
COACHES

A SSOCIATE COACH

Leonard Hamilton was named the University of Kentucky's first associate basketball coach on Oct. 15, 1980.

Hamilton has been a member of the Wildcat coaching staff for ten years. He came to Kentucky after serving three years as an assistant coach at Austin Peay.

He has always been noted as an outstanding recruiter and as a defensive specialist. Most remarkable in his coaching career is the fact that in 12 of his 13 years as a coach on the collegiate level, the team he has been associated with has advanced to postseason play. Only in

his first season at Austin Peay has Hamilton not been involved in a postseason tournament.

A native of Gastonia, N.C., Hamilton lettered three years in football and two years in basketball in high school. He captained his basketball team for two years at Gastonia Community College, and also served as team captain at Tennessee-Martin, where he graduated in 1970.

The 36-year-old Hamilton is married to the former Claudette Hale of McMoresville, Tenn. They have a son, Lenny, 15, and a daughter, Allison, born in August.



LEONARD HAMILTON
Associate Coach

A SSISTANT COACHES

Jim Hatfield rejoined the Wildcat coaching staff on Aug. 24, 1983. Hatfield served as an assistant coach under Coach Joe B. Hall from 1972 to 1974. Upon leaving UK, Hatfield became head basketball coach at Southwestern Louisiana where his teams compiled a 47-35 record and won a Southland Conference championship. Hatfield rebuilt the USL program that had been under suspension. He was Southland Conference Coach-of-the-Year on two occasions.

Following his tenure at Southwest Louisiana, Hatfield was head basketball coach at Mississippi State. He led the Bulldogs to a 40-42 record in three seasons. In 1978-79, MSU finished 19-9 and appeared in the NIT. He has coached or recruited five NBA first round draft choices.

Hatfield served two years as athletic director and head basketball coach at Hardin-Simmons.

The son of a minister, his family traveled extensively while he was growing up. Some of his early public schooling came in Lexington. He graduated from Knoxville (Tenn.) Fulton High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from East Tennessee State in 1965 and a master's degree from the University of Montevallo (Ala.) in 1970.

Hatfield is married to the former Lana Murdock of Orlando, Fla. They have three children: Angie, 12; Jimmy, 10; and Lisa, 8.



JIM HATFIELD
Assistant Coach



LAKE KELLY
Assistant Coach

Lake Kelly joined the Wildcat staff on August 17, 1983. A native of Flemingsburg, Ky., Kelly has enjoyed coaching success on both the high school and collegiate level. He came to UK from the position of head basketball coach at George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester, Ky.

Prior to his tenure at George Rogers Clark High, he held head coaching positions at two major colleges. From 1977-79, he coached Oral Roberts University of a 31-24 record. From 1971-77, he was head coach of Austin Peay where his teams compiled a 110-52 record and advanced to two NCAA tournaments.

He held assistant coaching positions at Florida State, Loyola (New Orleans), Morehead State, and Austin Peay earlier in his career, and also coached on the high school level at Lexington Lafayette.

Kelly is a graduate of Columbia Military Academy (Tenn.) and earned a bachelor's degree from Georgia Tech in 1956. He earned a master's degree from Morehead State in 1961.

Kelly is married to the former Martha Randall of Dillsboro, Ind. They have three children: Lake, II, a student at Morehead State; Brian, a student and member of the basketball team at Morehead State; and Jane, a 13-year-old seventh grader.