar.



**6. Tennessee (13-17, 4-12):** This could get ugly. Even with Allan Houston, the Vols couldn't manage a winning record. With him in the NBA, they may struggle to win 10 games.

This could finally be Wade Houston's swan song.



#### WESTERN DIVISION

**1. Arkansas (22-9, 10-6):** The Razorbacks took eventual national champion North Carolina to overtime in the NCAA Tournament last year without having a center.

This year, they have highly-touted freshmen Darnell Robinson and Lee Wilson, both 6-11, to add to the mix.

If they can complement super sophs Scotty Thurman and Corliss Williamson, Arkansas could very well be playing in April.



**2. Auburn (15-12, 8-8):** Wesley Person's 25-foot shot came about a millimeter away from beating UK at Rupp Arena on Senior Day last year.

The Tigers won five of their last six in the regular season and return Person, a candidate for league player of the year.

With forwards Aaron Swinson (15.9 ppg), Aubrey Wiley (9.4 ppg) and a much-improved Mark Hutton at center, Auburn should be Arkansas' bridesmaid.

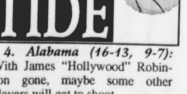


**3. LSU (22-11, 9-7):** There's no size with the loss of 7-footer Geert Hamnik.

There's no Randy Livingston (out for the year with an injury), either.

But there's still wily coach Dale Brown, who always finds a way to win with subpar talent.

There's also returning scorers Jamie Brandon and Clarence Caesar and talented freshman Ronnie Henderson. So there.



**4. Alabama (16-13, 9-7):** With James "Hollywood" Robinson gone, maybe some other players will get to shoot.

Namely, Jason Caffey, a 6-foot-8 junior who should blossom now that he'll actually get the ball.

A strong class of newcomers also should help.

If 'Bama is to make a serious run at the SEC title, it will be due to a better team effort.

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| <b>North Carolina</b><br>200 • 8 (34-4) | With Eric Montross among four returning starters from last year's national champs, and superfresh Jerry Stackhouse and Rasheed Wallace along for the ride, the Tarheels are everyone's top dog. |
| <b>Arkansas</b><br>187 (22-9)           | The Razorbacks' first year in the Walton Arena will be a memorable one. Arkansas is stacked from top to bottom, starting with sophomores Corliss Williamson and Scotty Thurman.                 |
| <b>Kentucky</b><br>180 (30-4)           | Jamal Mashburn is gone, but with Travis Ford, Andre Riddick and the addition of 6'9" Walter McCarty, the Wildcats may be strong enough to get back to the Final Four.                           |
| <b>Michigan</b><br>173 (31-5)           | Without Chris Webber, it's the Fab Four, but the arrival of freshman Bobby Crawford means Michigan will stay strong with Jason Risse free to play any one of three positions.                   |
| <b>Duke</b><br>155 (24-8)               | Chris Collins will step in for Bobby Hurley, and the Blue Devils can't go wrong with Grant Hill, one of the nation's most versatile players, at any position.                                   |
| <b>Louisville</b><br>150 (22-9)         | The loss of Dwayne Morton will hurt early, but if Jason Osborne is the real deal and DeJuan Wheat comes through at point, UofL could be great late.   |
| <b>Temple</b><br>122 (20-13)            | Aaron McKie is back, as are the other four starters from a team that pushed Michigan to the wire in last year's NCAAAs.   |
| <b>Georgia Tech</b><br>116 (19-11)      | Bobby Cremins proved last year that he can win without depth. His starting lineup, featuring Travis Best, Marjorie Moore and James Forrest is as strong as usual.                               |
| <b>California</b><br>113 (21-9)         | Lamond Murray and Jason Kidd complement each other perfectly, and the Golden Bears will benefit from the stability of having Bob Bozman at coach for a full season.                             |
| <b>Georgetown</b><br>107 (20-13)        | Ohelia Harrington is ready for a breakthrough season, and he's part of a front line that matches up with anybody's. The question is, do the Hoyas have the outside shooting to compete?         |
| <b>Indiana</b><br>98 (31-4)             | The Hoosiers aren't high this year if Alan Henderson isn't healthy. But if they've got him, forget Calbert Cheaney-Indiana will challenge the Big Ten.  |
| <b>Minnesota</b><br>98 (22-10)          | In Voshon Lenard, coach Clem Haskins may have the Big Ten's best guard. In the Golden Gophers, he certainly has one of the best teams.  |
| <b>Syracuse</b><br>84 (20-9)            | With the explosive backcourt of Lawrence Moten and Adrian Autry, the Orangemen look primed and ready for a return to postseason following a year of probation.                                  |
| <b>Virginia</b><br>83 (21-10)           | Cory Alexander and Junior Burrough return to lead the Cavaliers, who made it to the Sweet 16 last year. If they shore up the inside game, Virginia could make noise in the Big Dance again.     |
| <b>UCLA</b><br>81 (22-11)               | Freshman Charles O'Bannon joins brother Ed to form a strong front line which complements "All-Thomas Edison" point guard Tyus Edney.  |
| <b>Illinois</b><br>67 (19-13)           | Deon Thomas is one of the nation's top players, and a solid supporting cast will help offset the loss of Andy Kaufman.  |
| <b>Oklahoma St.</b><br>61 (20-9)        | Bryant Reeves and an experienced backcourt make Eddie Sutton's Cowboys Big Eight contenders.  |
| <b>Massachusetts</b><br>58 (24-7)       | The Minutemen are experienced up front, and the addition of Prop 48 casualty Donta Bright to high-flying Lou Roe means UMass is a team on the rise.   |
| <b>Kansas</b><br>55 (22-7)              | Even without Rex Walters and Adonis Jordan, now in the NBA, Steve Woodberry and newcomer Jacques Vaughn will make the Jayhawks a team to be reckoned with.                                      |
| <b>Vanderbilt</b><br>51 (28-6)          | Coach Eddie Fogler is gone, as are Bruce Elder and Kevin Anglin, but Billy McCaffrey, Chris Lawson and Ronnie McMahon make the Commodores contenders in an improved SEC.                        |
| <b>Ohio St.</b><br>49 (15-13)           | Derek Anderson, one of the biggest surprises as a freshman in the Big Ten, will make the Buckeyes a force, especially if Lawrence Funderburke can finally live up to his potential.             |
| <b>Florida St.</b><br>45 (25-10)        | Sam Cassell and Doug Edwards were NBA draft picks, but the Seminoles left Charlie Ward back after football season; Bob Sura could lead the ACC in scoring.                                      |
| <b>Cincinnati</b><br>39 (27-5)          | Freshmen Damon Flint and Donorino Wingfield are the jewels of a strong recruiting class that has the Bearcats beaming about this season and beyond.   |
| <b>Purdue</b><br>36 (18-10)             | Glenn Robinson and three other starters return, but Mr. Robinson's teammates will have to step it up on the offensive and if the Boilermakers are to make a move.                               |
| <b>Seton Hall</b><br>32 (28-7)          | Arturas Kamshovav and Danny Hurley are thrown into leadership roles with the departures of Pirates Terry Dehere, Jerry Walker and Luther Wright.  |

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**JASON KIDD • 6'4" sophomore • California**  
Kidd, the nation's top freshman a season ago, returns on the heels of an NCAA tournament in which he went toe-to-toe with Bobby Hurley, hit key shots late in the game and took Duke out of the Big Dance. The consummate true point guard, Kidd runs the Golden Bears offense to perfection, with a touch of style and is capable of scoring in bunches. **VOTES: 7**  
**LAST SEASON:** 13.0 ppg., 7.4 ast.

**BILLY McCAFFREY • 6'4" senior • Vanderbilt**  
McCaffrey, the former Duke transfer, came to Vandy last year and made an immediate impact on the Commodores, leading them to their first SEC title since 1965. McCaffrey runs the point from time to time for Vandy, but he is a pure scorer at heart, and he possesses one of the sweetest jumpers in the nation. **VOTES: 8**  
**LAST SEASON:** 20.6 ppg., 3.6 ast.

**ERIC MONTROSS • 7'0" senior • North Carolina**  
Montross was a key player in UNC's run to a national championship last year and Carolina has high hopes for a repeat performance. Though his offensive game is not as refined as Alonzo Mourning's or as physically dominant as Shaquille O'Neal's in their final collegiate seasons, Montross' wide body and strength down low are too much for most opponents to deal with. **VOTES: 8**  
**LAST SEASON:** 15.8 ppg., 7.6 rebs.

**GLENN ROBINSON • 6'8" junior • Purdue**  
Move over David, there's a new "Mr. Robinson" in town. Glenn was ranked as the nation's top high school player in 1991 and his numbers last season did nothing to tarnish anyone's opinions of him. His shooting range is improving and he has turned into a dominating inside-outside threat. Due to a weak senior class, this may be his last season at the college level and he could become the NBA's number one pick this June. **VOTES: 7**  
**LAST SEASON:** 24.1 ppg., 9.2 rebs.

**GRANT HILL • 6'8" senior • Duke**  
Hill could be making millions by now, but he decided the NBA could wait and returned for his senior season at Duke. To label Hill as a small forward, or a forward at all, doesn't do justice to his tremendous versatility. He can play any position on the floor. He is a nearly unstoppable slashier and his outside shot, while not yet consistent from the three-point range, has burned many an opponent if left open. **VOTES: 8**  
**LAST SEASON:** 18.4 ppg., 6.4 rebs.

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| <b>JALEN ROSE</b><br>6'8" G • junior<br>Michigan | <b>TRAVIS FORD</b><br>5'9" G • senior<br>Kentucky | <b>JAMES FORREST</b><br>6'8" F • junior<br>Georgia Tech |
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**5. Mississippi State (13-16, 5-11):** The Bulldogs lost their point guard, leading scorer and leading rebounder from a mediocre team. Half of their players have never played in an SEC game. This season will be a struggle, but the young Bulldogs can build for 1994-95.



**6. Ole Miss (10-18, 4-12):** What can you say about Ole Miss? They win only 10 games and lose their two top scorers.

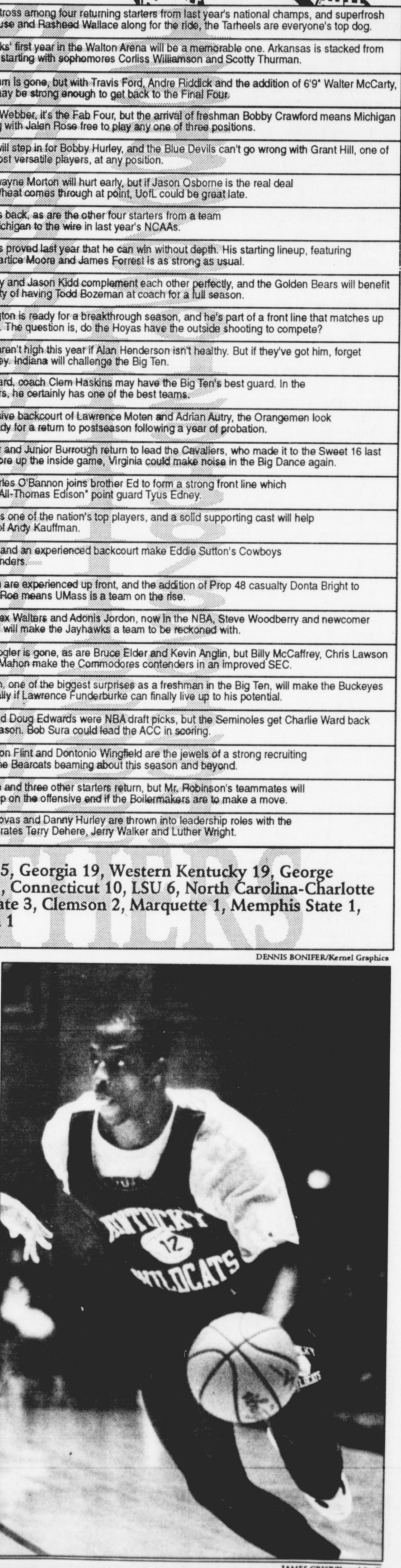
Seven newcomers fill the roster, and the leading returning scorer, Jarell Evans, averaged only seven points a game. Enough said.

And then there were two.

If you miss the Cats and Hogs Feb. 9, don't worry too much. There's a tremendous chance that the two will meet again for the SEC Tournament title at The Pyramid in Memphis, Tenn.

To miss that game would be a crime.

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**IN HIS SIGHTS:** Rhodes and his mates are eyeing a title. JAMES CRIS1/Kentucky Kernel Staff

# Basketball nut offers his predictions

## Tar Heels will defend championship

College basketball purists of the world, unite and take over. Your time has come. The wheels are now in motion on the long and glorious highway of dreams that terminates in Charlotte amid the hoopla of March Madness.

Last season's Final Four in New Orleans was a scene straight from the imagination. Four perennial powerhouses (Kansas, Michigan, North Carolina, and UK) played in front of a packed house at the Superdome, with the Tar Heels emerging from the fray clutching their third national title.

This year Charlotte, located only 100 miles from the UNC campus in Chapel Hill, figures to be overrun by Tar Heel zealots hoping for back-to-back championships by season's end.

Here's a look into the crystal ball at the defending champs and the teams that will attempt to unseat them from their throne.

**1. North Carolina** (Record over last three years: 86-20) — This well-oiled machine has the ingredients to become the greatest team in Tar Heel history, surpassing the 1982 NCAA championship squad that finished 32-2.

Director of the nation's deepest pool of Grade-A talent is living legend Dean Smith, who has taken Henry Ford's theory of interchangeable parts and produced an assembly line of monster teams on Tobacco Road.

Four starters return from last year's championship run along with two of the country's top three prospects (Jerry Sluhouse and Rasheed Wallace). The inside-outside duo of Eric Montross and Donald Williams is sure to leave Atlantic Coast Conference opponents reeling for the Tylenol often in '94.

**2. Arkansas** (82-21) — Unconfirmed reports say local authorities in Charlotte will soon issue an advisory to residents warning them to avoid any contact with the pig-scooby chanting crazies from Hog Heaven who will likely arrive in town in early April.

The only weakness with this squad may be coach Nolan Richardson's wardrobe. Fashion police aside, Richardson is a masterful coach. His feared "40 Minutes of Hell" defensive philosophy makes a Jane Fonda workout tape a prerequisite when preparing for the Hogs.

The presence of sophomore sensations Scotty Thurman and Corliss Williamson, not to mention the addition of high-school All-American center Darnell Robinson, assures many happy winters for Hog fans in the near future.

**3. UK** (81-17) — The Wildcats appear to be primed for an encore performance in the Final Four. With the nation's most complete bench outside of Chapel Hill and a veritable stockpile of blue-chippers at his disposal, Rick Pitino is expecting his already vamped press to have an added potency this season. College basketball's game of the



**ERIC MOSOLGO**  
BASKETBALL '93-'94

year may very well take place in Rupp Arena on Feb. 9 when UK locks horns with Arkansas in a battle for Southeastern Conference superiority.

**4. Michigan** (70-29) — Chris Webber has taken his considerable talents to the NBA, but there is no need to send Wolverine coach Steve Fisher any sympathy cards (though he could probably use any spare timeouts you may have).

The Fab Five junior class at Michigan may now be called the "Relatively Fabulous Four." After losing the last two national finals, this group may be the most experienced quartet in the land.

Conventional wisdom has freshman guard Bobby Crawford, the latest prospect to arrive in Ann Arbor via the Texas pipeline, starting at point guard with 6-foot-8 Jalen Rose moving to a forward position. Depth could be a major problem for Fisher as the first four players off last year's bench have graduated.

**5. Louisville** (55-36) — If Denny Crum can harness this team's boundless potential, the Cardinals should have their finest year since the 1986 national title season. U of L is due for some success on the hardwood. No Crum team has advanced beyond the round of 16 since that year. Could this be because the Cardinals continue to employ the archaic high-post offense?

Whatever the offense is, senior forward Dwayne Morton is likely to flourish. After leading the team in scoring (16.1 points per game) and finishing third nationally in three-point percentage last year (53.1), the multi-dimensional Morton has his eye on All-American accolades. Untested DeJuan Wheat will get the nod at point guard, a position that has consistently plagued recent U of L teams.

**6. Duke** (90-17) — The air of invincibility that surrounded this program has vanished after the Blue Devils failed to reach the Final Four last year for the first time since 1987. Following in the footsteps of Johnny Dawkins, Danny Ferry, Christian Laettner and Bobby Hurley, Grant Hill steps into the limelight as the headliner in Durham this season. Hill, a prototype wing forward, may be asked to replace the departed Hurley at point guard in what could become a state-of-the-art lineup. Coach Mike Krzyzewski is counting on freshmen Greg Newton and Joey Beard, 6-11 and 6-9 respectively, to bolster the inside attack.

**7. Minnesota** (50-42) — Seeing the Golden Gophers in a preseason top ten is like spotting Eddie Vedder in a tuxedo.

While it is unexpected, it is certainly not undeserved. All five starters return for the defending NIT champs. Among the returnees is junior guard Voshon Lenard, the Big Ten's finest player not residing in West Lafayette, Ind.

**8. UCLA** (73-25) — By taking Michigan to the brink of elimination in the second round of last year's NCAA Tournament, the Bruins served notice to the basketball world that they will be a force to be reckoned with this year. Veterans Ed O'Bannon, Shon Tarver and Tyus Edney, plus prize recruit Charles O'Bannon (Ed's brother), will provide the fireworks for a team sure to feast on weak Pac-10 competition.

**9. Georgia Tech** (59-36) — It looked as if Bobby Cremins had danced his last tango in Atlanta when he accepted the head coaching job at his alma mater, South Carolina, during the offseason. Then, in a move that seemed as transient as a Sahara sand dune, he came crawling back.

At Tech, point guard Travis Best and power forward James Forrest both have All-American potential and sophomores Martice Moore and Drew Barry figure to improve on impressive freshman performances. This is a typical Yellow Jacket team, boasting one of the nation's best starting fives but limited by an anemic bench.

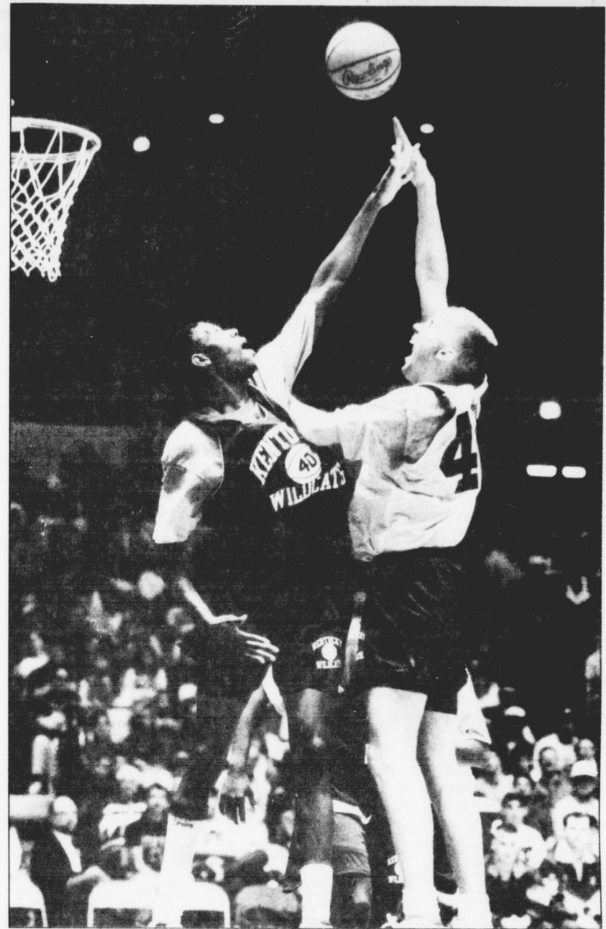
**10. Georgetown** (61-36) — The Hoyas, a fixture among the nation's elite from 1979-1990, have been seen as a hibernating giant the last three seasons. Last year, John Thompson's team failed to advance to the NCAAs for the first time in 14 years.

This season, the giant will awaken. Ringing the wake-up call will be sophomore center Othella Harrington, the latest in a seemingly endless parade of star post players to blossom from the program. As Harrington goes, so will go the Hoyas.

**11. Temple** (61-37) — Why is John Chaney smiling? Everyone is back from last year's Final 8 team, giving the Owls an excellent shot to reign as the Beast of the East this season. The talented guard trio of Aaron McKie, Eddie Jones and Rick Brunson assures that this will be the best Temple team since 1988, when the Owls rolled to a brilliant 31-2 mark.

**12. Kansas** (83-20) — No appraisal of the hoops upper class would be complete without mention of the Jayhawks, Final Four participants in four of the last eight years. While the program lost enough talent from last season's squad to start a decent CBA franchise, the beat is sure to go on in Lawrence.

Sixth-man extraordinaire Steve Woodberry will make a big splash when he finally takes his place in the starting lineup in his senior campaign. If freshman Jacques Vaughn can integrate into the Jayhawks' pass-oriented offense, KU



**MID-AIR MEETING:** Walter McCary (40) and Mark Pope (41) represent UK's future stock. Pope, a transfer from Washington, will sit out this year.

should remain the class of the Big Eight.

**13. California** (44-42) — Following their upset of Duke in March, Cal players became instant celebrities. Don't believe the hype. Most forget that the Duke team they defeated played the second half minus the injured Cherokee Parks and with a hobbled Grant Hill. Furthermore, the LSU team Cal squeaked by in the first round was mediocre at best.

Jason Kidd, already announced by many as the second coming of Magic Johnson, dished out 222 assists and led the country with 110 steals in a marvelous rookie season. Kidd, along with explosive forward Lamond Murray, gives Cal perhaps the most exciting 1-2 combination in the land.

**14. Indiana** (87-16) — What do you coach Bobby Knight and first lady Hillary Clinton have in common? They are both worried about health care. In particular, Knight is concerned with injuries to Hoosier stars Alan Henderson and Pat Graham, players who have spent more time in the hospital room than on the basketball court since arriving on campus.

Even with the injuries, it would border on heresy to ignore a team coached by Knight, who begins his 23rd year in the Bloomington fishbowl. When devoid of his usual surplus of prime talent, the case this year, Knight seems to be at his best.

**15. Ohio State** (68-23) — After a year's hiatus from national prominence, the Buckeyes have re-loaded and are ready to prove that football is not the only game in town. The Buckeyes have the talent to make a serious run in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the post-Jimmy Jackson era.

**16. Syracuse** (68-25) — Free from the shackles of an NCAA probation that kept them out of last year's postseason, the Orangemen should return to the Big Dance. Lawrence Moten, whose game is as graceful as a Mozart symphony, is the only player capable of seriously challenging Georgetown's Harrington for Big East player of the year honors.

**17. Vanderbilt** (60-34) — The Cremins' (Should I stay or should I go?) saga spread from Atlanta to Nashville, with Eddie Fogler even-

tually being lured away from the Commodore program by the promise of a greener wallet in South Carolina.

Taking the reigns at Vandy is former Cornell coach and Commodore standout Jan van Breckla Koff. A strong nucleus returns for the first year coach, led by All-American guard Billy McCaffrey. Vandy's success will be determined by how well it masks its athletic vulnerabilities, especially on the defensive end.

**18. Virginia** (57-35) — The secret to the Cavaliers' success is in the trademark stifling defense employed by coach Jeff Jones. A year ago, the Cavs led the ACC in field-goal percentage defense (40.5). Despite its defensive wizardry, UVa's lack of depth will keep it from including Charlotte in its travel plans.

**19. Cincinnati** (74-22) — All five starters are gone from last season's Final 8 squad, but there have been few tears shed for UC coach Bob Huggins. This season the names will be different, but the results are likely to be nearly the same.

Huggins reeled in a banner recruiting harvest with at least three of these green but gifted newcomers (Dontonio Wingfield, Damon Flint and Darnell Burton of Lexington) likely to start in the season-opener. Now that he has a stable of blue-chippers, the sky is the limit for Huggins and the Bearcats.

**20. Massachusetts** (74-25) — An old adage says that people who work hard will reap the benefits of their hard work. Proof to the postulate is UMass coach and Pitino-clone John Calipari.

Since taking over the program that had for years been a poster child of bad basketball, Calipari now has the Minutemen program on the second tier of the college basketball caste system.

Junior forward Lou Roe and sophomore forward Donta Bright, an academic casualty a year ago, are both former high school All-Americans. This season will be a training session for 1995, when the Minutemen expect to make a serious run at the national title.

**21. Arizona** (77-18) — In each of the last two years, March Madness has turned into March Sadness for the Wildcat program. Last year,

a bunch of surfers who also play basketball for Santa Clara sent the Wildcats packing in a NCAA first round shocker.

This year's Wildcat squad is the least talented since the days before Sean Elliott. Backcourt ace Khalid Reeves and Damon Stoudamire will try to get the team to rekindle its old flame. Here's saying the Wildcats have missed their window to greatness.

**22. Xavier** (61-28) — Operating in virtual anonymity, Musketeer coach David Letterman look-alike Pete Gillen always has his teams peaking in March. Last year, Gillen's team lost a 73-70 thriller to Indiana in a NCAA second-round contest played in the Hoosier Dome.

The reigning Midwestern College Conference player of the year, Brian Grant, returns in the middle for the Musketeers who should coast through an uncompetitive league schedule.

**23. Illinois** (53-37) — Lou Henson, the man responsible for the celebrated hairstyle known as the Lou-Do, hopes that long-range bombers Tom Michael, T.J. Wheeler and Richard Keene will be accurate in their three-point marksmanship this winter. Senior forward Deon Thomas gives the Illini the necessary bulk up front to compete in the rugged Big Ten.

**24. Oklahoma St.** (71-25) — Watching the Cowboys run their offense is the entertainment equivalent of viewing a marathon session of C-SPAN. The last three teams in Stillwater, however, have been successful, so few of the locals are complaining.

Bryant "Big Country" Reeves is the leading returner for the Cowboys. The fact that Big Country was last season's Big Eight player of the year speaks volumes for his progression as a player, as well as the deterioration of the conference's talent level.

**25. Marquette** (47-39) — Teetering on the edge of national acclaim, the Warriors expect to field their strongest team since Al McGuire left Milwaukee.

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## SCHEDULE

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| Fri, Nov. 19         | ATHLETES in ACTION (Exh.)  | 7:30 |
| Tue, Nov. 23         | AUSTRALIAN NAT. TEAM (Exh.) (UK•Del.)  | 7:30 |
| Sat, Nov. 27         | LOUISVILLE (CBS)   | 3:45 |
| Wed, Dec. 1          | TENNESSEE TECH (UKTV•Live)   | 8:00 |
| Sat, Dec. 4          | at Indiana (CBS)   | 3:45 |
| Wed, Dec. 8          | EASTERN KY. (UKTV•Live)  | 8:00 |
| Fri, Dec. 17         | MORHEAD ST. (UKTV•Live)  | 8:00 |
| Tue-Thur, Dec. 21-23 | at Maui Invitational Tournament (UK, Arizona, Ohio St., Notre Dame Boston College, Tennessee Tech., Chaminade) | TBA  |
| Tue, Dec. 28         | SAN FRANCISCO (UKTV•Live)  | 8:00 |
| Thur, Dec. 30        | ROBERT MORRIS (UKTV•Live)  | 8:00 |
| Wed, Jan. 4          | VANDERBILT (ESPN)  | 9:30 |
| Thur, Jan. 6         | NOTRE DAME (UKTV•Del.)   | 7:30 |
| Sat, Jan. 8          | at Georgia   | 7:30 |
| Wed, Jan. 12         | OLE MISS (UKTV•Del.)   | 7:30 |
| Sat, Jan. 15         | TENNESSEE (UKTV•Del.)  | 1:30 |
| Tue, Jan. 18         | at Florida (ESPN)  | 9:30 |
| Sat, Jan. 22         | at Mississippi St. (UKTV)  | 4:00 |
| Wed, Jan. 26         | S. CAROLINA (UKTV•Del.)  | 7:30 |
| Sun, Jan. 30         | at Auburn (ABC)  | 3:45 |
| Wed, Feb. 2          | ALABAMA (PDTV)   | 8:00 |
| Sun, Feb. 6          | at Massachusetts (ABC)   | 1:30 |
| Wed, Feb. 9          | ARKANSAS (PDTV)  | 8:00 |
| Sat, Feb. 12         | at Syracuse (CBS)  | 4:00 |
| Tue, Feb. 15         | at LSU (ESPN)  | 9:30 |
| Sat, Feb. 19         | at Vanderbilt (PDTV)   | 1:30 |
| Wed, Feb. 23         | at Tennessee (PDTV)  | 8:00 |
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# Comparisons flock to Sheppard

*Freshman leaper says hold off on coronation of next 'Boy King'*

**BY BRANT WELCH**  
 BASKETBALL '93-'94

When Jeff Sheppard signed a national letter of intent to play for UK, Rick Pitino compared him to two former fan favorites — Rex Chapman and Kyle Macy. "Two lofty individuals to be put in the same breath with, to say the least. The names Chapman, the former 'Boy King' of the Bluegrass, and Macy, the Wildcat point guard for the last national championship team in 1978, conjure up some of UK fans' fondest memories.

But one must remember Sheppard, the 6-foot-4 jumping jack guard from Peachtree, Ga., is only a freshman. And one has to look no further than to last year's freshman phenomenon Rodrick Rhodes' season to attest that most freshmen have more ups and downs than the New York Stock Exchange.

Sheppard is quick to point out that he isn't up to producing numbers similar to those of Chapman and Macy — at least not yet.

"If the fans come out and expect me to be a combination of those two... well, I have a long way to go this freshman year," Sheppard said. "That's a big compliment but I can't take that out to the floor with me. I have to start from zero like everyone else."

Pitino said that Sheppard isn't ready for the NBA just yet.

"Sheppard's going to need a little time," Pitino said. "He has some fundamental flaws to his shooting. His basic problem is he turns his body sideways when he shoots, causing him to float."

Pitino said that he will work with Sheppard in individual instruction sessions to improve his shot. He also mentioned that Sheppard will

see time primarily at the wing guard spot most likely backing up Tony Deik, and added Sheppard has seen "a little time" at the point guard position in practice.

"When I came in on my recruiting visit it was pretty obvious there was playing time for everyone," Sheppard said. "If there had been seven or eight guards (at UK) I would have come here anyway."

That shouldn't be a surprise coming from a guy who wrote a paper in sixth grade saying that he wanted to play for UK.

"That feeling for basketball at Kentucky has always been there," Sheppard said, who was recruited by Georgia, Vanderbilt, Florida and Virginia to name a few. "They were all on high on my list but Kentucky was so much higher, there was no question where I was going to go."

Sheppard has already gained a vote of confidence from senior Jeff Brassow.

"He's going to be a great player," Brassow said. "He can jump right out of the gym as everyone saw at Midnight Madness. He has a real good work ethic and he listens real well. If he keeps that attitude then the sky's the limit for him because he has so much talent."

Sheppard's leaping abilities helped him win the Boston Shoot-out Slam Dunk contest as well as the Georgia state high jump championship this year, clearing seven feet. His "mean lean" dunk at Midnight Madness gave UK fans a glimpse of his "ups."

Sheppard got the chance to meet Chapman, whom he rates as his favorite sports figure.

"The first day I came here this summer I met him," he said. "At first it was like 'Wow, that's Rex



**NOT SHEEPISH:** Jeff Sheppard hopes that many dunks like this will allow him to live up to Rex Chapman comparisons.

Chapman," but now when I see him he's just like a friend. "He gave me so much confidence. I really have so much respect for him as a player and a person."

# Brooks looks to ride coaching river

**BY DOC PURCELL**  
 BASKETBALL '93-'94

For Delray Brooks, coaching basketball at UK is the chance of a lifetime.

"I feel very fortunate to have this opportunity at this point in my career," he said in early November.

The point Brooks is referring to is only the beginning.

After spending one year as a strength coach in the Wildcat program, Brooks accepted an assistant coaching position on the UK basketball staff this season, marking the first coaching job of his illustrious athletic career.

It was in March of 1987 that he made his biggest impression on the college basketball world, helping Providence earn a Cinderella berth in the NCAA Final Four. Brooks started at guard and averaged 14.4 points a game that season.

So began a basketball adventure that has taken him to various professional leagues around the world and now has landed him in Lexington, coaching in one of the nation's most prestigious programs.

"I think (UK) is one of the premiere basketball programs in the country," he said. "(UK coach) Rick Pitino is one of the premiere

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**NO FENCES:** Delray Brooks sees his UK job as a gateway to a head coaching position.

college coaches in the country."

With Brooks joining the staff, the Wildcat bench looks much like the Friars' did during his college days.

"(Coaching with Pitino and assistant coach Billy Donovan) means a great deal," he said. "I've really enjoyed the friendship that Billy and I have developed as players on the same team at Providence College.

"Our friendship has endured and lasted over the years. I'm just try-

ing to learn as much as I can, not only from Coach Pitino but also from Billy Donovan."

While he insists this is a learning experience, Brooks brings a great deal of knowledge to the Wildcat staff, having experienced many of the same pressures the current players face.

"I understand everything that they are going through," Brooks said.

"I went through it as a player. I think that I can relate to them because I played the game, and I think they have a lot of respect for me because of the fact that I played.

"I'd just like to incorporate all

that in doing what I can to help the team win."

With his impressive playing background, Brooks is well aware that his position on the UK staff could lead to a bright future in the world of college coaching.

"I'd like to be a head coach some day," he said.

"I'd like to learn as much as I can being involved in this situation. I think (coaching at UK) enables me to get my foot in the door in certain situations that otherwise would not be possible."

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# Determined Delk's 'D' dominant

## Sophomore impressing teammates

BY ERIC MOSOLGO  
BASKETBALL '93-'94

After attending UK's 1991 Mid-night Madness celebration, Tony Delk decided to head north for the land of three.

By spurning local favorite Memphis State, he avoided the acquisition of what would have been a most unfortunate nickname, Tony the Tiger.

Dale Brown was waiting on the freshman guard at the Cats' opening practice. Brown, UK's defensive stopper the past two years, was psyched to have a high school blue-chipper to shadow at practice throughout the season.

For Delk, the defensive pressure cooker applied to him on a daily basis from Brown was a blessing.

But it was not easy being green in the early days.

"It was a struggle, but playing against Dale made me a better player," Delk said.

"It was very frustrating starting out, but in the second half of the season, I kind of picked up on some of the things he was doing to me, and I just kind of put it back on him."

With Brown now departed, the prevailing view has Delk as the natural candidate to fill the void at the shooting guard position for the Cats. If he can match Brown's defensive prowess, the backcourt should not miss a beat from last season.

"I think Tony can be that type of defender," UK assistant coach Billy Donovan said, referring to Brown. "I don't think that Tony is there right now, but he certainly has the potential."

Donovan added, "the one thing that Tony possesses that is very unusual is that while he is 6-foot-1, his wingspan makes him about 6-4."

"He can cause a lot of havoc on defense because he can get his hands in the passing lane."

"So as time goes on, I think he can be as good a defender as Dale Brown."

Delk does not subscribe to the theory that the UK backcourt, which also includes 5-foot-9 point guard Travis Ford, will be a defensive liability because it lacks height.

"I think speed has a lot to do with (defense). Nobody's going to overpower us," said Delk, who added that the backcourt's quickness may be trouble for opposing defenses.

A rigorous workout regime, which Delk stuck to over the summer, has the sophomore guard capable of operating in the land of the giants as well as roaming the perimeter this season.

"I bulked up to help me rebound and go inside," he said. Delk now weighs 195 pounds. As a freshman, he tipped the scales at 180 pounds.

This summer, Delk also sought the help of former UK star Sean Woods to help him with one of his weaknesses, ballhandling.

It is obvious that this is a player intent on improving his game. It is also obvious that Delk is coping with confidence and ready to play.

"I'm playing like the old Tony, the way I'm capable of playing."

The old Tony was at his best during his senior year at Haywood High School in Brownsville, when he led the state of Tennessee in scoring by averaging 38.6 points per game.

Delk's freshman campaign contained many highlights, especially toward the end of the season.

| Tony DELK G |      |     |     |         |           |           |
|-------------|------|-----|-----|---------|-----------|-----------|
| YEAR        | G-S  | Min | Ast | FT pct. | Reb.-avg. | Pts.-avg. |
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His season-high came against South Carolina, a game in which he scored 18 points and drilled four of five three-pointers.

He burned his home-state team for 15 points in the 101-40 Cats' laughter over Tennessee in the Southeastern Conference tournament.

Then, after Brown went down with an injury in the closing moments of UK's Final Four matchup with Michigan, Delk was called into action for the stretch drive in

one of the year's best games.

When he entered the game at the Superdome, Delk said "it was a scary thought, I was hoping Dale could come back, but it was exciting."

The experience from last year's tournament could prove valuable as Delk assumes a leadership role for the Cats this season.

Wildcat fans are counting on many of Delk's patented rainbow jumpers this year if UK is to find a pot of gold at season's end.



PHOTOS BY JAMES CRISP/Kermit Staff

DIFFERENT DELK: Tony Delk has improved his shooting and defense since he arrived at UK. The sophomore played against Dale Brown, a member of last year's senior class and the Wildcats' top defensive player, in practice every day.

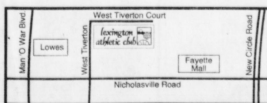


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BASKETBALL '93-'94

At the UK basketball team's Media Day, Jared Prickett sat surrounded by inquiring reporters, while talking confidently about the season to come.

What a difference a year can make. Prickett, the Cats 6-foot-9 sophomore forward, entered last season nearly lost in the ominous shadow cast by fellow newcomer Rodrigue Rhodes and All-American Jamal Mashburn.

And, as for self-confidence, his was nearly non-existent. "I'm coming in with a lot of confidence," Prickett said. "I know what to expect throughout the season. Last year I was really nervous, I didn't know what to expect. I was lost."

Prickett's newfound optimism concerning his basketball career certainly didn't arrive overnight.

In the past 12 months, the Fairmont, W. Va., native has refined his game by guarding one of the nation's most brilliant front court players and the NBA's fourth pick in Mashburn, as well as grasping the sometimes confusing system run by UK coach Rick Pitino.

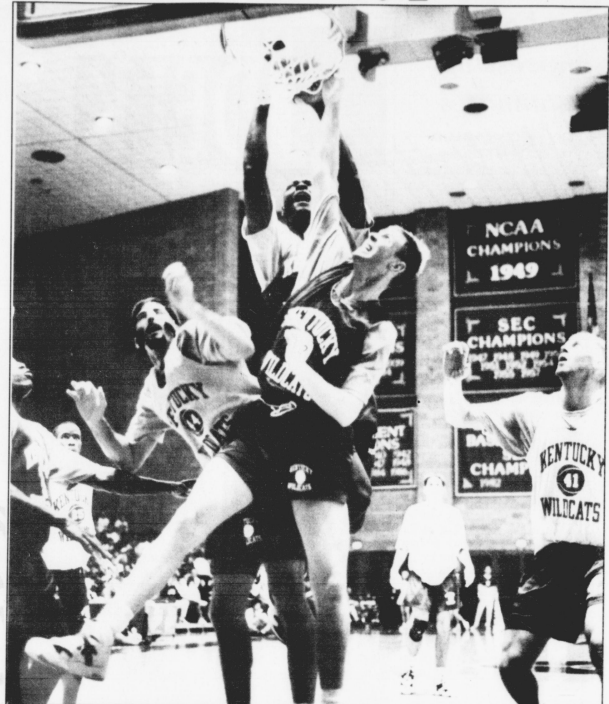
"This year it's just a lot easier. I know the system, I know the way coach is and I know the way the assistant coaches are," he said.

After being confined to a back-up role for the early part of last season, Prickett found his niche in the Cats' fast-paced style, starting nine of his last 10 games and earning All-Southeast Regional honors for his performance during the Wildcats run to the NCAA Final Four last March.

"I thought I finished on top last season. I felt pretty comfortable with the way I finished," he said.

With the glamour of the post-season serving as a fitting backdrop for his impressive coming-out party, Prickett's name is one of the most recognizable on the UK roster this season. He is hopeful he can continue his success and help fill the hole vacated by Mashburn's early exit to professional play.

"Now, without Jamal Mashburn, Jared is going to be more of a focal



UP WITH CONFIDENCE: Jared Prickett became one of UK's princes last season. In the NCAA East Regional Final against Florida State, he scored a career-high 22 points.

point," Pitino said. "He has to let his skills override the defensive pressure that is going to be placed on him."

It's going to come down to how much he has improved over the summer.

Prickett's vacation from school certainly wasn't one from basketball, as he competed for the South team in the U.S. Olympic Festival, averaging 14.5 points and nine rebounds an outing.

But perhaps his most stifling competition came in Lexington, where he played with Mashburn and several other former Wildcats

and current pro players in the familiar surroundings of Memorial Coliseum.

It was an experience that will likely enable him to bulk up the 5.5 points per game he tallied during his freshman campaign.

Prickett said he concentrated heavily on bettering an outside shot that was often inadequate a season ago.

"I worked on shooting, a little ball-handling, but mostly shooting. That was my weakest point last year."

Prickett also indicated that he will be much more visible in the Cats' patented long-range attack this year.

With his first collegiate season and a summer of battling numerous top-flight opponents under his belt, Prickett is anxious for the challeng-

es he and his second-ranked Wildcat team will face in their quest for a trip to Charlotte, N.C., in April and ultimately an elusive national championship.

"We are looking forward to the challenge. We want to play all the top competition," he said.

The Cats certainly won't have to search far for any competition as they play one of the country's most demanding schedules, which includes match-ups with perennial power Syracuse and Massachusetts as well as traditional rivals Louisville and Indiana.

But to listen to the now battle-hardened and confident Prickett talk — even without Mash — the Cats should be spectacular again.

What a difference a year cannot make.

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| 92-93 | 34-12 | 15.0 | 56   | 67.9%   | 155-4.6   | 188-5.5   |
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# Riddick wants repeat of Dre Day

BY ERIC MOSOLGO  
BASKETBALL '93-'94

**An-dre! An-dre!**

The rhythmic chant originated somewhere near the top of Section 16 of Rupp Arena during the championship game of last year's Southeastern Conference championship game against LSU and quickly gained volume as it spread throughout the partisan UK crowd.

Even though All-American Jamal Mashburn and Travis Ford, the most valuable player of the tournament, both graced the court for UK, Riddick was the people's choice.

Starting in place of the injured Rodney Dent at center, Riddick the Rejector made the most of his opportunity.

Geert Hammink, LSU's dependable if not spectacular center, was rendered absolutely useless as the Rejector took control of the UK Swat Patrol.

The Riddick ambush concluded with 15 points, 10 rebounds, nine blocks and four steals, all career highs, credited to the New York City native.

Even more impressive for Riddick was the morbid state of Hammink's stat line. The Dutchman, who must have wondered what in the name of Mark Eaton was going on, connected on a paltry 2-of-20 shots.

While he is not reported to be an Elvis fan, Riddick probably had the urge to hum the king's "Return to Sender" as he swatted shot after shot.

The ferocity with which the Rejector diverted the Tigers' shots left unsuspecting patrons sitting near the court to scramble for safety as the misdirected roundballs pelted the stands.

This game was the apex of Riddick's career at UK. With the momentum generated by his end-of-the-year surge, the junior center is competing with Dent, the returning starter at the position, for playing

time this year.

"We have two great centers in Dent and Riddick," said UK coach Rick Pitino after the annual Blue-White game last Saturday.

To help his chances this season, the Rejector spent the summer away from the duties on the Swat Patrol working on his jump shot. Last season, he seemed to be out of his element when he ventured outside the paint.

"I tried to improve my shooting all over the court," said Riddick, who added that he worked more on his game this summer than in any of the past.

The 6-foot-9 center, known for his post-dunk, double-pirouette routine that could be labelled the Riddick Shuffle, was a late-bloomer in basketball terms and has only recently developed an affection for the game.

"I've been liking the game more and more every year," he said.

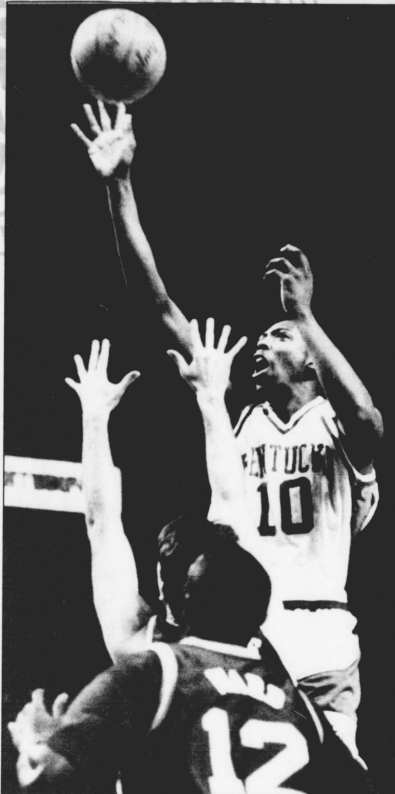
Riddick unveiled several new components to his offensive package in the Blue-White game, including a pull-up, no hesitation three-point attempt that will never be seen again if Pitino has his way.

The hook shot he attempted in the game has a much greater chance at being woven into the Wildcat offense.

During the offseason, Riddick also strove to improve his physical condition. At times in the past, he appeared to fatigue after seeing a few minutes of concentrated action. Still, the junior's perpetual battle for the bulge continues to be a struggle. He is currently listed at 205 pounds. Pitino believes that Riddick could be a much more dominant player if he added 15 pounds to his frame.

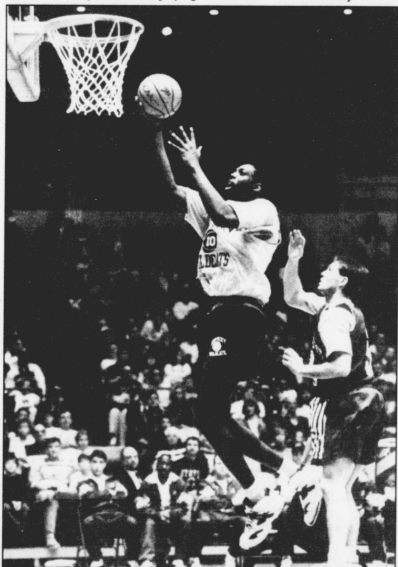
The coach, blessed with the presence of two quality centers, has been pleased by Riddick's progress in the Wildcat program.

"Andre was the most improved basketball player on our team last year. (He) is as gifted a shot blocker as there is in the country."



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**LATE BLOOMER:** Lanky junior Andre Riddick exploded during the postseason last year, including 15 points, 10 rebounds and nine blocks in the Southeastern Conference Tournament championship game. He hopes that success carries over into '93-'94.



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**Andre RIDDICK**

| YEAR         | G-S         | Min        | Ast.      | FT pct.      | Reb.-avg.      | Pts.-avg.      |
|--------------|-------------|------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| 91-92        | 28-5        | 8.1        | 8         | 26.3%        | 67-2.4         | 54-1.9         |
| 92-93        | 31-2        | 10.8       | 5         | 45.8%        | 95-3.1         | 138-4.5        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>59-7</b> | <b>9.6</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>37.2%</b> | <b>162-2.7</b> | <b>192-3.3</b> |

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# Dent hoping title, NBA at end of his road

Senior ready to dominate, Pitino says

BY BRETT DAWSON  
BASKETBALL '93-'94

The road that brought Rodney Dent to Lexington was a long and confusing one.

And now, as the 6-foot-11 senior center embarks on the last leg of his collegiate journey in his second — and final — season at UK, Dent is looking ahead. Ahead to what the promise of a new year might hold and to what might be the next stop on the strange voyage that has been the past two-plus years of his life — the NBA.

The NBA? That may seem confusing to someone who glances at Dent's unspectacular junior year statistics: 6.4 points and 5.1 rebounds a game to go along with only 36 blocked shots. Not the kind of numbers an NBA-caliber player is expected to post in college.

But then again, those aren't the numbers Rodney Dent was expected to post in college, either. Dent and UK coach Rick Pitino both expected a little more last year.

And now, both are hoping Dent's senior year comes a little closer to matching their expectations.

"You'll see a more aggressive, stronger, more powerful player than you did last year," Dent said.


"We knew that after a year and a half of inactivity, it was going to take some time for Rodney to develop," Pitino said. "Now he's certainly come into his own, and he's dominating the way we hoped that he would."

High praise, indeed. Especially for a player who looked like he might not ever be a Wildcat.

Dent committed to Auburn out of Odessa (Texas) Junior College, then sat out a year for academic reasons after finishing his eligibility at Odessa.

That meant Dent was free to choose a school again, and after being courted by Louisville and UK, he settled in as a Wildcat.

All things considered, he has few

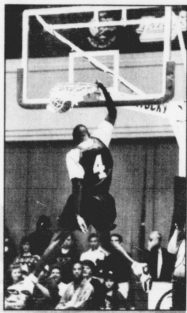


Rodney  
**DENT**

| YEAR         | G-S          | Min         | Ast       | FT pct       | Reb.-avg       | Pts.-avg       |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| 92-93        | 34-32        | 18.2        | 18        | 53.2%        | 175-5.1        | 217-6.4        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>34-32</b> | <b>18.2</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>53.2%</b> | <b>175-5.1</b> | <b>217-6.4</b> |

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**SLAM DENT:** Already a proven dunker, Rodney Dent could be the most improved player on the Cats this year.

complaints. After all, Dent's first trek with the Cats included a stopover in New Orleans for last year's Final Four. His return to the team, along with a host of other players who contributed last year, means the Cats will be in the hunt again.

This time around, though, Dent said he'll play a different role.

"As a senior, I kind of see myself as leader," Dent said. "But we've got other players on this team, such as Jeff Brassow, Travis Ford and Gimel (Martinez) who have been here longer than I have, so I try to

follow them as well."

As far as his performance on the court, Dent said the key to his season won't be the number of points he scores, and promises to be more patient with the offense.

"I'll let the offense come to me," he said. "I'll just try to work on my rebounding and shot-blocking."

Those are the statistics that could buy Dent a ticket to the next level.

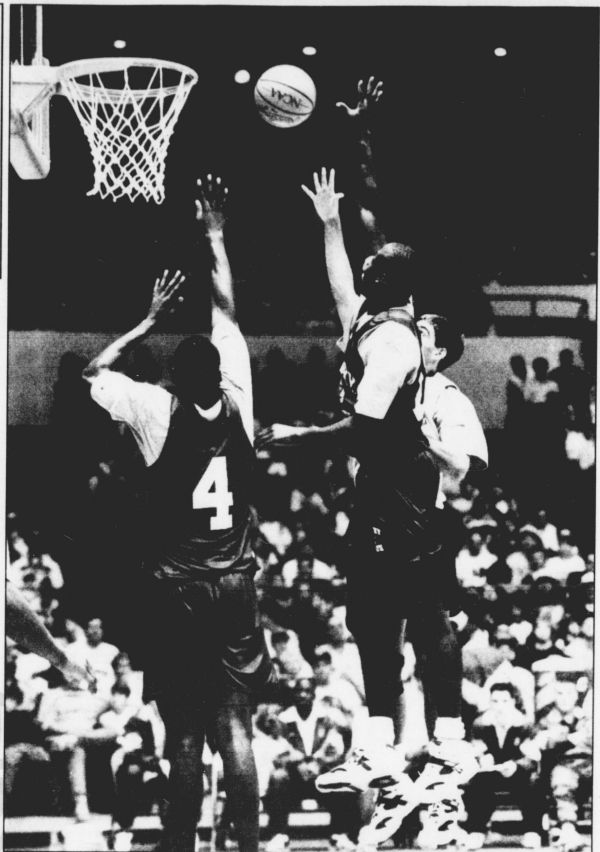
"We've done an awful lot of talking about the NBA and what the NBA scouts and what a basketball team wants in a certain player," Pitino said. "When you talk about Rodney and what they expect from a power forward or center in NBA, that's shot-blocking and rebounding."

"The only thing the NBA does not look at statistically and take seriously is points per game. So, we've told Rodney if you're just going to average five rebounds a game and a couple blocked shots a game, you can't be serious about the NBA."

But Pitino said Dent is serious about the NBA. And the UK coach predicted that if Dent can average between 10 and 11 rebounds per game this season, he could be a first-round draft pick next June.

But that's the distant future, even for a voyager like Dent. For now, he's focusing on helping the Cats to another Final Four appearance.

"I think the inside game will be big this year," he said. "We have strength to go with size and the best thing is we have quickness in the paint. I think we're a hungry team."



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**FREE-FOR-BALL:** Six-foot-11 Rodney Dent will be heavily counted on for rebounding, shot-blocking and intimidation in UK's power-inside game this season.

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