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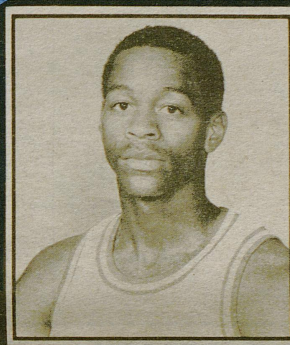
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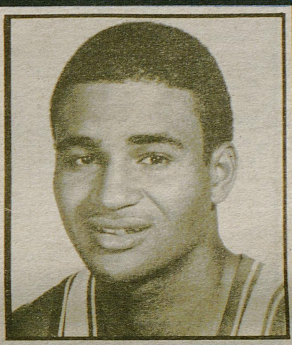
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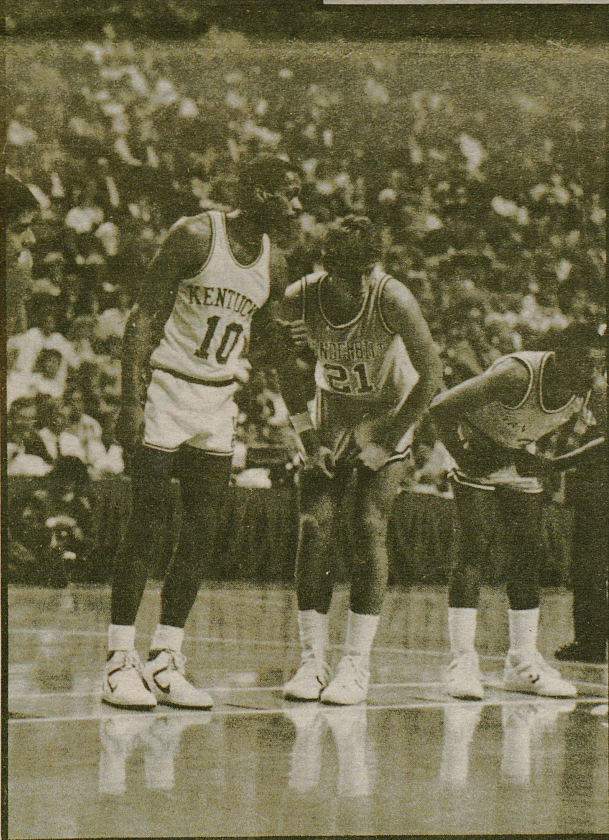


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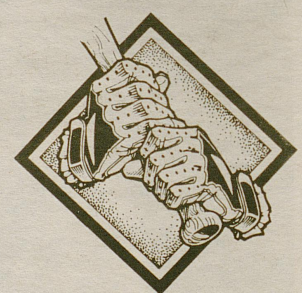
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Fri. February 27	West Florida	Pensacola, FL	7:00 CST
Sat. February 28	West Florida	Pensacola, FL	7:00 CST
Sun. March 1	West Florida	Pensacola, FL	1:00 CST
TUE. MARCH 3	INDIANA	LEXINGTON, KY	2:00 EST
FRI. MARCH 6	MIAMI, OHIO (2)	LEXINGTON, KY	1:00 EST
SAT. MARCH 7	LOUISVILLE	LEXINGTON, KY	1:00 EST
SUN. MARCH 8	LOUISVILLE	LEXINGTON, KY	1:30 EST
WED. MARCH 11	CUMBERLAND (TN)	LEXINGTON, KY	2:00 EST
THU. MARCH 12	BRADLEY	LEXINGTON, KY	2:00 EST
SAT. MARCH 14	LSU (2)	LEXINGTON, KY	12:00 EST
SUN. MARCH 15	LSU	LEXINGTON, KY	1:30 EST
Tue. March 17	Morehead (2)	Morehead, KY	1:00 EST
WED. MARCH 18	INDIANA STATE	LEXINGTON, KY	3:00 EST
Sat. March 21	Alabama (2)	Tuscaloosa, AL	6:00 CST
Sun. March 22	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL	2:00 CST
TUE. MARCH 24	OHIO DOMINICAN	LEXINGTON, KY	3:00 EST
SAT. MARCH 28	TENNESSEE (2)	LEXINGTON, KY	1:00 EST
SUN. MARCH 29	TENNESSEE	LEXINGTON, KY	1:30 EST
Wed. April 1	Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, KY	3:00 EST
Thu. April 2	Kentucky State	Frankfort, KY	3:00 EST
Sat. April 4	Florida (2)	Gainesville, FL	6:00 EST
Sun. April 5	Florida	Gainesville, FL	1:30 EDT
TUE. APRIL 7	WRIGHT STATE	LEXINGTON, KY	4:00 EDT
WED. APRIL 8	LOUISVILLE REDBIRDS (EXH)	LEXINGTON, KY	* 4:00 EDT
Sat. April 9	MARSHALL	LEXINGTON, KY	* 4:00 EDT
THU. APRIL 11	Vanderbilt (2)	Nashville, TN	1:00 CDT
Sun. April 12	Vanderbilt	Nashville, TN	1:30 EDT
WED. APRIL 15	KENTUCKY STATE	LEXINGTON, KY	* 4:00 EDT
Thu. April 16	Louisville	Louisville, KY	4:00 EDT
SAT. APRIL 18	AUBURN (2)	LEXINGTON, KY	** 1:00 EDT
SUN. APRIL 19	AUBURN	LEXINGTON, KY	1:30 EDT
Tue. April 21	Louisville	Louisville, KY	7:00 EDT
WED. APRIL 22	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	LEXINGTON, KY	* 4:00 EDT
THU. APRIL 23	GEORGETOWN	LEXINGTON, KY	* 4:00 EDT
Sat. April 25	Mississippi (2)	Oxford, MS	1:00 CDT
Sun. April 26	Mississippi	Oxford, MS	1:30 CDT
TUE. APRIL 28	CUMBERLAND COLLEGE (KY)	LEXINGTON, KY	* 4:00 EDT
WED. APRIL 29	WEST VIRGINIA	LEXINGTON, KY	* 4:00 EDT
THU. APRIL 30	EASTERN KENTUCKY	LEXINGTON, KY	* 4:00 EDT
SAT. MAY 2	MISSISSIPPI STATE (2)	LEXINGTON, KY	** 1:00 EDT
SUN. MAY 3	MISSISSIPPI STATE	LEXINGTON, KY	2:00 EDT
TUE. MAY 5	MOREHEAD (2)	LEXINGTON, KY	** 3:00 EDT
Sat. May 9	Georgia (2)	Athens, GA	6:00 EDT
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Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



First, Second Decided In SEC, Rest Up For Grabs

The Southeastern Conference race is history, as far as the regular season championship is concerned, but the tightest race in almost 40 years winds to a climactic close this weekend as far as league tournament seedings are concerned.

With just two games remaining in the regular conference season, only the top two seeds have been settled with Alabama enjoying the regular season title and Florida owning the second place.

No other position has been nailed down. Example. Kentucky and Georgia, currently tied for third place at 9-7, could finish as high as their current standing or as low as seventh place. Ole Miss is currently 7th, but could go as high as a tie for fourth place. Mississippi State, figured a dead last since preseason, could discover itself out of the cellar if it could pull back-to-back upsets at LSU and Vanderbilt.

So, if you're making plans to attend the SEC Tournament next week in Atlanta and you'd like to know which team is playing at what time, well, you can only count on Alabama and Florida playing the night session on Friday. The rest is grab bag.

There is a ray of suggestion which says that both Kentucky and Georgia will be playing in the Friday afternoon session since they both are assured of finishing somewhere from third place to sixth place in the final standings.

Before we get too involved in this mess, let us remind you the tournament will be staged Thursday thru Sunday, not Wednesday thru Saturday as in the past. The four clubs with the poorest SEC records will square off on Thursday evening with No. 7 going against No. 10 and No. 8 taking on No. 9.

Taking the current standings into account, you could have some great arch-rivals going at it with Ole Miss tackling Mississippi State and Vanderbilt trying to shake an 0-2 collar against the Tennessee Vols.

The winners would advance to the Friday night session against Alabama and Florida, respectively.

The earlier session on Friday afternoon would have the No. 3 team going against No. 6 and No. 4 taking on No. 5. There is absolutely no way of predicting the outcome of this mess with two games remaining.

UK and Georgia are tied and meet on Wednesday in Athens. A Kentucky upset win would go a long way toward UK bolstering its hold on third place and the 'Cats could lock it up by beating Ole Miss in the SEC regular season finale at Rupp Arena on Saturday.

But a Georgia win on Wednesday would give Hugh Durham's Dogs a shot at a similar feat if the Dogs could beat Tennessee in Knoxville Saturday.

Then there are LSU, Auburn and even Ole Miss at 7-9. Any of the three could finish 9-9 with a pair of wins. You can rest assured the final seedings won't be complete until the LSU-Auburn battle is settled late next Sunday.

Sure, sure there's no way of knowing who Kentucky will play in the first round next week, but it's fun just to speculate and our

prediction is that Kentucky will have to meet the survivor of a three-way tie for No. 6 involving Auburn, LSU and Ole Miss. And in our opinion, it'll be LSU.

And speaking of LSU, well, what about that game Saturday?

Disgusting, you say?

Well, you can imagine how the Wildcats must feel after blowing an early nine-point lead and the offense going completely AWOL in the last 25 minutes.

The 65-52 defeat left the 'Cats winless in their two meetings with the LSU Tigers who just might not crack the .500 mark in the SEC this season.

Said LSU guard Anthony Wilson after the game, "It's a payback for the first three (losses) last year. I love it. Things even out."

Wilson was referring to the Tigers' three straight losses before upsetting the 'Cats in the finals of the NCAA Southeast Regional in Atlanta.

Kentucky's shot at getting even, if it happens this season, will probably happen in Atlanta next week.

There's going to be some very interesting decisions by the NCAA basketball selection committee Sunday in Shawnee Mission, Kan., and the at-large invitations will be as controversial as ever this time around.

I can't help remembering proponents claim a few years ago that if the tournament could be expanded to 64 teams, there would never be another complaint about a deserving team not getting an invitation.

As the ole saying goes, "you ain't heard nothing yet, baby."

True, there probably won't be a deserving team left out of the tourney field. The only problem is that numerous undeserving teams will be invited.

Odds are that numerous teams with double-digit losses will be asked to partake in the NCAA event, including several highly-visible schools with a great deal of hoop tradition.

Several which come to mind immediately, with their losses in parentheses, are the likes of LSU (12), Louisville (12), Ohio State (9 with four games left), Michigan (9 with four games left) and UAB (10). And that's not counting the likes of Kentucky (8), Georgia (9), and Georgia Tech (8), which still have at least two or more regular season games and a conference post season tournament.

The big question is how good must a record be before a team gets an invitation? The same question made the rounds a couple years ago when UK was issued an invitation to the big show with a 16-12 record after losing to Florida in the quarterfinal round of the SEC tournament before losing to Auburn 43-42 in the semis.

Kentucky was picked and Florida, which had beaten UK two of three times that season, was left to the NIT. Florida was 18-11 and cried "foul play" to anyone who would listen. Few did.

The Gators went to the NIT and were promptly sent home by Southwestern Louisiana 65-64.

Meanwhile, Kentucky thanks its lucky stars for the invitation and then made the selec-

tion committee look like prophets.

Obviously hoping to quiet the critics, the NCAA committee sent the Wildcats to the Far West ice country of Utah, matched the Big Blue as heavy underdogs against first Washington and then UNLV. Any team who could survive such a mission deserved the fruits of victory.

Kentucky, unknowing playing its final games under the leadership of Joe B. Hall, upset Washington 66-58 in the final game of the legendary Marv Harshman, who had earlier announced he would retire following the 1985 season.

With a club loaded with underclassmen, the Wildcats played like veterans for a second straight game as juniors Kenny Walker and Roger Harden led the way, while sophomore Winston Bennett and a couple of streaky freshmen—Richard Madison and Cedric Jenkins—contributed big roles with UK shocking the Running Rebels 64-61.

Hall's swan song came in Denver, Colo., where the Wildcats' Cinderella season melted in the snow as powerful St. John's won 86-70. UK was unable to cope with Chris Mullin & Co., after All-American Kenny Walker left with an eye injury.

Making a short point long, Kentucky vindicated its selection and illustrated why records alone should not be the only criteria for determining the tourney's 64 invitations.

That season, Kentucky was rebuilding after going to the Final Four the previous season in Seattle. And because of a rugged pre-conference schedule, the 'Cats lost to Purdue, SMU, Indiana and Louisville, with only SMU being played at home.

Still, UK got its act together, beat such national powers as Kansas and North Carolina State and received the invitation. Having Kenny Walker on the club didn't hurt the 'Cats' chances either.

All this brings us to this year.

Notice the similarities?

After the great season a year ago, Kentucky has struggled with its young team, yet has won some important games against Navy, league champion Alabama twice, Louisville and played Indiana down to the wire.

Combine that with the fact that Kentucky is Kentucky and that one of the nation's premier freshmen is Rex Chapman and you have three pretty good reasons why the NCAA doesn't want the Wildcats playing in that other tournament, better known as the National Invitational Tournament.

Those three reasons are why Kentucky will get an NCAA invitation, even if the Wildcats should lose two of three this week and in the first round of the SEC Tournament.

Then, again, the NCAA could make a liar of me.

When the SEC Tournament rolls around next week, the Atlanta scene will be buzzing with the gossip which usually goes hand-in-hand with such sporting events.

The topics?

(A) The status of Tennessee coach Don DeVoe who received a vote of confidence from UT athletics director Doug Dickey shortly after the Vols were beaten twice by

Ole Miss in less than a week. After losing to Mississippi State in Starkville last Saturday, Don may need another vote of confidence to be back next winter. No one will admit it, but the pressure is coming from the thought of filling its new 25,000-seat arena as much as DeVoe's dwindling won-loss mark.

(B) The status of Auburn coach Sonny Smith who was expected to have his Tigers fighting for the SEC title this season, or at least second place with Florida. Star Gerald White missed some critical action early, but Auburn has experienced its usual on-again, off-again attitude and AU's current 7-9 SEC mark has fueled rumors that Smith will take the dual post of athletics director and head coach at East Carolina at the season's end. Sonny played hardball with the football-oriented AU administration twice and won both games. The third time he might not be so fortunate. ECU looks more and more attractive.

(C) The status of Vanderbilt coach C.M. Newton who was hospitalized in the middle of the season. His Commodores got off to a blazing 9-1 start before collapsing inside the SEC and faces a possibility of landing in the cellar with Mississippi State. And all this despite beating both Indiana and Notre Dame this season. This is C.M.'s sixth season in Music City and the banjo pickers could be getting restless. After compiling back-to-back winners his first two years, Newton's clubs have suffered three straight losing marks and the Commodores are courting the .500 mark at 14-13. The gentleman's gentleman is in no immediate danger of losing his job because it's impossible for anyone to dislike C.M. However, those close to C.M. are concerned about his health and it could be nearing the time for the likeable Newton to return to administrative duties, outside the rigors of recruiting and travel. Only time will tell.

(D) Is Dr. Harvey Schiller here to stay in the Southeastern Conference or is the new



Col. Harvey Schiller

commissioner merely vacationing in Birmingham until he gets tapped on the shoulder

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'87 Football Recruits: Only Time Will Tell

Sharpless Says Check Back In Four Years

Opinions. Like the nose on your face, everybody has one. They can be helpful or they can be truly inaccurate and not to mention have no meaning of any kind. So when someone tells me that Kentucky suffered a horrible recruiting class, that UK's program will take a nose dive because Frank Jacobs, Jeff Ellis and Eddie Thomas are going elsewhere, and that the Wildcats are headed nowhere I say, "Ask me the same question in a couple of years, or at some other stop down the road."

Incidentally, my suggestion to you is to contact Kentucky assistant Rod Sharpless and see what he has to say.



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

"People always are looking at recruiting services," said Sharpless last week. "It might say that Notre Dame had a great year or Pitt or Florida had a great year. That's true on paper—we all have great years. . . potentially. But the final analysis is in four or five years. (We look at) what has that class contributed to that program?"

"If we didn't have confidence in the players we recruited we wouldn't have given them a scholarship."

A strong foundation is what keeps a program going. It's the recruiting class which continuously fuels the program. And while an incoming class may be valued at a premium, what's important in the end is how much mileage a coaching staff can get out of a particular crop.

"On paper we feel comfortable with the size, weight, strength and their accomplishments in high school," added Sharpless. "We don't know (how good they are) yet. We won't know until we get them here and line them up against some of the players already here and see how they'll progress in four or five years from now."

"Of course, I can say they look great on paper. But how many paper football players have won football games?"

Overall, would you consider UK's newest group good but not great?

"Check with me in about four years from today, Nick and I'll give you an answer," Sharpless replied.

Onward to next season and what lies ahead.

Sharpless, supervisor at the defensive tackle station, believes the Kentucky program is gradually building and building its way upward. What the Wildcat coaching staff is looking for in the long run is experience and continuity.

Hoping that a couple of freshmen can come in and add a couple of Ws is a nice thought, but not likely. With each season Sharpless believes UK's program is building a stronger foundation. Every player on last year's roster could be listed as a Claiborne recruit. The Big Blue pyramid, although slowly being developed, is being built.

Looking at the season-ending depth chart you'll see plenty of first-year and redshirt freshmen performers as third-, fourth- and even fifth-stringers. Players like Randy Holleran, Donnie Gardner, Carlos Phillips, Chuck Broughton, Darren Billberry and others, however, will soon get their chance to show why they were recruited by UK. It may be next season, or the following season. We'll just have to wait.

Development takes time. Mark Higgs, Dee Smith or Joe Worley were able to leap from the high school level and into the SEC without landing on their derriars. Despite what you may have heard in the past, though, not all kittens land on their feet.

"Our number one concern was strengthening up the position at tight end," Sharpless said. "Injuries last year (Matt Lucas and Joe Curry) kinda weakened the position. We had to put some young and inexperienced players in. Of course, we like to bring the younger players in gradually and eventually give them a chance when they're feeling comfortable of playing an SEC schedule."

If you check out the nation's best programs you'll find that many teams mainly rely on experience as their forte. At Kentucky, where football is not as popular as it is in Tuscaloosa, Baton Rouge, Gainesville, Athens, Auburn, or Knoxville, Claiborne has started many young men who might not have been ready for a first-team assignment.

Having a defensive and offensive unit dominated with mostly five-year players is what Kentucky is striving for. Sharpless says that's the goal for UK's football program.

"If you can bring a class in, say in '87, and keep that class intact

for four or five years," Sharpless said, "then it's going to build and enhance your program. Sometimes you have to break those units down and put the players where you need help immediately."

"As long as you can keep a class intact . . . it improves your program for potential growth and development."

Slowly but surely the UK program is building. And with its recent off-the-field achievements—leading the SEC for the third straight season in regards to academic all-conference candidates, and adding a new training facility—more and more outstanding prospects will consider the 'Cats their No. 1 choice.

The only problem slowing Kentucky down is that the Wildcats are a member of the SEC, arguably the nation's finest gridiron conference. For Claiborne and his staff, whose record at Kentucky is



Sharpless: 'Paper Players Don't Cut It'

25-29-2, they may never again experience a season like the 9-3 campaign in 1984. You see, while UK is making gains, so are the SEC's elites.

The early reports are in and Florida, Georgia and Tennessee had what many experts consider banner recruiting years. The bottom line? Claiborne and his staff are making progress but so are their foes, which makes the current task at hand a very difficult one.

You might not have known this but right now the Kentucky players are about to enter the "second quarter."

"We have what we call the 'four quarters,'" Sharpless indicated about the 'Cats' year-round schedule. "Our winter program is our first quarter, the spring is our second quarter. Of course, the summer is our third quarter and the fourth is the fall."

Spring practice is just around the corner. On March 25, Kentucky will begin its spring session and work toward the annual Blue-White game at Commonwealth Stadium (April 25).

"We feel that in spring practice everybody has to earn a position," he said. "We want it to be competitive and we want to put the best 11 guys on offense and defense on the field."

"If you can have a positive experience from winter to spring to summer then it's also going to carry over to that fourth quarter, the quarter which people evaluate. They're not evaluated from January to August, they're evaluated on Saturdays at 4:05—if we won or lost."

As far as going into spring with a different approach, Sharpless said the team objectives will remain the same as they have in the past.

"We're going into the spring with the same objective—trying to find where our best football players are and getting them into posi-

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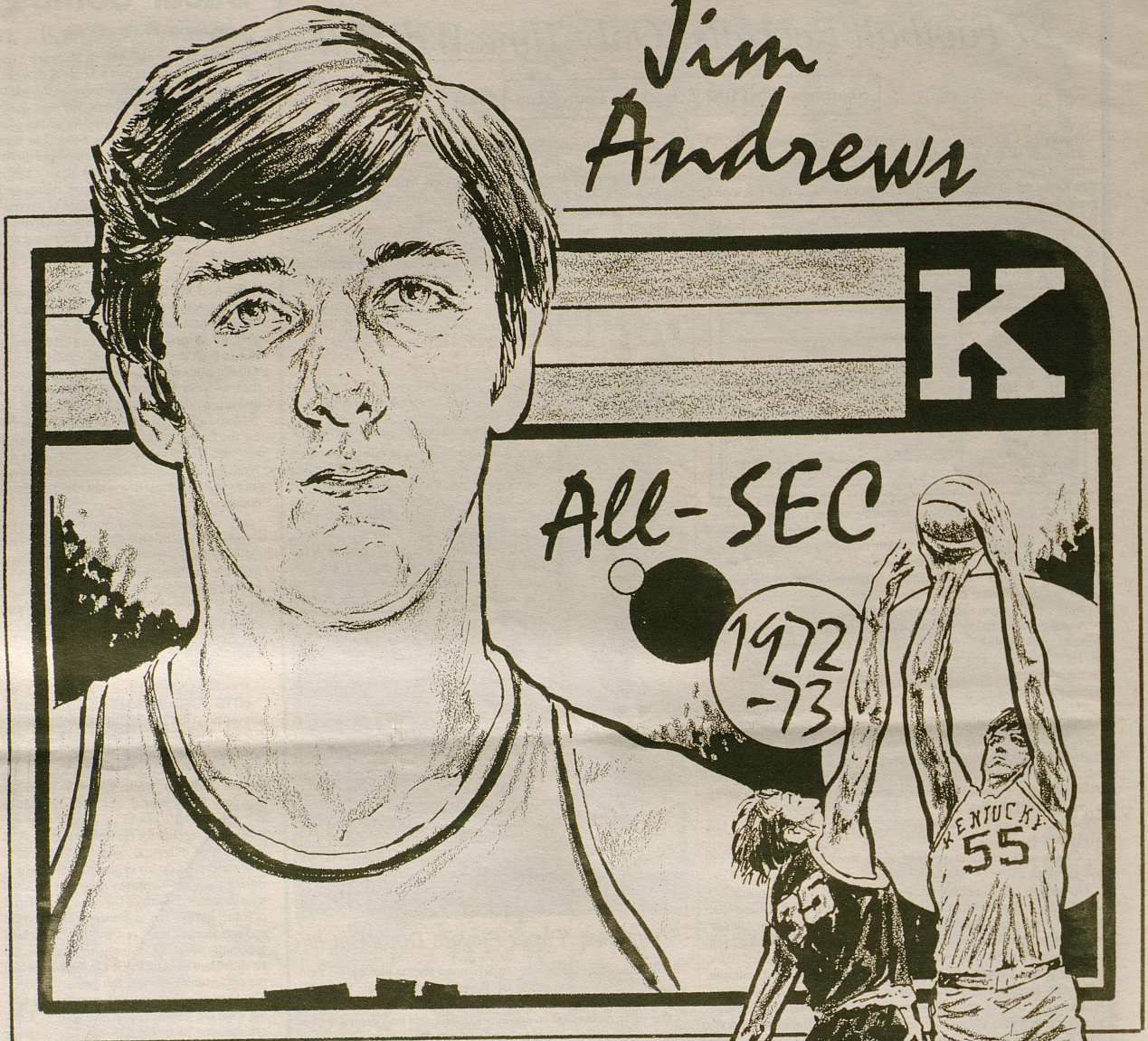
for Walter Byers' big chair in Shawnee Mission, Kan.? There are two schools of thought. One has the new commissioner as the odds-on favorite to replace Byers. Without question, Dr. Schiller is qualified for either post and possesses the qualities needed to turn either the SEC or NCAA in the right direction for the 1990s. The other theory has it that Dr. Schiller's name is being mentioned prominently with NCAA because of his participation at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, but that he really isn't interested and intends to be the force behind the SEC in the years ahead.

(E) And last but not least, who will capture the event which everyone is supposed to be in Atlanta for next week? Will Bama be only the second school in the past 10 years to win both the regular season and the tournament title? Only Kentucky has performed the trick since the tourney was revived in 1979 and the Wildcats worked the magic twice, in 1984 and again last season. Alabama is handling the league much like Kentucky did a year ago and UK won the SEC tourney. But the Wildcats had to fight for their life in the semi-finals and finals and they were played in Rupp Arena.

My crystal ball says don't look for the Crimson Tide to win the title, unless they meet Kentucky in the championship. Then, the Tide would get sweet revenge after a six-game losing streak which goes back January of 1985. If those two meet, the Tide will win. After the seedings are made, we'll give you our final pick next week.

HITS AND MISSES . . . As noted above, don't be shocked if teams like **Kentucky, Louisville, Georgia Tech and LSU** are invited to the NCAAs. Louisville is the defending national champion and it has **Pervis Ellison** while Georgia Tech has **Tommy Hammond** and LSU has **Dale Brown**. What would a tournament be without a preacher for the invocation . . . And speaking of our good friend Brown, could you believe his on-air criticism of officiating during the LSU-Kentucky game on national television last Saturday? Dale is a good friend of mine, but one has to wonder if enough isn't enough in the deals of "miking" coaches, especially when the game is in progress. I'd be interested in knowing if **Dr. Schiller** had the opportunity to view the game via NBC-TV. Even more interesting would be learning what Dr. Schiller's reaction was . . . Congratulations to new LSU athletics director **Joe Dean**, the former czar of the Converse athletic shoe manufacturer, who has traded in his sneakers for the bizarre world of administering college athletics in the zany atmosphere of Louisiana politics. Good luck, Joe, and our sympathy . . . Hey, Joe, did you see a tape of the **Kentucky-LSU** game? Whatta ya think? . . . Coaches around the SEC are upset because **ESPN** got shut out of SEC basketball games this winter and they plan to make a push to get the games back on the network next season according to one good source. The shutout came when **Lorimar Productions**, which had the SEC rights before it turned bottoms up, screwed up according to one observer. ESPN thought all along it had rights for another year, but when **Jefferson-Pilot**, the new rights holder, came aboard, they cut a deal with the **USA Network**. Reports are that the situation is in legal hands right now. Meanwhile, the coaches are fuming that there is no SEC action on ESPN . . . My, what a strange season it has been. Kentucky could wind up as low as the second division this weekend, yet the Wildcats are 3-1 against the league's top two teams, including the only wins over conference champ **Alabama**. On the other hand, Kentucky is only 2-5 against the No. 5, 6, 7 and 8 teams.

Jim Andrews



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Rocky Ride

Long Kentucky Cold Spell, Poor Shooting And Repeat Performance From LSU's Wilson Allow Tigers To Claim 65-52 Win, Series Sweep

By Mike Estep

For Eddie Sutton and his Kentucky basketball team, the plane ride from Lexington to Baton Rouge was rough and tumble as inclement weather conditions caused turbulence for nearly the entire three and a half hour flight.

Maybe it was a bad omen.

Because after the Wildcats touched down safely in Bayou Country, the rocky road continued as Dale Brown's Tigers handed them a 65-52 setback, throwing Kentucky back into a two-way tie with Georgia for third place in the Southeastern Conference standings.

It might have been wet and rainy outside Assembly Center Saturday afternoon, but inside the building it was a drought that led to Kentucky's undoing. UK could manage just eight points during a 14-minute stretch that started late in the first half and lasted until early in the second period, and that allowed LSU to post the win and sweep the season series with the 'Cats.

It was a game that Kentucky would have liked to have won, not only to avenge its worst loss in 30 years—a 76-41 shellacking at the hands of LSU earlier this season at Rupp Arena—but to solidify its hold on third place in the conference standings and bolster its chances of earning an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

Chapman Spurs Early Rally That Puts 'Cats Out In Front

After the homestanding Tigers jumped out in front 12-7, freshman guard Rex Chapman keyed a 14-0 Kentucky outburst that staked his team to a comfortable nine-point advantage with 7:52 remaining in the half. Chapman started the run with a four-footer and a layup, and after a pair of buckets by Richard Madison and Rob Lock, he connected on a couple of long range bombs. Lock ended the surge with a free throw to give UK a 21-12 lead.

That's when LSU put together a streak of its own. Dale Brown assigned Bernard Woodside to cover Chapman, and he shut down UK's leading scorer from the field for the rest of the half. Meanwhile, the Tigers outscored Kentucky 21-8 over the game's next 14:10 to take a 33-29 lead that they would not relinquish.

Sutton said the long dry spell put his team in a hole it couldn't dig itself out of. "I felt like it was probably our offense, not so much just (Woodside's defense) on Chapman, but overall our offense just being stagnant," Sutton said. "I think with about four minutes to go until halftime we had that seven-point lead (23-16), and then we went eight minutes into the second half I think with six points or eight points, I'm not sure. So during that 12-minute period we really let that game slip away. And it was really more offensively—poor execution on our part—than defense on their part."

In Second Half, Cold Spell, Nikita Wilson Doom Kentucky

From that point on LSU extended the lead, thanks in part to poor shooting by UK and the outstanding play of Tiger center Nikita Wilson. Kentucky would connect on just eight of 25 field goal attempts for 37 percent in the second period, while LSU was hitting a nifty 13 of 23 for a 56.5 clip over the same stretch.

"We did a horrible job in the second half on Nikita Wilson, in pivot play," Sutton said. "But he did the same thing to us up in Lexington. He's a great player."

In defense of Lock, who was responsible for trying to defend Wilson, the big redhead got into foul trouble in the second half and could do little but stand and watch the LSU captain score. LSU's senior center made seven of his 10 field goal tries and scored 16 points in the second period.

"I couldn't do anything really aggressive," Lock said. "He started scoring and I couldn't do anything about it."

"I got good picks on the inside, and I was just fortunate to score," Wilson said. "I'm a lot quicker than Lock and my confidence is there. They were playing behind me and that's the biggest sin on the low post. This is probably my best game of the year because I was more active."

When Wilson and Woodside sandwiched a pair of buckets apiece around a Lock layup, the Tiger lead ballooned to 10 at 50-40 with an even six minutes to play.

Kentucky kept scrapping and was still within a pair of three-pointers several times in the final stages, but the Tigers hit their free throws to keep the 'Cats from getting any closer.

The score was at 58-52 with 1:38 to go when Oliver Brown, LSU's worst career free throw shooter at 55 percent, stepped to the line for a one-and-one. Brown threw up a "hellacious brick," as Madison would later call it, and then sank the second shot to make it 60-52.

"Oh yeah, I've been working on that shot," Brown beamed after the game. "I was wondering what the backboard was up there for."

On Kentucky's next trip down the court, Fess Irvin picked Ed Davender's pocket and hit a couple of freebies to put LSU out in front by 10 at 62-52 and put the finishing touches on the game with 1:36 to go.

"When we got it down to six points twice late," Sutton said, "I felt like we still had a chance to pull the thing out because we have pulled some games out before. But their players hit free throws well."

"You can't win shooting 35 percent. I don't believe you can beat very many teams, let alone a quality ballclub like LSU."

The loss dropped Kentucky to 9-7 in league play and into a flatfooted tie for third place with Georgia, setting up a showdown with Hugh Durham's club in Athens this Wednesday, a game Kentucky must win—not only to receive a favorable seed in the conference tourney, but to make itself more appealing to the NCAA tournament selection committee.

"I just told the squad that I felt like losing here doesn't hurt you as much as maybe winning the next two (would help)," Sutton said, "although a victory today would've

been a big bonus for us. We feel like the game in Athens Wednesday is a very big ballgame for us and does put added pressure on us to come out on the winning end."

Wildcat-Tiger Tidbits

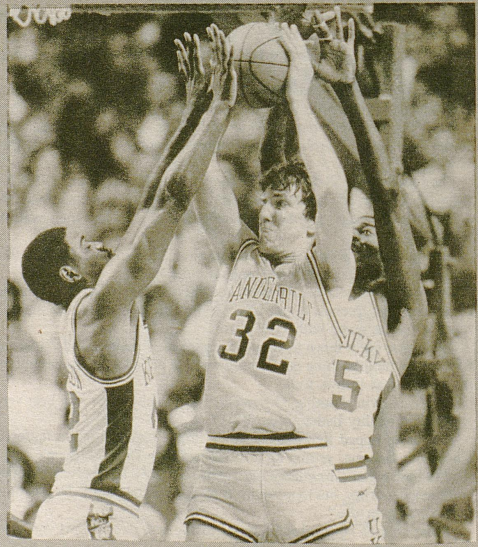
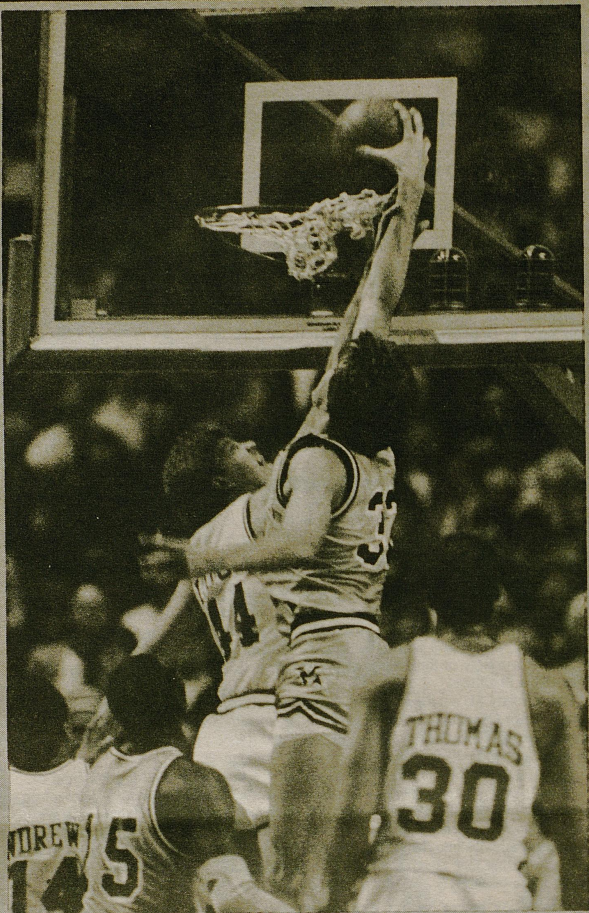
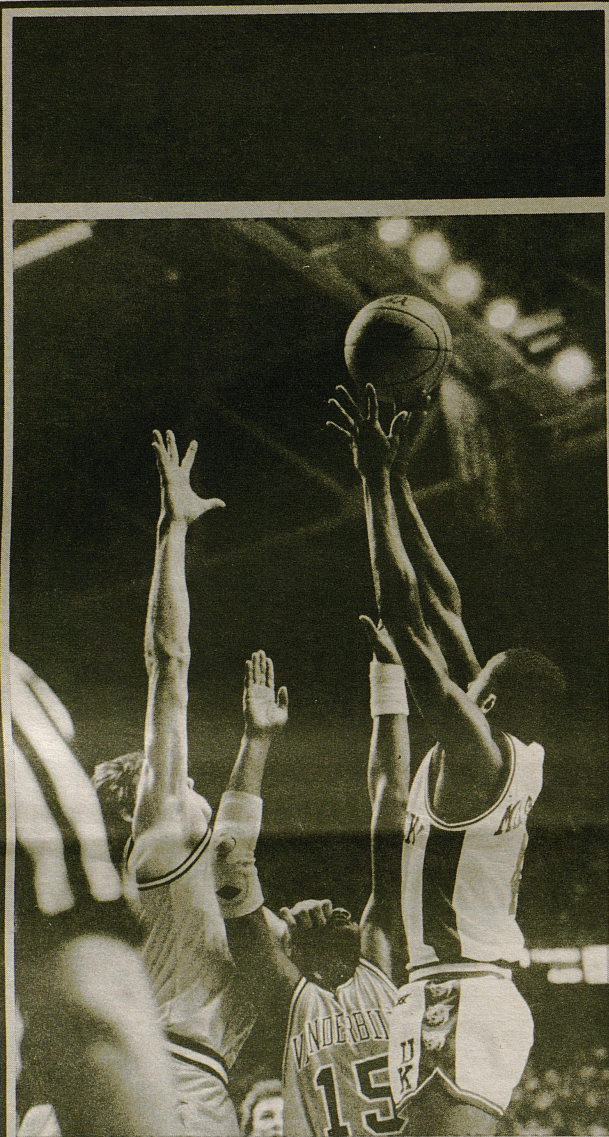
With the win, LSU improves to 17-12 overall and 7-9 in SEC play. Kentucky drops to 16-8 and 9-7. . . For the first time this season, the 'Cats failed to hold on to a halftime lead. Kentucky had been 15-0 in games in which it led at intermission. . . **Eddie Sutton's** record against LSU since he came to Kentucky now stands at 3-3. . . LSU skipper **Dale Brown** raises his record against the 'Cats to 13-21. . . UK still leads the overall series with LSU 56-15. . . After starting guard **Paul Andrews** and forward **Irv Thomas** in place of James Blackmon and **Richard Madison** against Vanderbilt last Thursday, Sutton went back to his regular starting lineup against the Tigers. . . Wildcat "Super Fan" **Steve Rardin** made the trip to Bayou Country and has now witnessed 557 consecutive UK games dating back to 1968. Among those joining **Rardin** on the trip were UK president **Dr. Otis Singletary** and athletic director **Cliff Hagan**. . . National recruiting expert **Chris Wallace** was also on hand for the contest. . . Something about the Tigers seems to bring out the worst in Kentucky's shooters. UK shot 19 of 54 from the field for 35 percent, second only to the 25 percent showing in the first game against LSU in Rupp. . . LSU converted 22 of 44 for an even 50 percent. . . Although he connected on just three of 11 three-point attempts, Kentucky's **Rex Chapman** led all scorers with 24 points, 15 of them coming in the first half. Chapman was eight of 19 from the floor for the game and was the UK co-leader on the boards with seven rebounds, a new career high. Chapman's best rebounding game had come against Vanderbilt earlier in the week when he claimed six caroms. . . UK center **Rob Lock** also grabbed seven

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE													Date Feb. 21/87 Site Baton Rouge, La.									
VISITORS (Last Name, First)																						
No.	Name	Pos.	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	ORE	DEF	TR	PF	TP	A	T	BLK	S	MIN						
42	Madison, Richard	f	4	10	0	0	1	3	3	6	4	8	0	3	1	37						
10	Blackmon, James	g	1	3	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	21						
44	Lock, Rob	c	4	8	0	0	4	6	5	2	7	4	2	4	1	26						
3	Chapman, Rex	g	8	19	3	11	5	8	4	3	7	3	24	2	4	0	38					
15	Davender, Ed	g	1	7	0	1	0	0	1	4	5	4	2	5	3	0	34					
4	Hillier, Derrick	f	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	7	1	1	0	7					
14	Andrews, Paul	g	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	3	0	0	1	0	20					
30	Thomas, Irving	g	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	6					
55	Jenkins, Cedric	g	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	11					
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)													0 2 2									
TOTALS													19 54 4 14 10 17 17 17 34 24 52					9 17 12 6 200				
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 11-29, 37.9% 2nd Half 8-25, 32.0%													Game 19-54, 35.2%					Deadball				
3-PT FG %: 1st Half 2-4, 50.0% 2nd Half 2-10, 20.0%													Game 4-14, 28.6%					Rebounds 0				
FT %: 1st Half 2-6, 33.3% 2nd Half 8-11, 72.7%													Game 10-17, 58.8%									
HOME (Last Name, First)																						
No.	Name	Pos.	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	ORE	DEF	TR	PF	TP	A	T	BLK	S	MIN						
10	LSU																					
30	Woodside, Bernard	f	3	5	1	2	1	3	3	1	4	5	8	5	2	1	0	32				
31	Brown, Oliver	f	1	7	0	0	4	4	9	13	4	6	1	3	2	3	39					
41	Wilson, Nikita	c	9	12	0	0	4	7	0	5	5	2	22	1	3	1	40					
12	Joe, Darryl	g	4	9	1	2	3	4	2	3	5	5	12	6	2	0	1	37				
11	Wilson, Anthony	g	4	10	2	5	2	2	0	3	3	1	12	3	3	2	38					
4	Irvin, Fess	f	1	1	0	0	3	6	0	1	1	0	5	0	2	0	3	8				
42	McDonald, Ben	g	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2					
43	Vargas, Jose	g	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4					
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)													3 1 4									
TOTALS													22 44 4 9 17 26 12 23 35 19 65					16 15 6 10 200				
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 9-21, 42.9% 2nd Half 13-23, 56.5%													Game 22-44, 50.0%					Deadball				
3-PT FG %: 1st Half 4-8, 50.0% 2nd Half 0-1, 00.0%													Game 4-9, 44.4%					Rebounds 4				
FT %: 1st Half 2-3, 66.7% 2nd Half 15-23, 65.2%													Game 17-26, 65.4%									
OFFICIALS: Paul Galvan, John Clougherty													SCORE BY PERIODS					1st H 2nd H OT OT FINAL				
Allie Prescott													KENTUCKY					26 26 XX XX 52				
Technical Fouls: None													LSU					24 41 XX XX 65				
Attendance: 10,782													Copyright 1987 by the Associated Press									

UK's 35 Percent Shooting, Dry Spell, Decided This One

rebounds, and was the only other Kentuckian in double figures with 12 points. . . **Ed Davender**, who had been spectacular for Kentucky in recent games, hit just one of seven shots and was held to two points, 13 below his season average. Davender had scored in double figures in 16 of 22 games coming into last Thursday's Vandy encounter.

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Chapman—Kid Enjoys Playing Game

'Cat Staff Keeping An Eye On Recruits

No matter what he does, the spotlight stays on Rex Chapman.

Last year the Owensboro Apollo standout played in front of capacity crowds almost every game. His shooting, ball-handling and all-around ability made his exploits legendary from Ashland to Paducah in the Bluegrass.

College coaches all across the land came to Owensboro to see the kid play. Few, if any, left Owensboro disappointed.

Kentucky finally managed to persuade Chapman to become a Wildcat. However, that only generated more ex-



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Cats' Pause Columnist

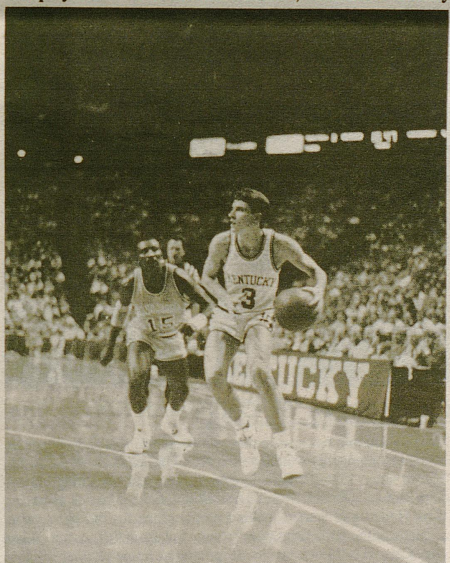
citement and interest in the youngster. No matter what he did, someone noticed.

This season he been on the cover of a basketball yearbook and Sports Illustrated.

TV analysts and college basketball writers have been recording his exploits all season and have billed him as one of the game's next stars.

Even a superstar like Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds noticed Chapman's play.

"I'm going to ask (UK coach Eddie) Sutton if he will let Rex play first base for me this summer," said Rose recently



Chapman Still In The Spotlight

on a visit to Lexington. "Chapman is a tremendous athlete. I like a guy like that.

"Maybe the baseball would look like a basketball to him. It did to me for about 20 years. Chapman has to be the same way in basketball. The basket must look four-foot wide the way he shoots. He's a great player."

No one who has seen Chapman play would argue with Rose. The kid is a natural.

"I knew Rex Chapman was a great player the first day he walked on the practice floor," said Sutton.

Chapman, though, didn't want to be the center of attention this year. He's a nice, sensitive youngster that worries about what his teammates think of him.

"I think Rex went out of his way to avoid any attention to prevent any resentment towards him," said Gene Abell, sports editor of The Messenger-Inquirer in Owensboro.

When rumors of players being jealous of Chapman surfaced, no one was more upset than the Owensboro freshman. The players denied that any jealousy existed but still the rumors spread quicker than a Kentucky fast break.

Finally, Chapman decided to settle the issue. After the UK-Mississippi State game he took it upon himself to explain that teammates had not been keeping the ball from him or trying to hurt his game.

"If anybody had asked me I could have told you that the rumors weren't true," said Chapman. "But nobody every asked me and I certainly would have noticed if something was going on."

It took guts, and class, to do something like that. How many 18-year-old kids could stare into the TV lights, microphones and notebooks of the Kentucky media and address such a controversial issue.

Chapman did it without blinking an eye because he didn't want his teammates having to deal with the rumors any more.

Unfortunately, Chapman can't turn the spotlight off himself that easily because of the way he plays. He has a knack for playing his best in the clutch as he did against Tennessee when his last-minute heroics allowed UK to pull out an overtime win.

Chapman, though, has learned to handle the expectations others have for him. He's a gifted athlete on the court but he's just as smooth off the floor.

The kid is destined for greatness but that doesn't mean he should be asked to produce miracles like he did against Tennessee every game. He even has room to improve his defense and rebounding, just like most freshmen do.

All Chapman wants is to be part of a winning team. He doesn't need the fan or media attention to enjoy basketball.

"I just like playing basketball," said Chapman. "I enjoy the game. I don't pay attention to the fans or media. You can't do that and be successful.

"I just try to satisfy myself and my teammates. If I do that, I'm happy."

Too bad everyone else won't let life stay that simple for a kid who just enjoys playing a game.

UK COACHES are trying to monitor the progress of the six high school basketball players they signed in November.

"We don't see them as much as if they had not signed but we keep an eye on their progress," said UK assistant coach James Dickey. "We keep in touch and talk to their coaches."

Dickey saw 6-11 LeRon Ellis play last month and was impressed by the future Wildcat.

"He's gotten better since the season started," said Dickey. "Just getting to play and gaining experience has helped him."

"He's more aggressive now and for a big guy he really runs the floor well. He attacks the glass (backboard) and goes after every rebound. That is something any coach likes to see."

The UK assistant has been able to see 6-7 Deron Feldhaus of Mason County several times recently. He said, "Deron has gotten bigger and stronger. He's been shooting the ball well."

"When Deron gets here he is going to have to learn to play facing the basket. He has to play with his back to the basket now because that is where his team needs him. But he's a good shooter and good rebounder. He won't have a lot of trouble making the transition to forward here."

Kentucky is now starting to target its recruiting on high school juniors.

"You make your best evaluations in the summer, though," said Dickey. "The summer camps give you a chance to see the best players going against other great players. Plus your entire staff can watch the player and evaluate him. That's when key recruiting decisions are made."

THE NEW NCAA limit of 25 football scholarships per year could help Kentucky. Or at least that's why assistant coach Jake Hallum thinks.

"It will help us because we seldom sign over 25 kids in a year," said Hallum. "We also don't believe in running kids off that don't work out like some places do. If we make a mistake recruiting a kid, we live with it as long as he is not a

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NCAA Basketball Conference Standings

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct.	All Games
Alabama	14	2	.875	21 4 840
Florida	12	4	.750	21 7 750
Kentucky	9	7	.563	16 8 667
Georgia	9	7	.563	16 9 640
Auburn	7	8	.467	14 10 563
Louisiana St.	7	9	.438	17 12 586
Mississippi	7	9	.438	14 11 560
Tennessee	6	10	.375	12 13 480
Vanderbilt	5	10	.333	14 13 519
Mississippi St.	3	13	.188	7 18 280

OHIO VALLEY				
	W	L	Pct.	All Games
Middle Tenn.	10	3	.769	20 5 800
Akron	9	4	.692	20 6 769
Morehead St.	8	4	.667	14 11 560
Austin Peay	7	5	.583	15 10 600
E. Kentucky	7	5	.583	14 10 500
Murray St.	4	8	.333	11 14 440
Youngstown St.	4	9	.308	11 15 423
Tennessee Tch.	1	12	.077	6 19 240

ATLANTIC COAST				
	W	L	Pct.	All Games
x-N. Carolina	12	0	1.000	25 2 926
Clemson	9	3	.750	24 3 889
Duke	8	4	.667	21 6 778
Georgia Tech	7	5	.583	16 9 640
Virginia	6	6	.500	18 8 692
N. Carolina St.	4	8	.333	14 14 500
Wake Forest	2	10	.167	13 12 520
Maryland	0	12	.000	8 14 364
x-clinched regular-season title				

ATLANTIC 10				
	W	L	Pct.	All Games
x-Temple	17	0	1.000	28 2 933
West Virginia	14	3	.824	20 6 769
Rhode Island	11	6	.647	18 8 692
St. Joseph's	9	7	.563	15 10 600
Penn St.	8	9	.471	14 11 560
Duquesne	7	10	.412	11 15 423
Massachusetts	6	11	.353	14 15 500
Geo. Washington	6	11	.353	9 17 346
Rutgers	3	13	.188	6 19 240
St. Bonaventur	3	14	.176	5 21 192
x-clinched regular-season title				

BIG EAST				
	W	L	Pct.	All Games
Pittsburgh	11	3	.786	22 5 815
Georgetown	10	4	.714	21 4 840
Syracuse	10	4	.714	22 5 815
St. John's	9	5	.643	18 6 760
Providence	8	5	.615	18 6 760
Villanova	6	8	.429	15 12 556
Seton Hall	4	10	.286	15 10 600
Boston College	2	11	.154	9 15 375
Connecticut	2	12	.143	8 17 320

BIG EIGHT				
	W	L	Pct.	All Games
Oklahoma	9	3	.750	21 5 808
Kansas	9	3	.750	21 7 750
Missouri	9	3	.750	19 9 679
Kansas St.	7	5	.583	17 8 680
Nebraska	5	7	.417	15 10 600
Iowa St.	4	8	.333	12 13 480
Oklahoma St.	4	8	.333	8 17 320
Colorado	1	11	.083	7 18 280

BIG SKY				
	W	L	Pct.	All Games
Montana	11	2	.846	20 6 769
Boise St.	9	3	.750	20 5 800
Montana St.	8	5	.615	18 9 667
Idaho	5	7	.417	15 11 577
Nevada-Reno	5	7	.417	11 14 440
N. Arizona	4	8	.333	10 15 400
Idaho St.	4	9	.308	11 15 423
Weber St.	4	9	.308	6 20 231

BIG TEN				
	W	L	Pct.	All Games
Indiana	14	1	.933	23 2 920
Purdue	11	2	.846	20 3 870
Iowa	10	4	.714	23 4 852
Illinois	9	4	.692	19 6 760
Ohio St.	9	6	.600	18 9 667
Michigan	8	6	.571	17 9 654
Michigan St.	5	9	.357	10 14 417
Minnesota	2	12	.143	9 15 375
Wisconsin	2	13	.133	12 16 429
Northwestern	1	14	.067	6 19 240

COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION				
	W	L	Pct.	All Games
x-Navy	12	1	.923	22 5 815
Richmond	9	4	.692	15 11 577
James Madison	8	5	.615	19 7 731
George Mason	7	6	.538	15 11 577
N.C.-Wilmington	7	6	.538	14 12 538
American	4	9	.308	11 13 458
East Carolina	3	10	.231	11 15 423
William & Mary	2	11	.154	5 20 200
x-clinched regular-season title				

INDEPENDENTS				
	W	L	Pct.	All Games
DePaul	25	1	.962	
New Orleans	17	7	.708	
Notre Dame	17	7	.708	
Pan American	16	9	.640	
Marquette	14	10	.583	
Tennessee St.	14	11	.560	
Dayton	12	12	.500	
Miami, Fla.	13	14	.481	
U.S. Internat'l	11	15	.423	
Brooklyn	10	14	.417	
Cent. Florida	10	14	.417	
Chicago St.	10	15	.400	
SW Louisiana	10	15	.400	
Utica	10	15	.400	
Md.-Balt. County	9	15	.375	
Texas-Arlington	10	17	.370	
N. Illinois	9	16	.360	
Cent. Conn.	8	18	.308	
E. Washington	5	23	.179	

NCAA Basketball Tournaments Dates & Sites



FUTURE NCAA FINAL FOUR SITES

1987 — Superdome, New Orleans, La. (March 28-30)
1988 — Kemper Arena, Kansas City, Mo. (April 2-4)
1989 — Kingdome, Seattle, Wash. (April 1-3)
1990 — McNichols Arena, Denver, Colo. (Mar. 31-Apr. 2)
1991 — Hoosier Dome, Indianapolis, Ind. (Mar. 31-Apr. 1)
1992 — Metrodome, Minneapolis, Minn. (TBA)

1987 FIRST/SECOND ROUND

EAST
Mar. 12-14, Charlotte Coliseum (N.C.)
Mar. 13-15, Carrier Dome (Syracuse, N.Y.)

SOUTHEAST
Mar. 12-14, Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center (Ala.)
Mar. 13-15, The Omni (Atlanta, Ga.)

MIDWEST
Mar. 12-14, Hoosier Dome (Indianapolis, Ind.)
Mar. 13-15, Rosemont Horizon (Chicago, Ill.)

WEST
Mar. 12-14, Special Events Ctr. (Salt Lake City, Utah)
Mar. 13-15, McKale Center (Tucson, Ariz.)

REGIONALS

EAST
Mar. 19-21, Meadowlands (East Rutherford, N.J.)

SOUTHEAST
Mar. 19-21, Freedom Hall (Louisville, Ky.)

MIDWEST
Mar. 20-22, Riverfront Coliseum (Cincinnati, Ohio)

WEST
Mar. 20-22, Kingdome (Seattle, Wash.)

FINALS

Mar. 28-30, Superdome (New Orleans, La.)

1988 FIRST/SECOND ROUND

EAST
Hartford Coliseum (Conn.)
Dean Smith S.A.C. (Chapel Hill, N.C.)

SOUTHEAST
Memorial Gymnasium (Nashville, Tenn.)
Riverfront Coliseum (Cincinnati, Ohio)

MIDWEST
Athletic and Convocation Center (South Bend, Ind.)
Devaney Sports Center (Lincoln, Neb.)

WEST
Special Events Center (Austin, Texas)
Sports Arena (Los Angeles, Calif.)

REGIONALS

EAST
Meadowlands (East Rutherford, N.J.)

SOUTHEAST
Omni (Atlanta, Ga.)

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Silverdome (Detroit, Mich.)

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Kingdome (Seattle, Wash.)

FINALS

Kemper Arena (Kansas City, Mo.)

1989 FIRST/SECOND ROUND

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Providence Civic Center (R.I.)
Greensboro Coliseum (N.C.)

SOUTHEAST
Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center (Ala.)
Omni (Atlanta, Ga.)

MIDWEST
Dayton Arena (Ohio)
Metrodome (Minneapolis, Minn.)

WEST
Boise State (Idaho)
Pauley Pavilion (Los Angeles)

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Rupp Arena (Lexington, Ky.)

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Hoosier Dome (Indianapolis, Ind.)

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McNichols Arena (Denver, Colo.)

FINALS

Kingdome (Seattle, Wash.)

Back To The Future — 1978-79 Revisited?

Striking Resemblance Between '79, '87 'Cats

A month ago, when Kentucky was returning from Oxford, Miss., with an 11-6 overall record, a 4-5 SEC mark and faced the possibility of staying home when the NCAA tournament tipped off in March, I couldn't help but think of how much Eddie Sutton's current ballclub paralleled the 1978-79 Wildcat squad, the last UK team that failed to earn a berth in college basketball's big shindig.

At that point in the season, the resemblance was striking. But as I sat and witnessed the final minutes of the miraculous, last-second rally against Tennessee on Feb. 11—which was almost a carbon copy of Kentucky's stunning come-from-behind victory



Mike Estep

Cats' Pause Columnist

over Kansas early in the 1978-79 season—I was nearly convinced I had been caught in a time warp and transported back in time. As I walked through the Rupp Arena parking lot following the postgame press conference that night, I could almost hear a familiar voice calling out.

"Do-do-do-do, do-do-do-do—this is Rod Serling," it said. "Tonight we bring you the story of a sports columnist who went to a ballgame one night and was mysteriously taken back eight years into the past, when he entered the . . . Twilight Zone." Now maybe I have been watching too much late night television lately, I don't know, but you have to admit, there are a lot of similarities between the two teams.

To refresh your memory, let's take a look back at the '79 team and compare it with the current version of Wildcats.

History Repeating Itself? You Decide

For starters, the '79 team was short on experience, having been decimated by graduation losses. Four battle-tested veterans from the '78 championship season—primarily inside power players Mike Phillips, Rick Robey, James Lee, along with silky forward Jack Givens—had used up their eligibility at Kentucky and made their way into the NBA, leaving sophomore Freddie Cowan, junior LaVon Williams and freshman Chuck Verderber to hold down the fort. Cowan was the tallest and most effective of the three, but at 6-8 he was unable to mix it up with the big boys on the schedule, guys like Bobby Cattage of Auburn, Reggie Johnson of Tennessee, Reggie King of Alabama and Rickey Brown of Mississippi State.

As a result, the inside game suffered, and coach Joe Hall was forced to abandon the power game he loved so much in favor of a perimeter attack. Hall had to rework his offense around guards Kyle Macy, Dwight Anderson, Truman Claytor and Jay Shidler, and all four responded by placing in the top six on the club in point production. But when you make a living on the perimeter, there are gonna be times when you die from it as well. The outside game wasn't always clicking on all cylinders, and inconsistency was the result.

Sound familiar? It should.

Anybody who even has a passing interest in this year's Kentucky team can tell you that. The 'Cats advanced to within an eyelash of the Final Four a year ago, and senior Kenny Walker was largely responsible for that. With Walker playing for pay with the New York Knicks to start the season, forwards Winston Bennett and Cedric Jenkins, along with center Rob Lock, were expected to make things happen in the middle. But as has been well-chronicled, Bennett was lost for the year with a knee injury, and due to a stress fracture in his foot, Jenkins has spent the majority of the season on the bench as well, leaving Lock, Irv Thomas and Richard Madison along the front line. Each of the three has turned in the best season of their careers to this point, but hardly enough to keep pace with people like Indiana's Dean Garrett and Daryl Thomas, Auburn's Jeff Moore, Alabama's Derrick McKey, LSU's Nikita Wilson and Navy's David Robinson.

Sutton's guard corps of James Blackmon, Rex Chapman and Ed Davender has played admirably. But the inconsistency, the "ups and downs" as Sutton likes to call them, have still been there. It's tough to win on a day-in, day-out basis when you're launching 20-footers and your opponents are getting layups and follow shots.

UK assistant coach Dwane Casey, who is Kentucky's only link between the two seasons, having been a senior co-captain of the '79 team, says that those two similarities—inexperience and lack of an established inside game—are what make the two squads so

much alike.

Names Have Changed, Performance Is Same

"There's a lot of similarities between the two seasons because we were a real young basketball club that year ('79), we'd lost all of the seniors, much like we lost in Roger (Harden) and Kenny last year," Casey said. "And you had a lot of inexperienced starters coming back, as far as playing time is concerned. So that's the basic similarity between the two seasons.

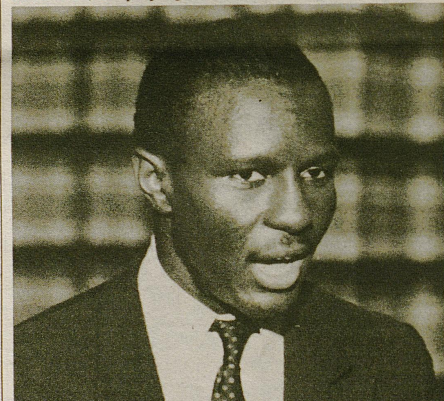
"That year we didn't have a dominant inside player, exactly like this year. We relied a lot on quickness and perimeter play with Dwight Anderson, Kyle Macy and Jay Shidler, similar to the way we are now with James Blackmon, Ed Davender and Rex Chapman."

Because of the the inexperience and the lack of inside strength, neither team was expected to set the world on fire when the preseason forecasts came out. But the '79 team played Indiana tough in Bloomington and upset Kansas and Notre Dame on the way to a 5-2 preconference record. This year, Kentucky gave the Hoosiers all they wanted on the road and then totally destroyed defending national champion Louisville in a mild upset, fashioning a 6-1 mark prior to league play.

But when the SEC games started, it was a different story. In '79, the 'Cats won just one of their first six games against league competition, two of the setbacks coming in Rupp Arena. This year, UK limped out to a 1-3 start in the conference, also suffering two losses at home.

"(In '79) once we got in the conference everybody started exploiting our inside game," Casey said. "Much like this year everybody started to take advantage of it."

So midway through the season, neither team looked as though it would make much noise. Three weeks into January, the '79 team stood at 6-7, few people gave them a realistic chance of extending



Casey Hopes '87 'Cats Finish Strong, Too

their season into postseason play and people were wondering aloud whether or not this would be the first UK team to post a losing record since 1926-27. Fans looked at the great recruiting class—Sam Bowie, Derrick Hord, Dirk Minniefield, Charles Hurt and Tom Heitz—and started making preparations for the '80 season.

Many of the same fears were brought out again this season. When the 'Cats were blown out by 35 points, at home against LSU on Jan. 18, Kentucky owned a record of 9-5. Rumors ran rampant that there was dissension on the team. Folks said the team was a bunch of quitters, that it didn't have a prayer of playing beyond the SEC tournament. And once again an outstanding crop of high school talent—Eric Manuel, LeRon Ellis, Johnny Pittman, Deron Feldhaus, Sean Sutton and Jonathon Davis—was signed, causing everyone to look to the future.

Our Story Could Have Happy Ending, Though

UK fans, take heart. Our little story does take a turn for the better. This cloud does have a silver lining. Inexperienced players have a way of maturing. And weak inside players, if they work hard, do tend to improve. And those are the most pleasant similarities between the two ballclubs.

Anderson put things together in '79 and led the club in scoring for the second half of the season. And after a shaky start, Cowan, Williams and Verderber came on strong at the end of the year. The

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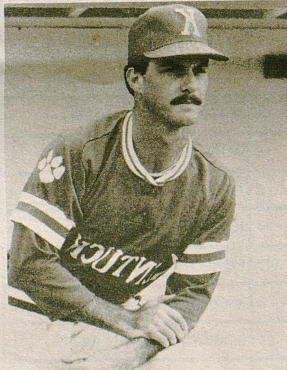
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Around The Horn

Culkar, Knox, Shumpert Lead



Keith Madison



Dan Sehlhorst

With the return of 14 lettermen and five starters from last year's squad, head coach Keith Madison will begin his ninth season looking to improve on 1986's 10th-place finish in the Southeastern Conference (7-20) and overall record of 25-28.

The major losses from last year are center fielder Clint Arnold, who hit .324 and led the team in home runs with 12 and runs batted in with 60; shortstop Russ Schueler, who batted .335 and was second on the team with 50 runs scored; catcher Greg Stephens (.301); and first baseman Jim Murphy (.317).

Two of Kentucky's strengths in 1987 will be pitching depth and the defensive play of the infield.

"We have a lot of good arms," Madison said.

Terry Shumpert, at second base, and Billy White, at shortstop, will give UK strong defense "up the middle. Terry is one of the best defensive infielders in the entire country. Billy White, as a freshman, only made two errors at shortstop during the fall exhibition season," Madison said.

UK will be looking to improve its program not only on the field, but also off the field as well.

With the installation of lights at Shively Field, Kentucky will join eight other SEC schools with the opportunity to play night baseball. The lights are scheduled to be completed by April 8 when the Bat Cats host the Triple-A Louisville Redbirds in an exhibition game.

Here is a position-by-position look at Kentucky:

From The Mound

The pitching staff will be deep in 1987. Sophomore right-handers Tom Deller and Doug Sutton return after a season of SEC action in the starting rotation. Senior Steve Culkar could be moved from the bullpen to a starting slot. Left-hander John Hudson will see double-duty as both a starter and reliever.

One addition that would give the Wildcats' starting rotation a boost is if Vince Tyra successfully recovers from arthroscopic shoulder surgery. Tyra, a junior right-hander from Louisville, missed the fall exhibition season

and presently is on the mend.

"Vince is our most experienced pitcher and we need him in the starting rotation," Madison said.

David Voit did an outstanding job in middle relief and will return to that role this season. Voit, a right-handed junior, averaged 10.71 strikeouts per nine innings to go along with a 3-0 record and a team-leading 3.72 ERA. Sophomore right-hander Billy Wiseman is a candidate for short relief. Matt Coleman, a sophomore right-hander, will see action as a starter and reliever.

Giving the pitching staff additional depth will be Roy Bailey, Danny Benson, Jim Law and outfielder Sam Taylor.

A newcomer to the squad is UK basketball player Richard Madison. If the junior can keep his grades up then he'll be allowed to partake on the Bat Cats.

In high school, Madison's fastball was clocked at 90 miles per hour.

Behind The Plate

The catching duties will be shared by junior Robbie Buchanan and David Ray, a junior college transfer from DeKalb, Ga., J.C.

"We do not like to use one catcher because we play so many games in such a short period of time," Madison said.

Buchanan has experience and handles pitchers well. Ray has been impressive during preseason workouts offensively and is a candidate for the designated hitter spot when he is not behind the plate. Buchanan ranks ahead of Ray defensively, while Ray has a stronger throwing arm.

Heading To First. . .

One of the biggest strengths for the Wildcats in 1987 will be Mitch Knox. The 27-year old senior with four years of service in the Air Force will bat in the No. 4 position and should be the team's most consistent power threat. Knox was moved from right field to first base this season. He batted .335 with 11 home runs and 50 RBIs in 1986, ranking him second on the team in those categories. However, Knox was bothered by two injuries, a back injury which hampered his swing and a severely bruised heel of his

hand that caused him to swing with one arm.

"Mitch is one of the most powerful guys in the SEC," Madison said.

Jim Dill, a sophomore from Dayton, Tenn., and Carlton Gaynor, a freshman from Lexington, will be in reserve status at first base.

On To Second. . .

Terry Shumpert returns for his junior season as one of the top second basemen in the country. Shumpert, a native of Paducah, was named to *Baseball America's* preseason Second Team all-American. Shumpert led the '86 Bat Cats in batting average (.364), runs scored (60), hits (79), doubles (19), stolen bases (28), total bases (132) and on-base percentage (.440). Shumpert was named all-SEC and all-South District for his 1986 performance. He also could be penciled in at shortstop, where he was a starter for the USA team this past summer.

"Because of his experience and range as an infielder, Terry could very well be used as a shortstop this year," said the UK head coach.

Scott Pruitt, a freshman from Lexington, will be the backup at second base.

Smash To Short. . .

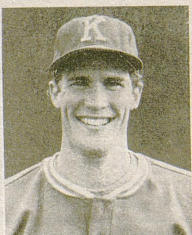
Billy White, a freshman from Louisville, held down the shortstop position during the fall exhibition season. White performed admirably, hitting .407 in 10 games (11 for 27), while committing only two errors from his infield position. White possesses a strong throwing arm. If Shumpert plays shortstop, White is the likely candidate to be assigned to the second base position.

. . .Down At The Hot Corner

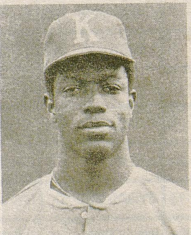
Probably the toughest battle for a starting position is at third base. John Marshall, a junior, returns from last year and offers experience as well as a good glove. Darin Rieman, a freshman from Fairfield, Ohio, is a strong hitter and is capable of batting in the middle of the lineup.

Both players should see considerable amounts of playing time.

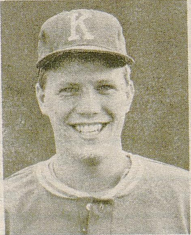
"John played well defensively last year, but



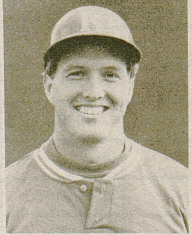
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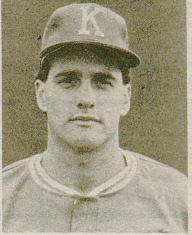
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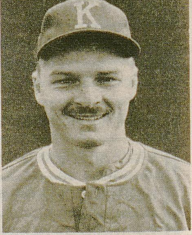
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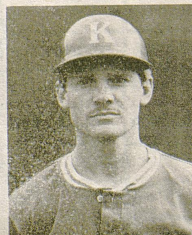
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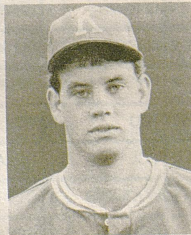
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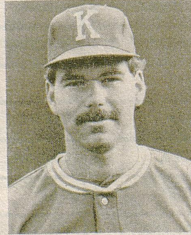
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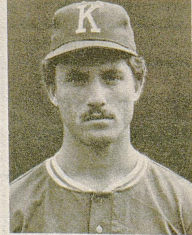
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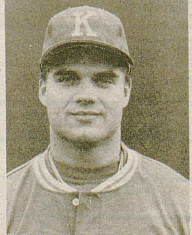
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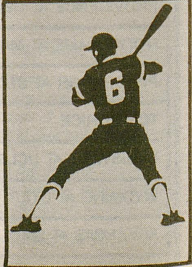
Vince Tyra



Mark Blythe



Chris Estep



Bat Cats Into '87 Season

did not hit the ball as well as he's capable of hitting it," said Madison. "John is a versatile athlete. He has the ability to fill in at a lot of positions."

Marshall could see action at first base, designated hitter, and even catcher. When Rieman is not at third, he could play shortstop or be the DH.

Along The Warning Track

In left field will be Mark Blythe, a sophomore from Lexington. Blythe was impressive in the fall exhibition season, as he batted .522 (12 for 23) and tied for the team lead in homers with two. He can play center field if the situation calls for it.

Center field should be occupied by sophomore Chris Estep. He has had problems

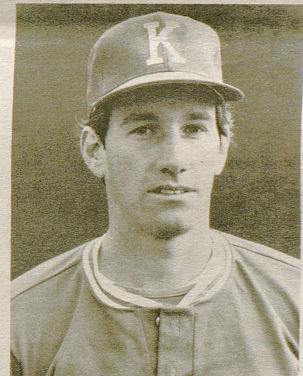
with his knee, thus slowed down. Estep compiled impressive numbers during his high school career at Indianapolis Carmel and the UK coaches hope he can turn that potential into success at UK. Estep will be counted on to provide power in the middle of the lineup.

Louisville sophomore Bobby Olinick will be in right field. In 1986, Olinick hit .313 as his role was divided between being a pitcher and an outfielder. This year, the UK coaching staff will strictly rely on Olinick in the outfield.

Freshman Sam Taylor from Murray will see action in right field. Taylor also can contribute as a designated hitter. Cynthiaana freshman John Hampton was moved to the outfield from shortstop and will serve as a backup.



John Butler

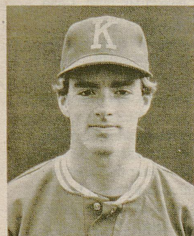


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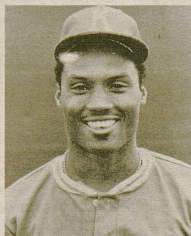
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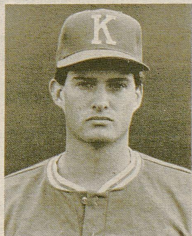
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29	BLYTHE, Mark	OF	R-R	5-10	173	SO.	10-19-66	Lexington	Bryan Station HS
22	BUCHANAN, Robbie	C	R-R	5-10	175	JR.	10-02-65	Lexington	Lafayette HS
26	COLEMAN, Matt	P	R-R	6-0	155	SO.	04-27-67	Pikeville	Pikeville HS
12	CULKAR, Steve	P	R-R	6-1	175	SR.	09-18-65	Des Plaines, IL	William Rainey Harper JC
33	DELLER, Tom	P	R-R	5-11	175	SO.	12-09-66	Bowling Green	Bowling Green HS
20	DILL, Jim	1B	L-L	6-0	198	SO.	01-15-66	Dayton, TN	Abraham Baldwin JC
24	ESTEP, Chris	OF	R-R	6-0	190	SO.	10-23-66	Indianapolis, IN	Carmel HS
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3	HUDSON, Jon	P	S-L	5-10	150	JR.	12-13-65	Louisville	Gulf Coast CC
23	KNOX, Mitch	OF	R-R	6-3	220	SR.	10-19-59	Germantown, WI	Indian Hills CC
18	LAW, Jim	P	R-R	6-4	205	JR.	07-05-65	Lake Wales, FL	Chipola JC
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8	MARSHALL, John	3B	L-R	5-11	170	JR.	02-02-65	Louisville	Atherton HS
10	OLINICK, Bobby	OF	R-R	5-11	175	SO.	03-27-66	Louisville	St. Xavier HS
7	FRUITT, Scott	2B	S-R	5-9	160	FR.	05-09-68	Lexington	Lafayette HS
27	RAY, David	C	R-R	6-3	216	JR.	11-28-66	Snellville, GA	DeKalb JC
11	RIEMAN, Darin	SS	S-R	5-10	185	FR.	10-12-67	Fairfield, OH	Badin HS
4	SHUMPERT, Terry	2B	R-R	6-1	188	JR.	08-16-66	Faducah	Tiighman HS
14	SUTTON, Doug	P	R-R	6-3	200	SO.	08-05-67	Bowling Green	Bowling Green HS
16	TAYLOR, Sam	OF	L-L	5-11	175	FR.	08-06-68	Murray	Calloway County HS
28	TYRA, Vince	P	R-R	6-3	215	JR.	12-01-65	Louisville	Trinity HS
6	VOIT, David	P	R-R	6-1	170	JR.	09-27-65	Lexington	Columbia State JC
19	WELCH, Joe	C	R-R	6-0	175	SO.	06-11-66	Mill Creek, WA	Cascade HS
9	WHITE, Billy	SS	R-R	5-10	175	FR.	07-03-68	Louisville	St. Xavier HS
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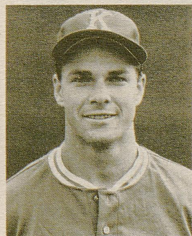
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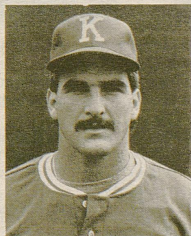
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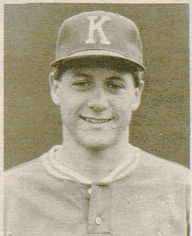
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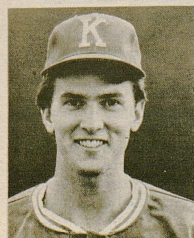
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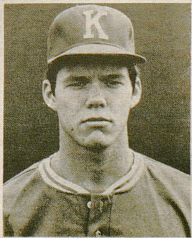
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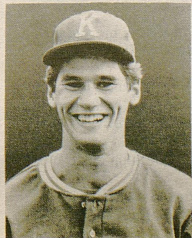
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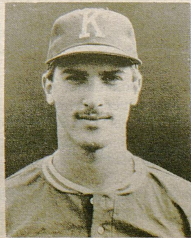
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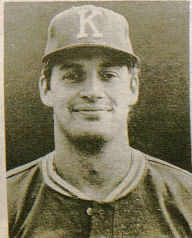
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Holy Toledo! Milo Goes One-On-One

Holy Toledo!

Sports fans around Chicago, Atlanta and Houston have associated those two words with the one and only Milo Hamilton for the past 30 years.

Millions of other satellite dish viewers around the world have joined in on the Hamilton mania during the past decade, but University of Kentucky Wildcat fans this winter have received their first full dose of *Holy Toledo* as Hamilton has joined Rob Bromley on the UK Television Network.

Prior to the season, Host Communications (which has live television rights to selected December games and replay rights to non-televised SEC games) made several changes on the network.

First, the network added Hamilton as the play-by-play announcer with Bromley moved to the color analyst position. Bob Domine, who previously handled color with Bromley doing the play-by-play, moved to the stands for periodic fan comments and interviews during breaks in action, etc.

The changes were big news, news enough to call a full-scale press conference to introduce Hamilton to the local media.

The three-man crew didn't fare so well and Domine was eliminated from the telecasting crew early in the season. Those close to HC said the idea was good but that Domine didn't handle the chores well.

Others insist the idea was to oust Domine all along. The theory continues that if the idea was so great and Domine so bad, why wasn't Domine replaced by another person instead of the position being abolished all together?

Host Communications president Jim Host said it had been a longtime ambition to upgrade the Kentucky telecasts and that he knew of no better way than getting the very best involved in the telecasts.

Host readily admits that Hamilton is one of his longtime favorites, as far back as the days when Milo was doing radio play-by-play for a Big Ten Conference school.

"I remember it very well," said Host, "a friend of mine and me were traveling from a Kentucky game in Louisiana and we picked up this Iowa game on radio. This fella had me excited about the game in no time at all. We couldn't stop talking about him. His name was Milo Hamilton."

To say Milo has called more than a few games since his days of calling basketball games for his alma mater in Iowa City would be an understatement.

His radio/tv beat began back in 1950 and he's been at the mike ever since, everything from major college basketball to football, to NBA basketball, to major league baseball—



Rob Bromley (left) alongside Milo Hamilton

where he is recognized as one of the real stars of the business.

There have been stops in St. Louis, Chicago, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, and Houston along the way.

And there have been some big moments, such as calling Ernie Banks' five grand slams in one season, Stan Musial's five home runs in a doubleheader, Roger Maris' 61st home run and the biggest moment of all, Hank Aaron's record-breaking 715th home run in 1974 which was broadcast around the world.

It all started innocently enough, a game here and a game there before it mushroomed to 100 games a season in the early 1950s.

Through his many years and stops in five major league cities, Milo's reputation is well-documented. He's innovative, outspoken, and yes, even controversial. He speaks his mind and thinks about it later.

But more than anything else, Milo has become the epitome of what a broadcaster should do before he goes on the air. There is not a better prepared announcer in the business.

All you have to do is visit his hotel room on the evening of a night game. It looks like a massive communications control center. Papers, charts, a wide assortment of pens and pencils are everywhere. He has enough background information on the teams and players to handle a five-hour rain delay, even for a basketball game if the Wildcats should ever decide to move to Commonwealth Stadium like the late Adolph Rupp did at old Stoll Field some 40 years ago.

The central theme for praise of Hamilton surrounds his attention to preparation, his enthusiasm for sports and his always exciting delivery to keep fans glued to the set.

Holy Toledo.



Hamilton Brings Big-Time Reputation To UK Telecasts

Born in Fairfield, Iowa and a graduate of the University of Iowa, the veteran sportscaster and his wife Arlene live in Houston and have two children. His hobbies include bird dogs and birdhunting. He's also a Sherlock Holmes buff.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy with the SeaBees, which is where his broadcasting career all began with the Armed Forces Radio Service in Guam in 1945.

Hamilton, who says he has always followed Kentucky basketball back to the days of the late Adolph Rupp, said when the opportunity to do Kentucky basketball came along, he jumped at it.

Hamilton squeezes every hour out of every day. In addition to his limited schedule of UK games, the popular radio/tv voice of the Houston Astros also does television games of the Southwest Conference and other events for the Home Sports Entertainment regional cable group out of Texas.

Previous to his arrival in Houston, Milo was involved with the broadcast crews of the Atlanta Braves, Chicago Cubs and Pittsburgh Pirates, among others.

Prior to a recent Kentucky home game, Milo took time out to talk with *The Cats' Pause* about his first season with the Big Blue. Following are portions of that exclusive question and answer session with the nationally-acclaimed sportscaster:

TCP: Milo, how did you happen to find yourself doing color work on the University of Kentucky Television Network this season?

Milo Hamilton: It was sorta out of the blue. You remember Mike Storm? Well, he was the one who hired me for the Houston Astros job a couple years ago and he knew Jim Host. I didn't do basketball at all last year and Mike knew I wanted to get back in it. So he called me one day last July and asked me how I would like to do 12 Kentucky basketball games on television. I said, "When do we get there?"

TCP: A man of your reputation, being nationally known, doing major league baseball and basketball and working with such superstations as WTBS in Atlanta and WGN in Chicago, why Kentucky basketball with your schedule already so tight?

Milo Hamilton: Anybody who's been around basketball just a little bit knows this is where it is. Maybe it's an over-simplification, but the Rupp Era, basketball in Kentucky is a religion with the people here. They really love their basketball here. I had done DePaul basketball before and they have a pretty good tradition and I did the Blue Demons for 16 years. They have a great program too, but I think just the magic, it (UK) had a ring to it, just being the television announcer for Kentucky basketball. That's special.

TCP: What makes college basketball different from other sports, particularly the pros?

Milo Hamilton: Having done professional basketball for a number of years also, the difference for me is, and it's not anybody's fault in the NBA, it's just a fact of life that if you play that many games and everybody's over 6-7 and you're doing the traveling they're doing you're not going to see the great effort every night. That's not a knock on anybody. They don't sleep in a bed they fit in, they travel on the day of the game and it takes a while for the crowds to get into it in a lot of the arenas. If I were put in a position of rather doing college or pro basketball, I'd say college. I like the college atmosphere. I like the campus. I like the kids diving for balls knowing that it's still a game to them although some people might say it's a big business too, but it's still a game. The romance of that is what makes me prefer college over pro.

TCP: Any preconceived ideas about Kentucky basketball prior to your first game this season?

Milo Hamilton: Not really. I had been doing this (basketball telecasts) a couple years, but I'll have to tell you I had a butterfly or two wondering what it was going to be like. In other words, I was going to be with a new coach, a new coaching staff, a new team, a new arena, a new audience. Plus, the opposition was Yugoslavia with all those names. I thought I was pretty ready to do the game until five o'clock and they came and said half the Yugoslavian team had been changed. So six of the twelve names were no longer pertinent and four of the six on the team had changed uniforms. All those firsts of that game, and I'll be the first to admit it, added up to some anxiety. Coming into a situation where basketball is so revered, not only by the fans but they're knowledgeable fans

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and I wanted to make sure I knew about these kids (UK). I had been to practice. I had talked to coach Sutton. I really didn't want to embarrass myself I guess is what it is. If you have got pride in your work, and I think I have that. I knew I was under a microscope and people were going to say 'Here's a new guy. No. 1, he's not from Kentucky or what does he know about it?'

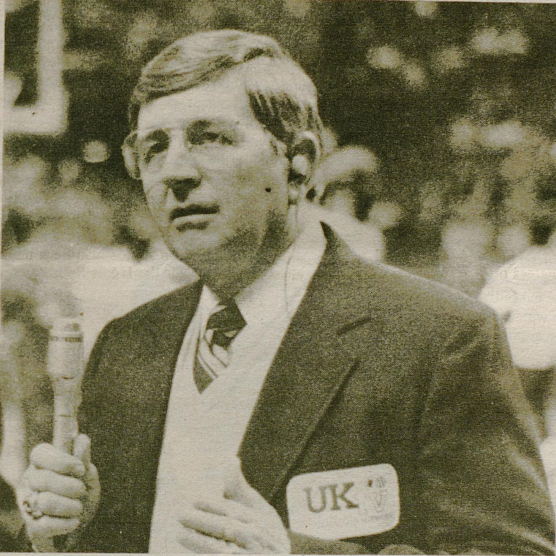
I think the thing that geared me to that was that at the press conference when they (Host Communications) flew me some of the questions the media asked me that day concerned how I knew anything about Kentucky. I'm not saying they were unfair questions, but I changed baseball teams two or three times. They change people. I felt that I've got to show them without being cocky about it, that I can learn about this team and I think it paid off because a lot of the people I talked to. Bob Hale (Channel 18 news anchor) and I worked together in Chicago at one time and we got together and talked. He said it was hard for people in his newsroom to believe that this guy (referring to Hamilton) had done only two or three Kentucky games because he sounds like he knows all about them, like he has been doing Kentucky forever. That was great for me to hear, but also backed up my feeling that I had done my homework.

TCP: What's been your feedback from fans, the daily mailbag?

Milo Hamilton: It's been very good. The best thing has been the people in the stands, the ones that sit behind me or the ones at the end where I walk by on the way to the press lounge. They holler at me, want to talk or shake hands. Their comments have been really good. Any broadcaster that says he doesn't like to hear good things is either lying to you or he's an idiot. And I don't want to be either one of them.

TCP: Having just about completed your first season on the UK team, what are your thoughts on the Kentucky program?

Milo Hamilton: The arena, the tradition, the crowd and all the other things I've heard,



Enjoys Covering 'Cats

well, they've all come true. The people have been good to me. I'd heard a lot about coach Sutton from the people I'm associated with in Houston because coach Sutton was in the Southwest Conference. I've never been at a practice or asked him a question that he didn't do everything possible to let me know everything there is to know about this team. He has been open with me. The assistant coaches have gone out of their way to tell me about the opponents and what to look for. The acceptance by the administration and the fans has been great. But the best is how the players have reacted to me the way they did. They've just been tremendous. The other night, when I got back and I hadn't been here for a couple weeks, I got in for practice and about four of them walked over and said, "Hey, where have you been? It's good to see you." You can't buy that kind of friendship. In other words, they knew I hadn't been doing the games for a couple weeks. To take the time before they went out on the floor for practice to tell me that they missed me, well, that's something I'll always remember. This club is better than it was in the middle of December. Some clubs would have went in the tank, but not this one. And how about that comeback over Tennessee? I never experienced a comeback like that in my broadcasting career. It was, well, something you'll always remember no matter how long you're doing the game. This team has a lot of character, but a lotta credit has to go to Eddie Sutton for the leadership he is giving this team. They've been a lot of fun to be around.

TCP: You also do Southwest Conference basketball telecasts for Home Sports Entertainment. Compare the SWC with the SEC.

Milo Hamilton: It's a different kind of a league and it's a different kind of basketball. The crowds are more into it here, but that's Kentucky basketball.

TCP: You're obviously pleased with your first year at Kentucky. Do you plan on returning next season?

Milo Hamilton: If they want me, I'd sure like to come back.

TCP: Has Proposition 48 been good for college athletics?

Milo Hamilton: I think it has. We're now going back to the scholar athletes instead of meat factories. I know Eddie won't like this because he has some great people com-

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Milo Says.

Two of the most colorful and controversial sportscasters over the past 30 years have been Milo Hamilton and Harry Carey of Chicago Cubs (and previously to that, St. Louis) fame.

What sets these men apart from the rest of the announcing world is that they are the originals. They copy no one. They come at you with the high hard one as they say in baseball lingo. You either love 'em or hate 'em. Because they're so much alike, they are opposites.

The closest thing the two men have in common is the word "Holy"—Harry ends his with "Cow" while Milo tags his with "Toledo". And like some of the great Americans of the past, they can boast of their feats simply because they know how to back up their words with performance.

Recently, TCP sat down with Hamilton and he shared with us his thoughts on some of the top names in college and professional sports today:

Eddie Sutton—I've only been with him less than one season, but he's a heckuva coach. He is good for college basketball, and for Milo Hamilton he's great because he strokes me at least once a day. He's made me feel like I ought to be here doing the games.

Billy Packer—I like Billy Packer. He puts things in perspective without throwing himself in the limelight. I hear more basketball from him than I do the other so-called analysts who have tried to make themselves into circus. He is still there as an intergal part because he has not made Billy Packer the dominant theme.

Dick Enberg—Dick is probably the best all-around announcer if you want someone who can do a baseball game or a football game or a basketball game, or tennis or a horse race.

Rob Bromley—Rob and I have gotten along famously and he's been a great help to me because flying in as I do, I don't get a chance to see all the games or hear all the games therefore I've got to pick his brain when I get here. He's been most cooperative and has been a good broadcast partner for me.

Al McGuire—Al is one of those guys who is entertaining. I think he shoots from the hip a little too often. If you went back and listen to some of the tapes from week to week and compare some of the things he says there are a few inconsistencies. I like his enthusiasm. I thought he was a fine coach because I used to see him a lot when I was doing DePaul and he was coach at Marquette. Those were great games. His role has been a good one and he's been good for the NBC games.

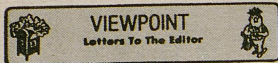
Dick Vitale—Well, Dick Vitale is certainly different. This won't happen so I guess I can say it. I guess if he was working with me I'd have to lay a few ground rules down. I think if there's one thing I have learned over the years and I've had a chance to work with some good color people is that is good as that color person is, the guy in my chair or the Enberg chair or the Summerall chair still has to be in control. My philosophy with my color man has always been, "Look, you're going to get a chance to talk. You're going to be as big a part of this broadcast as I am, but I've got to decide when." One of my pet peeves is two announcers talking at the same time. Somebody has got to be the lead horse and if I were working with Vitale he'd have to find out that the play-by-play guy is the lead horse.

Harry Carey—Well, Harry is a different type in the fact that he forgot that there was a game. I had a chance to work with two Hall Of Fame broadcasters—Bob Elston and Jack Brickhouse. I grew up in Iowa listening to Elston so he was my mentor and then to later work with him, can you imagine that dream come true? He always said don't forget that if there wasn't a game today we wouldn't be here which I suppose is an over-generalization but it's true. If the game weren't being played we wouldn't need the broadcasters to even be on the scene. Also, don't ever give it your biggest moment in the first three innings because the game might be decided in the last inning. Brickhouse always had a saying that if the garbage men in Chicago go on strike next week and the broadcasters go on strike, "Who do you think the public will miss the most?" And that is not in Carey's philosophy. In other words, I think he really believes that if there wasn't a game at Wrigley Field one day and he showed up in the booth, that there would be as many people in the stands to look up to see if he was there as if there were two teams on the field. That's a little more ego than I can take.

Vin Scully—Vin is a charming, dedicated man made for his purpose. Some people are born to do what they do and I guess he was born to be a baseball announcer and he does it with great taste and class. He is a joy to be around. You always feel like he is talking to me and with me, not down to me. And I think a man in his position, that says a lot.

Marty Breneman—Marty, since he has already expressed an opinion in print and on broadcast that I am his role model, I must think a lot of him, right? He always says he listened to me as a little kid and I influenced him. That's kinda like me saying those things about Bob Elston. He is a dear friend and as he progresses, I enjoy his success as much as he does.

Al Michaels—Since, in the last few years that he's decided that he's not going to be Vince Scully Jr., he is becoming maybe a better broadcaster. He fell into a rut that a lot of young broadcasters do that were told that they sounded like somebody. I'm more worried about Michaels spreading himself a little thin right now. The Olympic hockey thing propelled him into the sphere that he might not have enjoyed otherwise. And I'm not sure he's taking it all with a grain of salt. Reading some of his quotes about himself and his role in the total picture, I'm not sure he has grown with a lot of humility. That may be unfair because I'm not around him and maybe he's misquoted, but a lot of the things he's saying and the approach to some of the broadcasting he's doing now, I don't think he's endearing himself to some people. Having been propelled into a prominent role at ABC, I think he should have the good sense or the common sense to tell them "no" once in a while because I'm not always sure anymore that he's totally prepared and that's a tough thing to stay on top of.



Upset With Prof. Beal

Dear Sir:

Good grief Dicky Beal! Rex Chapman is leading Kentucky in scoring and is second in minutes played. He has great court awareness, and is a great passer and playmaker. He can jump out of the gym and is good on defense. I'm not sure you are watching the same UK games that I am. Rex Chapman is a FRESHMAN, Dicky. What more could you ask him to do? You give him a C-plus. I give him an A.

Sincerely yours,

Glen Melton
Sbree, Ky.

Forgive Me

Dear Sir:

I would like to make a formal apology to the UK basketball team. First of all, I would like to say that I am a die-hard, blue blooded Wildcat fanatic. I was brought up on Kentucky basketball and I can't imagine anyone having a favorite team other than the 'Cats. I even watched the LSU massacre in its entirety.

When the 'Cats took on the Tennessee Vols at Rupp, I knew that they were going to get their revenge for the loss in K-town. When we started out like gang busters, I thought we had a blowout on our hands. Tennessee hung in tough though, and when we were down by seven with only a minute and 27 seconds to go, I did the unspeakable—I TURNED OFF THE TELEVISION! That's right, I gave up. I threw in the towel.

I guess perhaps that it just slipped my mind how we came back against Alabama late in that game. You see, it's just that when I saw the possibility of losing to the Orange Monster twice in the same season, I just lost my head. So, I want to say "I'm sorry" to the whole team and Coach Sutton for ever doubting their pride and determination.

In a season filled with talk of jealousy and bad attitudes by some of the players, I think it was fitting to see such a fine display of character in the last two games (Alabama and Tennessee). I hope the 'Cats keep winning and winning, but even if they don't I'll still bleed blue.

GO CATS.

Sincerely yours,

Kevin Stringer, AIC, USAF
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio



Ed Davender

Tennessee Going Downhill Under DeVoe

Sloan Has His Gators On The Rise

Random thoughts as we approach tournament time: Whatever happened to the Don DeVoe mystique at Tennessee? His teams have gone steadily downhill in conference play. Witness 1982—13-5, 1983—9-9, 1984—9-9, 1985—8-10, 1986—5-13. This year DeVoe won only three of his first 11 conference games.

DeVoe has always been regarded as one of the SEC's finest coaches and many observers say he's the best at Xs and Os. Obviously, however, he's not the best at recruiting. The talent level at Tennessee this year is down. Way down! He really has only about three talented SEC-level players.



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

His supporters defend him by saying Tennessee is not producing the people DeVoe needs to win. Knoxville, they say, is only eight percent black and blacks are the backbone of most teams. It is also pointed out that while Memphis is loaded with talent, it is almost impossible for the Vols to get players out of the clutches of Memphis State, Ole Miss and others.

Nevertheless, there currently are 16 players from Tennessee on the rosters of various Southeastern Conference teams, and DeVoe has only six of them. Did he want any of the other 10, and if so, how did they get away?

The recent "vote of confidence" given DeVoe by athletic director Doug Dickey will be used by opposing recruiters against the beleaguered Vol coach. They'll say that the Tennessee basketball situation is in a state of flux, and Mr. Recruit, if you sign with DeVoe today you may very well be playing for someone else tomorrow. They could be right.

How 'bout Them Gators!

Those of us who have gray beards and long memories are really enjoying the Florida situation. The Gators are winning and the fans have discovered that Gator basketball is fun. Sellout crowds! Marvelous enthusiasm! A nice place to play! Isn't it great?

You see, we remember only too well the old gym known affectionately as Alligator Alley. It was divided by a canvas with the basketball floor on one side and a tumbling, weightlifting and gymnastics area on the other.

You'd walk in to practice the afternoon before the game and the first thing you noticed was the aroma of tobacco, obviously imported from Colombia. You could breath deep and get high.

Cameramen filming the games would complain that the lights were so poor and inconsistent that they were forced to use one lens setting at one end and an entirely different setting at the other. Florida's level of play was bad. The fans spent most of their time bad-mouthing the enemy rather than cheering for their own team. The Gators were 10th in the league—and that's last place, friends—in 1979, '80, '82 and '83. In '81 they finished eighth, their highest spot in that five-year period.

How times have changed! A talented team now represents the University of Florida and a full house of enthusiastic fans comes to watch them play. It couldn't happen to a school that deserves it more.

Durham Doing The Job With Dogs

I've watched Hugh Durham-coached teams for many years. After seeing his bunch take Alabama into overtime recently, I feel he's never done a better coaching job than with this 1987 squad. Bulldog guard Willie Anderson may be the SEC's most underrated player. He is good, really good.

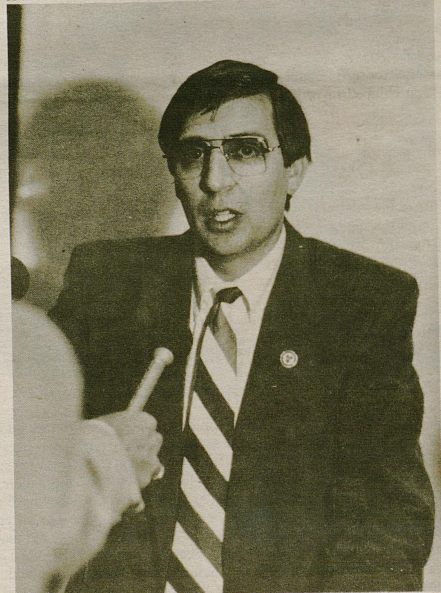
There are a lot of fine teams in the SEC this year, and two of them—Alabama and Florida—are better than that. But, there are no great teams in the league as postseason play will show.

Coach of the Year honors may come down to the outcome of the SEC tournament. At this moment, Ed Murphy of Ole Miss, Hugh Durham of Georgia, Norm Sloan of Florida and Wimp Sanderson of Alabama all have a legitimate shot at the award.

Not For Broadcast

Everywhere we go, writers and coaches talk about the potential of Florida's freshman center **Dwayne Schintzius**. He's got the tools to be a great one. Watching Tennessee's **Doug Roth** against

LSU was disappointing. The 6-11 sophomore looked slow and lacking in leaping ability. The quick Tiger defenders took Roth out of the game. . . Kentucky fans should be proud of the fact that three UK football players made perfect 4.0 grade point averages during the fall semester and 25 other Kentucky gridders turned in GPAs of 3.0 or better. . . I wonder what **Bob Weltlich**, former coach at Ole Miss, thinks when he sees that the **University of Texas'** women's team outdraws his men's team by an average of 2,200 per game? The Texas girls have been ranked No. 1 in the country most of the season. The Texas men, as of this date, are only 12-12. . . Over a six-game stretch, Vanderbilt's **Barry Booker** hit only three of nine two-pointers, for 33 percent. But from three-point range, Booker hit 16 of 30 for 53 percent in the same games. You figure it out. . . Florida coach **Norm Sloan** figured depth would be a strong suit for his Gator team and he's been right. The Gator bench averaged 26.8 points and 13.4 rebounds in their first 17 games. . . Who made out this schedule, anyway? **LSU**, after living on the road thus far, plays six of its seven February games at home. By the way, the Tigers are struggling at the gate. Estimated average actual attendance for the home games that have been played is only about 7,000 per contest. That's poor for a team which last year packed the house and went to the Final Four. . . Florida's great shooting guards received preseason praise for their three-point potential. It apparently was well deserved. Three of the top long-range shooters are Gators, including **Andrew Moten**, who is No. 1 in the SEC with shooting percentage of almost 58 percent, and **Joe Lawrence**, who is right behind at No. 2, hitting 52 percent. **Vernon Maxwell** is ranked ninth. He's connected on 40 percent of his bonus tries. Overall, Florida leads the league in three-point



DeVoe — Here Today, Gone Tomorrow?

shooting percentage at 49 percent. . . If **Rex Chapman** holds on to his Kentucky scoring lead he will be the first freshman ever to lead the Wildcats in scoring. Chapman currently averages just under 16 points per game. . . How great is Kentucky basketball? Well, in the history of basketball at UK, the 'Cats have won 76 percent of their overall games, 81 percent of their conference games and 90 percent of their games at Rupp Arena. Those are impressive figures. . . Will Auburn football be tough next year? Try this. The Tigers, who finished 10-2 last season, will return 44 lettermen, including 15 starters—six on offense and nine on defense. By the way, it's a tribute to the school, coach **Pat Dye** and the kind of players Auburn has been recruiting to note that at least 15 former Auburn football players have returned from the pros to continue work toward their degrees. And yes, **Bo Jackson** is among them. . . Vanderbilt fans have nicknamed 7-0 center **Will Perdue** "Sir Dunkalot." Perdue has more than twice as many dunks this season as the entire Commodore team had last year. . . Being on the road doesn't seem to be as fearful this year as in previous seasons. Through the

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Rough Sailing

Commodores Rocked By 'Reserve' Richard Madison's 19 Points, 'Cats' Hardy Defense And Poor Free Throw Shooting

By Nick Nicholas

Occupying a seat on the bench can be an inspiration. Just ask junior forward Richard Madison.

The 6-foot-7 Memphis native, who had started 18 of 22 contests this season, found himself out of a starting job last Thursday night against Vanderbilt. However, Madison contributed a career-high 19 points in a reserve role as UK racked up a 65-54 victory over Vandy at Rupp Arena.

The win raises Kentucky's record to 16-7 and 9-6 in the SEC while the Commodores now stand at 14-13, 5-10.

Besides Irv Thomas starting in place of Madison, Paul Andrews drew a starting assignment instead of senior James Blackmon.

"I knew I wasn't going to start tonight," said Madison, who grabbed 11 rebounds. "But I also know I had to come in and play well, because Coach stressed that Vanderbilt had a great ballclub."

"Me and James talked about it before the game and we knew it wasn't a punishment to us. It (change in lineup) was because he thought two other players were playing harder at the time... we just came out and played as hard as we could."

Freshman guard Rex Chapman tied his teammate for game-high honors, knocking down six field goals (one three-pointer) and six free throws. He also pulled down a career-high six boards while handing out six assists.

Kentucky's pressing defense in the first half rattled the visitors into submission. Plus, Vanderbilt's inability to connect from the charity line in the first half—nine of 17—dealt a major blow to any hopes of a Commodore victory.

At one time UK's defensive intensity was so cranked up that it took reserve Frank Kornet three times to get the ball inbounds without having it knocked out of play. Overall, Vandy committed nine first-half miscues.

"If we had hit our free throws in the first half," noted Newton afterwards, "we could have gone into halftime tied."

"The difference in the basketball game was our inability to convert free throws in the first half and our inability to get good shots down in the second half," the Vandy coach added. "From a defensive standpoint, we played well enough to win."

Vanderbilt was led by Bobby Westbrook's 12 tallies. While Westbrook was Vandy's only scorer in double figures, guards Barry Booker and Kentucky native Barry Goheen chipped in with nine points each.

Sutton Purring After 'Cats' Defensive Effort

"In the first half, defensively that was one of the best 20 minute periods we had all season," echoed the feelings of Eddie Sutton. "For the game, I thought we did a good job on (Will) Perdue."

Indeed the 'Cats did. Perdue, who scored 20 points against UK earlier this season, hit on only four of 14 from the field for eight points. He did, however, pull down a game-high 16 rebounds.

During the teams' first meeting, a game which UK won 71-65, center Rob Lock tried to front Vandy's seven-footer. This time around Lock played behind Perdue. The different approach paid off as the 6-10 red head held his own.

But Lock had help as Madison, Thomas, Cedric Jenkins and even the perimeter players made life miserable for Perdue.

"Kentucky played with a lot of defensive intensity," Newton said. "We didn't get the job. Kentucky took that away from of us this time, which we expected."

UK led by 15 at halftime and stretched the lead to 21 when Davender laid the ball in, giving UK a 40-19 lead with 19:17 remaining in the contest.

Again, it was Vandy's poor free throw shooting that spoiled a possible comeback. Still, Vanderbilt outscored UK 35-29 in the second half.

A three-point shot by Booker narrowed the Wildcat lead to 14, 46-32 (12:03). After a basket by Madison, Perdue connected on a short hook with Mike Scott guilty of a foul. Perdue, however, missed the free throw.

It was time for both teams to trade offensive punches.

Vandy's missed opportunity opened the door for a Madison gliding jumper. Derrick Wilcox, a product of Louisville PRP, canned a three-pointer. Vandy was now within 13. Again, Madison countered with a basket, this time with a hook shot.

A three-point play by Chapman outdid a two-point bucket by Westbrook and UK led 55-39 with 6:36 left. Another missed free throw, this time by Randy Neff, kept delaying any chance of a Vandy comeback.

Vanderbilt closed the gap to seven (61-54) with a little more than a minute remaining. Two free throws by Chapman, meanwhile, and a tip in by the youngster from Owensboro safely tucked this one away.

After the game Sutton was happy to notch his 48th victory as a Wildcat coach. But the UK coach was unhappy with his team's 25-of-64 performance from the field.

"We're happy we won and believe me if someone would have said we would have won by 11, I would have thrown a victory celebration," Sutton said. "My biggest concern is our shot selection. At this point we should be doing a better job of selecting our shots. And we do at times!"

"In the second half we must have taken at least 10 shots that we shouldn't have taken at that point."

"We were getting good shots but we were just shooting them too soon," said Chapman.

First-Half Blow Too Much For Vandy To Overcome

Sutton's troops scored on only 13 of 35 attempts from the field in the second half. Newton's boys, however, were equally as bad—also 13 of 35 for 37.1 percent. The game completely fell out of Vanderbilt's hands when the 'Cats broke a 7-7 deadlock. Following two straight offensive rebounds by UK, Andrews, falling

backwards, put up a short jumper which bounced its way through the cylinder. While Andrews was on the floor and the ball climbing over the rim, Neff was charged with the foul.

Andrews' free throw gave his team a 10-7 advantage at with more than 12 minutes left in the initial stanza.

The rout was on.

"We came out in the first half and really showed a lot of intensity on defense," said Andrews. "We really stopped what they were trying to do. We didn't allow them to get many second shots and I think that was the turning point in the game."

"They weren't prepared for our pressure (defense) in the first half."

UK pulled down 16 defensive boards in the first half compared to eight offensive rebounds for the visitors. Kentucky outrebounded Vandy in the first 20 minutes, 24-19.

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE
Date Feb. 19/87 Site Lexington, Ky.

VISITORS (Last Name, First)																															
No.	Player	FG	FTA	FT%	REB	AST	PF	TP	A	B	S	MIN																			
52	Reid, Eric	2	6	0.0	0	0	2	3	3	0	4	6	1	3	0	0	28														
15	Westbrooks, Bobby	5	10	0.0	2	3	2	6	8	4	12	1	2	0	2	30															
32	Perdue, Will	4	14	0.0	0	0	5	3	16	1	8	2	4	3	0	34															
4	Booker, Barry	3	10	3.0	6	0	0	2	2	4	9	1	2	0	1	32															
12	Goheen, Barry	3	8	0.0	2	3	3	0	2	0	9	3	2	0	1	28															
13	Draud, Scott	0	0	0.0	2	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	6															
21	Pupp, Chip	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	7															
24	Clen, Glen	0	1	0.0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2															
33	Reece, Steve	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	5															
34	Kornet, Frank	0	0	0.0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7															
40	Neff, Randy	0	1	0.0	1	2	0	2	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	6															
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)												5	0	5																	
TOTALS												19	55	4	11	32	27	22	26	48	21	54	9	18	3	5	209				
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 6-21, 28.6%												2nd Half 3-35, 37.1%		Game 19-55, 34.5%		Deadball															
3-PT FG %: 1st Half 0-2, 00.0%												2nd Half 4-9, 44.4%		Game 4-11, 36.4%		Rebounds 3															
FT %: 1st Half 7-19, 36.8%												2nd Half 5-8, 62.5%		Game 12-27, 44.4%																	
HOME (Last Name, First)																															
No.	Player	FG	FTA	FT%	REB	AST	PF	TP	A	B	S	MIN																			
30	Thomas, Irving	1	4	0.0	0	0	1	2	3	3	2	0	3	2	1	18															
44	Lock, Rob	1	5	0.0	1	2	2	1	3	2	3	0	1	1	0	16															
14	Andrews, Paul	1	3	0.0	1	1	3	1	4	1	3	1	2	0	1	25															
15	Davender, Ed	3	7	0.0	1	1	1	2	4	7	3	3	3	0	1	26															
3	Chapman, Rex	6	17	1.5	6	7	1	5	6	3	19	6	3	3	2	32															
4	Miller, Derrick	2	6	1.5	0	0	0	2	0	5	1	1	0	0	13																
10	Blackmon, James	1	6	1.4	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	3	1	0	1	23															
20	Bruce, Steve	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0															
21	Shigg, Terry	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0															
42	Madison, Richard	9	13	0.0	1	2	5	6	11	2	19	0	0	0	1	27															
50	Scott, Mike	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4															
55	Jenkins, Cedric	1	3	0.0	2	2	1	5	6	5	4	1	0	0	1	16															
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)												1	2	3																	
TOTALS												25	64	3	14	32	15	15	28	43	24	65	15	14	6	8	200				
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 12-29, 41.4%												2nd Half 13-35, 37.1%		Game 25-64, 39.1%		Deadball															
3-PT FG %: 1st Half 3-10, 30.0%												2nd Half 0-4, 00.0%		Game 3-14, 21.4%		Rebounds 0															
FT %: 1st Half 5-11, 81.8%												2nd Half 3-4, 75.0%		Game 12-15, 80.0%																	
OFFICIALS: Don Shea, James McDaniel, Don Rutledge																															
Technical Fouls: None																															
Attendance: 23,013																															
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												VANDERBILT 19 35 XX XX 54																			
												KENTUCKY 36 29 XX XX 65																			

UU's Hopes Sunk When It Missed 7 First-half Freebies

Following Andrews' free throw, the 'Cats installed a full-court press which instantly confused Newton's 'Dores. A deflected pass was quickly turned into a Madison slam. A Vanderbilt timeout and a new look—Newton sent in four subs—couldn't slow down the 'Cats' onslaught.

Westbrook's nifty move underneath, resulting in an uncontested layup, closed the margin to three (16-13). But Madison answered with a driving six-footer. Then freshman Derrick Miller popped a three-pointer, followed by a bonus connection from Chapman. Wham! Bam! All of the sudden Kentucky led 24-13 with 5:31 left in the first half.

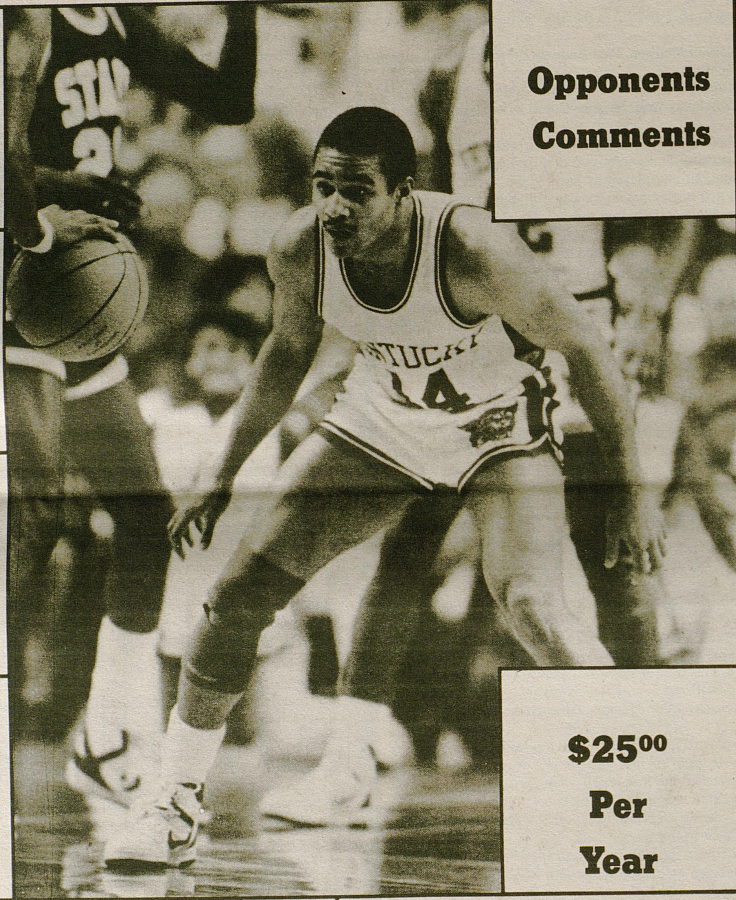
Counting Andrews' three-point play, UK initiated a 23-6 run, thus UK had pushed Vandy into a hole it could never climb out of.

Vanderbilt not only had its problems from the charity stripe in the first half but from the field as well, hitting six of 21 for 28.6 percent.

"It's impossible to have a pretty game when two teams shot the way they did," said

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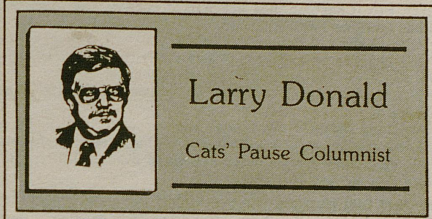
Another Scandal Hits College Basketball

More On Higgins-UCLA-Michigan Triangle

Each year college basketball seems obligated to give us one unsavory recruiting story as if to reinforce the notion that for every big-time schoolboy player there's a deal which must go down.

In truth, after a decade and a half of watching and listening, I can't put a real definitive figure on just how much abuse goes on in college basketball—recruiting and otherwise. Just about the time I'm ready to wave off all the doomsayers who suggest it's a cesspool, along comes another eyebrow-raising story of how a particular athlete gets to a particular school.

This year's house special seems to be the **Sean Higgins** to



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UCLA affair. It began last fall when Higgins told his father Earl (who lives in Detroit) and half sister (who attends the University of Michigan) that he would play for the Wolverines next year. But within a few hours of that announcement he signed with the Bruins.

The story didn't end here, however, as Higgins later said he'd been forced to sign the letter-of-intent with UCLA and asked to have the pact nullified. He alleged the pressure came from his mother and stepfather, with whom he lived in Los Angeles. Subsequently, he moved out of their home and now lives with his cousins. Several questions remain unanswered.

Higgins' father agrees that his son signed with UCLA "under duress" and has contacted not only UCLA coach **Walt Hazzard**, but the school's athletic director and chancellor as well. He has retained an attorney in hopes of freeing the youngster to move back East and play for Michigan.

The mother, Vicky Benson-Bey, was quoted last fall as saying, "Sean listens to his mother." And in a subsequent interview with the *Detroit News*, she left little doubt that she wanted her son on the west coast playing for UCLA.

Predictably, rumors began to surface that part of her desire to have Sean play at UCLA stemmed from the fact that certain favors had been sent her way by the school. Both the Pac 10 Conference and the NCAA are currently investigating those allegations, but Hazzard has angrily denied the charges.

"We don't buy anybody," he says.

Unless the Pac 10 finds something amiss and declares the letter-



Raveling Likes Western's Inside Game

of-intent void, or unless Hazzard decides to release the youngster, Higgins has just two choices: 1) Play for the Bruins, or 2) sit out two seasons.

Neither apparently is attractive to the youngster whose role in this story remains rather unclear. At Michigan, coach **Bill Frieder** says Higgins told him only the day before he could sign that he was coming to Michigan. Hazzard says he was informed by Higgins that the next stop would be Westwood.

Where will it all end?

"It doesn't look like he's going to play at UCLA," Hazzard told *Detroit News* writer Lynn Henning. "He signed a contract and he

should live up to the terms of that contract. Is he going to walk away from these kinds of agreements during his life? What does it mean for the future if we let him go?"

And what does Higgins say?

Only that he's not sure what's happening and that he's going to sit back and wait and see what happens.

Meanwhile, college basketball gets another black eye. . .

Back on the playing floor, the coaching wheel has begun to turn. **Charlie Harrison** gave up the fight at East Carolina. The Pirate's athletic department is in shambles and it will be a long, long time before any coach can be successful here, which is why you can scratch the candidacy of **Lefty Driesell**. San Diego State, another school which doesn't want to win, accepted the resignation of **Dave Gaines**. . .

At Tennessee, some are suggesting that **Don DeVoe** is in deep water, which is interesting considering how he defended the school's administration as being realistic during our visit last December. As I said then, people ambitious enough to build a 25,000-seat arena are certainly well qualified to ask a coach to give them a national power. . .

One coach who might have saved his job is **Len Stevens** at



Give Jimmie V. Credit For Being Honest

Washington State. After a long losing string, the Cougars whipped in-state rival Washington. Stevens has a year left on his contract and with the money tight in that athletic department, will probably have at least that much time. . .

My feeling is there will be fewer coaching vacancies this year. In the past two years more than 120 Division I jobs have turned over, so it just doesn't seem likely there'll be as many openings this year. . . In the Big Ten for instance, last year there were four coaching changes and this year the only possible is at **Wisconsin**. . .

Well, we are coming down the stretch in all the conference races and I sense that people are more interested in who'll make a move in the middle of the pack to get into the NCAA tournament than they are who'll win the conference. See, the only thing that matters in college basketball is the three-week tournament in March. The fifth- or sixth-place finisher in the Big Ten will get the same reward as the champion. And along this line let's give North Carolina State coach **Jim Valvano** credit for being candid. Last fall at the ACC media day he said his goals were to win 20 games, finish 7-7 in the ACC and get into the NCAAs. Every other coach has the same goal. . .

Here's a personal plug if you don't mind. The kind people at Financial News Network Score have invited me to be part of their three-hour "March Madness" show on March 8, the same day the NCAA tournament pairings are announced. In truth, I feel considerable pressure because last year, not only did I correctly call the eventual tournament winner, but also gave them three of the four Final Four teams. I doubt that achievement can be matched, but we'll give it a try anyhow. . . Check your cable listings, as they say in the broadcast biz. . .

Quiet Company Award goes to **Pittsburgh**. The Panthers have moved up the ladder almost unnoticed, and may be a major factor come tournament time. My only question is about forward **Demetreus Gore**. He needs four straight under-control games in the NCAA, and I question whether or not he can do that. . .

USC coach **George Raveling** on Western Kentucky's frontcourt: "If we had sent Western Kentucky to Vietnam, we'd have been out of there in three weeks."

Milo Hamilton

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ing in next year, but I think there ought to be a five-year program and that athletes don't play as a freshman. Let's face it, a lot of these kids have never been 50 miles from home before, except maybe to go to a state high school tournament. They've never been away from their folks except for maybe a weekend. They've never lived with anyone except their mother and father and maybe a brother and sister. If it's a big adjustment for the average student who simply goes to the university for an education, then what's it like for the athlete who has to go to practice and is constantly in the limelight like a Rex Chapman who is getting all the national recognition? And one other note, how can a football player be allowed to play an entire football season before he has a report card? We've got to get back to where we take care of a kid's mind as well as his body. All of them are not going to play in the NBA or the NFL. We're seeing more and more athletes becoming athletic bums after their collegiate days and they think they can hide behind the likes of cocaine and such.

TCP: What do you think of the 45-second shot clock and the three-point shot in college basketball?

Milo Hamilton: I like it a lot. I like to see the ball have to change hands. Nobody can sit on the ball anymore. It's made it a better game for the players, better for the coaches and I think it has made for more interest for the fans. The three-point shot? I get split right down the middle on the guys I talk to. The guys (coaches) who don't have three-point shooters don't like it. I would like to see it go back to a distance between the current line and the NBA line. That way you could have a natural progression. Let the current college line be used for high schools, a second one for college and then the NBA line. I know some people say it cheapens the game, but I think it has opened it up a little more. It has made it a better game down inside now. You don't have all that jarring around down in there. It's still a physical game. The shot adds excitement. It used to be that if you went into the last three minutes and a team had a 10-point lead, everybody would say this game is over. It's not that way anymore. A guy comes down and hits two of those three-pointers and all of a sudden it's a four-point game. That isn't close enough to get serious, but the other team starts thinking about it. And that might force the other team into a mistake or two and then the team behind comes back and bangs in another one. Yes, it's been good.

TCP: What did the exposure of Superstations WTBS and WGN do for your career as a sportscaster?

Milo Hamilton: Obviously, they meant that a lot more people heard and saw me than what would have without the superstations. I had been in Chicago quite a while before I went to Atlanta. While Chicago is a big city and the Midwest is a wonderful place and a lot of people are fans, that doesn't hold a candle to being on the (Ted) Turner station or WGN where you are seen not just all over the country, but in some places all over the world. It's unbelievable where those pictures go, and where your mail starts coming from, and who cares about what you're doing. It certainly helped me as far as recognition. Another thing that helped me was that I was the national voice for Delta Airlines for 11 years so my voice and face were not a stranger to the rest of the world, but it's as close to being on one of the three major networks as you can get. With baseball, it's even more because you're on every day or at least every night.

NCAA Basketball Conference Standings

MISSOURI VALLEY

x-Tulsa	10	2	833	20	5	800
y-Bradley	10	3	769	17	11	607
Wichita St.	9	5	615	17	10	630
Illinois St.	6	7	462	15	11	577
Drake	4	8	333	15	13	536
So. Illinois	4	8	333	10	15	400
Creighton	4	8	333	9	16	360
Indiana St.	4	9	308	9	18	333

x-clinched regular-season title
y-ineligible for post-season play

PACIFIC COAST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

x-New Las Vegas	16	0	1,000	28	1	966
Cal-Santa Brb	8	7	533	13	11	542
Utah St.	8	8	500	15	13	536
New Mexic St.	8	8	500	14	13	519
Cal-Irvine	8	9	471	13	13	500
San Jose St.	7	8	467	11	13	456
Long Beach St.	7	8	467	12	15	444
Fullerton St.	7	9	438	14	11	560
Pacific	6	10	375	10	15	400
Fresno St.	3	11	214	8	17	320

x-clinched regular-season title

PACIFIC-10

UCLA	13	4	769	19	6	760
Arizona	12	4	750	17	9	654
Oregon St.	10	6	625	18	7	720
California	9	7	563	16	12	571
Oregon	8	8	500	14	11	560
Washington	8	8	500	14	13	519
Stanford	7	9	438	13	12	520
Arizona St.	6	10	375	10	14	417
Washington St.	4	12	250	8	17	320
Southern Cal.	4	13	235	9	17	346

SOUTHERN

Marshall	14	1	933	21	5	808
Tn.-Chattanga	14	1	933	21	5	808
Davidson	11	4	733	17	9	654
Furman	10	6	625	16	11	593
Citadel	5	10	333	12	14	462
WMI	5	10	333	11	15	423
W. Carolina	4	12	250	8	18	308
Appalachin St.	3	12	200	7	19	269
x-E. Tenn. St.	3	13	188	7	20	259

x-ineligible for tournament

SOUTHLAND

x-Louisian Tch	8	1	889	19	7	731
McNeese St.	5	4	556	13	12	520
Arkansas St.	5	5	500	17	11	607
N. Texas St.	4	6	400	16	16	500
NE Louisiana	3	6	333	13	13	500
Lamar	3	6	333	12	13	490

x-clinched regular-season title

SOUTHWEST

x-Tex. Christn	13	1	929	22	4	846
Baylor	9	6	600	14	11	560
Houston	8	6	571	16	9	640
Texas Tech	8	7	533	13	13	500
Arkansas	7	5	500	17	11	607
Texas A&M	6	8	429	14	11	560
Texas	6	8	429	13	15	464
So. Methodist	5	9	357	14	12	538
Rice	2	12	143	8	17	320

x-clinched regular-season title

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC

Grambling	10	2	833	13	12	520
Miss. Valley	8	4	667	12	13	480
Alabama St.	7	5	583	13	11	560
Southern U.	7	5	583	13	11	542
Texas Southern	7	5	583	10	15	400
Jackson St.	6	6	500	12	13	480
Alcorn St.	2	10	167	4	21	160
Prairie View	1	11	083	4	20	167

SUN BELT

x-W. Kentucky	12	2	857,257	781		
Jacksonville	11	3	786	17	9	654
Ala.-Birmingham	10	4	714	18	10	643
Va. Commonwealth	7	7	500	17	13	567
N.C. Charlotte	6	8	429	17	13	567
South Alabama	6	8	429	14	13	519
South Florida	3	11	214	8	19	296
Old Dominion	1	13	071	6	21	222

x-clinched regular-season title

TRANS AMERICA

x-Ark.-L. Rock	15	1	938	21	7	750
Stetson	12	4	750	15	11	677
Houston Baptist	12	5	706	16	10	615
Ga. Southern	10	6	625	15	10	600
Hardin-Simmons	8	8	500	12	13	480
Georgia St.	7	9	438	11	14	440
Mercer	6	10	375	11	14	440
Texas-Sn Antn	5	11	313	11	14	440
Centenary	5	12	294	10	16	385
Saintford	1	15	063	3	20	130

x-clinched regular-season title

WESTERN ATHLETIC

Texas-El Paso	11	3	786	21	5	808
Wyoming	11	3	786	19	7	731
Brigham Young	10	4	714	18	9	667
New Mexico	9	5	643	21	8	724
Utah	8	6	571	16	10	615
Colorado St.	7	9	438	13	14	481
Air Force	5	9	357	12	12	500
Hawaii	2	12	143	7	18	280
San Diego St.	1	13	071	3	23	115

MID-AMERICAN

Cent. Michigan	12	2	857	18	7	720
Kent St.	11	4	733	17	7	708
Bowling Green	8	6	571	12	13	480
Ohio U.	7	7	500	14	11	560
W. Michigan	7	7	500	12	13	480
Miami, Ohio	6	8	429	12	12	500
E. Michigan	6	8	429	11	14	440
Ball St.	4	11	267	8	17	320
Toledo	3	11	214	10	16	385

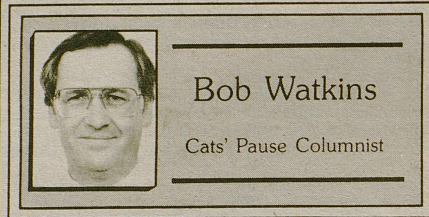
See What You Think Of 'The Survey'

What Would You Like To See Changed?

If it ain't broke, don't fix it...and things. *The Survey* arrived in the mail last week. The one everybody with at least a passing interest in college basketball would like to see, given the hoopla caused by the three-point basket this season.

Every year at this time the "NCAA Basketball Rules Questionnaire" is sent to coaches, referees, administrators and media, by Edward S. Steitz, editor of NCAA Basketball Rules, Springfield, Mass.

I thought you might be interested. The questionnaire has three sections. Part I "Regarding last



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year's changes — are these satisfactory?" Part II "General observations — Have officials done a better job?" And Part III "Would you be in favor of the following?"

For the sake of space, let us skip parts about "what do you think about the size of the backboard?" etc., and get to the nitty gritty.

Before I mail this survey back to Mr. Steitz however, I would like to know what you — fans, coaches, players, think. Too bad Mr. Steitz doesn't have enough survey forms because — it seems to me — what you think is what ought to count most in rules making.

In a statewide survey I did recently on the three point shot, one theme that came back was "The game ain't broke, so stop fixing it."

STEITZ SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS. Under Part I, No. 7: "Approve the concept of the three point field goal? If 'yes' see (a), (b) and (c).

7(a). Retain present distance (21 feet from the backboard).
7(b). Adopt Olympic or International distance (21 feet, nine inches) from backboard.

7(c). Other (distance) from the backboard?"

In the first place, how many fans thought the three point shot was from 21 feet? Well, it isn't, unless your favorite college player has been shooting at the backboard this winter. To the middle of the hoop, which is where every college guard I know tries to hit, is 19 feet, nine inches.

Another query under Part I that you might find interesting is No. 6 "Use of TV monitors to prevent or rectify a scorer or timer's mistake or malfunctioning clock."

What do you think?

Part II. Game officials, have they "done a better job: Calling illegal screens? Cleaning up rough low-post play? Called the intentional foul to stop the clock? Called the principle of verticality?"

What do you think?

Part III asks the question: "Would you favor the following?"

This is where we come to the idea of maybe leaving the game alone for awhile.

Some of the proposed changes...

1. If airborne player charges after the shot, he cannot score. (His basket does not count).
2. Widen the free throw lane dimensions at the baseline (i.e. the Olympic alignment).
3. The right to waive a 1-1 or 2-shot free throw and award ball out of bounds for a throw-in.
4. Permit a player not disqualified in regulation time, six personal fouls before disqualification.
5. Two shot penalty and award ball out of bounds on intentional fouls.
6. All players abide by maximum finger nail length.
7. Award three free throws for foul committed on an unsuccessful three-point attempt.
8. On a throw-in the five second limitation stops upon release of the ball.
9. Eliminate the five second dribbling violation while closely guarded in front court.

So, there they are, a look at current rules and proposed changes. What do you think? Does the game need fixing?

When my survey form is mailed back to Mr. Steitz I would like to send along your ideas and comments.

Star gazing time

February is winding down in college hoops, time for a bit of star gazing and NCAA Tournament posturing.

Who are the all-conference players and All-America candidates? How about player and coach of the year?

Kentucky Coach Eddie Sutton likes Georgia's Hugh Durham

as SEC coach of the year. "If I were voting today for SEC coach of the year I'd vote for Hugh Durham," Sutton said last week. "He's brought that ball club together."

And the UK coach likes Vanderbilt's 7-0 Will Perdue. "He ought to be first team all-conference."

SEC player of the year? Sutton likes Alabama's Derrick McKey, "but I really like what (Jim) Farmer does for them. He's the glue on that ballclub."

From his own team, "If I had to pick one person who has been the most consistent this season, I'd pick Ed (Davender). Everything considered he's just been the most consistent player. Rex (Chapman) has picked us up very well at times, but Ed has been the most consistent."

College player of the year?

"It's going to be tough for you sportswriters this year," he said. "Is it (Steve) Alford or (David) Robinson?"

The UK coach leans to Robinson because he "carries that ballclub."

But using Sutton's own check list for criteria: "Is he a complete player? Is he a team player? What does he do for his team? And, what about his character as a student-athlete?" Alford gets the nod from here.

Readers (write) right

Rodger Johnson of Liberty, Ky. has some dandies. "Best team: Nevada-Las Vegas. The 3-point shot is just what Tark the Shark needed."

"Final Four: UNLV, North Carolina, Indiana and Temple."

"Cinderella teams this season: Cleveland State, Florida, Clemson and TCU. Coach of the year - Joey Meyer, DePaul. Biggest disappointment - Louisville."

"Best conference - the Big Ten easily. Best players: In the SEC - Tony White; In Kentucky - Kannard Johnson, Western; In the country - David Robinson, Navy. Best freshman - Rex Chapman."

Johnson's All-Americans: First team: center - David Robinson of Navy, forwards - Danny Manning, Kansas and Reggie Williams, Georgetown. Guards - Steve Alford, Indiana and Kenny Smith, North Carolina. Second team: center Chris Welp, Washington, forwards - Reggie Miller, UCLA and Caruen Holcombe, TCU. Guards - Tony White, Tennessee and Hersey Hawkins, Bradley.

Comment Rodger Johnson's picks are interesting, excellent.

I will have a few of my own in a few weeks. Meanwhile, I invite you to send yours.

Sweet shirts'

Sweat shirt sales are brisk these days at apparel shops around Rupp Arena, particularly so in the Kentucky Corner shop in the mall next to Rupp Arena and the Hyatt Regency. The big seller is the one with "I ♥ REX" on the front.

Price: \$17.95, plus tax.

Whoa! 17...what?

"And we're sold out of the mediums," a sales lady said last week.

How come?

Shrug.

Isn't that the size worn by teeny boppers?

"Yes, I guess it is since you mention it," she said. "I wish his mother would stop by here sometime. He's something, isn't he?"

Yes, University of Kentucky freshman Rex Chapman continues to be the rage around Lexington and, from the mall I'm getting, around the state too.

So, how can an 18-year-old college freshman handle all the adulation, the sweat shirts, the fan mail, without becoming spoiled, swell headed?

"Rex is a special kid," senior Paul Andrews said. "His dad (Wayne) has helped him a great deal on how to handle this stuff. He's taught Rex that you just can't get wrapped up in all this. You have to keep your head straight. And Rex just handles it awfully well, I think."

UK NCAA-bound!

Kentucky was 16-7 after the Vandy game, with LSU, Georgia, Ole Miss and Oklahoma left. "I think we'll be in the NCAA," Rex Chapman said. "There was another Kentucky team one time that was 16-12 and they went. I think we'll be in it."

No brag, no smoke, just throw the ball up and let's play.

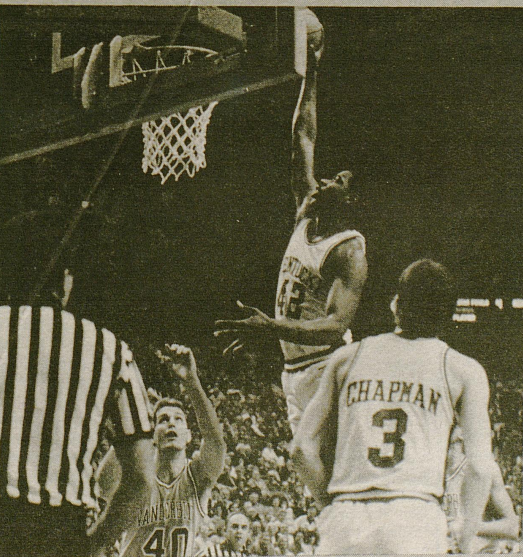
Chapman is simply a kid with unbridled enthusiasm for the game and a clear view of how it ought to be played and how it ought to be discussed too. No problems.

A kid in Kentucky

Andrews, who started a game last week for the first time since 1985, has seen "some highs and some lows." But then the senior from London wouldn't change a thing.

"I've been asked lots of times didn't wish I had gone someplace else to school, someplace where I might have played more. No way. If you're a kid growing up in Kentucky, getting a chance to come here and play ball, get an education, hey! it's something no kid who gets the chance should ever pass up. I

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Photos By Gary Cromwell

Tennessee-UK Box Score From Feb. 11 At Rupp Arena

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE

VISITORS (Last Name, First) Date Feb. 11/87 Site Lexington, Ky.

No.	TENNESSEE	Totals					Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN	
		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off	Def	Tot									
31	Nix, Dyron	f	4	7	0	1	6	8	3	11	14	5	14	1	1	1	44
44	Brown, Elvin	f	6	10	1	3	4	5	1	3	4	4	17	3	3	2	45
50	Roth, Doug	c	5	7	0	0	8	11	4	6	10	3	18	4	2	2	45
11	White, Tony	g	6	14	0	0	8	8	2	0	2	5	20	1	6	0	38
25	Henry, Travis	g	2	4	1	1	2	2	0	3	3	5	7	2	7	0	25
14	Hausley, Ron		2	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	3	5	0	3	0	16
22	Spivey, Russ		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	5
33	Griffin, Mark		1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	7

TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals) 1 0 1

TOTALS	26	47	3	8	29	36	12	24	36	25	84	11	25	5	6	225
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TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 10-21, 47.6% 2nd Half 15-20, 75.0% Game 26-47, 55.3%
 3-PT FG %: 1st Half 1-1, 100.0% 2nd Half 1-1, 100.0% Game 2-8, 37.5%
 FT %: 1st Half 10-12, 83.3% 2nd Half 15-20, 75.0% Game 29-36, 80.6%

HOME (Last Name, First) **NOTE** UT in OT (FG) 1-6, 16.7%; (3-PT) 1-6, 16.7%; (FT) 4-4, 100.0%

No.	KENTUCKY	Totals					Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN	
		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off	Def	Tot									
42	Madison, Richard	f	6	12	0	0	2	2	4	6	10	4	14	2	3	0	40
44	Lock, Rob	c	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	10
3	Chapman, Rex	g	9	7	2	5	6	6	1	1	2	4	26	1	2	1	41
10	Blackmon, James	g	4	9	0	0	1	2	2	2	4	3	9	3	2	1	37
15	Davender, Ed	g	7	17	1	1	10	14	1	0	1	4	25	6	2	0	5
4	Miller, Derrick		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
14	Andrews, Paul		2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	1	0	0	12
20	Bruce, Steve		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
21	Shigg, Terry		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
30	Thomas, Irving		1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	5	2	1	1	0	9
50	Scott, Mike		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	0
55	Jenkins, Cedric		4	8	0	0	3	4	4	3	7	3	11	0	0	1	2

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TOTALS	33	68	3	6	22	28	15	15	30	29	91	15	12	5	17	225
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TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 18-34, 52.9% 2nd Half 13-30, 43.3% Game 33-68, 48.5%
 3-PT FG %: 1st Half 1-1, 100.0% 2nd Half 2-5, 40.0% Game 3-6, 50.0%
 FT %: 1st Half 2-4, 50.0% 2nd Half 10-14, 71.4% Game 22-28, 78.6%

OFFICIALS: Wally Tanner, Jim McDaniel, UK in OT (FG) 2-4, 50.0%; (3PT) 0-0; (FT) 10-10, 100.0%
 Danny Hooker

Technical Fouls: None

TENNESSEE	31	46	7	XX	84
KENTUCKY	39	38	14	XX	91

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LSU 65, Kentucky 52

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but has now failed to hit double digits in his last two contests. In fact, if you add his seven-point total against the Commodores to his output in the LSU game, the junior from Brooklyn, N.Y., didn't even score in double figures for the week. . . . At halftime, just three Kentucky players had found their way into the scorebooks. Chapman had 15, Lock had seven and **Richard Madison** had four. . . . Center **Nikita Wilson** was the ringleader for LSU, scoring 22 points on nine of 12 shooting from the field. . . . Speaking of Wilson, here's his assessment of the UK-LSU series: "We really wanted to beat Kentucky because they're our biggest rival. We get pumped up for them a little more than the rest of the SEC teams we play." . . . Freshman guard **Darryl Joe** and senior guard **Anthony Wilson** also finished in double digits in scoring for LSU, both contributing 12 points. . . . LSU's **Oliver Brown** was the game's leading rebounder with 13. . . . The announced crowd of 10,782 was far below a sellout. It was the only the seventh largest gathering to witness a Tiger home game this season, and just barely above this year's average of 10,223. The capacity for Assembly Center is 14,236. . . . The big talk circulating at the UK-LSU game was about former Tiger basketball star and longtime SEC color announcer **Joe Dean** and his new position. In a unanimous vote by the LSU Board of Supervisors, Dean was named as LSU's athletic director Friday, succeeding interim AD **Larry Jones**.

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wouldn't change a thing."

'20 Win' seasons

The University of Kentucky is the leader in Division I college basketball in 20 win seasons, but the competition is closing in. While it probably won't win 20 this season, UK has enjoyed 34

Larry Vaught

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discipline problem.

"Some schools now sign more than 25 and figure on running off the ones that don't work out. That's why the rule could help us."

KENTUCKY must find a replacement for quarterback Bill Ransdell, a three-year starter, when spring practice opens in March. Assistant coach Jake Hallum thinks an adequate replacement will emerge.

"We could be better at that spot next year than what people think," said Hallum. "Because a player hasn't played doesn't mean he can't play."

"I remember last spring when Chuck (Broughton) was probably throwing the ball better than Bill. But then he hurt his shoulder and didn't get to play."

"Kids have a way of surprising you and somebody will emerge as a capable quarterback."

'20-win' seasons. Next is North Carolina, now at 31, counting this season. Then comes Louisville and St John's with 28. And Western Kentucky, with 23 victories this season, now has 27 '20 win' campaigns.

Parting shot

© Derrick Lewis, 6-7 center for the Maryland Terps has a secret to averaging 25 points and 15 rebounds the last four games. "I make sure I make friends with the referees before the games," Lewis says. "Lenny (Bias) taught me to do that. The ref might say, 'How's the ankle?' and I'll say, 'How's the wife and kids.'" And so it goes.

Nick Nicholas

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tion which will best benefit our football team in the fall."

Entering the '87 campaign Kentucky will have added two junior college performers. Both receiver Jim Wetta and quarterback Glenn Fohr had prosperous JuCo careers.

Fohr, an all-conference selection from Hudson Valley Junior College in New York, is in contention with Kevin Dooley, Chuck Broughton and Bill Allen for the QB spot left vacant by Bill Ransdell.

Fohr is listed at 6-foot-4, 206.

Last season Jim Wetta, a 6-2, 198 pounds, earned a second-team all-JuCo conference billing. In two years at Hutchinson Junior College, Wetta snagged 30 passes, compiling 500 yards.

Can these two players be expected to come in and contribute immediately?

"They have the experience of playing on a collegiate level," noted Sharpless. "Of course, the biggest thing is will they be able to make the mental adjustments—a new philosophy, a new terminology. There's not that much difference in the techniques. The (new) terminology is going to be the thing they'll have to identify with."

UK 65, Vandy 54

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Newton. "It was not a very pretty game. Really, it was kinda ugly when you get right down to it, from a spectators' standpoint."

Commodore-Wildcat Tidbits

The 65-54 victory allowed the Wildcats to sweep Vanderbilt during the regular season. Besides the Commodores UK has brought its broom out and swept away two other SEC opponents—**Auburn** and **Mississippi State**. . . . Kentucky has now beaten Vanderbilt 12 consecutive times, dating back to the 1981 SEC tournament. . . . The Commodores have never beaten Kentucky in Rupp Arena. . . . UK leads the series 98-29.

. . . It was the first time, under Eddie Sutton, that **James Blackmon** did not start a contest. The last time Blackmon was on the bench at the start of a game was when Kentucky was defeated by **St. John's** in the semifinals of the 1985 West Regionals.

Derrick Miller broke his string of six games without scoring. The 6-6 freshman scored five points, including a three-pointer. The last time Miller scored was during UK's 80-69 win over **Navy**. . . . **Rex Chapman** on Kentucky's inability to put away Vanderbilt in the second half. "They came back and played hard in the second half. We put 'em away in the first half and we should have kept increasing the lead. We made some bad mistakes in the second half; I took some bad shots. We just made too many mistakes which let them back in the game." . . . Eddie Sutton on why he started **Paul Andrews** and **Irv Thomas**. "We felt like Paul had really been playing well. I thought he played super tonight. He's one of our best defensive people. Irv had been practicing well for us this week. **Richard (Madison)** and **James (Blackmon)** came off the bench. That's not going to hurt them. Richard ended up playing more than Irv did. Sometimes you put two guys in there that has never had a chance to start. . . . I thought they gave us a heck of a lift. Then we brought in James and Richard and then we kinda broke away from them." . . . Andrews scored three points and grabbed four boards in 26 minutes of work while Thomas added two points and two block shots in 18 minutes of action. Thomas had to leave the game late in the second half when he received an inadvertent poke in the eye. Eddie Sutton on the upcoming Southeastern Conference tournament. "Don't be surprised to see **Vanderbilt** play in the finals. That's going to be probably the best SEC Tournament ever played, because of the balance. There's not any weak teams in the conference." . . . **C.M. Newton** also had some thoughts on the March 5-8 tourney. "This is the most competitive the league has ever been and I would expect, since that carries over, the tournament will be like that. It's going to be a heck of a tournament." Newton on if he was expecting Kentucky to use its pressing defense. "We expected them to press us. Our starters—the guys we went with for most of the second half—they didn't have any trouble with that. (**Frank Kornet** had trouble inbounding the basketball. We expected (the press) and we worked on it." . . . The grandson of the late Adolph Rupp, **Chip Rupp**, made his first official collegiate appearance in the arena named after his grandfather. Chip Rupp, a redshirt freshman, was in uniform on the bench for last season's. However, he did not play. The Lexington Henry Clay product played seven minutes and pulled down two rebounds. . . . **Will Perdue** was in position to grab nine offensive boards and seven defensive rebounds. . . . Chapman had three blocks shots on the evening, raising his season total to 11. **Rob Lock**, who had one rejection on the night, leads the squad with 23. . . . While Vanderbilt was having a horrendous time at the free throw line, UK was shooting lights out. UK connected on 80.0 percent of its free throws—12 of 15. . . . Kentucky's bench outscored Vandy's 31-10. . . . SEC Commissioner **Dr. Harvey W. Schiller** was in attendance to watch the 'Cats defeat the Commodores.

Mike Estep

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'Cats jelled and won 13 of their last 18 games, made the finals of the SEC tourney and received an invitation to the NIT. And in those days, before the NCAA tournament took on a come-one-come-all mentality, that was quite an accomplishment.

And this season, Madison is beginning to make things happen. After going through a period of adjustment to playing in the paint, Madison is on a tear, averaging double figures in scoring over the last month and he has taken over club leadership in rebounds. The guards are playing with more confidence and that has filtered down throughout the entire squad. Prior to last Saturday's LSU game in Baton Rouge, Kentucky had won seven of the last nine contests, was in sole possession of third place in the league and was virtually assured of earning a trip to the NCAA tournament.

"I feel like our inside play this year has really improved," Casey said. "So that's similar too, the development of an inside game. (In '79) Freddie improved and so did Lavon, Freddie had a great tail end of the season. It's almost exactly like this year, as far as improvement of the inside game."

Will the similarities continue? Can Kentucky keep up its current pace and make a good showing in the tournaments?

"Well we hope so," Casey said. "I don't have a crystal ball, but I'd love for us to end the same way."

I have a sneaking suspicion it just might happen that way.

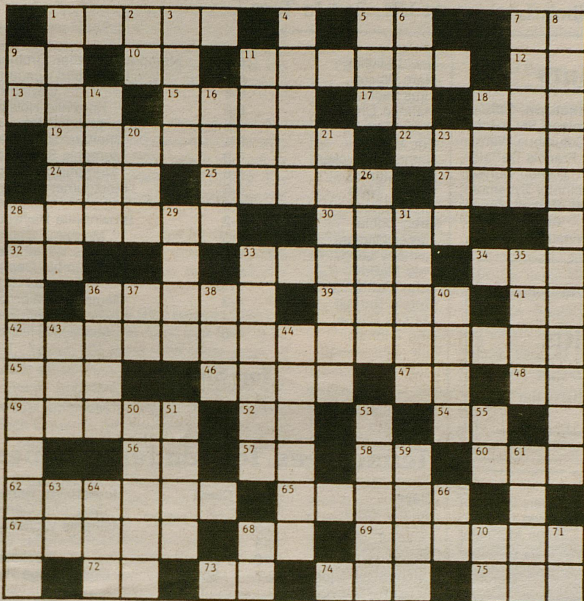
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first 49 conference games the home team had won 29 games and lost 20. That's only a 59 percent edge and in most leagues, the home court advantage is bigger than that. . . . The highest single game individual scoring performance this season in 51 points by **Tony White**. The second highest is 49—by **White**. The third highest is 39—by **White**. The fifth highest is 35—you guessed it, by **White**. Not bad for a 6-2 guard, is it? He also has the ninth and the 13th best totals as well. . . . Twelve of the 26 players on this year's University of Florida baseball team have been previously drafted by big league teams. Gator coach **Joe Arnold** says he's more excited about this season than he's been in a long time. Arnold admits one goal for 1987 is a trip to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. Says Joe, "We came close two years ago. It's time to get over the hump. On paper, we look good." **The Last Word: Courtney Leishman** was an assistant coach of a men's team before becoming the women's head coach at Brigham Young University. His comment on his new job: "Huddles are more pleasant. They smell better."

T C P Crossword Puzzle

By Dan Krueckeberg



THE UNDEFEATED WILDCATS OF 1954

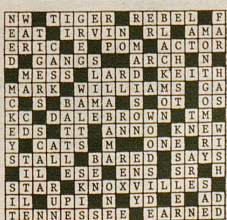
ACROSS

- 1 Evans of the undefeated ones
- 5 Initials of the '54 Cats 6-5 senior
- 7 VHF and U
- 9 Initials of the 6-0 junior starter of '54 Cats
- 10 Abbr. for a present-day Cardinal
- 11 Was a '54 Cat All-American
- 12 Initials of the '54 Cats' mentor
- 13 "They hoped to _____ the lead"
- 15 Incite _____
- 17 Abbr. for Metro school up north
- 18 Abbr. for an SEC school
- 19 The '54 Cats _____ an NCAA berth
- 22 Was a '54 Cat All-American
- 24 Devour _____
- 25 _____ position was guard for the '54 Cats
- 27 "He _____ the game-winning FT"
- 28 Mascot name
- 30 The _____ teams were 0-14 vs. the '54 Cats
- 32 '70s Cat R _____ Edelman
- 33 "You _____ have heart!"
- 34 The Rupp _____ was approaching 500 wins in '54
- 36 '54 Cat letterman Willie
- 39 '54 was one of his best teams
- 41 Common mantra
- 42 Rupp always had trouble spelling and pronouncing his name
- 45 Sixth sense
- 46 Short wavelength radiation
- 47 Reds' league
- 48 Relating to "I!"
- 49 _____ '54 Cats beat LaSalle in the UKIT _____
- 52 Pro team director
- 54 Initials of '54 Cat sub Crawemeyer
- 56 Abbr. for "Office of Ecology"
- 57 Initials of a Cat coach
- 58 Ranked '54 Cats "Number One"
- 60 Abbr. for "roads"
- 62 C.H. was the '54 Cats' leading _____
- 65 Avid _____
- 67 6-1 junior starter of '54 Cats
- 68 '54 Cats beat Georgia Tech _____
- 69 Honors for F.R. and C.H. in '54
- 72 Can end a boxing match
- 73 Initials of 16 Down
- 74 No _____ beat the '54 Cats
- 75 Tree _____

DOWN

- 1 Lost to LaSalle for '54 title that Cats did not enter
- 2 Initials of '54 Cat letterman Puckett
- 3 '80s Blue Jay hurler Luke _____
- 4 The '54 squad _____ as one of the Cats' best
- 5 Lost to '54 Cats in SEC title game
- 6 Texas or Virginia _____
- 7 6-4 senior for '54 Cats
- 8 _____ floor leadership was superb in '54
- 9 Initials of 33 Down
- 11 Gaming city
- 14 Letter starter
- 16 '54 Cats' sub Jerry _____
- 18 Abbr. for school the '54 Cats beat 106-55 and 100-68
- 20 Numbers man
- 21 The '54 Cats could virtually _____ an opponent
- 23 Donkey
- 26 "Slow it down and _____ the offense" _____ scoring average was 6.7 for '54 Cats
- 29 _____ 14.5 ppg came in '54
- 31 Male chicken
- 33 '54 Cat letterman Perry
- 35 House part
- 36 Was at his best in '54
- 37 The '54 Cats were never taken into _____
- 38 # of 100-point games for '54 Cats
- 40 Juicy part of fruit
- 43 Abbr. for a Big Ten school
- 44 '54 Cats' co-captain
- 50 X-rated stuff
- 51 Observes
- 53 '54 Cats' co-captain
- 55 Initials of 25 Across
- 59 Soccer great
- 61 Membership
- 63 Initials of '79-'82 Cat Chuck _____
- 64 Tree
- 66 Initials of a present-day Cat
- 68 Initials of '54 letterman Bibb _____
- 70 Continent abbr.
- 71 Initials of '54 Cat with 24 ppg

Last Week's Answers



Meet The Press

Sutton Would Like To Move UK's Student Body Closer To Action; Says 'For Sure' Four SEC Clubs Will Make NCAAs

By Nick Nicholas



Hungry for UK tidbits? Well, here are some leftover goodies from Eddie Sutton's weekly press conference held last Tuesday prior to the Vanderbilt-Kentucky contest.

Sudden Impact: When Kentucky's Rex Chapman and Florida junior Vernon Maxwell accidentally collided, UK's freshman sensation fell to the ground and remained there for more than five minutes, Chapman's injury—a cut on the forehead—required three stitches.

Asked what was going through his mind when Chapman laid helplessly on the floor, Eddie Sutton responded by saying, "The first thing that always goes through any coach's mind, I would hope, was the fact that he was not injured seriously. It (Chapman and Maxwell's collision) was like a couple of billy goats getting after each other. It was a freak accident.

"Maxwell came down and tried to make a move on Rex," Sutton said, remembering how the incident took place. "Rex held his ground. Then, Maxwell darted to the left and lost position of the ball—the ball went right. They collided head on. Maybe Maxwell has a harder head than Rex because he walked away and Rex didn't.

"My concern, not only for our players but for their players as well, I hope no one ever gets hurt seriously in a ballgame.

Showin' your stuff: Next week (March 1) Kentucky's final regular season battle will be against Billy Tubb's Sooner gang. Right now, prior to the Wildcats' second fling with Vandy, UK appears to be in good position for deserving an NCAA at-large invite. But who knows what will happen, especially with Kentucky playing a difficult schedule at the end of the regular season.

Following the Ole Miss-UK ballgame (Feb. 28), Sutton's club will tangle with one of the nation's top clubs, Oklahoma. Being that the Rupp Arena contest will be nationally televised it's possible this game, depending on UK's record, could mean a lot toward the Wildcats getting an NCAA bid.

What do you think, coach?

"I don't think anyone at this point could predict the 64 teams. I think everything will come down to that last Sunday, when conference tournaments are being played and who wins. In the Southwest Conference, in all likelihood, there is only one team that deserves to get in the NCAA field and that's TCU. But, if by chance the University of Houston or someone else would happen to win the SWC (tourney) then the tournament committee is almost locked into inviting TCU as an at-large ballclub, because they have proved themselves.

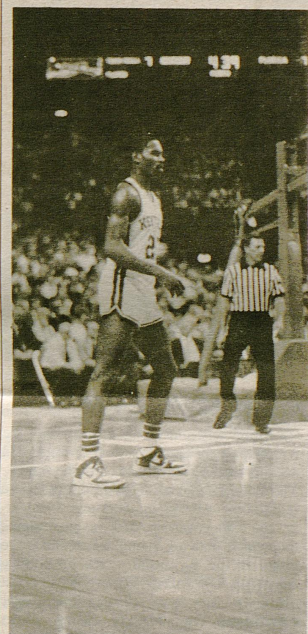
"That's the way it is throughout the country. There's a chance that we may get five SEC teams in the tournament, depending on what happens.

"We've already proven ourselves that on a given day we're pretty good. The wins over Navy, at Alabama are probably more important than any of them. Louisville (a team UK beat) will probably win their tournament and be in the NCAA. Even though they've (Cardinals) struggled, it was a big win (UK winning, 85-51). Beating Florida (was important). I think every game is important. One year Kentucky got in with a 16-12 record. . . hopefully we can get to Atlanta with at least 18 Ws.

Winston, oh Winston, where have you been?: Obviously, Kentucky would be a different ballclub if Winston Bennett was in the lineup this season instead of recover-

ing from a preseason knee injury. "I told somebody on the plane back from Gainesville that if you put Winston Bennett in our lineup and I believe our record would be a little different. This ballclub has been like I'd thought they would be—they've won some games maybe they shouldn't have won and they've lost a couple we should've won."

Asked how many times he ponders the thought of having the 6-foot-7 all-SEC performer in the starting lineup, Sutton replied, "Now, I'm looking forward to next season, and Winston is going to be there with me. "Winston has been a good inspiration, in



'88 To Be Winston's Season

our opinion, to his teammates. We've allowed him to travel with us. I do believe he's been a very positive influence on the squad. "We're still playing for this season and we'll think about next season as soon as this one ends."

I'll bet you didn't know. . . Here's something Sutton mentioned that a lot of fans and even the Kentucky players might not have known about.

"It's very possible that if we get beat out somewhere along the line we may practice until April 1. I'll bet you didn't know that. The players didn't until the other day.

"It's a great incentive," Sutton said with a chuckle. "I told them, 'You guys better play a long ways (in the NCAAs).' We can do that (practice) as long as any college team is still playing."

Last year you'll recall following Indiana's disappointing loss to Cleveland State in the NCAAs, that Bobby Knight had his troops report for an after-the-damage-was-done session.

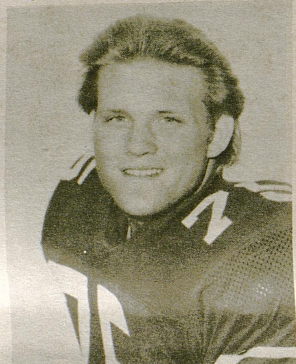
Golleeeee, surprise, surprise, surprise: With the regular season winding down you can safely say that a lot of teams have exceeded preseason expectations.

Sutton was asked to pick the biggest surprises of the campaign. Here's his response:

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Todd Hallum's Notebook

The recruiting season is still not completed for the UK football coaching staff. By not signing the full allotment of scholarships this season, there are still a few openings left. One player who visited the UK campus after the national signing date was defensive lineman **Mark Moore** of Charleston, W.Va. Moore is a 6-4, 235-pound defensive tackle, and is considered one of the better prospects coming out of the state of West Virginia. Apparently, Moore is interested in Kentucky because West Virginia put too much pressure on him to sign. . . UK senior defensive tackle **John Shannon** had the misfortune of showing his hand through the window of UK strength coach **Pat Etcheberry's** office door not long ago. The incident occurred during the 'Cats' winter workout period at the Shively Sports Center. Shannon became frustrated with himself after not being able to bench press 350 pounds on several attempts, a weight he had successfully lifted last season.



Pfeifer—400-Member

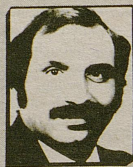
He completely shoved his arm through the window, nearly causing serious damage, and needed over 100 stitches to close the wound. The Wildcat lineman must sit out at least a month before resuming workouts. Incidentally, the UK coaching staff is entertaining thoughts of moving Shannon from tackle to guard for the '87 season. . . For the coming campaign, UK will by far have its strongest offensive line ever during the **Jerry Claiborne** era. Already during winter workout sessions, tackles **Mike Pfeifer** and **Greg Kunkel**, along with guards **Brad Myers**, **Dermontti Dawson** and **Butch Wilburn**, have bench pressed over 400-pounds. In fact, Dawson is the leader at 455-pounds. . . UK was not the only SEC school to lose one of its homestate football prepsters. **Tennessee** was not able to ink one of the best running back prospects in the country when **Leroy Thompson** signed with Penn State. Thompson was regarded as a high school All-American by most recruiting experts while earning all-state honors at Austin-East High School in Knoxville. Thompson chose the defending national champions over Miami (Fla.) and the Volunteers. . . UK may have the only double signee in the nation in **Charlie Darrington** of Northeast Oklahoma Junior College. Darrington, a tight end, signed national letters-of-intent with both UK and **Tulsa** on national signing day. However, Darrington has instructed his mother not to put her signature on any scholarship papers. UK has informed the NCAA of the situation and is waiting for an official ruling. . . It appears former UK center **Melvin Turpin** might not be headed for the Los Angeles Lakers after all as the rumors have been reporting. But recently, the Lakers dealt big men **Frank Brickowski** and **Petur Gudmondsson**, along with a first-round draft pick, to the San Antonio Spurs for forward-center **Mychal Thompson**. With the trade, it looks as though Turpin will be with the Cavs for the remainder of the season.

Roundup Reports For Ohio, Tennessee

Perry, Who's Looking At UK, 2nd In Tenn.

Ohio's Top 25 Seniors

Player	Ht.	Hometown, School
Treg Lee	6-8	Cleveland St. Joseph
Eli Brewster	6-3	Columbus Wehrle
Colin Parker	6-6	Toledo St. Francis DeSales
Kirk Taylor	6-2	Dayton Dunbar
Kyle McKenzie	6-2	Cincinnati Sycamore
Dorion Bledsoe	6-2	Cincinnati Purcell-Marian
Jeff Graham	6-2	Kettering Alter
Maurice Lamar	6-5	Cincinnati Mt. Healthy



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Jeff Scott	6-10	Cincinnati Mt. Healthy
Calvin Banks	6-5	Toledo St. Francis DeSales
Shane Johnson	6-6	Youngstown Ursuline
Tim Jackson	6-5	Canton McKinley
Lonnie Jordan	6-4	Cincinnati Woodward
Bob Fick	6-8	Cincinnati Turpin
James Mercurio	6-2	Maumee
John Beauford	6-10	Cleveland St. Joseph
Derek Kizer	6-5	Tododo Bowsher
Vince Marrow	6-4	Youngstown Mooney
Rick Hoffman	6-11	Findlay
Chris Bass	6-3	Dayton Chaminade-Julienne
Henderson Tidmore	6-1	Cleveland St. Joseph
Kelly Howard	6-8	Dayton Meadowdale
David Bradds	6-5	Jamestown Greeneview
Steve Bayless	6-5	Chillicothe
Jerome Jenkins	6-5	Youngstown Rayen

Top Sleeper

Sam Robeson 6-10 Milford

Ohio's Top Underclassmen

Player	Ht.	Class	Hometown, School
Jimmy Jackson	6-6	So.	Toledo Macomber-Whitney
Eric Riley	6-11	Jr.	Cleveland St. Joseph
Bill Robinson	6-11	Jr.	Canton McKinley
Tony Lucas	6-5	Jr.	Columbus Hartley
Chip Jones	6-0	Jr.	Cincinnati Woodward
P.J. Mays	6-3	Jr.	Cincinnati Purcell-Marian
Dapreis Owens	6-8	Jr.	Mansfield Senior
Reginald Kemp	6-4	Jr.	East Cleveland Shaw
Mike Haley	6-7	So.	Dayton Dunbar
Derek Walton	5-9	Jr.	Euclid
Derrick Foster	6-5	Jr.	Dayton Patterson
Antwon Walton	6-9	So.	Warrenville Heights
Steve Hall	6-7	Jr.	Haviland Wayne Trace
Bob Friend	6-6	Jr.	Kettering Alter
Greg Allen	6-3	Jr.	Cincinnati Purcell-Marian
Dewayne McCluskey	6-2	Jr.	Sidney

Top Sleeper

Karl Brown 6-5 So. Cincinnati Withrow

Ohio's Top Five Teams

1. Cleveland St. Joseph
2. Columbus Wehrle
3. Cincinnati Woodward
4. Kettering Alter
5. Toledo St. Francis DeSales

Tennessee's Top 25 Seniors

Player	Ht.	Hometown, School
David Harris	6-8	*Memphis Westside
Elliott Perry	6-1	Memphis Treadwell
Greg Turner	6-5	Memphis Central
Henderson Kelley	6-7	Nashville Stratford
Charles Mayes	6-7	Nashville Bell Academy
Reggie Law	6-7	Dickson County
Erskine Caldwell	6-8	Memphis Trezevant

David Midlick	6-0	Memphis Christian Brothers
Marc Wilson	6-10	Brentwood Academy
Titus Jackson	6-6	Covington
Maurice Chunn	6-6	Knoxville Holston
Clyde Fletcher	6-5	Memphis Whitehaven
Eric Smith	6-1	Chattanooga Baylor
Nathanial Rucker	6-3	Memphis Southside
Larry Martin	6-6	Memphis Hamilton
Robert Willis	6-6	Montgomery Central
Greg Jones	6-6	Murfreesboro
Greg Coble	6-2	Brownsville Hayward
Turner Gilmore	6-3	Memphis Central
Anthony Lee	6-1	Memphis Whitehaven
Pate McBee	6-2	Columbia Kirby
John Matthews	5-10	Memphis Kirby
Gerald Barnett	6-3	Memphis Craigmont
Marcus Payne	6-4	Memphis East
Eric Thomas	6-6	Memphis Hillcrest

*Did not play this season

Top Sleeper

Ron Shields 6-0 Memphis Melrose

Tennessee's Top Underclassmen

Player	Ht.	Class	Hometown, School
Roland Ware	6-5	Jr.	Memphis Central
Ernest Smith	6-5	Jr.	Memphis Whitehaven
Tony Lewis	6-3	Jr.	Memphis East
Ronnie Robinson	6-8	So.	Cookeville
Orlando Whitefoot	6-7	So.	Chattanooga High



Memphis Treadwell's Elliott Perry

Orien Watson	5-11	* Jr.	Memphis Ridgeway
Malcom Mackey	6-8	So.	Chattanooga Brainerd
Todd Day	6-7	Jr.	Memphis Hamilton
Jerry Meyer	6-2	Jr.	Nashville David Lipscomb
Keelon Lawson	6-6	Jr.	Memphis Hamilton
Wayne Buckingham	6-8	So.	Wartrace Cascade
Cort Nagle	6-10	Jr.	Sweetwater TMI Academy
Andre Anderson	5-10	Jr.	Johnson City Science Hill
Travis Butler	6-5	Jr.	Memphis Washington
Dwight Stewart	6-8	Jr.	Memphis Geeter Jr. High
Jorge Wallace	6-4	Jr.	Memphis Kirby

Top Sleeper

Thomas Wiseman 6-2 So. Arlington Bolton

Tennessee's Top Five Teams

1. Memphis Hamilton
2. Murfreesboro Riverdale
3. Chattanooga Baylor
4. Memphis Whitehaven
5. Chattanooga Brainerd

Meet The Press

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"Duke, because they have lost a lot of people off their ballclub. Overall, I think the Big East has been a big surprise. We all knew that there would be some good teams but the balance of the Big East has been a surprise to me."

Another bolt out of the blue has been the overall play of the Southeastern Conference. "The balance of the SEC, when you get by the first two teams (Alabama, Florida), has probably been a surprise," responded the UK coach.

Sutton went on to say that he thought the Southeastern Conference would have "for sure" four representatives in the NCAA tournament.

There's no place like home: With his second 18-game round-robin slate nearing an end, Sutton has made two stops each at almost all the SEC road sites.

Sutton said there was one obvious difference between the Rupp Arena crowd, which earlier in the season he referred to as a "country club setting," and some of his other road encounters in the league.

"What you see at Florida and a lot of the places down around the floor is that all the fans are student-body. There's a difference. All the fans around Rupp Arena, for the most part down low are adult fans. I don't think anywhere in America can you expect adults to be quite as active or as enthusiastic as our wonderful students here at the University of Kentucky or any institution."

The UK coach went on to add, "Florida's students have you surrounded down there (O'Connell Center)."

In regards to Rupp Arena, he said, "I'm not sure if I have the ability in time to even change that. I think it would be very difficult to move someone out of their seat. They tell me here when divorce proceedings begin that one of the first things that they talk about, the attorneys do, is who gets the seats at Rupp Arena. That's probably true."

"I think our fans are good, they're very good. Against Tennessee I thought they were the best; they helped us win that ballgame. They played their part of the Sixth Man. LSU is a tough place to play and so is Florida. Those might be the two toughest places."

Practice? What practice?: Kentucky's practice at the O'Connell Center the day before its meeting with UF was cancelled. UK was given a week or so notice before its trip to the Sunshine State, indicating the gym had already been reserved for another function. Thus, the Wildcats couldn't take a crack at the O'Connell goals until game day.

Did this have any adverse effects in regards to the 'Cats' 22-58 —38.2 percent—shooting woes from the field?

"Oh, it was a factor," replied Sutton. "But our percentage was certainly lowered by us shooting so many three-point shots (making four of 14). Late in the game we kept coming down and shooting those three-point shots."

"Anytime you can't get into the arena and shoot it hurts you a little bit. Occasionally, Rupp Arena is scheduled for a concert and teams can't get in there. We'll always apologize; I'm sure coach (Joe) Hall and his staff through the years did the same thing."

"In answering your question, yes, I think it's important that you have that opportunity to shoot on the opposing team's floor."

Nashville star: Sutton believes that Vanderbilt center Will Perdue should be selected as the center on the all-conference team.

"He's the most improved player (in the SEC)," Sutton said. "I really believe he's a good player; he's smart."

With two weeks remaining in the regular season, Sutton would rate Alabama's Derrick McKey as the league's Player of the Year.



Derrick McKey

However, the UK coach lists the Alabama star as a forward instead of a center, the position which McKey plays.

"McKey's the best player in the league," said Sutton.

"If I'm going to choose an all-conference team I'm going to choose the five best players. Now, if you're going to go position-by-position and you have to choose between

McKey or Perdue then I have to go with McKey. Perdue is certainly the best 'true' center. McKey can play center, which he has to many times, but he can also play forward.

"When you show me a center who has the best percentage shooting three-pointers (on 'Bama's team) then you have to believe that he's more than a center. And they have got a couple of guys that can knock it down in (Mark) Gottfried and (Jim) Farmer."

Sutton wouldn't name his entire all-SEC squad, because he wanted to wait until the completion of the regular season. He said the all-conference guard selections would be very difficult to make.

Ole Eddie's right! Let's see, how 'bout these candidates to pick from: Tony White, Vernon Maxwell, Andrew Moten, Frank Ford, Ed Davender, Rex Chapman, Willie Anderson, Anthony Wilson and Terry Coner. Could you pick only two guards from this list?

"Last year our league was blessed with a lot of great forwards," Sutton noted. "This year we've got some sensational guards."

As far as even thinking about which guards should be selected, Sutton said, "That guy down at Tennessee (White) is not bad, I might start with him."

Areas of importance: UK's coach was asked what he looks for in an all-conference player. Here's his answer:

"First of all you have to look to see if he's a complete player," Sutton said. "Scoring averages are sometimes deceiving. When you let a guy shoot the ball 300 times and somebody else shoots it 200 times you're going to have more points."

"You have to look at the stats and also I think it's important that the guy is a team player because basketball is a team game. Even though he might not score as many points as someone else you have to look and see what he does for the ballclub. Does he make them better? Does he allow his ballclub to be a winner?"

"That's why I like Farmer—he makes Alabama a winner. He's the glue that puts it all together. They've got good players but I like Farmer."

"Also, I think that if it comes down between two guys and one guy has great character while the other guy may have had some problems, then I'll choose this guy (great character). Team play comes into this. Has he been a good student/athlete? Has he done the things his coaches have asked of him?"

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Russell's Merideth To Guide Kentucky Prep All-Star Team

Russell High School's Marvin Merideth, dean of coaches in the 16th Region, has been named to coach the Kentucky Boys All-Stars in the 46th renewal of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation's Kentucky-Indiana All-Star high school basketball series this summer, according to Kentucky Game Director George Stout.

Merideth, who had racked up a 608-188 record in 29 years as a head coach coming into this season, is the winningest coach ever in the 16 Region. Among Merideth's accomplishments are three 16th Region championships (1967, '68, '72). His 1967 team holds the state record for scoring 100 points in six consecutive games. His teams at Russell have won 20 or more games on 21 different occasions.

Merideth, who has averaged 20.9 wins per season, ranks fifth on the all-time win list in Kentucky high school basketball. He was honored by *Sports Illustrated* after winning his 600th game last season.

Merideth played basketball under the famed Cam Henderson at Marshall University and also ran track at MU.

He will lead an 11-member Kentucky All-Star team against Indiana on June 20 at Market Square Arena in Indianapolis and June 27 at Louisville's Freedom Hall.

The assistant coach for the Kentucky squad will be East Carter head coach Charles Baker, who directed his team to the school's first 16th Region championship last season.

Baker, a member of the Kentucky Lions Hall of Fame, carried a career record of 184-108 in 11 seasons into the current campaign.

Baker played college basketball at Rio Grande College in Ohio, and was *The Ashland Daily Independent* All-Area Coach of the Year last season. He has led his team to a runner-up finish in the region twice.

Kentucky's boys team swept Indiana last season behind the play of Mr. Basketball Rex Chapman of Owensboro Apollo. Indiana leads the series with Kentucky 47-30.



VIEWPOINT
Letters To The Editor



Ontario Connection

Dear Sir:

On Oct. 14 through 17 my family and I attended in Lexington, Ky., the Annual Conference of the International Association of Pupil Personnel Workers. While there we attended the early morning practice on Oct. 15 of the "Wildcats." We would be interested in learning from you how the Wildcats are doing in their current season, as we enjoyed attending the first practice very much.

Sincerely yours,

Don Young & family
R.R. #3
Auburn, Ontario

(Editor's note: Instead of replying directly to our new-found Kentucky fans, we thought it would be better if we published the Youngs' address and urge you, our subscribers to drop the Youngs a note about the Wildcats. It's the least we can do for our Canadian friends who spent a late Cats' Night Out in Lexington)

Madison Has Turned UK Baseball Around

Fans Come From Three States For Clinic

When Keith Madison returned to his native state over nine years ago, the new University of Kentucky baseball coach had one purpose in mind.

"I wanted to renew interest in amateur baseball at the university and around the city of Lexington," said Madison. "Amateur baseball wasn't too popular when I arrived."

As evidenced by the fact that on one of Madison's first days on the job, he received a memo from the ticket manager, which was addressed to the Wildcats' previous coach.

"The memo said that no ticket takers would staff the baseball



Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

games that spring," Madison explained. "Because we weren't taking in enough money to pay their salaries. That sort of fired me up."

So much, in fact, that by that spring over 3,000 fans showed up for a UK game against the University of Georgia at Shively Field on the last day of the season.

"That shows you how fast it can be turned around," said Madison.

Madison Has Turned Bat 'Cat Program Around

Still, years later, the UK baseball program is overshadowed by football and basketball, the "major" sports on campus simply because they bring in more revenue to the athletic department. That leaves sports like baseball, tennis, swimming, field hockey, ice hockey, track and field, cross country and others out in the cold.

But Madison hasn't let that stop him from building the baseball program up to a respectable level in the rugged Southeastern Conference. He came to Lexington from Mississip-



UK Baseball Coach Keith Madison

pi State, one of the best programs in the south, and knows what it takes to field good collegiate level teams.

"It's been a slow process," said Madison. "But recently I've seen a difference. We're getting better and better each season. And we're receiving more publicity from the media, particularly the television stations. In the past, we haven't had the consistent publicity we've needed to generate enough interest. But that seems to be changing now."

Clinic Becoming More And More Popular

Besides the increased media coverage, another indication of further interest in the area is the increasing popularity of Madison's Kentucky Baseball Clinic. This year, close to 700 fans turned out at the Lexington Civic Center to receive instruction on how to fine-tune their games.

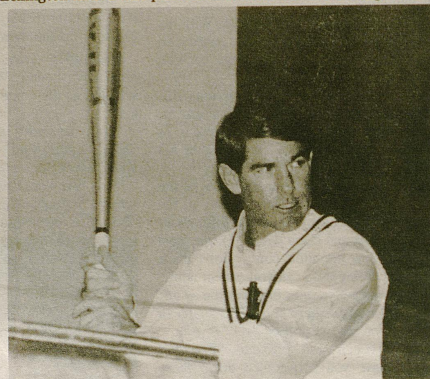
"It seems like the clinic is growing and growing every year," said Madison. "This year, we brought in a superstar, Steve Garvey, and that generated the additional publicity we needed to be successful. Garvey's presence made the people more

aware of what we're trying to accomplish here at UK, as well as in the area."

Madison says he started the clinic to bring more attention to the program, but also to spurn more interest in baseball as a whole.

"I love baseball," said Madison, a native of Bowling Green. "It's a great game. It's very dear to me. The people in Lexington love it more than you hear about."

Madison's clinic brought in fans from Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia, besides the bluegrass state. No wonder, since the other speakers, besides Garvey, included the likes of Joe Cowley, the Lexington native who pitched a no-hitter for the Chicago White



Garvey Shows Off His Stroke

Sox last year; Doug Flynn, another Lexington native who won a gold-glove and played on the Cincinnati championship clubs in the mid-70s and Rob Murphy, the Reds' rookie sensation who is rated one of the National League's best young lefties.

Garvey A Hit At The Clinic

Of all the speakers, of course, Garvey was the most popular.

"There are three things I learned from my father and my coaches while I was growing up," he told the wide-eyed youngsters. "You've got to make a commitment to be the best that you can be. You've got to have a good attitude towards yourself and others. You've got to be dedicated enough to sacrifice all the long hours it takes to be a good baseball player."

Garvey added that in sports you constantly have to prove yourself, that what you've done in the past doesn't matter anymore.

"The key is to maintain your aggressiveness and keep working hard, especially when you're in a slump," said Garvey. "Stay within yourself. The mental approach is more important than the physical approach."

In the background, Madison beamed.

"We'll try to have another clinic next winter with more big-name players and good college coaches," he said. "The clinic motivates coaches and players and gets them mentally prepared for the upcoming season, which is right around the corner. Plus, it's a good way for me to meet the high school coaches and players from around the state."

UK's season opens February 27 at West Florida in Pensacola. After three games there, it returns home for the opener against Indiana on March 3 at 2 p.m.

Good Weather Helps Team Ready For Season

"We're really excited about it," said Madison. "So far this year, we've had the best weather ever since I've been back in Kentucky. We've been outside every day since January 15, except for four or five days."

Madison says the poorer weather conditions in March and early April doesn't help attendance that much, but when a nice day does come around the people usually show up.

"People will come out and see our games," said Madison. "Last fall, for example, we had over 2,000 fans show up at noon in the middle of the week to see us play the University of Louisville."

With Flynn back in town on a permanent basis and beginning a summer league for high school youth this year, the future of amateur baseball looks good in Kentucky.

"We're real happy with the way things are going," said Madison.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Four Years Ago

Ole Miss held leads for most of the first part of each half, but lost control of the game down the stretch and fell to Kentucky 61-58 in Oxford. The 'Cats could not contain Carlos Clark, but Mississippi could not stop Melvin Turpin or Kenny Walker, and that proved to be their undoing. Turpin scored 23 points and Walker added 17 to go along with a team-high nine rebounds. Clark scored 26 points to lead all scorers. The win was UK's eighth in a row.

*Melvin Turpin has been selected to the three-state All-District 7 Team. The team is comprised of Division I players from the states of Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia. Senior guard Dirk Minniefield was named to the second team.

*For the second straight year, Kentucky finished regular-season play by being handed it's worst loss of the season at Tiger Den in Baton Rouge, this time by a count of 74-60.

Both teams came in hot, with LSU having won seven of nine and four in a row, and Kentucky riding an eight-game winning streak. LSU came out strong early, making the Wildcats look as though they wanted to get the game over in a hurry and head back to Lexington. LSU outscored the 'Cats 16-2 and it was not until the 8:20 mark in the first half that Kentucky could break into double figures. Kentucky was down 43-32 at the half. At the start of the second half, the Tigers picked up by jumping out to a 13-point lead and never let Kentucky get any closer than 10 the rest of the way. Howard "High C" Carter, playing his last game in front of the home folks, led all scorers with 23 points. Teammate Leonard Mitchell pitched in with 20. Jim Master led Kentucky with 19 points.

*For the first time in history, every SEC team has placed a player on the coaches' All-SEC team. On the first team were Dale Ellis of Tennessee, Jeff Malone of Mississippi

State, Carlos Clark of Ole Miss, Howard Carter of LSU and Kentucky's Melvin Turpin.

Six Years Ago

*Kentucky center Sam Bowie blocked a 10-foot baseline jumper by LSU's Howard Carter in the game's final seconds as the Wildcats downed the visiting Tigers 73-71 in a classic confrontation viewed by a national TV audience and a Rupp Arena record crowd of 24,011. On paper, the game meant little since LSU had already wrapped up the SEC crown. But it was a pride contest for Kentucky as LSU was threatening to become the first club in 25 years to go through SEC play undefeated. The Tigers entered the game riding the nation's longest winning streak—26 games—and was ranked second in the country. The win gave Kentucky a 22-4 record for the year. UK also made amends for an 81-67 setback at Baton Rouge earlier in the year. With the help of a roaring crowd from beginning to end, Kentucky never trailed during the game. Carter's final miss was one of three chances LSU had to tie the score during the game. Four Wildcats—Bowie, Dirk Minniefield, Melvin Turpin and Chuck Verderber—scored 11 points each, and Tiger coach Dale Brown said that was the difference in the game. Carter finished with a game-high 24.

*Because they were able to sink 27 of 39 shots for a season-high shooting percentage of 69.2 percent, the Kentucky Wildcats were able to escape Starkville with a 78-74 win over a stubborn Mississippi State team. UK never trailed but State did manage to tie the score in the second half and forced the 'Cats to hit some key free throws down the stretch. Dirk Minniefield paced UK with 20 points, while Sam Bowie added 18 points and Charles Hurt pitched in with 16. Jeff Malone led State with 22 points.

*The SEC basketball tournament will begin this coming week in Birmingham. The bottom four teams will play Wednesday when Vandy meets Mississippi State and Florida takes on Auburn. On Thursday, Tennessee plays Mississippi and Alabama plays Georgia. Kentucky and LSU will also play Thursday, taking on the winners of the first two games.

Seven Years Ago

*Kentucky football coach Fran Curci and his staff traveled north and south last week, and they inked 26 high school prospects to national letters-of-intent to play football at UK. Heading UK's out-of-state signees are Greg Wimberly from the junior college ranks, Steve Willis, UK's first ever signee out of Moeller High School, and Ty Richmond, a defensive back from Texas. Among the list are nine in-state players, including Eddie Simmons, Lawrence "Choo Choo" Lee, Kerry Baird and Ron Knott.

*Kyle Macy sank a 22-foot jumper just before the horn sounded as Kentucky defeated LSU 76-74 in Baton Rouge, giving the 'Cats their 32nd Southeastern Conference championship. The game went into overtime when UK lost an eight-point lead, largely because the 'Cats were unable to hit some crucial foul shots. LSU had a chance to win the game in regulation but missed a last-second shot. UK then failed to score on the first possession of overtime and LSU went into a stall with 4:20 left. However, with :27 remaining in the game, a jump ball was called between Greg Cook and UK's Sam Bowie. UK controlled the ball and called for a timeout, where the

drew up a play to set a double screen for Macy's game-winning shot. UK's Fred Cowan and LSU's Ethan Martin had exceptional games. Cowan hit 12 of 18 shots, scored 27 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Martin missed just three of 15 shots and scored 29 points. UK also got 16 points from Bowie and 11 each from Macy and LaVon Williams.

*More than 8,000 fans, among them Lt. Gov. Martha Layne Collins and former Gov. Happy Chandler, were on hand at Memorial Coliseum to greet the UK basketball team after their 76-74 triumph over LSU which gave UK the SEC regular-season crown. Collins read a proclamation which declared Feb. 25 as "University of Kentucky Wildcat Day."

Eleven Years Ago

*Although seven conference losses have all but eliminated UK from an NCAA berth, the National Invitational Tournament says it is interested in the 'Cats, but it may be necessary that they win their final four games. UK is presently 12-10 on the season.

*In a game that was closer than the final 94-87 margin, UK downed Mississippi in Oxford. Jack Givens led the 'Cats with 30 points and 12 rebounds while Mike Phillips scored 24 points and hauled in 11 rebounds. UK guards Reggie Warford and Larry Johnson each chipped in with 12 points. Eugene Harris led the Rebels with 29 points. UK raised its SEC record to 8-7 while Ole Miss lost its 20th time in the last 21 meetings.

Thirteen Years Ago

*Vanderbilt became the SEC basketball champion after the Commodores defeated UK by a score of 71-69. It was the fourth loss in a row by Kentucky.

*In the season finale, Kentucky defeated Mississippi State 108-69, saving the 'Cats from being the first team since 1926-27 to end the year with a losing record. Kevin Grevey led Kentucky with 25 points, and Ronnie Lyons, playing for the last time in a Kentucky uniform, scored 16. Kentucky finished the year 13-13.

Thirty Years Ago

*Despite the 103-85 final score, Kentucky got quite a scare from Auburn, but held on for the win and the SEC title. Coach Joel Eaves' squad gave the 'Cats all they wanted and actually led for much of the second half. UK didn't take the lead for good until 8:50 remained and couldn't get a working margin until the final two minutes. Vernon Hatton came off the bench to lead the 'Cats with 24 points. Gerry Calvert and John Crigler scored 21 points apiece while Johnny Cox added 20. It reportedly is the first time four Wildcats have scored 20 points or more in the same contest. UK is now 11-2 in the league and 21-4 overall.

*UK is third in the AP poll behind North Carolina and Kansas.

*Adolph Rupp was named the SEC Coach of the Year by the *Atlanta Journal*. UK's Johnny Cox made All-SEC along with Joe Gibbon, Bailey Howell, Al Rochelle and Jim Ashmore. Ed Beck and Gerry Calvert were named to the all-defensive team.

*UK wound up the regular season up the regular season with a 93-75 win over Tennessee, giving the 'Cats a 22-4 record. The teams played on almost terms until the final seven minutes. Gerry Calvert and John Crigler each scored 20 points while Vernon Hatton added 17. Ed Beck scored 16 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Hermann Thompson led Tennessee with 25 points.

Wildcat Quiz

1. True or False? Kentucky and Oklahoma have never met on the hardwood.

2. Who is the head basketball coach at Oklahoma?
a) Pat Foster
b) Billy Tubbs
c) Ernest Tubbs
d) Barry Switzer

3. What Oklahoma player signed a letter-of-intent to play at Kentucky, but later joined the Sooners this summer?
a) Norris Coleman
b) Foster Grant
c) Vince Sanford
d) Harvey Grant

4. What former Oklahoma standout was a first-round draft pick of the NBA's Indiana Pacers?
a) Darryl Kennedy
b) Wayman Tisdale
c) Steve Stipanovich
d) Alvin Adams

5. What team eliminated the Sooners and kept them from going to the Final Four in 1985?
a) Georgetown
b) Memphis State
c) Villanova
d) St. John's

6. True or False? OU failed to win a game in last year's NCAA tournament.

7. What Oklahoma player was rated as the nation's No. 1 small forward by *Sport* magazine?
a) Anthony Bowie
b) Darryl Kennedy
c) Brian Bosworth
d) Harvey Grant

8. What Oklahoma player played in the annual Kentucky-Indiana All-Star game?
a) Darryl Kennedy
b) Chuck Watson
c) Jeff Moe
d) Tim McCalister

9. True or False? Oklahoma won the Southwest Conference tournament last year.

10. True or False? Coming into the Kentucky game, the Sooners led the nation in defense, giving up the lowest average point total in Division I.



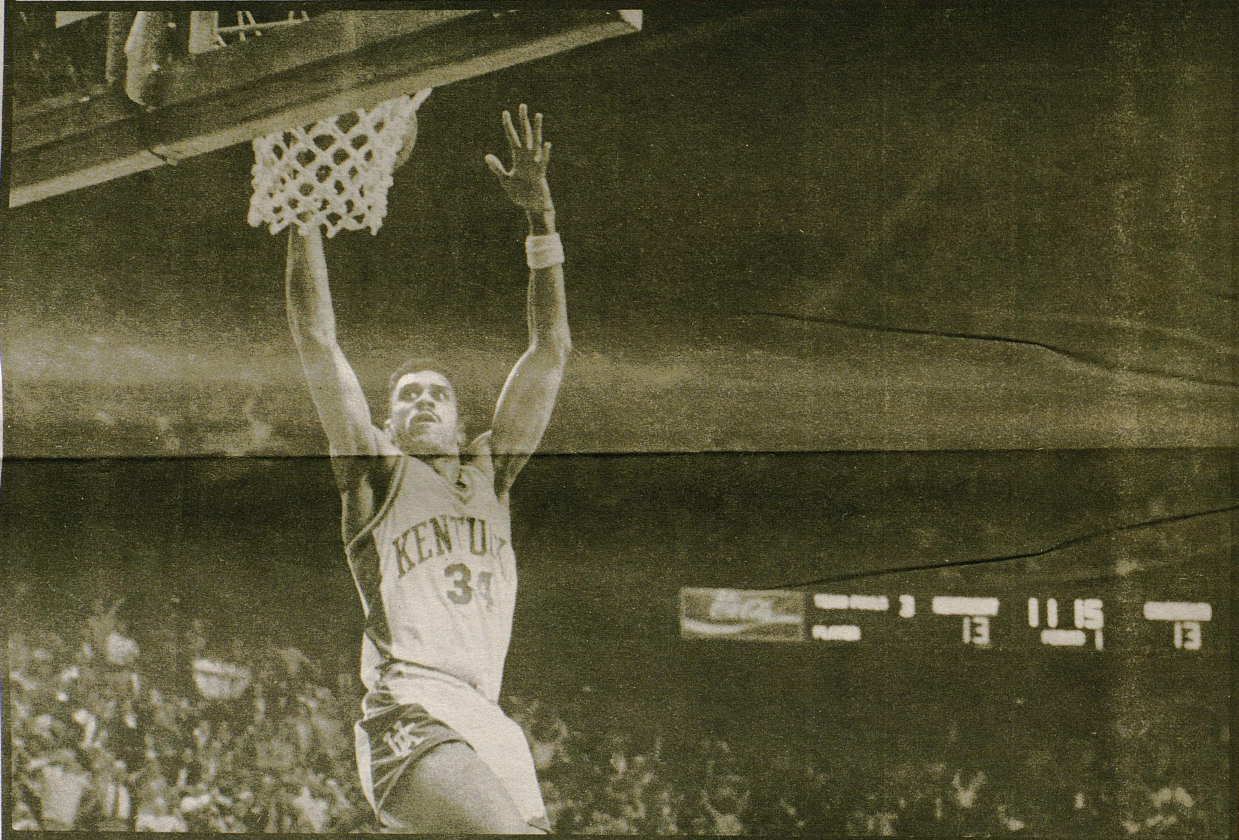
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Answers

1. False. (UK beat OU in their only meeting during the 1945-46 season.)
2. Billy Tubbs
3. Darryl Kennedy
4. Tim McCalister
5. False. (OU is in the Big Eight)
6. True
7. Darryl Kennedy
8. Chuck Watson
9. True. (OU defeated Northeastern in the Conference)
10. False



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