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## Hoopin' it up

That's what UK seniors Mike Scott (50) and Jeff Ginnan (inset) will do Wednesday night in Rupp Arena: Before the 'Cats and Rebs tip it off, UK's two seniors will make the traditional run through the hoop prior to the singing of "My Old Kentucky Home"



Citing support of fans, Sutton says he intends to fight to stay on as UK coach

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**WILL KEEP ON FIGHTING**—Only hours after his team defeated Tennessee (please see page 6), Kentucky basketball coach Eddie Sutton found out that a Ohio newspaper was reporting that Lee Rose would replace him as head coach. Sutton says he will not step down because of outside pressure.

## Worth Repeating!

### Columbus Dispatch reports that Lee Rose will replace UK's Sutton; Wildcat coach says he has no intentions of leaving

Compiled by The Cats' Pause staff

Last Thursday (February 23) out of Columbus, Ohio, *The Columbus Dispatch* was told by a source that Eddie Sutton will be gone "in 10 days to two weeks" and would be replaced by New Jersey Nets assistant coach Lee Rose.

UK officials said that the report was not true. Said UK's public information director Bernie Vonderheide: "That's all news to me and as far as I'm concerned there's no basis for that."

Sutton, at his weekly press conference indicated he had no plans of leaving his post.

Here are some of the Wildcat coach's comments in regard to the newspaper's report:

**(About the report)**

Eddie Sutton: "I think all of us (UK team) were shocked by it. I've been told that I am the basketball coach of the University of Kentucky. That's what my contract reads. Until I'm told differently that's what I'm going to continue to do with all the enthusiasm and effort that I can—to coach this basketball team and to continue to recruit, because this team does need some additional help for next year.

"As far as I'm concerned this is just another of a long list of distractions that will again disrupt our basketball team. I don't know who is at the base of all these rumors and leaks. I don't know what the motive is. I certainly know it is not me—I'm not the one who's leaking anything. I just wished it could be stopped immediately because I don't think they fully understand how disruptive it is to our basketball players.

"I find it very difficult to believe that any loyal Kentuckian, anyone who loves the University of Kentucky Wildcat basketball team, would continue to do this."

**(About if the report could be true)**

Eddie Sutton: "No. I certainly have no knowledge of that being true at all. Like I said, I've been told that I am the basketball coach at the University of Kentucky."

**(About if there would be under any circumstance in which he would resign)**

Eddie Sutton: "I'm a fighter. As I've said before, I'm proud to be the coach of the University of Kentucky. I've tried to run the program in a class manner. And I'm not about to resign."

**(About if someone is out to get him)**

Eddie Sutton: "Don't you? (he asked a reporter). I think that's the general consensus. "I have no idea (when asked who he thought it was)."

**(About why he wants to stay)**

Eddie Sutton: "I think the majority of the people of the commonwealth want Eddie Sutton as their coach. I love the University of Kentucky and I love the state of Kentucky. I've enjoyed the time here. Now if the fans didn't want me that would be something different. If all those great fans we have...if there was an outcry that I shouldn't be here then I would certainly have to consider that (leaving)."

**(About if he would consider using his fans' admiration to keep his job)**

Eddie Sutton: Not at all. I'm not going to. I'm just going to continue to coach basketball because that's what I do best."

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**(From UK's news bureau)**

At 3 p.m. March 7, the University of Kentucky will proudly display a million gallons of chlorinated water—surrounded by the sleek, new \$5.3 million Harry C. Lancaster Aquatic Center.

Dedication ceremonies for the long-awaited

aquatic center will be open to the public and will include tours of the facility.

Featuring a 50-meter by 25-yard, deep-water swimming pool and complete diving facilities, the Lancaster Center will act as a springboard for a flood of aquatic activities in the university community.

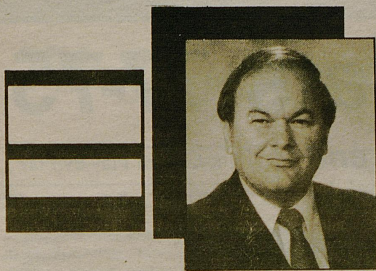
UK's Lancaster Center offers many advanced features for varsity swimming competition and instruction, including:

- ✓ deep-water design to help promote record speeds.
  - ✓ movable bulkhead separating swimming and diving tanks, to allow for many different types of swim meets and other activities.
  - ✓ movable floor section in the pool's shallow end to allow for either instruction or deep-water racing.
  - ✓ a "wet classroom" on the same level as the pool, allowing for practical instruction and coaching.
  - ✓ balcony seating for 450 spectators and room for 600 more on deck-level bleachers.
- "This much-needed facility is one of the finest in the Southeast and will enable to host a variety of swimming events," says Wynn Paul, UK varsity swimming coach and aquatics director. "It is designed to accommodate everything from dual team meets to national-level championships."

Located at the corner of Complex and University drives on UK's Lexington Campus, the Lancaster Center will serve the aquatic needs of the university community, including: varsity swimming and diving competition, physical education classes, intramural water sports and activities and recreational swimming for students, faculty and staff.

The facility was named in honor of Harry Lancaster, perhaps best known as the No. 1 assistant to UK's legendary basketball coach, Adolph Rupp, from 1946 through 1970.





# OSCAR L. COMBS

CATS' PAUSE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

## Two 'Cats (maybe more) say goodbye Wednesday

□ Unlike any other Southeastern Conference basketball race I can remember, it's impossible to make anything of what the postseason tournament bracket will look like come Sunday.

Never before has the tournament field been so confused, so well-balanced and with so little talent.

Say what they may, the coaches can level with us and promote the idea of being very competitive, but save us from all the propaganda of how great the teams are.

The number of SEC representatives will be few and the trips will be short, but that should take nothing away from the excitement in Knoxville next week.

The fun part will be in trying to sort how which teams will play when and which team will wind up in the top-seeded spot.

Fact is, there could be a four-way tie for the conference championship among the likes of LSU, Florida, Vanderbilt and Alabama. Perhaps not likely, but possible.

If Florida should fall to LSU and Alabama, if Alabama should beat Florida and Auburn, if Vanderbilt should beat Mississippi State but lose to Tennessee and if LSU should beat Florida but lose at Ole Miss, you would have the first four-way tie for the league title ever.

And believe it or not, this is the way it would wind up if the favorite should win each game. Odds are, though, there will be an upset along the way and someone will pull to the front.

Just where will that upset be? Will it be LSU at Oxford, or Florida at LSU or Vanderbilt at Tennessee? Who knows?

But as far as Kentucky is concerned, the biggest game of the year figures to be at Rupp Arena on Wednesday when some 23,000 fans bid farewell to Wildcat seniors Mike Scott and walk-on Jeff Ginnan.

And perhaps someone else?

Could it be the final appearance of head coach Eddie Sutton at Rupp Arena?

The man himself says he's not about to resign, throw in the towel or whatever you want to call it.

But speculation grew last week when a Columbus, Ohio, newspaper reported that Sutton would be fired within two weeks and replaced by former Lexingtonian Lee Rose.

Rose, who once coached at nearby Transylvania as well as UNCC, Purdue and South Florida, later said he had not talked with any university officials and that he wants to stay in the NBA (where he is an assistant with the New Jersey Nets) in hopes of landing a head job.

University officials immediately denied the story as factless and Sutton said he had been assured by UK acting athletics director Joe Burch that he would be coach the rest of this year.

When reporters asked Sutton about the last year of his contract, Sutton said that was discussed but that he is very happy as coach of Kentucky and plans to be here next year.

The newspaper story speculated that Rose would be the new coach based on information from a Lexington source. The newspaper also pointed to past association of Rose with new incoming athletics director C.M. Newton.

Upon learning of the story, Newton said he knows nothing of any talks with Rose, saying he had neither talked or met with anyone on the UK coaching situation.

Despite all the denials, speculation has grown that this could, in fact, be the final home game for Sutton at Rupp Arena. Throughout the remainder of the week, talk and gossip have heightened on Sutton's coaching status at UK.

On radio talk shows there has been discussion of a show of support for Sutton before and during the Ole Miss game Wednesday. But not all has been pro-Sutton.

Those fans on the other side of the issue emphasize not just the club's 12-17 won-loss record, but the program's off-the-court record involving clashes with the NCAA, charges of academic fraud, lying by players and coaches to the NCAA and an all-time low in fan morale which had led to almost 5,000 empty seats in the student section for the UK-Tennessee game last week.

At the eye of the storm is UK president David Roselle, who has firmly planted himself as the judge and jury in this case. He has repeatedly said the program will be run in accordance with the rules and regulations of the university, SEC and the NCAA. He has more than once referred to the future as a time of "rebuilding" UK's great tradition in its basketball program.

Whether that includes Sutton or not will probably be known within the next two weeks, but even Sutton's most devoted fans reluctantly admit the coach's chances of remaining are somewhere between slim and none.

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□ **ALTHOUGH IT'S PRACTICALLY** a surety, there is still a remote chance the Wildcats could wind up avoiding a losing season, but don't count on it.

When Kentucky broke its six-game losing skid against Tennessee, there was a quiet gasp of relief around the UK locker room and when UK pushed fifth-ranked Syracuse well into the second half, there were some eternal optimists who eyed the future.

Kentucky has a shot at winning its two remaining contests in the regular season, first at home against Ole Miss then on the road to Mississippi State Saturday. But the fact remains that UK has lost eight of the last nine, and neither contest will be a piece of cake this week.

Wednesday's game against Ole Miss will decide which team earns a first-round bye from the double-header qualifying round next Thursday in Knoxville. If Kentucky wins, the "Cats will be

assured of no less a finish than sixth place. However, if Ole Miss should win, the Rebs will either win sixth place outright or could tie UK for sixth place. And in the case of a tie, Ole Miss would get the higher seed with a win Wednesday because it would mean the Rebels will sweep the season's series.

At 7-9, UK needs the sweep to finish the league race at an even .500 to tie the worst UK league mark since 1966-67 when the 'Cats were 8-10 and finished 13-13 overall, which was Adolph Rupp's worst record ever. The 'Cats were also 9-9 in 1974 when they again went 13-13 overall in Joe B. Hall's worst season.

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□ **SHOULD THE SEC** wind up in a four-way tie, it would be a first for the league. In fact, there has never been even a three-way tie in the past.

During Hall's first year, his Wildcats won the league title with a 14-4 mark and three other clubs (Alabama, Tennessee and Vanderbilt) ended up the regular season with 13-5 marks.

If the SEC champion should finish the season with six losses, it would be the first time a championship has been won with as many as six league losses.

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□ **WE'RE IN THE** process of selecting our annual all-SEC squad for our special SEC tourney issue next week and guess which individual will be our Player of the Year?

No contest. Hands down it has to be LSU's Chris Jackson. He's not only the league's finest but, in my opinion, he should rank right at the top of the nation's list of National Player of the Year.

No, I didn't say "Freshman" of the year. Now, there will be some who will say, "aw, he's good, but he's only a freshman and he's got plenty of time for honors the next three years."

That's a cop-out! If we're going to name a Player of the Year, the award should be just that. Jackson gets our vote.

While we're on the subject, don't expect either Dwayne Schintzius or Dyrion Nix on our list. They are two of the nation's biggest disappointments this season.

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□ **THREE FORMER** Kentuckians are up for the Maxwell House Coffee/SEC Spirit Award which will be awarded during the SEC tournament next week in Knoxville.

The three ex-UK nominees are Ed Beck, Scotty Baesler and Sam Bowie. The three were nominated by UK officials and one of the three will represent UK in the competition.

Local media people in Kentucky will select which one of the three will represent Kentucky.

The award, created to honor athletes

who have persevered through adversity and demonstrated the intangible quality of spirit regardless of the challenge they faced, will be presented to one alumnus from each of the 10 SEC schools.

Beck, a Methodist minister when he arrived in Kentucky in 1954, suffered a terrible tragedy during his junior year. He played the entire season with the knowledge his wife, Billie, was dying of cancer. She passed away the following season, but it was his inspiration that led the 'Cats to a national championship the next season.

A book on his and Billie's life, *A Love to Live By*, a tribute to Billie, is being made into a movie.

Baesler was a bench warmer who averaged less than a point a game during his sophomore season (1961-62), but his never-give-up attitude earned him a starting job the following year on a Wildcat team which won the SEC and was ranked third nationally.

Bowie, who now plays for the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers, has suffered several broken bones, missed two seasons of play at Kentucky and almost two years in the pros but never gave up and is now back in the NBA.

The winner will be honored in Knoxville next week. A current SEC player will also be named for a similar honor.

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□ **HITS AND MISSES...** If reports out of the Southeastern Conference are correct, a new attendance record for the postseason tournament may be set next weekend in Knoxville. According to officials, over 21,000 tickets have been sold for the four-day event. However, one must consider this is the first year in which the 10 participating schools are responsible for a certain number of tickets and if they do not sell them, the school itself will have its paycheck reduced likewise... Former UK coach Joe B. Hall had Tennessee Vols boss Don DeVoe as a guest for lunch at The Springs Restaurant last Wednesday. There are some who believe DeVoe may be on the hot seat if the Big Orange doesn't make a strong run in the league postseason tourney, especially with it being staged in Knoxville... Former governor and baseball commissioner Happy Chandler was honored last week for his service to baseball by the Major League Umpires Association. National League ump Randy Marsh made the presentation on behalf of the umps. Chandler, who has been under the weather lately, missed the UK-Tennessee game and he said it was unclear whether or not he would be able to make the season finale against Ole Miss on Wednesday. In any event, Chandler will not be singing "My Old Kentucky Home" prior to the game, something that has become a tradition. That honor will go to **Judy Rose** this year... It was great to see several members of the **Fabulous Five**

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# Auburn Tigers trip 'Cats 77-75

## Although they were red-hot from the field, turnovers and transition defense led to sixth straight loss for Wildcats

By editor/publisher Oscar Combs

AUBURN, Ala. — In spite of torrid 62-percent shooting from the field, the Kentucky Wildcats fell victim to Auburn 77-75 at Eaves-Memorial Coliseum last Monday night in a game which assured the 'Cats could finish no better than .500 in Southeastern Conference regular-season play this year.

The loss left the 'Cats with an overall record of 11-16 and 6-9 in the SEC with three remaining league games.

Playing before the smallest Kentucky-Auburn crowd (6,136) since the Auburn coliseum was built almost two decades ago, Kentucky's last chance for a tie to send the game into overtime failed when Sean Sutton's jumper bounced off the back of the rim just before the final horn.

For Auburn, it was only the Tigers' second league victory of the season, but to Auburn coach Sonny Smith, a win over Kentucky is always great.

"Anytime you beat Kentucky, you feel good," said Smith. "They have such tradition. This may not be one of Kentucky's greatest teams, but in this league, you measure success by Kentucky."

Kentucky had its chances but failed to cash in on the big opportunities, especially after taking a two-point halftime lead.

Trailing by as much as 10 points in the first half, Kentucky fought back and took a halftime lead of 42-40, mostly on the hot hand of LeRon Ellis who cashed in 15 first half points.

During one stretch, UK outscored Auburn 19-7 with Ellis scoring nine of those points. In the second half it was a different story as the game see-sawed back and forth until Auburn blitzed ahead by 72-63 at 5:36 when guard Derrick Dennison ripped home a reverse slam-dunk.

At that point, Kentucky didn't quit, coming back to tie the score at 75-75 with just 0:16 left on the clock as Sean Sutton canned a 10-footer from the lane.

Auburn's game-winner came at 0:06 on a pair of Dennison free throws after he was fouled driving for the basket.

Said Dennison after the game: "I've always wanted to be in that position of winning a big game. I knew I would hit them (free throws)."

Before the free tosses, Dennison held up stretched arms to the Auburn student section just seconds after being fouled hard by Chris Mills.

Kentucky made an inbounds pass and immediately called a time-out at 0:05 at mid-court to set up a final shot.

"We tried to get the ball to (Derrick) Miller on the last play to shoot the three-pointer," said UK coach Eddie Sutton of the last time-out strategy. "Auburn did a good job defensively. I told Sean to shoot the ball if anything went wrong."

For the elder Sutton, it was yet another disappointing loss, a defeat at the hands of the worst team in the Southeastern Conference. And as he helped his son from the floor of the Auburn coliseum after the would-be game-tying shot fell short, you could see the dejection on his face.

It would be one of the most bitter pills to swallow in a season filled with bitter pills. After the game, he remained composed. "We came here with two keys to the ball-

game: transition defense and rebounding," said Sutton. "We did a much better job rebounding in the second half, but the transition defense wasn't good all evening."

Although the stats tend to back up Sutton somewhat, Smith begged to differ on the 'Cats' rebounding, which had UK with a game edge of 31-24 after leading in that category 19-14 at the half.

"There is one amazing stat tonight," said Smith at his postgame press conference. "Kentucky didn't get one offensive rebound in the second half. Not one and that is amazing. The difference in the game was that we were totally getting outrebounded in the first half. We then put Zane (Arnold) on (Chris) Mills and Kirk (Hankton) on (Reggie) Hanson and that turned it around for us."

But Smith wasn't without praise for the 'Cats.

"About Kentucky, you can't say anything except for they played good enough to beat us," added Smith. "You have to give them a lot of credit. They had an excellent game plan."

Could you really expect any other comment from the league's worst team after winning only its second conference victory?

Actually, his team won despite not following his instructions in the game's final seconds when Smith ordered his team to foul Sean Sutton before he had a chance to launch a second game-tying bucket.

"(Clarence) Wrencher played excellent. His job was not to score. The only thing he was

that he was supposed to foul Sutton on the last play because we had one foul to waste," said Smith.

Auburn threatened to make a runaway of the contest in the opening five minutes, sprinting out to a 17-9 lead as the Tiger guards combined for 11 quick points.

Going inside to Ellis with Miller hitting a couple outside shots, the 'Cats quickly got back into the thick of the game and trailed only 19-17, but Auburn spurted back out to a 29-19 lead as the 'Cats failed to get back on defense.

Matching Auburn's up-and-down the court style, Kentucky bounced back once again and tied the game at 36-36 on an Ellis layup at 2:48, then UK built up a 42-40 intermission lead.

Kentucky's biggest lead of the night came less than a minute into the second half when Ellis hit a turnaround jumper for a 44-40 score at 19:27.

Auburn stormed back to tie the score at 47-47 when Arnold hit a short jumper and that started a 23-13 rally which culminated in a 68-60 lead over the next nine and half minutes.

It was a hole that UK eventually dug itself out of, but it was too deep to overcome in the end.

Auburn seemingly had full control of the contest at 5:36 when Dennison's reverse slam had Auburn leading 72-63, but the Tigers, as they have so often this season, decided to ex-

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### UK-Auburn Play-By-Play

Time	Kentucky	Score	Auburn
19:38	Mills FT, FT	2-0	
19:26		2-3	Carpenter 21 ft.
18:58		2-5	Dennison 18 ft.
18:41	Miller 20 ft	5-5	
18:24		5-7	Geiger 5 ft.
17:52	Ellis layup	7-7	
17:25		7-9	Dennison 5 ft.
17:12	Hanson 5 ft.	9-9	
16:56		9-11	Geiger follow layup.
15:50		9-13	Carpenter FT, FT
15:19		9-15	Geiger dunk
15:02		9-17	Carpenter layup
14:40	Miller 12 ft.	11-17	
14:23		11-19	Geiger 15 ft.
13:52	Mills 10 ft.	13-19	
13:20	Miller follow layup	15-19	
11:59	Ellis Layup	17-19	
11:11		17-21	Carpenter layup
10:43		17-23	Dennison 4 ft.
10:27	Ellis FT, FT	19-23	
10:12		19-25	McKie 8 ft.
9:48		19-26	Dennison FTA, FT
9:17		19-29	Carpenter 20 ft.
8:21	Ellis FT, FTA	20-29	
8:00	Hanson 19 ft.	22-29	
7:45		22-32	Dennison 20 ft.
7:25	Mills FT, FT	24-32	
6:23	Hanson layup	26-32	
5:31	Ellis FT, FT	28-32	
4:59		28-34	Geiger follow layup
4:36	Mills layup	30-34	
4:18		30-36	Geiger follow dunk
3:59	Ellis FT, FT	32-36	
3:25	Mills follow tip	34-36	
2:48	Ellis follow layup	36-36	
2:19	Ellis layup	38-36	
2:14		38-37	Dennison FT, FTA
1:22	Hanson 5 ft.	40-37	
1:04		40-39	Carpenter follow tip
:37	Scott layup	42-39	
:28		42-40	Dennison FT, FTA
<b>HALF 42-40</b>			
19:27	Ellis 8 ft.	44-40	
19:12		44-43	Carpenter 20 ft.
18:23		44-45	Hankton layup
18:05	Sutton 20 ft.	47-45	
17:27		47-47	Arnold 8 ft.
16:56	Mills FT, FT	49-47	
15:43	Ellis 6 ft.	51-47	
15:26		51-49	Hankton layup
14:58	Hanson FT, FT	53-49	
14:38		53-52	Carpenter 22 ft.
14:03	Sutton 12 ft.	55-52	
13:23		55-54	Geiger 10 ft.
13:01		55-56	Carpenter layup
12:40	Mills 7 ft.	57-56	
11:56		57-59	Dennison 23 ft.
11:37		57-61	Carpenter layup, FT
11:12	Miller 20 ft.	60-61	
10:36		60-64	Geiger layup
9:51		60-66	Hankton layup
9:50		60-68	Carpenter FT, FT
6:59	Mills 22 ft.	63-68	
6:37		63-70	Geiger 10 ft.
5:36		63-72	Dennison dunk
4:31	Mills layup	65-72	
4:06	Mills layup, FT	68-72	
3:29		68-73	Geiger FT, FTA
3:00	Ellis 6 ft.	70-73	
1:32	Ellis layup	72-73	
1:28		72-75	Wrencher FT, FT
1:10	Hanson FT, FTA	73-75	
:16	Sutton 10 ft	75-75	
:06		75-77	Dennison FT, FT
<b>FINAL 75-77</b>			

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40	ARNOLD, Zane	1	1	4	0	0	1	1	1	3	2	1																				
25	GEIGER, Matt	8	8	14	0	0	1	3	4	7	4	17																				
24	DENNISON, Derrick	9	6	13	2	3	5	8	1	3	4	2																				
30	CARPENTER, Keenan	9	10	21	4	8	5	5	2	1	3	0																				
10	WRENCHER, Clarence	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	2																				
20	HESTER, Duxcin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																				
21	BATTLE, Ronnie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																				
31	RAINES, Danny	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																				
33	EADY, Bill	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0																				
24	McKIE, Robert	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	2																				
44	BRANDT, Chris	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0																				
54	TRAYLOR, David	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																				
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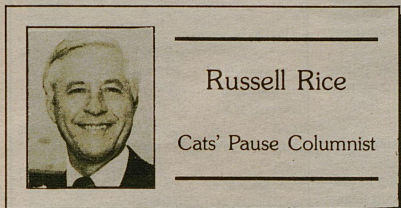
-Cats' Pause chart



# Tying up some loose ends from the ol' mail bag

## Questions about Skippy Whitaker, B.L. Pribble

The following letter is from Walt Whittaker, who was a 6-foot-5 substitute forward-center on the 1949-50 and 1950-51 Wildcat squads who now is vice president, Deposit Services Division, Wilmington Trust Co. in



Russell Rice  
Cats' Pause Columnist

Delaware.

February 17, 1987

Dear Mr. Rice:

Received your letter dated January 31, 1989 referring to Harry Lancaster's book (*Adolph Rupp as I Knew Him*). Host Communications (Mr. Richard Ford, Director of Publishing) did write me but the book has not been reprinted since 1984 and they no longer have any remaining copies. That was too bad. Harry had an interesting life; of course, I just knew him through basketball.

Yes, I did know Cliff Hagan well on the basketball court. I was a sophomore in 1950 and I believe Cliff was a mid-year freshman then; anyway, Rupp always had the varsity and freshmen scrimmage every day and I got to know Cliff very well under those circumstances. No question he was something special—had a real good hook shot back then that I couldn't stop even though I was taller than he. I also remember him as a real nice guy, quiet and on the shy side.

I had written to Cliff a couple of times in the last three years. He was the one that directed me to get a yearly subscription to *The Cats' Pause* newspaper.

When I came to the University of Kentucky (1948) from Rockville Center, New York, there was another Whittaker—Skippy Whitaker (spelled with one "t"). His first name was Lucien. Skippy was a guard while I played center and forward. Neither of us were starters at that time and I left Kentucky in 1951 and transferred to Columbia University in New York City where I received a BA degree. I often wonder what happened to Skippy and what he is doing today.

Now I see that C.M. Newton will be Athletic Director. C.M. was also part of our team during the same years that I played. We still communicate now and then. He will be good for the University of Kentucky, especially now.

Thanks for the assistance in trying to find a copy of Harry's book. I'll keep bugging the book stores in case one pops up.

Enclosed is a (photo) copy of the 1949-50 team.

Sincerely

Walter H. Whittaker,  
Vice President

February 21, 1989

Dear Walt:

After graduating from UK, Skippy Whitaker served a hitch in the Marine Corps and then entered Harvard Graduate School of Business. He worked in the Trust Department of the National Shawmut Bank of Boston before returning to Kentucky in 1957 to enter the investment business with his uncle, Holman Wilson, of Louisville. I now have him with Frontrange Consulting, Inc., 1909 Broadway, Boulder, Colo. 80302. He is mar-

ried to the former Betty Ortman of Philadelphia.

I enjoyed the copy of the old Ashland Oil photo-print of the 1950-51 Wildcats, which contained individual autographs. A complete set of those old prints probably would be worth a bit on the current market. Wonder what happened to the original autographed glossy prints? In light of the card-collecting craze of today, it's too bad Ashland Oil discontinued the practice.

Best Wishes,

Russell Rice

November 5, 1988

Dear Sports Information Director:

My grandfather, Birkett Lee Pribble, was on the last team from Kentucky to defeat Alabama in football. I was told he also was an All-American from Kentucky. Would you please confirm for me and send me any information you might have about his football career at Kentucky?

Sincerely,

Steve Larkin,  
P.O. Box 471,  
Washington, D.C.

February 1, 1989

Dear Mr. Larkin:

Your grandfather, Birkett Lee Pribble, earned letters in football at the University of Kentucky in 1919, '20, '21 and '22. He was assistant varsity coach of the Wildcats, working with the line, from 1923 until 1927, when he became assistant freshman coach. He took over the frosh team in 1928 and remained in that position through the 1936 season. Assisting him in 1930 was the university's new head basketball coach, Adolph Rupp.

Having lost track of Mr. Pribble after that time, I would appreciate any data that you might have on him. Was Holton Pribble, who lettered in football for UK in 1932, '34, any relation?

Sincerely

Russell Rice

February 5, 1989

Dear Mr. Rice:

Thank you for your informative letter about my grandfather, Birkett Lee Pribble. Mr. Pribble's brother was Holton Pribble who, as you so stated, lettered for UK in football in 1932, '34. Birkett Lee Pribble died 12-24-87, and is buried in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mr. B.L. Pribble went on from coaching in Kentucky to selling life insurance with Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co. He was transferred in the late '30s to Sioux Falls and spent the rest of his working life there.

Can you tell me if it is true that Birkett Lee Pribble was an All-American in football or baseball? I was told that he also played baseball for the university, too. Your help answering these two questions would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Steve Larkin

February 14, 1989

Dear Mr. Larkin:

Please accept my apologies for not answering the questions that were posed in your letter of 11-5-88. The University of Kentucky's first football All-American was

Clyde Johnson, a tackle from Ashland, Ky., in 1945. I find no mention of your grandfather's name in our lists of baseball lettermen of his era.

Yes, Birkett Lee Pribble was a member of the 1922 Wildcat football team that beat Alabama, 6-0, in Lexington, which remains as UK's only win over the Tide in 31 outings. Otherwise, the best the Wildcats could do was a 7-7 tie at Birmingham 50 years ago.

Another highlight of Mr. Pribble's career at UK came in 1921, when the Wildcats lost by *only* seven points to Vanderbilt (21-14). Here's how I reported the event in my book, *THE WILDCATS, A Story of Kentucky Football*:

"It was considered a moral victory when they scored on Vanderbilt. Vanderbilt had scored twice in the first half. Then Pribble went over for a touchdown after a long drive by State. Next, (Bob) Lavin scored on a pass from (Bruce) Fuller. However, the Commodores also scored again, to take a 21-14 halftime lead—and that was the final score."

In 11 previous meetings in a series that began in 1896, the Commodores had outscored the Wildcats, 267-0. The biggest margin was 50-0 in 1897. The Wildcats managed a scoreless tie in 1919. Their first victory over Vandy was a 21-13 win at Nashville in 1939, the 18th game in the series.

I assume Coach Rupp and your grandfather were very close in their years together at UK, as evidenced by the following excerpts from my book, *Kentucky Basketball's Big Blue Machine*:

"I remember Birkett Pribble and I drove up to Corinth to see Dave Lawrence. He was working on putting a ditch in the road under a railroad track. He was down in the mud digging around, and we talked to him and asked him to come to UK. There were some fences on the campus that needed painting, and that sounded better to him than fooling around with that dynamite, which gave him headaches, and digging in the mud."

"I remember the first aid we gave... We had a filling station at Euclid and Upper. Pribble was in charge. He was a part-time coach and a full-time insurance man. His job was to find places where these boys could work. We decided to go into the filling station business, providing employment for some of the boys, but that didn't work because there were times when Pribble would come by in the evening to close the station and there was very little cash in the drawer. We were pumping more gas than we were getting money for."

Lawrence lettered three years—1933, '34, '35—for the Wildcats, playing on teams that were 55-6. An All-Southeastern Conference forward in 1935, he scored a career total of 485 points, which was pretty good in those days of low-scoring games. Now retired, he is a former dean of men at the University of Louisville.

Contacted at his home in Louisville, Lawrence recalled that the engineer on the railroad job was a "UK" man who kept urging him to attend the university.

"We dug tunnels to draw water," he recalled, "and another guy and I had to crawl back into the tunnels. I would get a headache one day and have to go right back the next. That helped me make my decision."

"At UK, Ellis Johnson and a bunch of us (athletes) had summer jobs painting the aluminum fence around the football field. We were paid 50 cents an hour, which was better than the 30 cents I was getting working on the railroad."

"Pribble was a football man," Lawrence said, "but he was always around. He and Rupp were good friends."

In closing, Mr. Larkin, I would like to request information on the career of Holton Pribble, whom Lawrence also knew well. For years, I have been building a master card-index file containing all the information available from various sources on former Wildcats. The next move is to computerize the list, but that takes a lot of time.

Best Wishes

Russell Rice



# 'Cats crush Big Orange 76-71

## UK raced out to big lead behind defense, 13-point run, then withstood late Tennessee rally to snap losing streak

By TCP staff writer Jim Easterwood

LEXINGTON — The Big Orange of Tennessee had just been crushed by the most withering Kentucky defense of the 1988-89 season.

Leading by only four (32-28) at halftime, Kentucky pulled on its blue-collar shoes, rolled up its sleeves and went to work.

Or as Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton told them at intermission:

"It was time to quit playing not to lose — but playing to win."

Thirteen unanswered points answered the critics who predicted an *el foldo*. UK led, 45-28 with only 3:54 gone in the second half.

The Vols would battle back late in the game, even cutting the margin to three (71-68) with 28 seconds left. But tonight was not their night. The Vols, rolling downhill fast, had left themselves too big a hill to climb.

Ironically, with the score 42-28 Kentucky, Tennessee called time out. There was 17:23 left in the game. Time to unfurl the banner in the upper deck that read "Dr. Roselle, Support Eddie."

It didn't stay there long as the local gendarmes confiscated it. But Eddie's boys did go on to rally around the flag — er, banner — to taste the fruits of their 76-71 win.

The win snapped a six-game losing streak in upping their record to 12-16 overall and 7-9 in SEC play.

It should have been more of course. Tennessee is about the worst team in the SEC right now. A team out of sync. But, then, maybe it was the Kentucky defense.

Eddie Sutton feels this was the case. "The defense was outstanding," said Sutton. "We put pressure on the ball and took away Tennessee's inside game."

The 'Cats nixed Nix — leading Vol scorer Dyron Nix.

The 6-foot-7 forward, scoring at a 22-point per game clip, was held to just 12 points by hard-working sophomore Reggie Hanson.

Hanson had Nix's number in a 'Cat upset of the Vols in Knoxville and he dialed it again Wednesday night.

"Reggie took him right out of the game," said point guard Sean Sutton.

Chris Mills, who came within one assist of his second triple-double of the season, agreed with the Kentucky playmaker.

"The job Reggie did on Nix was the key to our winning the game," said Mills. "When you play Dyron you have to shut him out early. He tends to get frustrated and doesn't work hard for the ball as he does in the beginning of the game."

Mills scored 13 points, hauled down 13 rebounds and dished out a game-high nine assists. Derrick Miller blew a layup after a Mills feed or he would have had his second triple-double, and the second triple-double in UK history.

"I didn't know I was that close until after the game," said Mills. "It would have been good for me to get another and hopefully I will. But the main thing was getting that win."

Eddie Sutton, son Sean, and the other 'Cats had never lost six games in a row — ever.

And how did it feel to have the monkey, so to speak, on his back?

"It's a horrible experience," said Eddie Sutton. "I don't want to go through it again."

But can the Wildcats use the win to build on...possibly even taking the SEC tournament crown? That will be their lone opportunity to go to the NCAA playoffs.

Nix, for one, feels they can. "They're as good as anybody else," said Nix. "Especially if they come into the tournament with some wins strung together."

The key, said Nix, is all in the tempo.

"Kentucky has an edge on teams because they can dictate tempo better than most," said Nix. "If they can establish the tempo they can be tough...and even win it."

Strong words for a team that has shown a proclivity for being inconsistent...or is erratic a better word?

Take Wednesday night, for example.

Leading 45-28, the 'Cats were on the verge of breaking the game wide open. But the Khomeini killer instinct is lacking in this team.

Instead, they let the Vols climb back in with four turnovers, a blown layup, an ill-run fast break and four missed fouls by center LeRon Ellis.

Mark Griffin came off the bench to hit a three-pointer with 15:47 left in the game to cut the lead to 45-31. The Vols were on their way back. With a lot of help from the Wildcats.

But the Vols also kept shooting themselves in the foot. Self-destruction was their game plan. It worked. They lost, and may never win again this year.

Twice the Vols pulled within six points at

54-48 and 56-50. Each time Kentucky would answer. And when the 'Cats took a 64-50 lead on Sean's two foul shots, Kentucky looked to be safe at home.

But nothing is easy for Kentucky this year. They insist on giving the fans a scare for their money.

Greg Bell rang up a pair of three-point baskets and 6-foot-10 Doug Roth one as the Vols pulled within six at 65-59 with 1:40 to play.

But they could come no closer than three (71-68) down the stretch.

"There was no way they were going to get out of here with a win in the end," said Sean Sutton. "I didn't even think about us losing when it got tight. Not the way we played. We played so hard and so well I never thought it would happen to us again."

After Nix's three-point shot had cut the margin to 71-68, Hanson sank two of the biggest free throws of his life. Kentucky led, 73-68, with 21 seconds to play.

Mills' two free throws raised it to 75-68 and Deron Feldhaus, fast becoming one of coach Sutton's favorites for his all-out hustle, then intercepted a pass to finally put the Vols away.

Don DeVoe's team had tried to come back more than Jimmy and Tammy Faye...but they fell just an eyelash short.

It was a team win all the way. Ellis, the up-and-down pivot, led the team in scoring with 23 points while Derrick Miller had 16. Richie Farmer played a fine floor game with some

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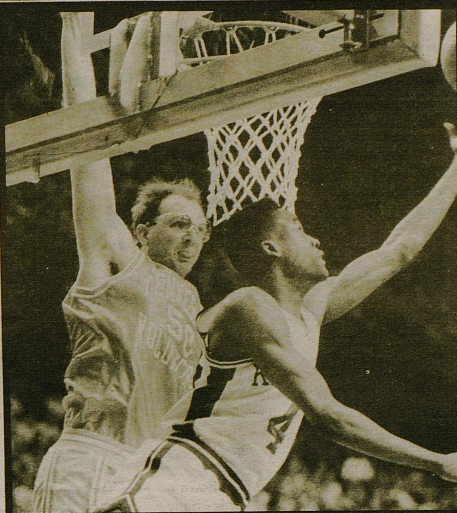
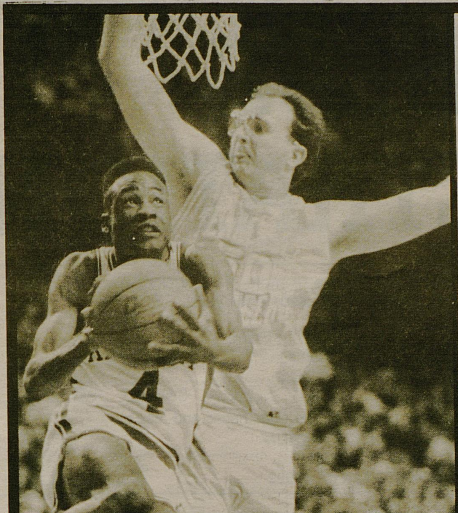
### UK-Tennessee play-by-play

Time	Kentucky	Score	Tennessee
19:39		0-2	Nix FT, FT
18:31	Miller 18 ft.	2-2	
17:15	Mills follow layup	4-2	
15:51	Ellis alley-oop layup	6-2	
15:31		6-4	Lockhart follow layup
14:36		6-6	Roth layup
14:16	Ellis layup	8-6	
13:58		8-8	Nix dunk
13:38	Miller 18 ft.	10-8	
13:16	Sutton tip	12-8	
12:41	Ellis 15 ft.	14-8	
12:24		14-10	Bell 9 ft.
12:03	Miller 20 ft.	17-10	
11:41		17-12	Swearengen 6 ft. follow
11:26	Sutton 20 ft.	20-12	
10:52	Ellis FT, FT	22-12	
10:41		22-14	Roth 6 ft.
9:09		22-16	Swearengen FT, FT
9:03	Mills 12 ft.	24-16	
8:37		24-18	Swearengen 10 ft.
8:21		24-20	Nix 10 ft.
7:12	Scott tip	26-20	
6:41		26-22	Swearengen FT, FT
5:18	Ellis 4 ft. jump hook	28-22	
4:25		28-24	Nix 19 ft.
3:27	Mills 10 ft. follow	30-24	
3:08		30-26	Lockhart layup
1:54		30-28	Swearengen 4 ft. follow
1:27	Mills 10 ft., FTA	32-28	
<b>HALF</b>			
<b>32-28</b>			
19:19	Miller 15 ft.	34-28	
18:47	Ellis 5 ft., FTA	36-28	
18:30	Hanson layup	38-28	
17:27	Mills reverse dunk	40-28	
17:11	Hanson FT, FT	42-28	
16:06	Miller 21 ft.	45-28	
15:46		45-31	Griffin 21 ft.
13:57		45-33	Henry 9 ft.
11:29		45-35	Lockhart FT, FT
10:49	Feldhaus tip	47-35	
10:38		47-37	Swearengen FT, FT
9:47		47-38	Taylor FTA, FT
9:38	Farmer FT, FT	49-38	
9:07	Ellis layup	51-38	
8:50		51-40	Swearengen FT, FT
8:35		51-42	Bell layup
8:11	Ellis FT, FTA	52-42	
7:25	Feldhaus FT, FT	54-42	
7:11		54-45	Bell 22 ft.
6:26		54-48	Roth 20 ft.
5:54	Miller layup	56-48	
5:38		56-50	Bell 8 ft.
4:43	Miller layup	58-50	
4:00	Ellis layup	60-50	
2:48	Ellis 5 ft.	62-50	
2:34	Sutton FT, FT	64-50	
2:28		64-53	Bell 20 ft.
1:57		64-56	Bell 22 ft.
1:49	Feldhaus FT, FTA	65-56	
1:40		65-59	Roth 21 ft.
1:33	Ellis FT, FT	67-59	
1:20		67-61	Griffin follow layup
1:14	Ellis reverse dunk	69-61	
1:02		69-62	Griffin FT, FTA
0:59	Mills FT, FTA	70-62	
0:43		70-63	Nix FT, FTA
0:40		70-65	Griffin follow layup
0:36	Feldhaus FT, FTA	71-65	
0:28		71-68	Nix 20 ft.
0:21	Hanson FT, FT	73-68	
0:16	Mills FT, FT	75-68	
0:10	Farmer FT, FTA	76-68	
0:01		76-71	Bell 23 ft.
<b>FINAL</b>			
<b>76-71</b>			

—Cats' Pause chart

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51	Lockhart, Ian	1	2	6	0	0	2	4	2	6	8	4	6	0	2	0	4	27
50	Roth, Doug	c	4	7	2	3	0	0	2	7	9	4	10	0	5	0	1	35
11	Swearengen, C	9	3	8	0	0	8	8	2	1	3	6	14	5	5	1	0	31
23	Bell, Greg	9	7	12	4	9	0	0	0	1	2	3	18	3	2	0	2	35
25	Henry, Travis	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	3	0	0	9	9
15	Taylor, Ron	0	2	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	5
34	Perse, Ronnie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
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35	Hanson, Reggie	1	1	2	0	0	4	4	1	2	3	6	2	6	0	5	32	
42	Mills, Chris	1	5	13	0	2	3	7	4	13	3	13	9	4	1	4	38	
25	Ellis, LeRon	c	9	14	0	0	5	12	2	3	5	23	1	0	0	0	35	
4	Miller, Derrick	9	7	17	2	7	0	0	5	5	2	16	0	3	2	3	31	
20	Sutton, Sean	9	2	4	1	2	2	2	1	3	4	4	7	2	1	1	29	
12	Feldhaus, Deron	1	2	0	0	4	6	5	2	7	1	6	2	0	0	1	17	
50	Scott, Mike	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	6	
32	Farmer, Richie	0	2	0	2	3	4	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	12	
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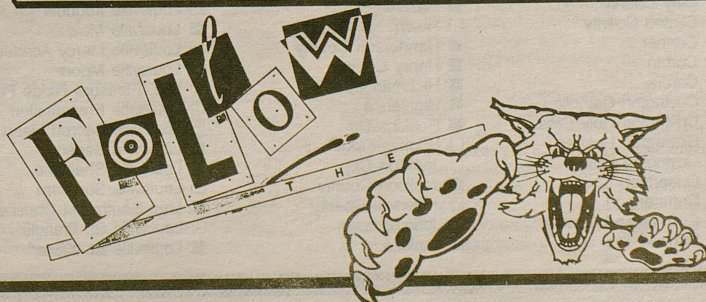
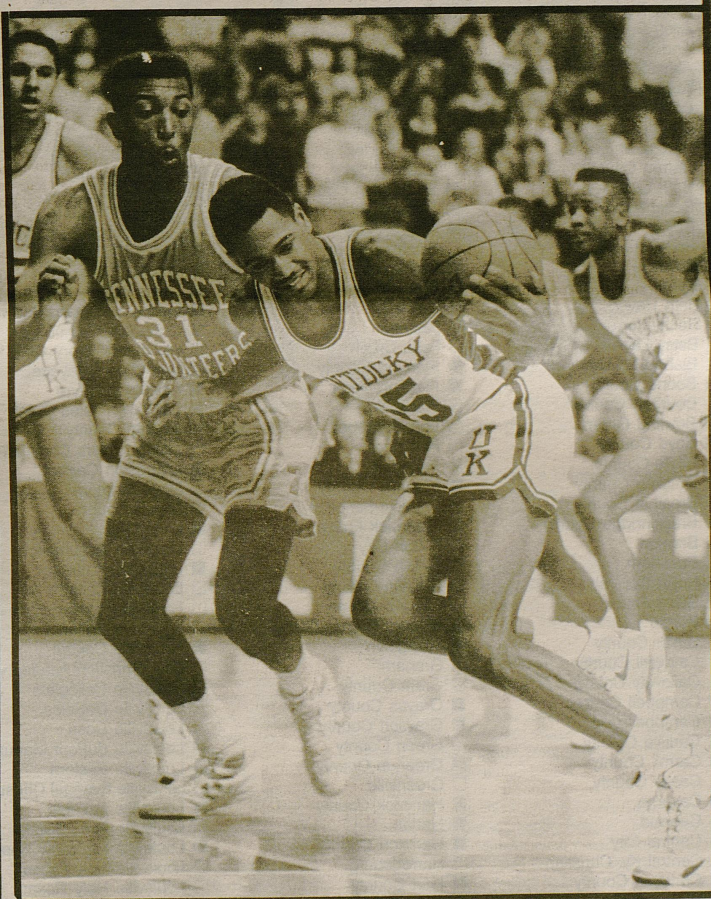
UK ENDS LOSING SPELL

□ Top left, clockwise: Even the curse of the Big Orange couldn't deny the Kentucky Wildcats their first victory in seven games, 76-71. Two snaps of the camera picture guard Derrick Miller slipping past 6-11 center Doug Roth's matador defense.

□ Sometimes the basketball doesn't do what it's supposed to do. Here, Reggie Hanson tries to get a grip on things as Dyron Nix looks for a possible steal. Nix, the All-SEC performer, was held to an uncharacteristic 12-point outing.

□ LeRon Ellis breaks open inside for two of his game-high 23 points.

Tennessee-UK photos by Gary Cromwell





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- Bullitt Central
- Bullitt East
- Burgin
- Butler County
- Caldwell County
- Calloway County
- Campbell County
- Campbellsville
- Carlisle County
- Carroll County
- Casey County
- Caverna
- Cawood
- Central City
- Central Ky. Christian
- Christian County
- Clay County
- Clinton County
- Conner
- Corbin
- Cordia
- Covington Catholic
- Covington Holy Cross
- Covington Holmes
- Covington Latin
- Crittenden County
- Cumberland
- Cumberland County
- Danville
- Daviess County
- Dawson Springs
- Dayton
- Deming
- Dilce Combs
- Dixie Heights
- Dorton
- Drakesboro
- East Carter
- East Hardin
- Edmonson County
- Elizabethtown
- Elkhorn City
- Elliott County
- Eminence
- Estill County
- Everts
- Fairview
- Feds Creek
- Fleming County
- Fleming-Neon
- Fordsville
- Fort Campbell
- Fort Knox
- Frankfort
- Franklin County
- Franklin-Simpson
- Frederick Fraize
- Fulton City
- Fulton County
- Gallatin County
- Garrard County
- George Rogers Clark
- Glasgow
- Graham
- Grant County
- Graves County
- Grayson County
- Green County
- Greenup County
- Greenville
- Hancock County
- Harlan
- Harrison County
- Harrodsburg
- Hart County
- Hazard
- Heath
- Henderson County
- Henry County
- Hickman County
- Highlands
- Hopkinsville
- Hughes-Kirk
- Jackson City
- Jackson County
- Jefferson County
- Jeffersontown
- Jenkins

- Jessamine County
- Johns Creek
- Johnson Central
- June Buchanan
- Kentucky Country Day
- Ky. School for the Blind
- Ky. School for the Deaf
- Knott County Central
- Knox Central
- LaRue County
- Laurel County
- Lawrence County
- Lee County
- Leslie County
- Letcher
- Lewis County
- Lexington Bryan Station
- Lexington Catholic
- Lexington Henry Clay
- Lexington Lafayette
- Lexington Sayre
- Lexington Tates Creek
- Lincoln County
- Living Waters Christian
- Livingston Central
- Lloyd Memorial
- Logan County
- Lone Oak
- Louisville Assumption
- Louisville Atherton
- Louisville Ballard
- Louisville Brown
- Louisville Butler
- Louisville Central
- Lou. Christian Academy
- Louisville Collegiate
- Louisville DeSales
- Louisville Doss
- Louisville duPont Manual
- Louisville Eastern
- Louisville Evangel Christian
- Louisville Fairdale
- Louisville Fern Creek
- Louisville Highview Baptist
- Louisville Holy Cross
- Louisville Holy Rosary
- Louisville Iroquois
- Louisville Male
- Louisville Mercy Academy
- Louisville Moore
- Lou. Pleasure Ridge Park
- Louisville Presentation
- Louisville Sacred Heart
- Louisville Seneca
- Louisville Shawnee
- Louisville Southern
- Lou. Southwest Christian
- Louisville St. Francis
- Louisville St. Xavier

- Louisville Trinity
- Louisville Valley
- Louisville Waggener
- Louisville Walden
- Louisville Western
- Ludlow
- Lynn Camp
- Lyon County
- M.C. Napier
- Madison
- Madison Central
- Madisonville-North Hopkins
- Magoffin County
- Marion County
- Marshall County
- Mason County
- Mayfield
- Maysville
- McCreary Central
- McDowell
- McLean County
- Meade County
- Menifee County
- Mercer County
- Metcalfe County
- Middlesboro
- Millard
- Millersburg Military Inst.
- Model Laboratory
- Monroe County
- Montgomery County
- Monticello
- Morgan County
- Mountain Christian Acad.
- Muhlenberg Central
- Mullins
- Murray
- Nelson County
- Newport
- Newport Central Catholic
- Nicholas County
- Ninth & O Baptist Academy
- North Bullitt
- North Hardin
- Notre Dame
- Ohio County
- Oldham County
- Oneida Baptist Institute
- Owen County
- Owensboro
- Owensboro Apollo
- Owensboro Catholic
- Owsley County
- Paducah Tilghman
- Paintsville
- Paris
- Pendleton County
- Phelps
- Pikeville

- Pineville
- Portland Christian
- Potter Christian
- Powell County
- Prestonsburg
- Providence
- Pulaski County
- Raceland
- Red Bird
- Reidland
- Riversdale Christian
- Rockcastle County
- Rowan County
- Russell
- Russell County
- Russellville
- Scott
- Scott County
- Shelby County
- Sheldon Clark
- Silver Grove
- Simon Kenton
- Somerset
- South Hopkins
- Spencer County
- St. Camillus
- St. Henry
- St. Mary
- St. Patrick
- St. Romuald
- Taylor County
- Todd County Central
- Tollesboro
- Trigg County
- Trimble County
- Union County
- University Heights
- Villa Madonna
- Virgie
- Walton Verona
- Warren Central
- Warren East
- Washington County
- Wayne County
- Webster County
- West Carter
- West Hardin
- West Hopkins
- Western Anderson
- Western Hills
- Wheelwright
- Whitesburg
- Whitesville Trinity
- White County
- Williamsburg
- Williamstown
- Wolfe County
- Woodford County



# Yep, you're right, it's Sweet 16 time again

## Odds favor Ballard-PRP first-round matchup

Can you believe that it's tournament time for Kentucky's high school basketball teams? Where has the time gone? So this week is district tournament time, and



Earl Cox  
Cats' Pause Columnist

with my luck, some of my picks will be sidelined by the time you read this.

This has been a rebound season for Kentucky high school basketball, with interest and crowds up in almost every section of the Commonwealth. Commissioner Tom Mills of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association reports that everything points to the most successful State Tournament ever. Lower-arena seats were sold out earlier than ever before—and the upper-arena seats are selling at a fast pace for the March 15-18 Sweet Sixteen at Rupp Arena. By the way, Rupp Arena is the only place you can now obtain tickets for the boys' tournament.

Why the pickup in interest?

Nearly everyone mentions the down season that the University of Kentucky is experiencing. But I prefer to think that it's because this is a wide-open tournament. You'll have a hard time finding someone who will bet you that even Ballard, with all of its talent, will become the first repeat state champion since Male did it in 1970 and 1971. Before that it was Seneca, with Westley Unsel, in 1962 and 1963.

Ballard isn't a sure thing in its own district and, if successful there, must get by a rugged Moore team that already has taken the defending champions into overtime at Ballard and then beaten the Bruins in another game.

Moore, led by football star Frank Maddox, has a bunch of bangers. Ballard, led by silky smooth Allan Houston, is much more of a finesse team. Because officials tend to call games much more closely during tournaments, I'll pick Ballard to win the Seventh Region.

Anybody can win the Sixth, and I do mean anybody. But I think it'll come down to Pleasure Ridge Park and Fairdale, and I'll go with PRP's experience and the heady play of veteran guard Andy Penick. His assists are things of beauty.

And then the fun will really begin for the survivors of the two Jefferson County regions because they will play each other in the opening round of the State Tournament, at 9 p.m. Wednesday. That luck of the draw has Jefferson County fans furious, but the rest of the state, frankly, thinks it's peachy keen. Of course, it gets a powerful Louisville team out of the way in the very first round for the rest of the state.

On Feb. 22 at Moore, the host team turned back PRP 98-94.

Let's look at the other regions:

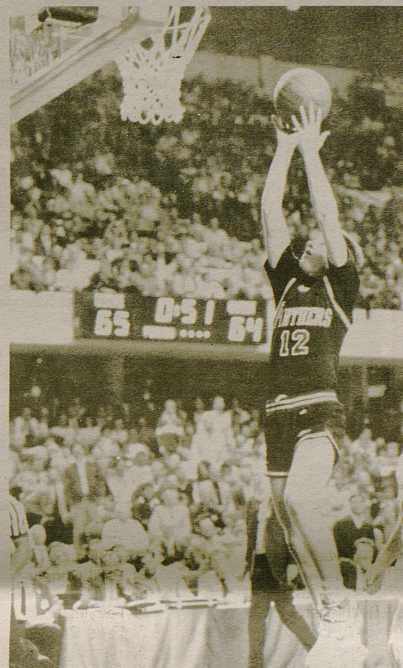
First—Graves County hired Bob Hoggard away from Oldham County to break Marshall County's hold on the region. This may be his year to do it, but I have to stick with Marshall.

Second—The only other team I've been able to get a coach to mention is Christian County, but Madisonville-North Hopkins is my choice. Travis Ford is due to have a good State Tournament.

Third—No really outstanding team, but third-ranked Breckinridge County will be the host team



Ballard knows what it takes to win state title. The Bruins proved that last season.



PRP and Andy Penick have a good chance, not only to get to the state but win it all.

for the region. Owensboro, as usual, has a chance, but just on sentiment I'm going with Central City's Golden Tide.

Fourth—Warren East looks the best of an even field.

Fifth—I'll take Bardstown over Adair County.

Sixth—As stated above, PRP over Fairdale.

Seventh—Ballard over Moore.

Eighth—Shelby County over Scott County and Oldham County.

Ninth—My vote goes to Covington Catholic.

Tenth—Clark County is the best by a point or two over the rest of the top six or seven teams, but the Cardinals have to shoot 55 or 60 per cent game after game to win. A shaky vote to Clark County (the official name of the school is George Rogers Clark).

Eleventh—When it doubt, go with the team that has a great player. Bryan Station does in Georgia signee Mike Allen.

Twelfth—Dave Fraley, coach of the 1986 champions, has Pulaski County cooking again.

Thirteenth—Clay County has some challengers, chiefly Knox Central and Corbin, but Bobby Keith has announced that this will be his final season in coaching. Go with Russ Farmer and the Tigers.

Fourteenth—Hazard isn't top rated, but I like Roy McKamey's coaching.

Fifteenth—Look for Virgie to emerge as king of the hills.

Sixteenth—Another outstanding coach, Russell's Marvin Meredith, is hanging it up after this season. For that reason, I'd like to see the Red Devils win, but I'll go with Rowan County.

Now, having stuck out my neck, I'll tell you that I'll be lucky if even half of my choices make it to Rupp Arena. That's what makes Kentucky's tournament so

much fun; everybody has a chance and some team that I haven't even mentioned could wind up taking the big trophy home on a big red fire engine on March 16.

**LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS** — Tom Fowler, Rt. 1, Box 284-C, Dunnville 42528, wants to know why I am writing with such an acid pen this season, and what I have against UK's Wildcats and coach Eddie Sutton.

Briefly, Tom, I don't have anything against the Cats. Never have. Never will. Enough said?

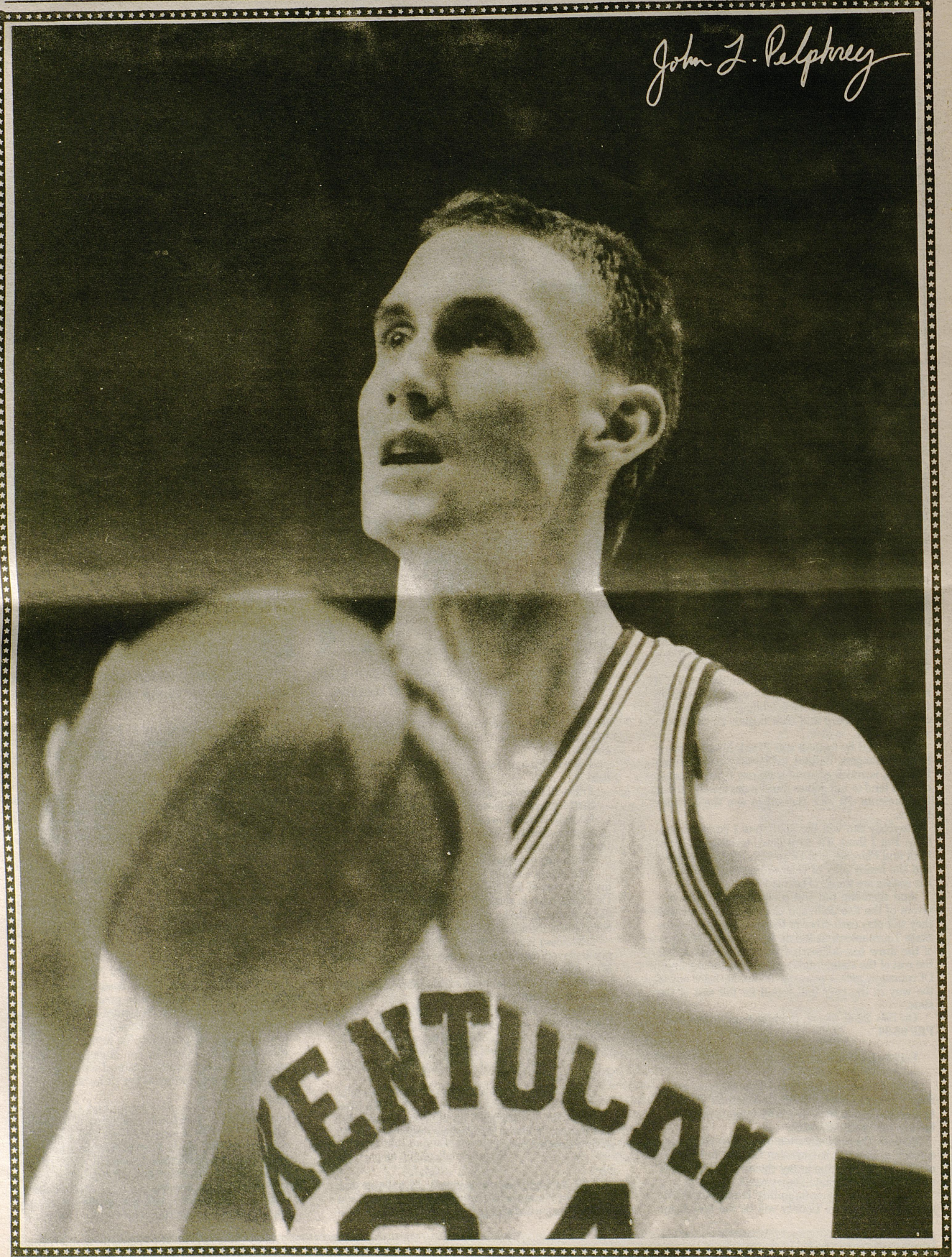
Ron, of Hazard, takes an opposite road. He thanks my Lexington colleague, Oscar Combs, and me for telling it like it is. Sorry, Ron, that I don't have room for an excellent letter.

And this from the Cats' 1939 All-American and captain, Bernie Opper, 16558 Bosque Drive, Encino, Ca. 91436: "Your column was great about bringing back the Fabulous Five, but what about other pre-1940 greats? Those people helped to star Kentucky's great basketball program. To name a few: Paul McBrayer, Ralph Carlisle, Lee Huber, Tub Thompson, Layton Rouse and the writer. I am sure all of us would love to get together at the University."

Thanks, Bernie. McBrayer and Carlisle are friends of mine. Both live in Lexington, of course, and wouldn't have far to come. Carlisle and Thelma, his wife, are getting ready to go to Kenya, where their son, Corky, is a missionary. I wish UK would be more cognizant of its tradition and great players. I think we'll see a change now that we have another oldtime Wildcat, C.M. Newton, taking over the athletic program on April 1 as director of athletics.



John J. Pelphrey



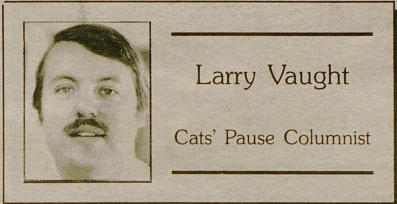


# If worse comes to worse, Miller still here to stay

James Dickey: We hope everyone is back

No matter what the NCAA does or doesn't do or who is coaching Kentucky next year, Derrick Miller will be back.

The junior guard, who often thought of transferring



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

last season when he wasn't playing, sees no reason to leave UK no matter what happens after the season ends.

"I'll only have one year left to play and it just doesn't make much sense to go to another school," said Miller. "I like it here. I like the people and I feel comfortable here. I'm staying."

If the NCAA hits UK with a severe penalty, Miller could transfer to another school and play next season. But even if the Cats are barred from post-season play or TV appearances, Miller will keep wearing the blue and white.

"That's a very positive thing for Derrick to say," said UK assistant coach James Dickey. "We all feel like Derrick does and hope everyone is back."

Even if Miller was going to be only a sophomore or junior he insists he wouldn't abandon the Wildcats. "Kentucky will always be Kentucky," said Miller. "People will always recognize you even if you can't play on television."

Miller admits this year has been a strain mentally on every UK player because of the ongoing NCAA investigation.

"Mentally we are just wore out," said Miller. "I get tired of hearing and reading stuff every day. I'd be lying if I said it didn't bother me because it does. All of us are human and it's hard just to let things go in one ear and out the other."

Miller refuses to speculate on what the NCAA might do or whether Coach Eddie Sutton and his staff will return.

"I refuse to think about coaching changes or probation," said Miller. "I hope nothing happens and Coach Sutton is back. I mean that."

Last year he wasn't as convinced about his future at UK. He had to sit and watch Ed Davender and Rex Chapman get most of the minutes at guard. He was unhappy and talked openly of leaving.

Some even thought the UK coaches were trying to encourage him to transfer to open a scholarship for another player.

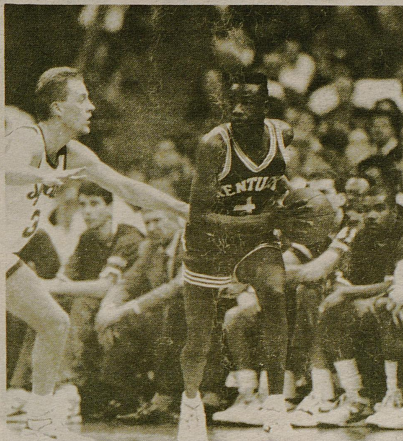
"Derrick had an unusual freshman year," said Dickey. "We asked so much of him and Rex in a high profile program. We gave those two more freedom shooting than normal because we needed their offense."

"His sophomore year he was behind two of the best guards in college basketball. I'm sure it got frustrating. But I don't think anyone could have run Derrick off from here. He has not always been happy here but this is where he feels he belongs." Last year, however, Miller wasn't so sure he would stay.

"At times I thought of leaving and even predicted I would," said the UK junior guard. "But you can't base a transfer on personality. You base it on a chance to play."

"Things were not all rosy here and even this year I had to earn my way into the starting lineup. But all any player can ask for is a chance to play and I got that this year."

He won't speculate on what others players might do next year. Depending on the outcome of the NCAA probe, several others could be eligible to transfer and play immediately if UK received a two- or three-year



Miller says 'Cats will be back

ban on post-season play.

"That's a type decision each player has to make," said Miller. "If you tried to influence someone they could always come back and point a finger at you if things didn't work out."

"I can't speak for the other players. I know I'll be here and I hope everybody else stays, too. I try not to even think about who may leave."

"I know leaving has never crossed my mind this year. I made a commitment to UK and I'm going to finish my career here."

Now, though, he's worried about finishing this season. He knows UK's only hope for redemption would be to win the SEC Tournament next week in Knoxville.

"We can still regroup but it will take total dedication," said Miller. "It's been a mental thing with us. We haven't been getting any breaks but you can't blame that for losing. We just have not been executing."

"We have some guys on our team who have a problem getting up for every game. Right now we have to take the attitude that we won't lay down. If we do, we are losers. We have to stay on a mission and try to win every game we possibly can."

Miller sometimes has been misunderstood because he will speak out. He wasn't afraid to admit he was unhappy last year and he will criticize a teammate he thinks isn't playing hard.

"I've always been open and honest," said Miller.

"I've got to be that way. If I'm not, people will know it because Kentucky fans are not fools."

"If we play poorly, I'll admit it. If we play well, I'll say it. I've always been honest and always will."

That's why no one should doubt his sincerity when he says he'll be back next year no matter what does happen when this season ends.

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**EVEN THOUGH** many feel he's fighting a losing battle, Kentucky Coach Eddie Sutton has no plans to resign.

"I am certainly not planning to leave," said Sutton last week when rumors of his resignation were spreading across the country. "I'm out there recruiting as hard as I can and coaching as hard as I can."

"I've said all along I want to be here to put the pieces back together next year when this NCAA investigation finally ends. I have not done anything



UK coach has seen a different side of hoops

wrong and I plan to be back. But it gets tough when you don't feel like you are wanted."

Sutton can't help but feel that way after the latest leak of information to The Courier-Journal by an unknown source. A story in the Louisville newspaper quoted part of UK's response to one NCAA allegation and implied that Sutton may have wanted some people to lie to NCAA investigators last summer.

"It concerns me that stories keep leaking to the press," said Sutton.

He thought the rumors and leads would stop when UK sent its 2,200-page response to the NCAA. Now he wishes the university would release the response so everyone could see it.

The whole affair upsets Sutton's attorney, Terry McBrayer. "All this is unfair to Eddie Sutton," said McBrayer. "Somebody has got to stand up and say he's not a bad guy. This isn't fair."

"Kentucky has a history of rallying behind an underdog. He's doing all he can for these kids and it's just not fair what is being done to him."

All the controversy has taken a toll on Sutton. No one knows that better than his son, UK sophomore guard Sean Sutton.

"Everything has bothered him a lot this year," said the younger Sutton. "He's coaching harder than he ever has because he doesn't like losing or what is going on off the court."

"It's been rough on him. He's never lost this many games or been involved in a NCAA investigation. He's seen a different side of college basketball this year and found out what a lot of other coaches have to go through."

"In the future he'll appreciate the good times more and feel lucky to have them. In the past things have always gone so well for him that he probably hasn't appreciated the good times. This year, though, has really been tough on him. He tries not to show it but inside he's hurting."

But Sean Sutton doesn't expect his father to walk away when the season ends. Unless UK does fire him, the sophomore thinks his father will be back.

"I know he wants to stay, fight and accept the job of putting everything back in place," said Sean Sutton. "He still intends to do his best this year and next year. He won't quit. He's not that kind of person."

However, I think Sutton is suffering and his willpower is about gone. Every day he takes another punch. The losses and the latest news leak may have zapped what little fight he had left in him.

The players see that and most of them feel the same way. No one is trying to lose but the will to win just is not there.



# KENTUCKY BASKETBALL STATISTICS

(29-game totals, through games of Feb. 26)

	Overall: 12-17	Home: 8-6		Away: 2-8		Neutral: 2-3		SEC: 7-9							
player	g-gs	fg-a	pct.	3fg-a	pct.	ft-a	pct.	tp-avg.	reb-avg.	pf-d	a	to	blk.	stl.	min.
LeRon Ellis.....	29-28	185-354	52.3	0-2	00.0	101-144	70.8	471-16.2	167-5.8	92-4	56	65	32	33	917
Derrick Miller.....	29-26	160-337	47.5	52-131	39.7	49-68	72.1	421-14.5	93-3.2	59-2	60	59	3	25	868
Chris Mills.....	29-29	157-333	47.1	16-52	30.8	77-110	70.0	407-14.0	239-8.2	97-7	83	97	24	45	1007
Reggie Hanson.....	29-29	114-222	51.4	0-0	00.0	57-76	75.0	285-9.8	130-4.5	98-4	44	63	25	47	932
Sean Sutton.....	28-28	61-132	46.2	14-34	41.2	24-43	55.8	160-5.7	51-1.8	70-2	131	67	1	34	902
Richie Farmer.....	24-0	21-73	28.8	13-46	28.3	22-26	84.6	77-3.2	18-8	17-0	10	11	0	4	220
Deron Feldhaus.....	29-0	35-76	46.1	2-5	50.0	16-25	64.0	88-3.0	81-2.8	36-0	23	34	4	12	400
Mike Scott.....	29-4	31-70	44.3	0-0	00.0	14-20	70.0	76-2.6	70-2.4	41-0	20	27	13	9	344
John Pelphrey.....	19-1	9-17	52.9	2-4	50.0	6-11	54.5	26-1.4	16-8	23-0	17	15	0	2	176
Chris Jones.....	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	00.0	3-5	60.0	2-6	2-6	1-0	0	0	0	1	6
Johnathan Davis.....	11-0	1-4	25.0	0-0	00.0	3-4	75.0	5-5	14-1.3	6-0	0	8	1	1	25
Jeff Ginnan.....	3-0	0-0	00.0	0-0	00.0	1-2	50.0	1-3	2-6	2-0	0	1	0	0	4
Anthony Mathis*.....	2-0	0-0	00.0	0-0	00.0	0-0	00.0	0-0	0-0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
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<b>KENTUCKY.....</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>774-1618</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>88-273</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>373-534</b>	<b>69.9</b>	<b>2020-69.7</b>	<b>949-32.7</b>	<b>542-19</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>5800</b>
<b>OPPONENTS.....</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>771-1671</b>	<b>46.1</b>	<b>151-438</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>409-580</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>2102-72.5</b>	<b>989-34.1</b>	<b>526-15</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>5800</b>

\*Walk-on Anthony Mathis is academically ineligible

## KENTUCKY SCHEDULE, RESULTS

Date	Record	UK	Opp.	Opponent	Margin	Top Scorer	Top Rebounder	Att. (Site)
Nov. 19	0-1	55	80	Duke	-25	LeRon Ellis, 17	Chris Mills, 11	8,908 (N)
Nov. 25	1-1	56	54	Iona	+2	LeRon Ellis, 22	Mike Scott, 7	3,765 (N)
Nov. 26	1-2	60	63	Seton Hall	-3	Chris Mills, 21	Reggie Hanson, 6	3,250 (N)
Nov. 28	2-2	89	71	California	+18	Derrick Miller, 36	LeRon Ellis, 8	3,652 (N)
Dec. 3	2-3	65	81	Notre Dame	-16	LeRon Ellis, 22	Reggie Hanson, 7	45,214 (N)
Dec. 7	2-4	82	85	NORTHWESTERN (LA.) ST.	-3	LeRon Ellis, 37	Reggie Hanson, 8	18,932 (H)
Dec. 10	3-4	78	60	WESTERN CAROLINA	+18	LeRon Ellis, 19	Mike Scott, 5	18,253 (H)
Dec. 16	3-5	54	56	BOWLING GREEN	-2	Reggie Hanson, 14	Chris Mills, 15	20,875 (H)
Dec. 17	4-5	91	78	MARSHALL	+13	LeRon Ellis, 33	Chris Mills, 20	18,945 (H)
Dec. 20	4-6	52	75	INDIANA	-23	Chris Mills, 22	Chris Mills, 11	23,212 (H)
Dec. 27	5-6	85	77	AUSTIN PEAY	+8	LeRon Ellis, 23	Chris Mills, 10	18,178 (*H)
Dec. 31	5-7	75	97	Louisville	-22	Derrick Miller, 34	Chris Mills, 10	19,502 (A)
Jan. 4	6-7	76	65	GEORGIA	+11	Reggie Hanson, 20	Chris Mills, 12	21,209 (H)
Jan. 7	7-7	70	61	VANDERBILT	+9	Derrick Miller, 27	LeRon Ellis, 10	23,338 (H)
Jan. 12	8-7	69	56	Florida	+13	Derrick Miller, 30	Derrick Miller, 8	11,751 (A)
Jan. 14	8-8	62	64	LSU	-2	LeRon Ellis, 20	Chris Mills, 11	24,288 (H)
Jan. 18	8-9	64	76	Alabama	-12	Derrick Miller, 19	Chris Mills, 7	15,043 (A)
Jan. 21	9-9	66	65	Tennessee	+1	Derrick Miller, 23	Chris Mills, 7	24,464 (A)
Jan. 25	10-9	86	76	Auburn	+10	Derrick Miller, 16	Chris Mills, 11	23,506 (H)
Jan. 28	10-10	65	70	Mississippi	-5	Derrick Miller, 21	LeRon Ellis, 10	7,375 (A)
Feb. 1	11-10	73	61	MISSISSIPPI STATE	+12	LeRon Ellis, 21	LeRon Ellis, 9	22,017 (H)
Feb. 5	11-11	72	84	Georgia	-12	Chris Mills, 19	Chris Mills, 8	9,812 (A)
Feb. 8	11-12	51	81	Vanderbilt	-30	Sean Sutton, 14	Chris Mills, 8	15,646 (A)
Feb. 11	11-13	53	59	Florida	-6	Chris Mills, 17	Chris Mills, 11	23,547 (H)
Feb. 15	11-14	80	99	LSU	-19	Derrick Miller, 26	LeRon Ellis, 13	13,050 (A)
Feb. 18	11-15	67	71	Alabama	-4	Derrick Miller, 18	Reggie Hanson, 10	23,232 (H)
Feb. 20	11-16	75	77	Auburn	-2	LeRon Ellis, 23	Derrick Miller, 7	6,136 (A)
Feb. 22	12-16	76	71	Tennessee	+5	LeRon Ellis, 23	Chris Mills, 13	22,148 (H)
Feb. 26	12-17	73	89	Syracuse	-16	Derrick Miller, 21	Chris Mills, 8	30,695 (A)

\*Dec. 27 game vs. Austin Peay was played in Louisville's Freedom Hall but is counted as a home game    <sup>1</sup>New Rupp Arena attendance record    <sup>✓</sup>SEC record

## REMAINING GAMES

Mar. 1	MISSISSIPPI (H)
Mar. 4	Mississippi State (A)
Mar. 9-12	SEC tournament (Knoxville)



# Rumors—they come in bunches around here

Fire Eddie before the SEC tourney?

**THE LOSING STREAK** is over and Eddie Sutton is still Kentucky's basketball coach. So what else is new?

The rumor mill ran amok last week when the



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Cats' Pause Columnist

Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch reported that Sutton was on his way out and that Lee Rose had been tagged as his replacement.

However, the Dispatch's anonymous source has now been refuted from every angle.

"Sutton is going to be told he's gone in 10 days to two weeks. The new coach is picked and it's Rose. He's (C.M.) Newton's choice for the job," the Dispatch quoted a source as saying.

Newton refused to even discuss the matter, saying he didn't begin work as UK's new athletics director until April 1.

Joe Burch, the school's interim athletics director called it all speculation and rumor.

Rose, now an assistant coach for the NBA's New Jersey Nets, said he hadn't talked to anyone at UK about the job.

Sutton said he is still the coach and will be doing his best until he is told differently.

Kentucky has steadfastly stood by its statement that no personnel changes will take place before the NCAA investigation has run its course, which may not be until May.

**NEWTON HAS SAID** that he wants a clean slate when he starts; that he doesn't want to come in and be forced to fire a bunch of people right off the bat. If such firing needs to be done, he wants it finished before he gets back to Lexington.

I had a hard time believing the Dispatch's story even before everyone denied everything.

First, it was the timing. It said, "10 days to two weeks," which would be just before the Southeastern Conference tournament. Come on, no school fires its coach right before taking part in the year-ending league tourney.

Secondly, it was the statement that Rose would be the new coach. While he has had considerable success in the past and has ties to Lexington, Rose does not have the squeaky clean reputation that UK needs its new coach to have.

Rose was born in Irvine, Ky., before moving to Lexington — where his mother still lives — as a youngster. He said he was one of four or five people interviewed for the UK job in 1985 when Sutton was hired.

Rose has also coached at Transylvania University in Lexington — just like Newton — and at Purdue, which he took to the Final Four in 1980. But he had some problems — disciplinary and otherwise — at South Florida.

**SEVERAL OTHER NAMES** have been mentioned as possible replacements if Sutton is fired including Mike Krzyzewski of Duke, Jeff Mullins of UNCC, Birmingham Southern's Joe Dean Jr. and Rick Pitino of the New York Knicks. I would have to think that Rose would be behind several of those names on UK's preferred list.

Also last week, The Courier-Journal quoted a section of Kentucky's response to the NCAA as saying that Sutton may have been involved in a coverup of some information. The newspaper said Sutton wanted Lexington Lafayette basketball coach Donnie Harville "to give false and mislead-



Lee Rose

ing information to the NCAA" about how Eric Manuel and Sean Sutton were transported to Lafayette in June 1987 to take their ACT tests.

Sutton's attorney, Terry McBrayer, said he thought someone at UK leaked the information to promote the firing of Sutton. UK has denied the leak came from within.

As far as the leak goes, how can it do anything but discredit Sutton to some degree? The only person who could have benefitted from the leak in some way was Harville, who has access to at least a part of the response. This information seems to absolve him of any wrongdoing in the situation.

Although Harville was never actually accused of doing something wrong, the guilt by association was there.

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### OTHER STUFF

—Former UK superstar Sam Bowie, now playing for the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers, is finding some success on his comeback trail.

He scored 19 points, grabbed 8 rebounds and blocked 2 shots in 23 minutes during the Blazers' loss at Chicago last Monday. Then on Wednesday, Bowie added another 19 points in a losing effort to Detroit.

Sam also had his first career three-pointer against the Bulls.

—Three former UK basketball players have been nominated for the Maxwell House Coffee/SEC Spirit Award for SEC alumni. Each school will have one winner.

The finalists for Kentucky are Scotty Baesler, Ed Beck and Sam Bowie. Baesler is now mayor of Lexington, Bowie is on the comeback trail with the Portland Trail Blazers after a series of leg injuries and Beck is a Methodist minister living in Colorado.

The award goes to the alumnus who "persevered through adversity and demonstrated the intangible quality of spirit regardless of the challenge they faced." Bowie got my vote.

—**ONE MAN'S ALL-AMERICAN** team: Sean Elliott of Arizona, Danny Ferry of Duke, J.R. Reid



C.M. Newton

of North Carolina, Stacey King of Oklahoma and Todd Lichti of Stanford. On the second team: Per-vis Ellison of Louisville, Sherman Douglas of Syracuse, Chris Jackson of LSU, Mookie Blaylock of Oklahoma and Roy Marble of Iowa.

—Adolph Rupp's most famous assistant coach is about to be honored again with the dedication of the \$5.3 million Harry C. Lancaster Aquatic Center on the UK campus March 7.

Lancaster also served as Kentucky's athletics director and baseball coach for 17 years. The center named in his honor has been called one of the finest in the Southeast.

—Kentucky will get a new — and easier — set of common opponents when the new SEC football schedules go into effect in 1996. Starting then, UK will play Auburn, Mississippi State, Vanderbilt, Florida and Tennessee every season. The Cats will also play two of the following four teams on a rotation basis each season: Alabama, LSU, Georgia and Ole Miss.

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### IT-COULD-BE-WORSE DEPARTMENT

—Although the state of affairs around the Kentucky basketball program looks dismal at best, it seems wonderful compared to the Oklahoma football program which has just been slapped with probation plus had numerous run-ins with the law.

A letter to the editor of one of the Oklahoma newspapers said it best: "I finally admit the University of Oklahoma has outdone Oklahoma State University this year by a 3-0-1 score," it read. "The Cowboys tied the Sooners in cheating (Oklahoma State also was put on NCAA probation) but got beat in alleged rapes, shootings and drug deals."

—Sure, Kentucky's six-game losing streak seemed to last forever before finally ending with a win over Tennessee. However, there are some that would cherish winning every six games.

The Brooklyn College women's basketball team ended the longest losing streak in NCAA history last week at 58 games. Brooklyn had not won since Feb. 15, 1987.



# UK avoids KO, loses 89

## Gutty Wildcats take fight to sixth-ranked Syracuse, but late march by General Sherman does them in

By TCP associate editor Mike Estep

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Nobody expected it to be much of a contest, much like the alleged Mike Tyson-Frank Bruno heavyweight title bout that had ended some 12 hours before.

Yeah, maybe Kentucky could run from Syracuse, try to use all of the Carrier Dome ring, pester their powerful opponents with a few jabs...but sooner or later (sooner being the more popular choice), most observers thought the Orangemen would catch the Wildcats flush in the chin with that big right-hand uppercut that would send the 'Cats sprawling—somewhere, say, shortly before or after halftime.

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim had heard the slow-the-tempo talk that UK's Eddie Sutton was passing out, and the Orangemen coach dismissed as just so much preflight hype.

"Well, he might think it will be a halfcourt game," Boeheim said the day before the game. "They all say that. St. John's said it and we scored 92 points. Villanova said it and we scored 90 points. I mean, so what? Saying it and doing it are two different things."

Kentucky said it...and meant it. The Wildcats, solid 1½-point underdogs, stood toe-to-toe and took it to the Orangemen in the first half and, to nearly everyone's surprise but their own, held a 42-39 advantage at intermission. The 'Cats were still ahead on points nearly six minutes into the second half and were in great shape to spring the upset late in the final period.

Down by eight, 74-66, with 5:49 left to be played, UK's LeRon Ellis hit a pair of free throws and then fed Reggie Hanson, who was pulled to only four points for the game, for a 16-footer that pulled the 'Cats back within four with 4:35 still to be played.

That's when the wear and tear of playing four games in eight days caught up with the challengers. The Wildcats lost their legs, ran out of gas and finally succumbed to the sixth-ranked Orangemen, who shook off the ring rust of an eight-day layoff to explode for a 15-3 run in the final 4:35 to post a 89-73 win in a game that was much closer than the final score indicates.

"We kinda ran out of gas," Derrick Miller, who played the entire 40 minutes and led Kentucky in scoring with 21 points, said. "We pretty much had them playing the way that we wanted them to play. And at the end they just kinda turned it up. But they beat us fair and square, we made a lot of mistakes. We played hard and at the end we got fatigued."

"We had 'em playing like we wanted 'em to play until about four minutes left to go in the game. Then all of the sudden they started going wild. You can't get into a running game with 'em."

At least if you want to survive, you can't.

Syracuse three-point specialist Matt Roe started the beginning of the end with a 21-footer over the Wildcat 2-3 zone to give the Orange a 77-70 lead—and the first three of 11 unanswered points—then turned it over to point guard Sherman Douglas.

Douglas, who is on schedule to become the NCAA's all-time assist leader and the all-time leading scoring in Syracuse history, promptly showed why they call him (team) captain General Sherman, figuring prominently in Syracuse's next 10 points.

The Orangemen went into a spread offense and the 6-foot senior scooted past Sean Sutton for a layup. Then he slithered out of a Sutton-Chris Mills double-switch at halfcourt and flicked an alley-oo pass to Derrick Coleman, who rammed it in one-handed. After he got clean on the break for a stiff of his own, Douglas, 18 feet away from the basket with his momentum carrying him out of bounds, tossed a perfect alley-oo to forward Stevie Thompson who stuffed it through with both hands. Following a putback by UK's Mills, Douglas ended the run by once again teaming up with Thompson, this time for an alley-oo layup.

When Sherman's March was over, Syracuse had erupted for 10 points in 1:53 and led 87-72 with only 53 ticks on the clock.

"It's really hard to stop Syracuse if they have the running game going," Mills said, "and Sherman Douglas controls it."

It's hard enough to stop when you're full strength. It's nearly impossible when you're leg-weary.

"I think playing four games in eight days caught up with us in the last six minutes," coach Sutton said. "I thought our kids played awfully hard and competed hard against a very fine basketball team. We just made some mistakes. And I think good ballclubs will make you turn the ball over sometimes."

### SEC Standings\*

Team	Conference		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Florida.....	12-4	.750	18-10	.643
LSU.....	11-5	.688	20-8	.714
Vanderbilt.....	11-5	.688	17-11	.607
Alabama.....	10-6	.625	18-7	.720
Tennessee.....	9-7	.563	16-9	.640
Ole Miss.....	7-9	.438	13-12	.520
Kentucky.....	7-9	.438	12-17	.429
Mississippi State.....	6-10	.375	12-13	.480
Georgia.....	5-11	.313	13-14	.481
Auburn.....	2-14	.125	9-16	.360

\*thru games of Feb. 26

Before the game, Sutton tinkered with the idea of dropping one of UK's big men back on defense in an effort to help Miller and Sean Sutton defend against the lob pass. After seeing the parade of Douglas alley-oops in the closing minutes, Sutton said he wishes he would have employed that strategy.

Miller was in agreement.

"There were a couple of times when I was back, but I can't...you know you're talking about Coleman. And there's no way I'm gonna jump up there and stop Coleman," Miller said. "Before the game Coach was talking about dropping three people (back on defense) but he never did it."

Second-guessing and last-minute run notwithstanding, coach Sutton said he had much to be pleased about. And with good reason. Kentucky slugged it out with one of America's premier basketball teams and, with sheer guts, determinations and smarts, looked like contenders instead of pretenders.

"People will pick up the newspaper tomorrow on the West Coast and if you didn't see the ballgame you'd think it was a blowout," coach Sutton said. "But anyone that did see it...I think we did compete hard, displayed that at times we can play with a very good basketball team just as we have done all season long. I think the fatigue factor is something that hurt us, but Syracuse is an outstanding ballclub. They've got a chance to get to the Final Four. They're one of the elite teams as I've said before."

After saying all that, neither coach Sutton, nor his players, would accept the idea that coming so close was a moral victory.

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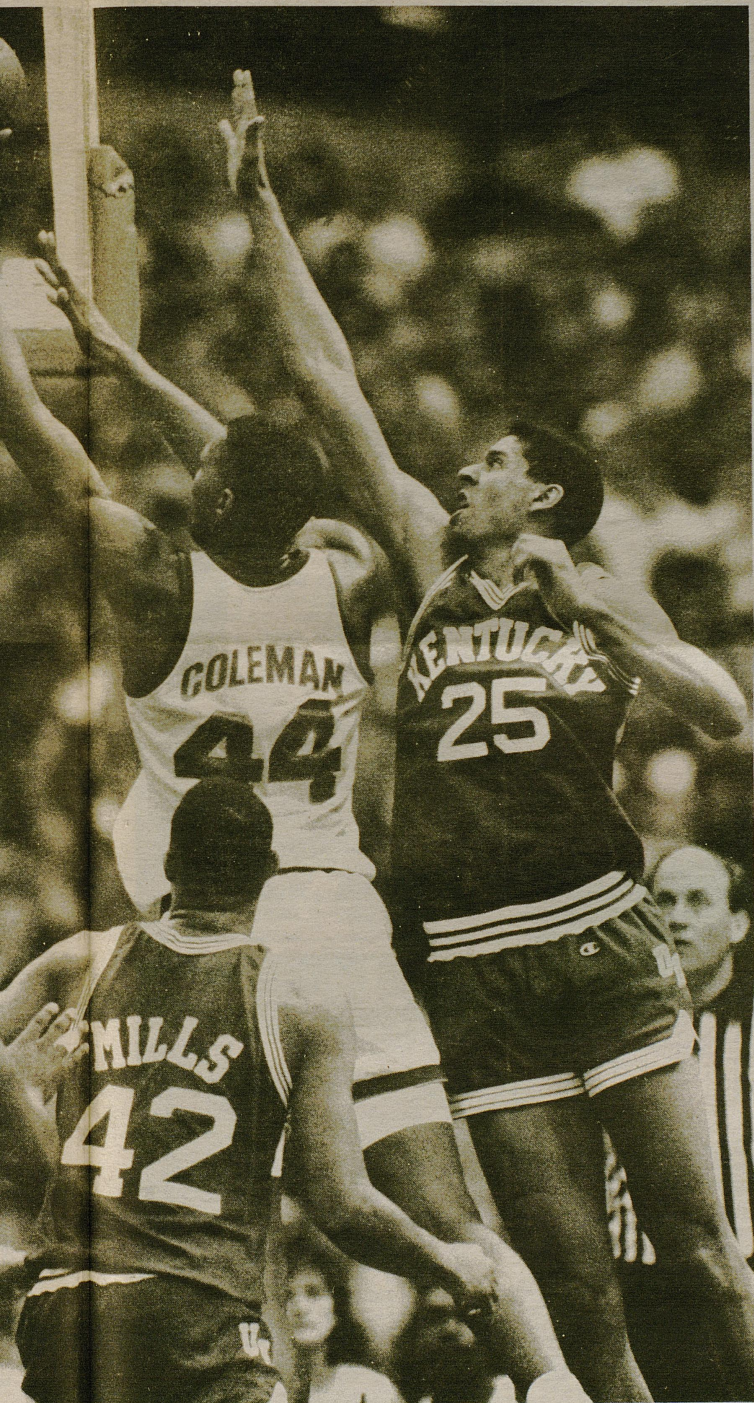
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22	MILLS, CHRIS	5	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	34		
33	HANSON, REGGIE	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	24		
24	ELLIS, LERON	6	4	1	0	0	4	5	1	2	1	0	1	1	37		
20	SUTTON, SEAN	9	5	1	0	0	2	2	0	2	4	1/2	0	2	34		
11	MILLER, DERRICK	21	7	1	3	2	3	6	2	4	1	2/1	0	0	40		
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22	THOMPSON, STEVE	1	13	1	1	1	2	5	7	15	5/4	0	2	26			
30	CHIVERS, STEVE	7	7	0	1	2	2	5	7	15	1/1	0	1	36			
24	DOUGLAS, SHERMAN	6	11	0	3	0	8	11	2	1	2	1/1	0	0	27		
3	ROE, MATT	9	11	3	4	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	1	1	20		
23	JONASSEN, DAVID	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7		
33	HARRIS, JEFFERSON	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5		
34	SPURKINS, RICHARD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5		
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Syracuse junior forward-center Derrick Coleman's LeRon Ellis for this putback as two of the and seven boards, and UK's Chris Mills, who



# 89-73 decision to Orange



er Derrick Coleman, who had 15 points and a game-high 10 rebounds, eludes Ken-  
back as two of the nation's premier freshmen, SU's Billy Owens, who had 15 points  
Chris Mills, who had 15 points and nine boards, look on.

photo by Mike Okoniewski

"You ask me if it was a moral victory," coach Sutton said. "I don't know if there's such a thing as a moral victory but I was proud of our team. I thought they did compete hard."

"Losing is...no one likes losing," Ellis said. "You can't feel too good about hanging with 'em because we still ended up losing, coming out losers. But we gave it our best shot."

Syracuse answered the opening bell with a flurry, jumping out 4-0, and it appeared the rout that nearly everyone expected was under way. Thompson, who hit 13 of 16 field goals and was voted MVP of the game by the Syracuse media, got both buckets—a two-hand stuff after Coleman intercepted a Miller pass and a layup following a UK miss.

The 'Cats came back via the long-range bomb. Sean Sutton, who had nine-first half points and finished with 13, put Kentucky on the board with a 20-footer from the left wing to make it 4-3. And after an alley-oop layup from Douglas to Coleman, Miller fired in a 21-footer from the right baseline to even things at 6-6.

The Wildcats took their first lead with a 6-0 spurt that broke a 10-10 tie. Miller got a 14-foot follow shot, picked up a steal on the ensuing Syracuse possession and fed Sutton for a layup that made it 14-10. After Herman Harried bricked a post-up jumper, Sean Sutton got another layup, when Mike Scott spotted him from the high post for a backdoor layup to make it 16-10.

The Orangemen rallied for what would be their last lead of the first half when Douglas deflected an errant Hanson pass that resulted in a two-hand dunk by reserve David Johnson to give Syracuse a 19-17 lead with 12:00 left.

But Miller drilled a 21-footer after a nice fan-out pass from Ellis and then knocked down two freebies following a Hanson steal to start the Wildcats on a 16-4 run that would give the visitors their biggest lead of the night at 33-23 at the 7:49 mark.

From the UK corner coach Sutton instructed his troops to go into their "Red 10" defense—their version of the 2-3 zone—after Miller's free throws, and the move kept Syracuse off balance for the remainder of the half.

"We didn't expect to see that much zone from 'em and we really didn't attack it all in the first half," Boehem said.

Still, after falling behind by double digits, the Orangemen picked themselves off the canvas, took the mandatory standing-eight count and kept mixing it up. With the crowd behind them for the first time of the afternoon the Orange trimmed the lead to four with 1:46 left in the half when Thompson took another alley-oop pass from Douglas and slammed it down.

The biggest Syracuse bucket of the half, however, came when junior sharp-shooter Matt Roe—who was just two for six from three-point range in the first half, three for nine for the game—barely beat the buzzer with a 21-footer to slice UK's six-point lead in half at 42-39.

"I think it kinda evened out all of the first half," Roe, a 50.4-percent shooter from trifecta range who hit just three of nine for the game, said. "We weren't pleased at all with the way we played in the first half and we were only down by three. As non-sharp as we were in the first half, it's not bad to concede a three-point lead at that point. Six and three are two totally different things I think, point-wise. And it just gave me a little more

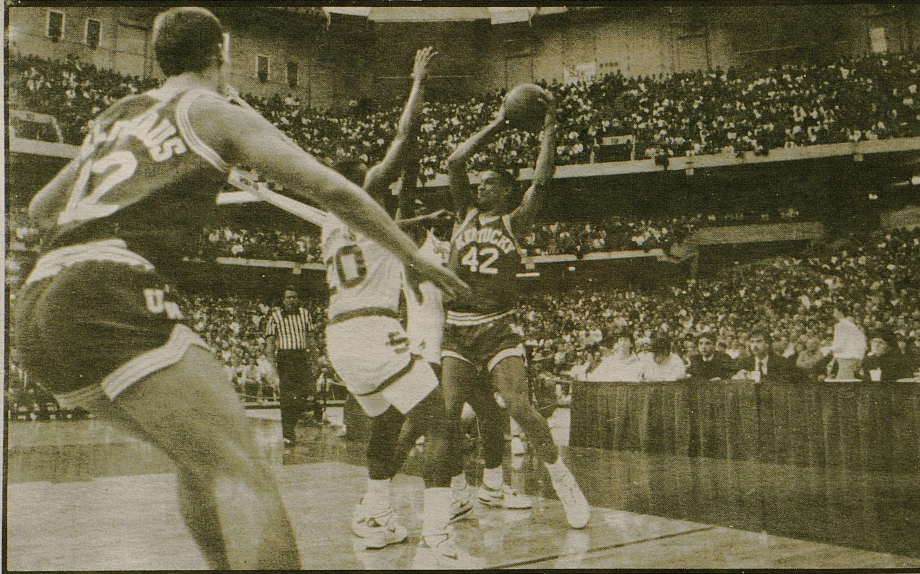
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## UK-Syracuse play-by-play

Time	Kentucky	Score	Syracuse
19:48		0-2	Thompson dunk
18:50		0-4	Thompson layup
18:19	Sutton 20 ft.	3-4	
18:05		3-6	Owens alley-oop layup
17:48	Miller 20 ft.	6-6	
17:32		6-8	Owens alley-oop layup
17:15		6-10	Owens 16 ft.
16:58	Mills FT, FT	8-10	
16:27	Feldhaus follow layup	10-10	
16:00	Miller 14 ft. follow	12-10	
15:41	Sutton layup	14-10	
15:03	Sutton layup	16-10	
14:46		16-13	Johnson 14 ft., FT
14:13		16-15	Coleman 16 ft.
13:53	Mills FT, FTA	17-15	
13:09		17-17	Thompson layup
12:00		17-19	Johnson dunk
11:27	Miller 21 ft.	20-19	
11:15	Miller FT, FT	22-19	
10:57		22-21	Johnson 14 ft.
10:40	Feldhaus 16 ft.	24-21	
10:05	Hanson tip	26-21	
9:32		26-23	Thompson follow
9:16	Ellis layup, FT	29-23	
8:37	Ellis layup	31-23	
7:49	Sutton FT, FT	33-23	
6:35		33-25	Douglas layup
5:28		33-27	Coleman follow, FTA
5:07	Mills layup	35-27	
4:47		35-30	Roe 20 ft.
4:23	Ellis layup	37-30	
3:32		37-32	Douglas dunk
2:49	Mills FT, FT	39-32	
2:27		39-34	Coleman FT, FT
2:04	Miller FTA, FT	40-34	
1:46		40-36	Thompson alley-oop
0:29	Feldhaus dunk	42-36	
0:01		42-39	Roe 21 ft.
<b>HALF</b>		<b>42-39</b>	
19:20		42-41	Roe 10 ft.
18:50	Miller 20 ft.	45-41	
18:12		45-43	Roe layup
17:36		45-45	Douglas layup
16:40	Mills layup	47-45	
16:27		47-47	Coleman tip
16:08		47-48	Owens FT, FTA
15:47	Feldhaus dunk	49-48	
15:17	Mills layup	51-48	
14:58		51-50	Coleman own follow
14:42	Miller 22 ft.	54-50	
14:12		54-53	Thompson layup, FT
13:38		54-55	Owens 16 ft.
13:06		54-57	Coleman own tip
12:35	Miller layup	56-57	
11:57		56-59	Douglas 12 ft.
11:35	Mills 6 ft.	58-59	
11:11		58-61	Thompson dunk
10:43		58-63	Thompson layup
10:14	Miller 18 ft.	60-63	
9:48		60-65	Thompson layup
9:26	Sutton layup	62-65	
9:15		62-67	Owens alley-oop dunk
8:42	Ellis 7 ft.	64-67	
8:21		64-69	Thompson dunk
8:01	Sutton 16 ft.	66-69	
7:18		66-71	Owens tip
6:57		66-72	Coleman FTA, FT
6:38	Miller FTA, FTA	66-74	
5:49		66-74	Thompson layup
5:26	Ellis FT, FT	68-74	
4:35	Hanson 16 ft.	70-74	
4:16		70-77	Roe 21 ft.
2:46		70-79	Douglas layup
2:15		70-81	Coleman alley-oop
1:37		70-83	Douglas dunk
1:15		70-85	Thompson alley-oop
0:58	Mills follow layup	72-85	
0:53		72-87	Thompson alley-oop
0:36	Ellis FTA, FT	73-87	
0:15		73-89	Owens 13 ft.
<b>FINAL</b>		<b>73-89</b>	

—Cats' Pause chart





ORANGEMEN TRAP 'CATS

□Top left, clockwise: Chris Mills searches for help during the 'Cats' 89-73 loss to No. 6 Syracuse. The victory gave the Orangemen their first victory ever over a UK team.

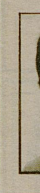
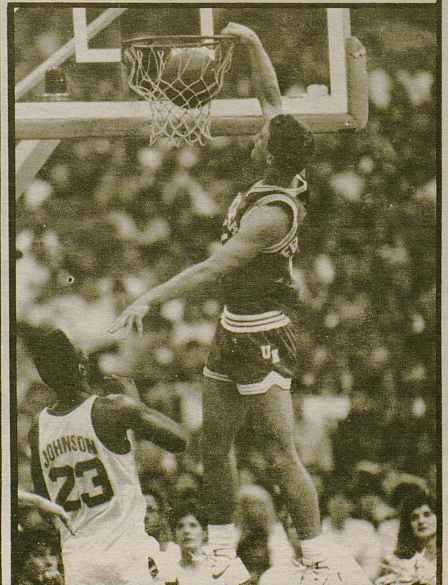
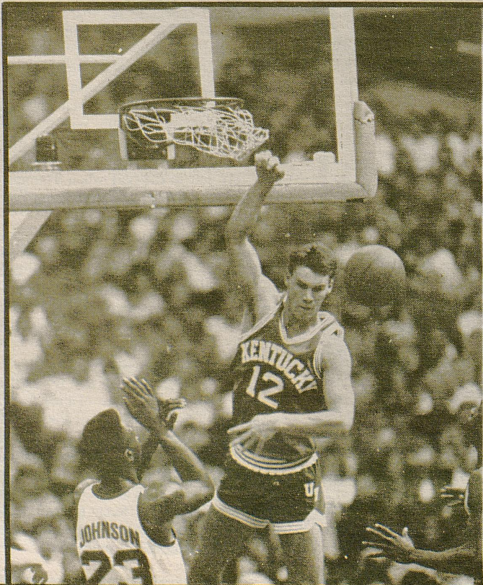
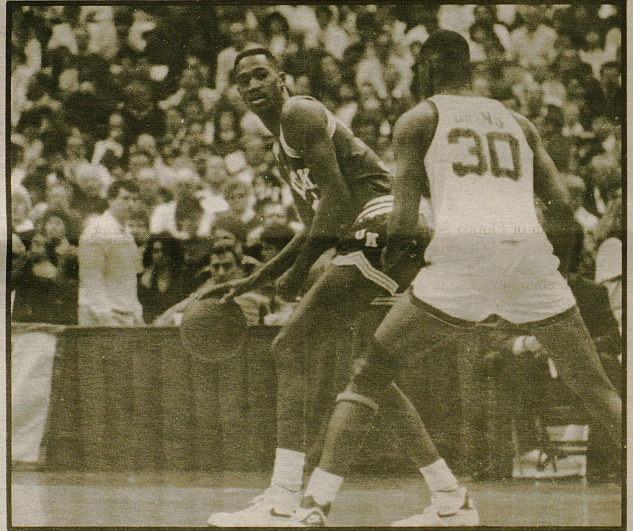
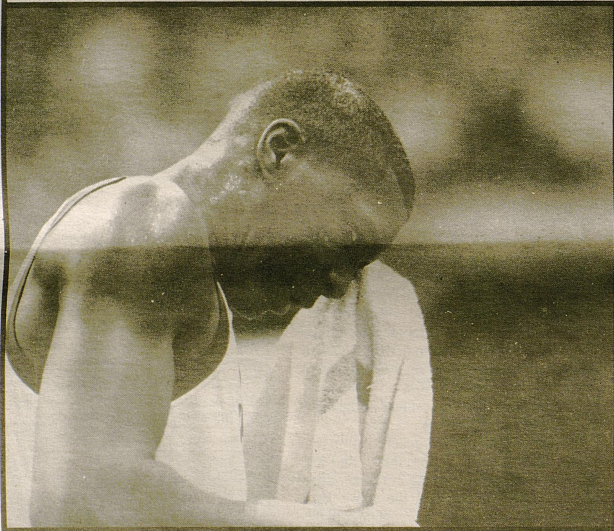
□The defense of SU freshman Billy Owens keeps a tight lock on UK's Reggie Hanson. For the game the Wildcat forward was kept in check, scoring just four points.

□The next two pictures catch Deron Feldhaus in "dunking" form. He came off the bench to spark the 'Cats in the first half as UK bolted out to a 10-point lead.

□"They went that a way, guys," Eddie Sutton instructs his club.

□Syracuse forward Derrick Coleman turned in a typical "Coleman" performance—15 points, 10 boards and 3 blocks.

UK-Syracuse photos by Michael Okoniewski




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# College football players going to the NFL early?

Tide's Curry says it's coming...and soon

For years college football has been known for making sure college athletes complete their allotted eligibility period before becoming available for the National Football League draft.



**Todd Hallum**  
Cats' Pause Columnist

Unlike in college basketball, most college football players usually complete their four to five years of eligibility, then enter the professional ranks if drafted. However, those days may be numbered if Oklahoma State Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders foregoes his senior year and announces his decision to enter the April NFL draft.

"I don't think you're going to continue to see people staying in college football all four years, or five years," Alabama coach Bill Curry said recently in an interview. "It's inevitable, and the first player that takes it to court is going to win. Attorneys tell me that's pretty much accepted, and the commissioner (Pete Rozelle) has said that publicly, or something to that effect."

Keep in mind Curry was considering running backs Sammy Smith of Florida State, and Tim Worley and Keith Henderson of Georgia—all fourth-year college juniors who have said they will give up their final year of college eligibility in favor of the NFL. They are allowed to do so because the class they came in with has graduated. However, unlike the previous three players, Sanders has never redshirted, meaning he is ineligible for the April 23-24 draft under NFL rules because neither he nor his original class will have graduated.

"It doesn't matter if you're a first-year player or a second-year player or whatever, the law of the land says you can go earn a living if you want to," said Curry, who played for the Baltimore Colts in the NFL and served some time as the president of the NFL Players' Association. "And the first person who takes it to court, he may be 14 years old, then some judge is going to say: 'Yeah, you can go play.'"

Now the question that remains is will college football become like college basketball and witness some of the better players leaving school early for attractive offers of big-time contracts. Curry feels with the amount of money involved, some college football players may forego eligibility and move toward the immediate money.

"It's going to be just like basketball, I think," the second-year 'Bama coach said. "I think you'll see the impact of the big dollars that are being distributed now come on down into the college football ranks, similar to what has happened in basketball."

"I don't think there's any way to avoid it. I believe in the next 10 years you're going to see a complete change in the structure of the football world."

Not only is Curry worrying about having players leave early to the pro ranks, but he is very concerned with how young athletes will cope mentally to a completely different environment than the college scene. The 'Bama coach feels some players might not be emotionally ready for the change.

"We need to prepare to try to deal with a very complex matrix that involves the maturity level of an 18-year-old emotionally compared to his physical capacity," Curry said. "He may be physically ready to play in the NFL, but he may be eaten alive by what he's going to find there or what finds him when he gets there."

Although it's still uncertain what the future will reveal involving college football players not completing their eligibility, Curry is hoping steps are being taken by col-



Alabama head football coach Bill Curry says you better get used to the idea of college football players going the hardship route and making themselves available for the NFL draft before their eligibility is exhausted, because it will soon be commonplace.

leges to help the players make the transition easier.

"I'm not saying (leaving early) is good or bad," Curry said. "I'm saying that's the law of the land and the way it's going to be. So we need to prepare to deal with that."

Despite the fact that countless college athletes have entered the professional ranks before completing eligibility in basketball, Curry believes most young people in their late teens and early 20s are not prepared to tackle the fast-paced life of professional sports.

"I don't have the answer, but for me to say a guy is not mature enough yet is going to sound self-serving. I have an 18-year-old son who is not a good enough athlete for a pro contract, but if he were, it would terrify me at the very thought of him going out into that world. We've got to find a way to deal with that."

Along those lines, Curry said that one or two of his players on last year's Tide club were physically ready for the rigors of the NFL. But he is concerned about the temptations those players will face becoming pro athletes.

"But emotionally being capable of responding to the pressures and temptations that go along with being a professional athlete, it just horrifies me to think about it," he said.

Rightly or wrongly, the Barry Sanders situation imposes a very serious question to the future of college football. Already we have seen some good and bad of young college basketball players who have left early. Some players have been successful, others have not.

What we have seen, however, is the avenue of million-dollar insurance policies with Lloyds of London that are being taken out on the health of college athletes. Nowadays it's not uncommon to see a star college athlete invest in such a policy for protection of income loss in case of a serious injury.

Though the insurance policies eliminate some of the

risk factor involved of possible income loss, Sanders' case could provide some telling ramifications. Take into consideration that when Herschel Walker gave up his senior year at Georgia he went to the USFL's New Jersey Generals, not the NFL. After all, the issue at hand is a person's right to earn a living.

If Sanders does decide to enter his name this season for the upcoming NFL draft, then college football coaches like Curry and others should be prepared. So, if the college football coaches want some advice with how to deal with it, then all they have to do is have a meeting with the same school's basketball coach. Otherwise, it's left up to Barry Sanders to decide.

**UK NOTEBOOK:** Former UK running back **Marc Logan** has recently switched teams in the NFL. Logan has signed a free-agent contract with the Miami Dolphins, thus leaving his former club, the Cincinnati Bengals. Logan was the Bengals' fifth-round draft selection in 1987, and put in a brief appearance in the '89 Super Bowl. With the recent continuous rainfall that hit the Lexington area, UK coach **Jerry Claiborne** has been a victim of the bad weather. Because of extensive rainfall, water flooded Claiborne's house, thus causing him to receive some help from fellow workers and friends in cleaning up his damage. Although the flooded basement was a temporary setback, Claiborne hopes everything will be back to normal at home sometime soon...Making trips back to see some old friends at UK recently were former Wildcat defensive players **Maurice Douglas** and **John Shannon**. Both were members of the Chicago Bear club that made it to the NFC championship game before being eliminated by the eventual Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers. Douglas, by the way, is a part-time stripper in the Chicago area, and he claims he makes almost as much money taking his clothes off for a living as he does playing defensive back.





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Last week	20-4 (.833)	20-5 (.800)	17-8 (.680)	19-6 (.760)	18-7 (.720)	14-11 (.560)
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# The SEC tourney is more fun than. . .well, it's fun

It's the most colorful sports time of the year

There's nothing you can do with your clothes on that's more fun than attending the Southeastern Conference basketball tournament.

Football games are exciting, but they're one-day af-



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fairs. If the game is away from home and you travel and stay over you can get a two-day high.

But the SEC basketball get-together runs four days and from Wednesday, when the fans start checking in until Sunday afternoon, when the champion is crowned, it's the most colorful sports time of the year.

At no other event will you find supporters of all 10 SEC teams gathered together. The Big Blue of Kentucky sits next to the Crimson Tide of Alabama or the Big Orange of Tennessee.

They get along—unless they're playing each other.

Those whose schools are not in the actual game being played, choose which of the teams on the floor they wish to support and from the Auburn section may come a roar for Florida or from the Georgia partisans a lusty "Go to hell, Ole Miss."

The hotels and restaurants are a rainbow of color.

Blue, red, purple, orange and gold are everywhere in the form of hats, shirts and jackets. Lobbies are a madhouse. Coffee shops are long lines with a hostess at the far end making apologies for the delay.

Tickets are an exaggerated problem.

**THE CONFERENCE SPLITS** the available tickets in to 10 units, one for each school. Each is assigned a section or sections so that Kentucky fans sit together, LSU fans sit together and so on.

Every year the sections are revolved. One year your school's tickets are behind the basket. The next year you improve to the corner and opposite the free throw lane. The following year you get the sections in the middle, on the 50-yard line so to speak.

The tickets are sold only in books covering all five sessions. The books are priced at \$80 and no individual game or session tickets are available.

That's the way it looks on the surface. In actuality, there are plenty of tickets available and at cut rates.

Most people come primarily to watch their team. As long as their school remains in the tournament the basketball fan will come to all games.

But when his favorite loses, chances are the ticket holder will head for home, doing one of two things. He'll either take the unused tickets with him or he'll sell them dirt cheap under the theory that a little bit is better than nothing at all.

I remember a few years ago in Birmingham when Kentucky was a favorite. Everywhere you looked you saw nothing but blue. The hotel lobby was jammed with Wildcat fans and the coffee shop was Lexington South.

Then the 'Cats were beaten in the first round and that night Kentucky supporters were giving away their ticket books just to get rid of them.

**NEXT MORNING** the hotel looked as if the Pied Piper had gone through and the Big Blue had followed him.

There were only a few people in the lobby. You did not have to stand in line to get breakfast or lunch. Rooms were plentiful.

It will be that way again this year. Thursday, the first night, two teams will be knocked out. If you come down without a ticket you'll have no trouble finding what you need at far less than the original \$80 price.

We have never seen an SEC championship game

played before a full house. There are always thousands of empty seats, seats which were paid for but which remain empty because people left for home and took their tickets with them.

**IT'S A PROBLEM** the SEC has never been able to solve.

This year's tournament will be held in one of our favorite towns, Knoxville. There's so much to see and do and nearby Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge offer some of the best shopping in the country with their combination of craft shops and factory outlet malls.

If you've never been to an SEC basketball tournament, start with this one. It will truly be a week you'll never forget.

**NOT FOR BROADCAST:**

□ **Barry Goheen** has broken Vanderbilt's record for career games. By the time the season ends Goheen will have appeared in at least 124 games. The former record was 118 held by **Brett Burrow** (1983-86). Goheen has never missed a game in college. He played in 28 as a freshman, 34 as a sophomore, 31 as a junior and will log at least 31 this season...

□ There's no question about the importance of various aspects of basketball, rebounding, defense and so on. But when you get right down to the nitty-gritty, basketball is a shooter's game. That's why the success of LSU's **Ricky Blanton** and **Chris Jackson** is so easy to explain. Through their first 12 conference games Blanton was shooting .560 from the field and .739 from the free throw line. Jackson was .513 and .927. I remember many years ago when I was broadcasting Iowa games in the Big Ten. We had a star player of Italian heritage and one night the Hawkeys lost to an inferior team. The Italian kid played awful. After the game I saw the boy's daddy and asked him what he thought had happened. The old man shrugged. "Da ball no go into the bask," he said. That's about as good an explanation as I've ever heard. Some nights da ball no go into the bask and when it doesn't, you lose. When it does you win as Blanton and Jackson have proven...

□ The understatement of the year! From a Kentucky press release: "UK has won only one game in February this year which is uncharacteristic of the 'Cats.'" Since prior to this season Kentucky has lost a total of only 13 February games since 1980, we believe "uncharacteristic" may be a bit mild to describe the Wildcats' 1989 woes...

□ Can anyone explain the margins of victory or defeat this year? Two good SEC teams play and the game isn't

decided by one or two points. Instead, we're seeing 20- and 30-point blowouts as in Vanderbilt 81, Kentucky 51 or LSU 105, Ole Miss 75, or followed by Mississippi State 96, LSU 79. I can understand upsets. What I can't understand are our top teams winning by 20 one night and losing by 20 the next...

□ This season will break Auburn's string of five straight NCAA tournament appearances unless the Tigers win the conference tournament which seems highly unlikely...

□ Another case of stretching to make a point. Headline on a press release from Alabama concerning its women's basketball team: "Like the mailman, Heard delivers game in and game out." Heard is **Laura Heard** and the release was praise for her consistent play, but really, like a postman?...

□ Alabama is setting all-time home attendance records this season. The Tide will enjoy six sellouts, the most in history...

□ Quote of the week. Mississippi State coach **Richard Williams**: "Our team has had some very good games and then some games where we didn't play very well." Hard to argue with that...

□ Speaking of State, the Bulldogs two wins this year over LSU and their two in 1988 gave them four straight victories against the Tigers, the most since the Bulldogs claimed five straight over the Tigers in the 1974-76 period...

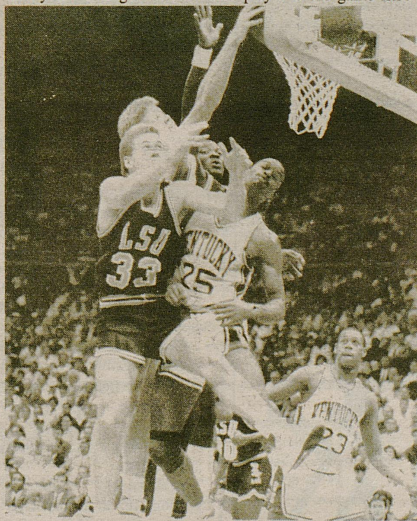
□ Tennessee's new indoor football practice facility represents an investment of \$11 million. It will be named for Chattanooga alumnus **Robert E. White**, who gave the Vols' athletics department \$1 million to help out...

□ Alabama coach **Wimp Sanderson**, whose team played five home SEC games in the first half of the season, described the second half in golf terms, saying the Tide "has made the turn after the front nine. Now we really have our work cut out..."

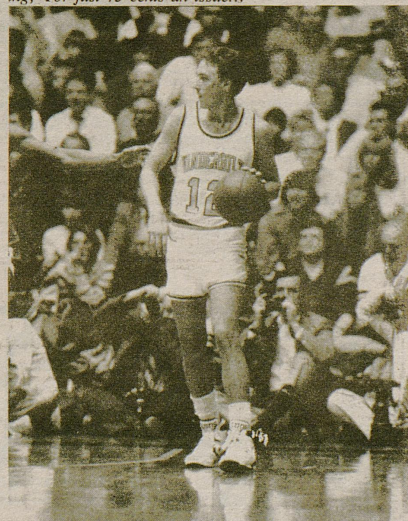
□ The Ole Miss baseball press guide shows the Rebels' new baseball field is, without a doubt, one of the finest college baseball facilities in the country. The Rebs have gone from having the league's worst park to having what many will consider the league's best. It is really Class, spelled with a capital "C"...

□ **THE LAST WORD:** *The Sporting News* reports on **Speedy Morris**, basketball coach at LaSalle:

"When I first got this job the phone rang and my wife told me it was *Sports Illustrated*. I cut myself shaving and fell down the steps in my rush to get to the phone. And when I got there a voice on the other end was saying, 'For just 75 cents an issue...'"



Ricky Blanton gets da ball in da hole

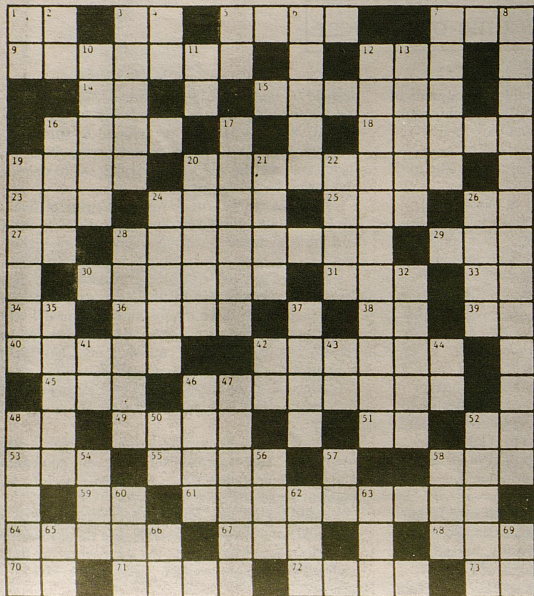


Goheen always there when you need him



T C P CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Dan Krueckeberg



RUPP, C.M. AND OTHER TOP SEC COACHES

- ACROSS**
- Second to Adolph in SEC wins
  - Jim Hatfield coached \_\_\_\_\_ Mississippi St. from '79-'81
  - SEC's only 2-time National Coach of the Year
  - Bob Polk was Vandy's \_\_\_\_\_ coach before the era of 27 Across
  - Namesakes of 37 Down
  - Before \_\_\_\_\_
  - Indefinite article
  - 'Bama's '60s coach Riley
  - Gilded
  - Edible fruit
  - Only 2-time Final Four coach of the SEC in the '80s
  - Coached Ole Miss from '77-'82
  - Constitution
  - Female horse
  - Of age
  - Initials of '58-'65 LSU coach McCreary
  - Initials of winningest Vandy coach, boy
  - Winningest coach of the Vols
  - Snake
  - Ball sport
  - Excavated
  - Initials of winningest LSU coach Harry
  - Not PM
  - Wordsmith
  - Rupp took Cats \_\_\_\_\_ Final Four 6 times
  - Continent abbr.
  - John coached Vols and Gators
  - Has over 100 wins as coach of two SEC schools
  - British drink
  - Coached Georgia from '66-'73
  - Initials of early Gators coaches Cowell or Clemmons
  - Rip
  - Initials of the '61-'66 Gators coach
  - Initials of '63-'68 Ole Miss coach Crawford
  - Unit of electrical resistance
  - Coach Bill posted 130 wins at Auburn
  - To the \_\_\_\_\_ degree
  - \_\_\_\_\_ posted 95-85 mark at Florida
  - 2nd to 1 Across in wins at 'Bama
  - Took over after coach Lettice
  - SEC schools for coach Jim Whitley
  - Joe \_\_\_\_\_ Gold followed 71 Across for the Bulldogs
  - Initials of Auburn's only 150-win coach, besides 57 Down
  - Winningest MSU coach McCarthy
  - Auburn coaches in SEC action
  - Initials of '40s MSU coach Hitt
- DOWN**
- Initials of '69-'76 Ole Miss coach Cobb
  - Big 8 state abbr.
  - Litric Orphan
  - Abbr. for SEC state where John Sines coached
  - \_\_\_\_\_ coached Vandy before C.M.N.
  - Work in the garden
  - While Sutton is Cats third coach in SEC play, Durhan is Georgia's \_\_\_\_\_
  - Followed Fruit as LSU coach
  - \_\_\_\_\_ record was 297-100
  - Abbr. for three feet
  - Most recent SEC coach to earn National Coach of the Year honors
  - Respond to stimulus
  - Talk back
  - Winningest '70s Miss. St. coach Davis
  - Winningest Georgia coach
  - '77-'79 Commodores coach Dobbs
  - Namesakes of an '80s Ole Miss coach, Hunt
  - Far
  - Estate house
  - '74-'80 Gators coach Lotz
  - Coach Brown hopes for a \_\_\_\_\_ of his team's '86 Final Four appearance
  - Hired killers
  - Some can \_\_\_\_\_ Rupp's record
  - \_\_\_\_\_ record was 68-25 at Alabama
  - Abbr. for school of the Purple Aces
  - Initials of Gators winningest coach
  - Initials of baseball's McGee
  - Abbr. for "no deposit"
  - Namesake of first MSU coach in SEC play, Dauber
  - Elaborately decorated
  - \_\_\_\_\_ wins are tops among all '80s coaches at Miss. St.
  - Initials of '50s Vols coach Lowery
  - Mount \_\_\_\_\_ location is in Sicily
  - Cable channel
  - Compass abbr.
  - Initials of Auburn's winningest coach
  - Head movement
  - Preceded Smith at Auburn, Davis
  - First name of 64 Across
  - One-year Miss. St. coach Greene
  - \_\_\_\_\_ took over for J.B.H.
  - 62nd and 1st of the five
  - 69 NE state abbr.

Last Week's Answers

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UK bids farewell to seniors; ends regular season at MSU

Compiled by The Cats' Pause staff

If Kentucky entertains any thoughts of bypassing Thursday night's session of the SEC tournament, a sweep of Ole Miss and Mississippi State is in order, in all likelihood, for UK to avoid an extra game.

The Cats host the Rebels and their talented forward, Gerald Glass. On Saturday UK travels to Starkville to play Richard Williams' Bulldogs.

**Mississippi (13-12, 7-9 in the SEC):** For Wildcat seniors Mike Scott and Jeff Ginnan it will mark the last time the two will play before a Rupp Arena crowd. Traditional senior ceremonies—running through a personalized paper hoop, the singing of *My Old Kentucky Home*—will begin prior to the 7:30 p.m. tipoff.

This will be the first opportunity for the Lexington fans to catch a glimpse of All-SEC forward Gerald "World Class" Glass. Currently, he's averaging 27.1 points per game, second in the league behind LSU freshman Chris Jackson. Glass also is pulling down a team-high 8.3 rebounds per game.

The first time these two teams met Ole Miss prevailed by a score of 70-65. In that game Glass scored 24 points to ignite his club.

Rebounding played a big part in the Rebels' ability to keep UK out of sync. Ole Miss controlled 40 rebounds compared to the visitors' 32. Sophomore center Sean Murphy was responsible for grabbing 11 of those rebounds.

Sophomore Tim Jumper has played extremely well of late. Hampered by a knee injury, Jumper has come on to give Ed Murphy's club a powerful one-two punch. In last week's loss at Mississippi State, 74-69, Glass and Jumper combined for 47 points.

Both Ole Miss and Kentucky have 7-9 marks in the SEC. The two are tied for sixth place while Mississippi State is only a game behind.

**Mississippi State (12-13, 6-10 in the SEC):** The Bulldogs will try to take a bite out of the Cats as the two teams conclude their regular season at Humphrey Coliseum. Tipoff is scheduled for 8:30 p.m.

Going into its game at Vanderbilt Wednesday night, State had three players averaging 10 points or more. Sophomore Cameron Burns, an outstanding leaper, was averaging 15.5 points per game, followed by Greg Lockhart, 13.2, and freshman Tony Watts 10.4.

MSU will be looking for revenge since UK defeated the Bulldogs 73-61 at Rupp Arena last month.

UK OPPONENTS' PROBABLE STARTERS MISSISSIPPI

**GUARDS:** John Matthews (5-10, freshman, 8 points in last outing against UK)  
 Tim Jumper (6-3, sophomore, 17 points against UK)

**FORWARD:** Gerald Glass (6-6, junior, 24 points against UK)  
 Greg Turner (6-5, sophomore, 0 points against UK)

**CENTER:** Sean Murphy (6-11, sophomore, 7 points against UK)

MISSISSIPPI STATE

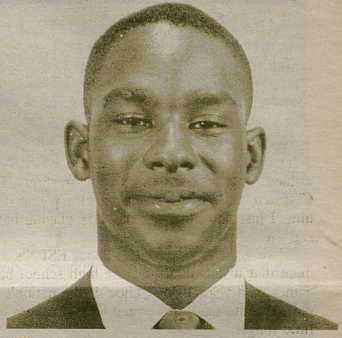
**GUARDS:** Greg Lockhart (6-2, senior—six points in last outing against UK)  
 Tony Watts (6-1, freshman, 17 points against UK)

**FORWARD:** Cameron Burns (6-6, sophomore, 16 against UK)  
 Greg Carter (6-5, sophomore, 2 points against UK)

**CENTER:** Carl Nichols (6-8 sophomore, 3 points against UK)



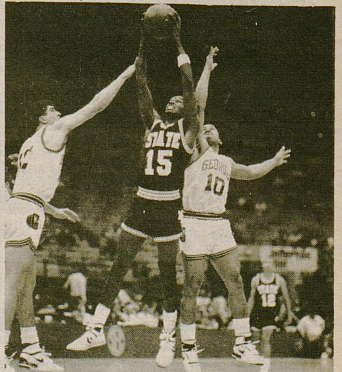
Ed Murphy



Tim Jumper



Richard Williams




Greg Lockhart



# Talkin' Big Ten: Timid centers, Keady and Sir Bobby

Prep hoops on TV? That's going too far

□What is it with **Purdue** and underachieving centers? Into a legacy which includes **Russell Cross** and **Joe Barry Carroll** now comes **Melvin McCants**. Granted, the Boilermakers aren't the best at getting him the ball



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inside, but after a midseason inspection of McCants at work, I'm not certain it would make much difference. A year ago he was a key operative on an outstanding Boilermaker team, but this year he's not taken the next step up and has, in fact, probably slipped a notch or two. Strange...

□Even though he's staring at a losing season, **Gene Keady** hasn't lost his approach or his sense of humor. Asked to assess the team's problems, he said: "I really don't think our guys believe we can win." Then someone wanted a comment on the play of freshman **Loren Clyburn**. Said Keady: "He's a nice young man. I like him. I just don't like the way he's playing basketball right now!"

□I've got mixed emotions about **ESPN's** announcement that it intends to televise high school basketball games next year. I don't know if the nation's young people are quite ready for prime time. Let 'em be kids for a little longer.

And if we are getting high school basketball, can recruiting information shows be far behind?...

□How about this case study:

Oklahoma's **Billy Tubbs** grabbed the microphone during a recent game and said: "No matter how bad the officials are, please don't throw things on the floor."

He received a technical foul and a reprimand from the Big Eight as punishment.

Indiana's **Bobby Knight** grabbed the microphone during a recent game and said: "No matter how bad the officiating is we don't throw things at Indiana."

He received a round of applause.

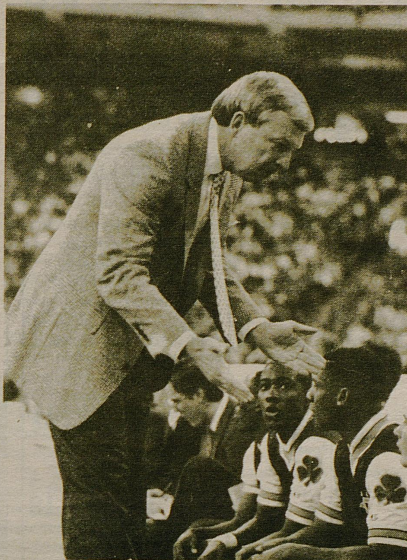
OK, Big Ten administrators, I'll listen anytime you are ready to explain...

□I wonder if Temple coach **John Chaney** understands that he's now reaping the public relations downside he has sown with his program? During recent years the Owls forged their way onto the sporting public's conscience with a series of successful teams and were a welcome new face. Last year Temple got all the way to No. 1 and sat there for a long time. But Chaney's stonewall approach, particularly the isolating of freshman sensation **Mark Macon**, turned off a lot of the media. This year, with his continuing harranges that every piece of NCAA legislation is racially flawed, and the fact the Owls have struggled, Chaney and Temple have become a forgotten item. I'm not really certain it had to be this way, either...

□Mentioning Macon, he did give us a little reminder during the nationally televised game against Nevada-Las Vegas that he's still a major-league talent. NBA scouts have to be tremendously excited about him and the fact he'll probably fall from sight in the postseason awards category won't change their opinion at all...

□It's good to see **Wisconsin** finally making a dent on the basketball scene. Coach **Steve Yoder** has hung in there and built this program in the most difficult of circumstances. The kind of patience he's shown deserves to be rewarded...

□Every time I start to get enthused about **UCLA**, the Bruins go out and get destroyed by someone. Obviously, Arizona and North Carolina are better than **Jim Har-**



Digger Phelps' Notre Dame club in NCAA's

rick's team, but that much better?...

□What do the following basketball teams have in common?

**Robert Morris. St. Peter's. Evansville. St. Louis. Ball State. Georgia Southern. Arkansas State. And Texas El Paso.**

Each has won more than 20 games, but not all will make NCAA tournament play. It is important, however, that their achievement not be overlooked. As the venerable one, Oklahoma City coach **Abe Lemons** once said of a 20-win season: "It ain't that easy. If it was, more teams would be doing it!"

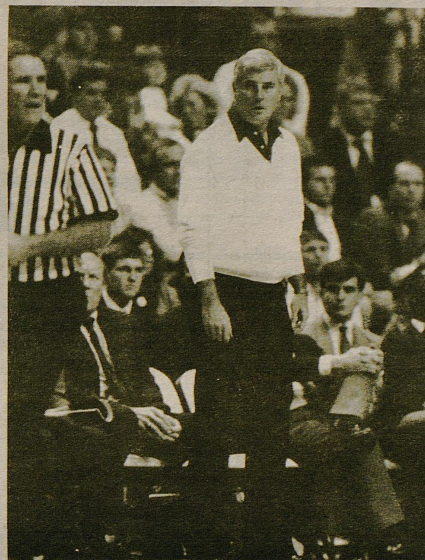
□Another team, like Temple, which has dropped out of sight on the national scene is **Wyoming**. Last year the Cowboys were America's favorite squeeze toy and their star performer **Fennis Dembo** was a *Sports Illustrated* coverboy. This year Wyoming is 12-14 and sits just one notch out of last place in the Western Athletic Conference. A long winter in Laramie...

□I'm told it is all but certain that Loyola-Marymount's **Hank Gathers** will turn pro after this season. Gathers, a junior, leads the nation in scoring and rebounding. Yet I haven't talked with one scout who is excited about him as a pro player...

□Rather quietly, **Florida** has been playing well lately. Putting their troubles aside, the Gators can, with a strong finish, virtually assure themselves another NCAA invite which would make three in a row. Considering the school had never, ever, qualified for the tournament before this stretch, perhaps people there have been looking at a golden era without realizing it. I mean, shouldn't someone say **Norm Sloan** has done a magnificent job turning this program around?...

□In his second year on the job, South Alabama's **Ronnie Arrow** has his team in the hunt for an NCAA berth. It'll come down between USA and North Carolina Charlotte for the Sun Belt ticket. The postseason Sun Belt tourney, incidentally, is being played in Charlotte. Arrow is the former coach at San Jacinto JC in Texas and his backcourt of **Jeff Hodge** and **Junie Lewis** is outstanding...

□**Creighton** is in excellent position to win the Missouri Valley Conference and that would be quite an achievement for coach **Tony Barone** and his team. The Blue Jays reward, though, would be a trip to Wichita where they must do it all over and win the postseason



Sir Bobby's actions overlooked again

MVC tournament to get into the NCAA. How fair is that?

I still say one of the worst features to the college basketball scene is the greedbag postseason conference tournaments. They accomplish little beyond assuring the NCAA tournament will not have the 64 best teams. Or that stressed-out coaches and teams will get another dose of pressure. Or that the Creightons of the world, who've accomplished so much, will be unrewarded for their efforts.

And to prove what a bunch of sellout artists these leagues are, check out where the tournament games are played. Most often at the home of a member team because the money grabbers can't fill up a neutral site arena. Someone tell me what Wichita State has done this year to earn the home court advantage in the MVC tournament, besides being able to fill up its building. What a sham...

□Among the 17 Division I independents only six have managed winning records. And among that group only **Notre Dame** is likely to get an NCAA bid. Dinosauers, indeed...

□One of that number, **Akron**, which is having a solid year, announced recently it will join the Northeast Conference. Among the headliners (?) in that league are **Robert Morris** and **Fairleigh Dickenson**. Marist, which drew some national attention in the past couple of years, is a member, but will soon be on the way out...

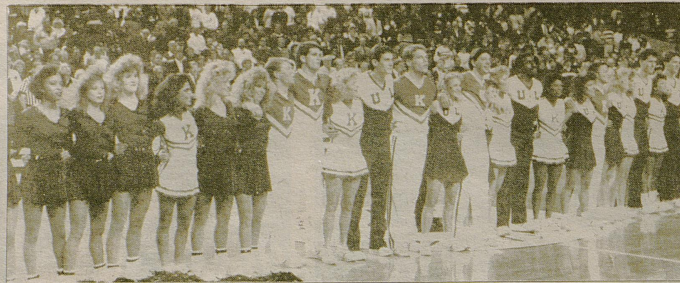
□Shouldn't some compassionate promoter organize a special postseason tournament and invite the following teams: **George Washington, Southeast Louisiana, New Hampshire, Rider, Tennessee State, Indiana State, San Jose St. and Brooklyn**. These teams, combining all the numbers, had 26 wins in mid February which tells you it hasn't been a lot of fun for them. Why not a nice weekend somewhere and a round robin tournament—just for the enjoyment of it. These guys try hard, too...

□If **Pittsburgh** can qualify for NCAA play (and the Panthers chances got brighter with each passing week in February), I think this is a team to be feared. It has an excellent backcourt combination (**Sean Miller** and **Jason Mathews**) and an unstoppable offensive force in the middle (**Brian Shorter**). Plus this is a team which has played a wicked schedule and had some success against highly-ranked teams. If the Panthers could get past the first couple of NCAA games, look out...



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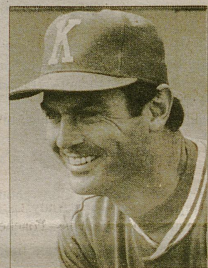
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- Feb. 5: Basketball—Georgia def. UK 84-72
- Feb. 7: Women's Basketball—UK def. Tennessee Tech 88-68
- Feb. 8: Basketball—Vanderbilt def. UK 81-51
- Feb. 11: Basketball—Florida def. UK 99-83
- Feb. 14: Women's Basketball—LSU def. UK 86-72
- Feb. 15: Basketball—LSU def. UK 99-80
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- Feb. 20: Basketball—Auburn def. UK 77-75
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- Feb. 24: Baseball—UK at UL cancelled (snow)
- Feb. 25: Women's Basketball—Auburn def. UK 89-70
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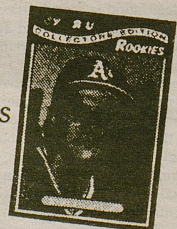
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# Women's SEC teams showing the men a thing or two

None better than Auburn, Tennessee

In women's basketball, the Southeastern Conference dominates NCAA play, and the Auburn Lady Tigers lead the powerful 10-team crunch with a perfect 24-0 record. In fact these sharp young Auburn athletes, coached by



**Scoop Hudgins**  
Cats' Pause Columnist

Joe Ciampi and led in performance by Vickie Orr and Carolyn Jones, own a rare unanimous No. 1 rating by a nationally recognized rating service.

The current listing of *USA Today's* Top 25 (Feb. 21st) lists the Lady Tigers No. 1, with all 28 members of the panel (college women coaches and journalists) voting them first.

**NOT EVEN NOTRE DAME**, with the only perfect 12-0 football record this past season, received all the first place votes in the final *Associated Press* Top 20 poll.

Tennessee, coached by Olympic champion Pat Head Summit, is No. 2 in the *USA Today* poll, with a 25-2 record.

Georgia, coached by Andy Landers, is No. 6, with a 22-3 mark, and Ole Miss, coached by Van Chancellor,

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has a 19-6 record, good for No. 10.

Four SEC teams in the Top 10—40 percent.

**HOW STRONG** can one conference get?

There's more coming!

Vanderbilt, coached by Phil Lee, is 20-6 and rated No. 20. The Commodorables are on a seven-game winning streak and may rate higher next week.

Louisiana State, coached by Sue Gunter, is 16-8 and rated No. 24.

Six Southeastern Conference women's teams in the Top 25 of the 283 Division I squads of the NCAA...six in the upper nine percent.

As they approach the Southeastern Conference tournament (March 3, 4, 5, 6 at Albany, Ga.) and the NCAA tournament (March 15-April 2—with the finals in Tacoma, Wash.) the SEC teams previously mentioned are confident. They feel they can only be eliminated from the NCAA event by one another.

The 10 SEC teams—Kentucky, Mississippi State, Florida and Alabama in addition to the rated ones—own a record of 137 wins to just 38 losses in competition

across the nation. That's a winning percentage of 78.3 percent.

The ladies in the SEC have done very well against teams of other conferences which are rated in the Top 25, winning 11 while losing eight.

In regard to No. 3 Louisiana Tech's three losses, Tennessee accounted for one. Auburn hung one of two losses suffered by No. 4 Maryland, as did Tennessee with No. 5 Stanford. Louisiana State and Mississippi laid two defeats on Texas, a team which has lost four this season. However, Texas got one of its 19 wins against the Lady Vols.

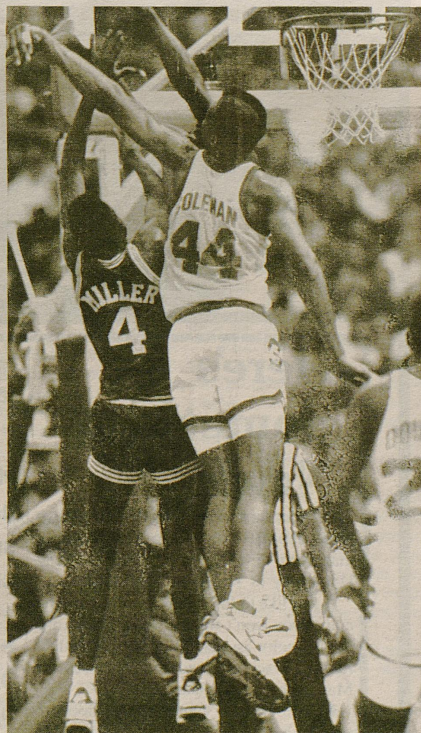
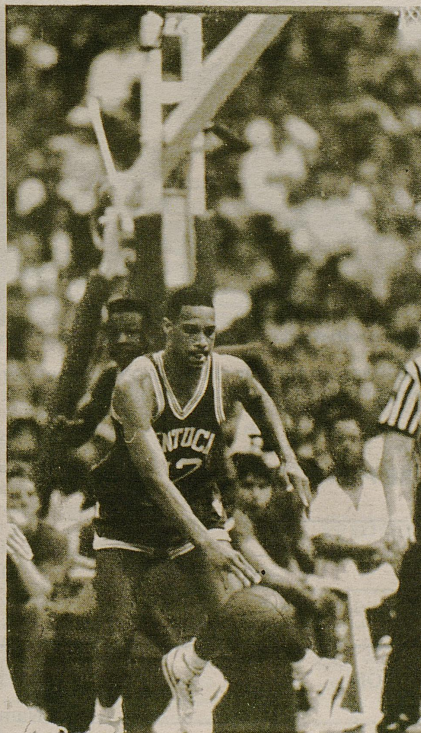
Tennessee also gave No. 9 Long Beach State one of its four losses, while on a western tour to sweep Pac-10 teams Washington, Southern California, UCLA and Stanford.

**IN COMPARISON** with the SEC's six teams among the Top 25, the Atlantic Coast Conference has four—Maryland (No. 4), North Carolina State (No. 14), Virginia (No. 18) and Clemson (No. 25). Three representatives from the Big 10 are among the nation's elite 25—Iowa (No. 7), Purdue (No. 11) and Ohio State (No. 21).

The Pac-10, Southwest and Big Ten conferences have one each: Stanford, Texas and No. 12 Colorado, respectively.

Southeastern Conference fans: salute our superb women basketball players, support them with your attendance and cheer them on to the true top of the NCAA.

The grand goal of the SEC is this: two national champion teams marching back from the state of Washington, arm in arm.

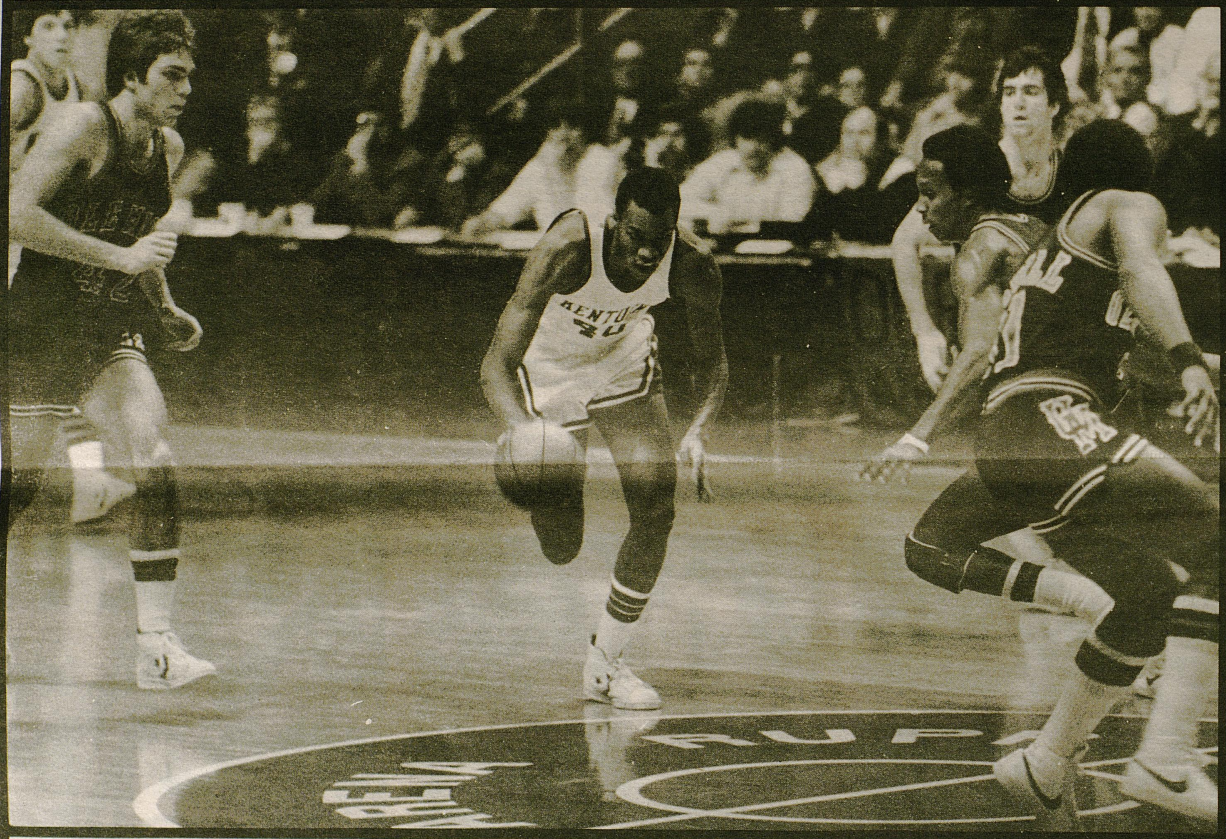


**GIVING IT THAT OLD COLLEGE TRY**—Kentucky's 89-73 defeat was much closer than the score indicated. Guard Sean Sutton (left) was the floor general who paced UK to a halftime advantage. Freshman Chris Mills showed a national television audience that his talents were comparable to a veteran's. And the efforts of Derrick Miller (right) enabled the underdog 'Cats to keep up with the nation's sixth best club.

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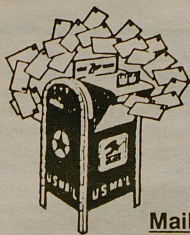
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# VIEWPOINT

## Letters To The Editor



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### More broken records?

Dear sir:

I wonder how many U of K fans know there are two other records that are in the way to be broken? Twenty years ago last month, Kentucky became the first team to reach 1,000 victories (during the 1968-69 season). Well, 20 years and 464 victories later (as of Feb. 17, 1989), the 'Cats are in the danger of being passed. Back in the 1982-83 season, Kentucky had a 41-game lead on North Carolina. As of Feb. 17, 1989, Kentucky only led North Carolina by 12 games. The 'Cats could be caught this season.

Also 20 years ago, coach Adolph Rupp became the first coach to reach 800 victories and would end up with 875. Well fans, believe it or not there was a coach within 100 victories of Rupp at the beginning of the 1988-89 season. Coach Clarence Gaines of Winston-Salem has 785. He has already passed Phog Allen and Henry Iba. Winston-Salem is Division II.

Two more U of K records that could fall. My information comes from the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Fred Schuffenburger  
Louisville

**Editor's note:** Since you wrote, Fred, Dean Smith's Tar Heels have inched even closer, shaving three more games off UK's 12-game lead. UK entered the season with a 22-game cushion. Following last weekend's games (Feb. 25 and 26), Kentucky, which was 12-17 on the year, had 1465 all-time wins. North Carolina, which was 24-5, had 1456 all-time wins, a difference of only nine. It's probably unlikely that the 'Cats will be caught this season. But should UK be left out of postseason play and the Tar Heels make a deep run in the NAAs, the 'Cat lead could drop way down, possible even under five. And, if things are to be as bad next season as many would have us believe, it's a lock that UK will be passed next season as the all-time winningest program in college basketball. Who woulda thunk it?

### More football, please

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for another year's worth of news coverage of Big Blue athletics. Many thanks to all you guys for doing such a wonderful job with *The Cats' Pause*.

I was relocated to Tampa, Fla., in October 1986. Up till that season I had only missed two home football games since Commonwealth Stadium opened. I still fly up to Lexington for almost every home football game. It is the most important thing in my life. I'm 36 years old and I cry every time the 'Cats come onto the field and the band is playing "On, On, U of K."

I actually lay in bed at night during all months of the year thinking about football season.

I can't understand why people don't support the football 'Cats! Jerry Claiborne is the

finest man on this earth!

Let's hope for the best in 1989 for his team. In the Tampa Bay area, we are surrounded by Gators, 'Noles and 'Canes. News about any of the Wildcat teams is really hard to find. Especially, anything positive about Wildcat athletic teams.

However, all that will change come September! The best football coach in the nation is going to put one of the nation's best teams on the gridiron. Coach Jerry and his Wildcats are going to put smiles on the faces of the 'Cat fans from Lexington to Tampa. How 'bout more support for coach Claiborne and his staff.

More news about Jerry's 'Cats, please!

True Blue in Tampa,

J.B. Peavler Jr.  
Tampa, Fla.

*P.S. Wanted to get this off my chest and tell someone. I just feel that strongly about this. Any thoughts???*

**Editor's note:** J.B., Kentucky needs more football fans like yourself. And it looks like 1989 might be the season you have been waiting for. Claiborne has had two outstanding recruiting crops in a row, and barring any serious injuries to key personnel, the 'Cats appear ready to make a serious bid for the SEC title for the first time since Claiborne returned to Lexington.

### From bad to worse

Dear Sir:

Hey University of Kentucky fans, let's look beyond the NCAA situation for a moment. With (Rex) Chapman and (Eric) Manuel on this team we probably would be losing by 10 or 15, instead of 25 or 30.

This is a record-setting team: worst in rebounding, scoring, most turnovers, first losing season ever. Many new university records are being established. These records are making Kentucky just another basketball school. The Kentucky mystique has been lost.

There are seven people on this team that shouldn't be on scholarship. They probably couldn't make any of (Eddie) Sutton's Arkansas teams and wouldn't have been considered at all for Mr. Rupp or Joe B. Hall's teams.

The players are not to blame. They are performing as well as their abilities allow. However, only four of the starting five should even be on this team and this should be as much a story as the NCAA (situation).

Any team with a point guard that is hitting less than half of his free throws and is the player counted on to handle the ball late in a close game is not an asset to the team, Dale Brown pointed this out on national TV. This is an advantage for the opposing team. Also a point guard who cannot shoot the 15-footer allows the opponents to guard our other four players with five. This also is a bad situation.

As mentioned earlier, independent of the NCAA investigation, and even with Chapman and Manuel, there might be two or three more wins, but the winning-season record would still be broken.

So the Kentucky mystique appears to have been lost. What has been a valuable asset for recruiting in the past is fading or already gone. With no one signed for next year, in addition to probation, the outlook looks bleak. The death penalty appears to have been self-imposed.

You University of Kentucky fans close to the situation in Kentucky can feed on each other's viewpoints. However, those of us living out of state listen to more objective observations about the situation at UK, and they are not good. Whatever happens in the future, if UK wins or signs a great recruit, we'll hear: "They cheated again."

The most-asked question I hear is: "If you are cheating, why are you so bad?" "Innocent until proven guilty" is my only answer. Does anyone have a better one?

Has anyone wondered when this mess started. How and why?

Sincerely,

Dan Hurley  
Marion, Ohio

**Editor's note:** You make some interesting and valid points, Dan. We'll have to agree with you that some of Kentucky's mystique has rubbed off (temporarily or otherwise). We also share your suspicions that the outlook for next season will likely be very bleak and that many will question Kentucky's honesty for years to come whenever a top-notch prospect is signed to a scholarship.

Since you wrote, however, Sean Sutton has improved his play and become more consistent, as is evidenced by his improved shooting numbers. Sutton has been on a late-season "tear" (?) from the free throw line, and is now up to 55.8 percent from the stripe. His shooting from the field is much better, though. Sutton is currently converting 46.2 percent on all field goals, not much worse than Derrick Miller (47.1 percent), who is recognized by most as UK's best outside shooter. Sutton also leads Kentucky in three-point field-goal percentage (among players who have considerable playing time) at 41.2 percent, almost two points better than Miller (39.7 percent).

Also, as our next reader points out, UK does have one recruit for the upcoming season, 6-foot-5 shooting guard Jeff Brassow of Alief, Texas, near Houston.

### Gary Williams fan

Dear Sir:

Please renew my subscription. Damn thing always runs out during basketball season. I really appreciate your time and effort with *The Cats' Pause*. Please don't quit, I'd be lost without it. If Eddie must go at the end of the season, put a bug in somebody's ear to hire Gary Williams from Ohio State. He's young and he presses (didn't Arkansas used to press when Eddie coached there?) and I think he has what it takes to keep us a power. Speaking of Ohio, what a crock Lawrence Funderburke is going to Indiana. When it rains it pours.

Thanks for a great paper.

Bleeding Wildcat Blue,

Dennis Sweat  
Baytown, Texas

*P.S. Thought you might want to know Jeff Brassow is averaging 16.5 points and 9.1 rebounds per game. He's also one of the Houston area's top three-point shooters. His team is currently rated No. 2 in the area.*

### Card Country Kudos

Dear Sir:

Here is my renewal for another year's subscription to a fantastic publication. Even though I just live some 90 miles down the road in "Cardinal Country" (yuk, yuk), I need your paper to keep me informed as to what's happening in the University of Kentucky scene. *The Cats' Pause* does just that. Not only does *The Cats Pause* keep me informed on UK, it also helps keep me up on other college basketball goings-on. The coverage is great, guys. I look forward to another year of *The Cats' Pause* and "Big Blue."

And remember: KEEP THE FAITH!!! THE STRONG WILL SURVIVE!!!

Chris Heaurin  
Louisville

### M-i-c-k-e-y M-o-u-s-e

Dear Sir:

The NCAA really stirred up some of our learned coaches (in January) with the new ruling on entrance requirements for freshmen athletes if they can't pass the SAT or ACT and have a 2.0 grade average (in high school). How do these learned coaches expect them to hold a 2.0 grade average in college? What the coaches hope to do is get these athletes in college and get them registered in Mickey Mouse classes that any grade-school youngster can handle, just so these studious athletes can play for them. These coaches don't give a hoot about these student athletes getting a degree.

In the past few weeks at one of our state institution's that has one heck of a ball club brought his grades up the level he was required. The three subjects passed were: aerobics, first aid and communications. One of their coaches was on the local news tonight raising heck about the new ruling passed last week.

I sure hope the University of Kentucky doesn't let our athletes slide by the Mickey Mouse way.

There, I have put it in writing, but it's what I have wanted to do for a long time.

Yours truly,

E.T. Reed  
Jeffersonton



## Auburn 77, Kentucky 75

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hibit a little show-boating and it almost spelled disaster.

Mills scored back-to-back buckets and then added a free throw to slice the lead to four (72-68) before Dennison got one point back on a free throw.

Ellis then flipped in a pair of buckets, the second coming at 1:32, and the 'Cats suddenly trailed by only 73-72.

Wrencher put Auburn up 75-72 at 1:28 on a pair of free tosses, but Hanson hit one two to narrow the score to 75-73.

After Arnold missed the front end of a bonus shot at 0:33, Kentucky called timeout

at 0:27. After returning to the floor, Sean Sutton canned a 10-footer from the lane at 0:12 for the final tie score of the night at 75-75, setting the stage for Dennison at the end.

### UK-AUBURN NOTES:

□Once again, it was the damage of guards which destroyed the 'Cats as **Keenan Carpenter** and **Derrick Dennison** combined for 48 points. Carpenter led the way with 29 while Dennison added 19.

□Kentucky was paced by **LeRon Ellis**, who along with **Chris Mills** kept the 'Cats in the game. The pair had almost identical statistics.

Ellis finished with 23 points on eight of 11 from the field and seven of eight from the line with six rebounds in 33 minutes of action. Mills scored 22 points on eight of 11 from the field, five of five from the line and six rebounds in 38 minutes.

□Two other 'Cats were in double figures. **Reggie Hanson** had 11 points and **Derrick Miller** contributed 10.

□Auburn shot 48.3 percent for the game on 29 of 60 while the 'Cats enjoyed one of their finer shooting efforts, hitting 29 of 47 for 61.7 percent.

□The lead changed hands seven times and

there were six ties during the game.

□If there was a major difference in the stats, it came in the turnover department where UK was guilty of turning the ball over 19 times compared to nine for Auburn.

□Both teams went almost exclusively with their starting lineups as Auburn got 42 minutes of play from the bench while UK went to the pines for 30 minutes of contribution.

□The victory improved Auburn's record to 9-14 overall and 2-13 in the SEC, but the Tigers still seem to be a lock to finish in the league cellar when the final statistics are recorded next week.

## Oscar Combs

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last week at the Tennessee game. They came back to talk about old times and their appearance must have pumped some new life into the current club as it broke a six-game losing streak by holding off the Tennessee Vols...Speaking of good news, how about the comeback of former UK All-American **Sam Bowie**? Bowie is showing his Portland Trail Blazer fans the true meaning of never giving up. Bowie has enjoyed some very encouraging performances including one 19-point exhibition. If players had half the determination Sam Bowie has, most would be All-Americans.

## UK 76, Tennessee 71

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improved defense. But then, Sutton had a hard time finding fault with any of his 'Cats.

"A lot of teams with less character certainly would have chucked it in and said, 'Let's get on to spring break and coeds,'" said Sutton.

Kentucky never trailed in the game. They took the lead for good at 10-8 on a short jumper by Miller and increased it to 20-12 with 11:26 left in the half.

Kentucky was red-hot early, hitting on nine of their first 12 shots from the floor.

Ellis' two free throws stretched it to 22-12 with 10:53 to go. But Tennessee fought back to pull within four points on four occasions before Clarence Swearngen's bucket cut it to 30-28 with 1:36 left in the half.

Mills then answered with a bucket as UK led 32-28 at halftime.

But it was a team possessed that took the floor after the Dance Cats had warmed them up.

Sean Sutton said it was pay-back time. Not against the Vols, particularly. But to the fans for all the support—a lot of it through letters—they have been receiving.

"Those letters indicated to us the fans across the state didn't feel like we were losers," said Sean. "I know I'm not a loser. Not after all I've been through."

## Syracuse 89, Kentucky 73

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confidence." Confidence he would use to set the table for Douglas late in the game.

### UK-SYRACUSE NOTES & QUOTES:

□The win moved No. 6 Syracuse to 23-5 overall. Kentucky fell to 12-17. It was the Orangemen's first victory over the 'Cats in the six-game series. The win was also Syracuse's 30th straight non-conference win in the Carrier Dome.

□What kind of odds were the 'Cats up against? Ponder this stat: Last year, Kentucky defeated Syracuse 62-58. Kentucky returned just four points from that game, while Syracuse's returning players scored 37 against UK last season.

□Road warrior: **Derrick Miller** continues to be much more productive on the road. Miller, who entered the game averaging 17.7 points per game away from home and 11.4 ppg. at Rupp Arena, tossed in a team-high 21.

□Happy Birthday: In mentioning that tidbit in his pregame press release, **Chris Cameron**, who worked in the University of Florida sports information department before moving to Kentucky, had a momentary slip of the typewriter: "Florida's junior guard..." Cameron began his note about Miller. Cameron's errors have been few and far between at UK. Maybe this one can be explained by the fact that he was celebrating his 29th birthday as he prepared the release.

□Although UK played one of its best games to date, the loss fell into a pattern. Eleven of Kentucky's 17 losses have come after the 'Cats held leads in the second half.

□The streak of Super Fan **Steve Rardin**, who had been in attendance for 627 consecutive UK games, has now ended. Rardin made the trip to Syracuse but was rushed to the hospital early Sunday morning after suffering from a mild case of congestive heart failure. Rardin's condition was unknown at presstime.

□After escaping the close call with Kentucky, Orangemen coach **Jim Boeheim** had

nothing but praise for the Wildcats and coach **Eddie Sutton**.

"I thought that Kentucky just came out and was just better prepared to play against us tonight, just did a better job in that halfcourt offense in terms of spreading us out, being patient."

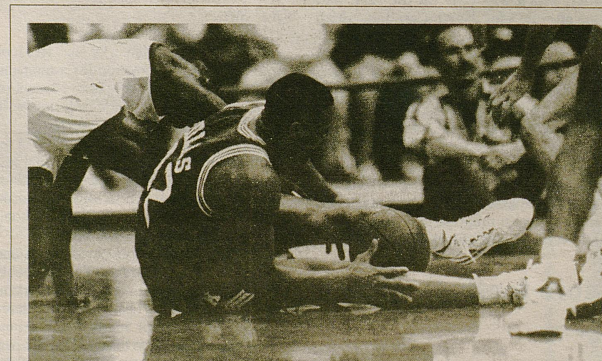
"They just did an excellent job in the first half and we were lucky to be in the ballgame. They were just better prepared and did a much better job that we did."

Boeheim gave much of the credit to coach Sutton.

"There's been no team that has come in and been better-prepared or better-coached than that basketball team. I've always thought that as long as I've ever seen coach Sutton's teams play, there's nobody that does a better coaching job."

□Boeheim said he thinks that had the current NCAA situation been over, the 'Cats would be a much better club at this point.

"I think just to play at all with all the adversity and questions every day, day-in, day-out...it's just unfortunate that their players have had to go through this kind of season because I really believe that if whatever happens would have happened in September...I really believe they'd be a team that would have won 16 or 17 games by now. I think they're good enough, although they're very young," he said.



## Kentucky's Mills selected as SEC's Rookie of the Week

Following a week in which he averaged 16.7 points, 7.3 rebounds and 5.7 assists in three games, UK freshman forward-guard **Chris Mills** was named the SEC's Rookie of the Week for the period of Feb. 20-Feb. 27, it was announced Monday.

For the week, which included UK's games against Auburn, Tennessee and Syracuse, Mills converted 18 of 36 field goals (50.0 percent) and 13 of 18 free

throws (72.2 percent). He scored 50 points, grabbed 22 points and dished out 17 assists.

Mills best game of the week came in the win over Tennessee when the Los Angeles, Calif., native missed his second triple-double of the year (and also the second triple-double in UK history) by one assist, as he had 13 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists.

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# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## Nine Years Ago

✓ Paced by seven-footer Sam Bowie, who played the second half with a bandage on his leg after suffering an injury in the first half, Kentucky defeated Auburn 69-61 in the first round of the Southeastern Conference tournament held in Birmingham.

Although Kentucky took the lead for keeps at 6-4, the Wildcats had to fight for their lives in order to advance to the semifinals. Bowie scored 19 points and had 10 rebounds. Fred Cowan scored 11 points and Kyle Macy 10.

✓ Sharpshooter John Stroud of Ole Miss blazed the cords for 29 points, however it wasn't enough as UK defeated the Johnny Rebs 70-67 in the semifinals of the SEC tournament.

Mississippi led by six points with six minutes left in the second half and trailed by one with 2:18 remaining.

Chuck Verderber hit the front end of a bonus situation and Dirk Minniefield and an ailing Kyle Macy both sank two foul shots to seal the win. Freshman Sam Bowie led the Wildcats with a career-high 27 points. Minniefield chipped in with 10 tallies.

✓ Some costly turnovers in the final minutes, and 19 turnovers during the game, allowed Louisiana State University to defeat Kentucky 80-78 in the finals of the Southeastern Conference Tournament. It was only the week before when the Wildcats had defeated the Tigers for the regular season crown.

The game was played before an arena half empty because of an ice-storm which had paralyzed the Birmingham area.

LSU led by three at the half but UK came back to take control. Then the Wildcats were forced into a couple of crucial turnovers in

the stretch. At that point, the SEC's two best squads virtually were trading basket after basket.

Big man DeWayne Scales was spectacular for the Tigers, hitting 13 of 19 shots and scoring 26 points, many coming down the stretch. Forward-center Sam Bowie and Kyle Macy turned in great performances for the Wildcats, who despite the loss are assured of an NCAA bid.

It was Macy who fought off a pre-tourney illness. Against LSU, UK's playmaker hit seven consecutive shots, nine of 12 for the game. Macy finished with 20 points. Bowie tied Macy for team-high scoring honors and also pulled down 12 rebounds. Guard Dirk Minniefield hit five of six shots for 12 points.

✓ UK's wrestling team was ousted in the SEC tournament by Auburn, 8 1/2 to 75. Meanwhile, Kentucky's Ricky Dellagatta was voted the Southeastern Conference's Outstanding Wrestler by the coaches.

## Thirteen Years Ago

✓ Kentucky won its first-ever Southeastern Conference wrestling championship, defeating the University of Florida 89-82 1/2, in what Wildcat coach Fletcher Carr termed "a tremendous effort." UK wrestlers winning championships were Kurt Mock, Tim Moussetis and Joe Carr.

✓ University of Kentucky football coach Fran Curci and his staff have concluded his recruiting, signing 26 players to letters-of-intent. Here's a position-by-position capsule of Curci's signings: eight tackles, three tight ends, three running backs, three defensive ends, three linebackers, two quarterbacks, two middle guards, one defensive lineman and one wide receiver.

"Taking everything into consideration, I think we had an outstanding year," indicated the Wildcat coach.

✓ Kentucky's Jack "Goose" Givens was outstanding, hitting 13 of 18 attempts as the UK forward led Kentucky past Southeastern Conference foe LSU, 85-70 in a game played in Baton Rouge.

Givens scored a game-high 33 points and also claimed 11 rebounds. Center Mike Phillips chipped in with an 18-point performance while James Lee and Larry Johnson scored 10 points apiece.

LSU's Kenny Higgs, a product of Owensboro Senior, was the Tigers' top scorer, netting 20 points.

✓ Before a nationally televised audience, Kentucky surprised the Alabama Crimson Tide by a count of 90-85. Earlier, the Tide had an easy time with the 'Cats, defeating Joe B. Hall's unit 76-63 in Tuscaloosa. But Kentucky got revenge with a five-point win at UK's Memorial Coliseum.

✓ So sad to say goodbye. This week marks the end of the Memorial Coliseum era as the Kentucky Wildcats will host Mississippi State. Next season, the Wildcats will move into the spacious 23,000-seat Rupp Arena, located adjacent to the Hyatt Regency.

Over the years, Memorial Coliseum has been the home-court site for many exciting Kentucky teams. Since the building opened in 1950, UK has won 307 games while losing only 38. And during the first three seasons, UK defeated every opponent it played in the 11,000-seat gym.

Starting on Jan. 4, 1943, (those days Alumni Gym was the Wildcats' home) to its initial three seasons at Memorial Coliseum, Kentucky won a record 129 straight home games.

The building is dedicated to the nearly 10,000 Kentuckians who lost their lives in World War II and the Korean conflict.

Yes, with Rupp Arena as the Wildcats' new

home a new age of basketball has hit the Bluegrass. But no Wildcat fan who's seen a game in Memorial Coliseum will ever forget the intimidating factor it had on opposing teams.

## Eighteen Years Ago

✓ Kentucky chalked up another Southeastern Conference basketball title, defeating Auburn 102-83. It marked the 15th time this season UK has scored more than 100 points.

Center Tom Payne led the way with a magnificent 30-point outing while the always-dependable Larry Steele added 22. Auburn's John Mengelt paced all scorers with 38.

✓ Kentucky guard Ronnie Lyons and Rick Drewitz combined for 56 points to pace the Wildcat freshman team over Auburn 92-84.

✓ Wildcat football coach Fran Curci signed Roger Paterman and Ken Fuller to grant-in-aids.

✓ The University of Kentucky placed five players on the United Press International All-SEC squad—three teams. On the first team was Wildcat captain, Mike Casey.

A pair of Toms, Payne and Parker, that is, were awarded second-team accolades. And on the UPI's third-team All-SEC squad were Larry Steele and Kent Hollenbeck.

✓ The Kentucky Wildcats finished the regular season on a positive note, defeating the Tennessee Volunteers 84-78. The win marked the 'Cats' 22 victory in 26 outings. UK sealed its victory with a 12-5 run in the final eight minutes of the game. Before that explosion, the 'Cats held only a two-point advantage.

Tennessee came into the contest as the nation's No. 1 free throw shooting team. However, the Vols misfired on nine charity tosses. Another turn of events was in the rebounding department. Despite being one of the league's smallest teams, UT outrebounded the winners 40-37.

Larry Steele led Kentucky with 24 points while Tennessee was paced by Jimmy England's 21 points.

Adolph Rupp's squad ended the 18-game conference round-robin slate with a 16-2 mark. Its only losses in conference play were against Tennessee (71-75, in Knoxville) and Florida (65-74, in Gainesville).

✓ If Western Kentucky wins its first-round game in the NCAAs, it will advance to meet Kentucky on the hardwood for the first time ever. The Mideast Regional, which UK and Western are in, will be played at Georgia's Memorial Coliseum in Athens, Ga. The Hilltoppers, champions of the Ohio Valley Conference, are led by 7-foot center Jim McDaniels.

## Thirty Three Years Ago

✓ Rebounding from a loss to Alabama, the Kentucky Wildcats scored a record-breaking 143-66 win over Georgia in Louisville.

The 'Cats poured in 75 points in the first half. With its final total, the Wildcats broke both the school record and Southeastern Conference scoring records.

Adolph Rupp used his first-stringers for less than a half. The UK coach also inserted Johnny Brewer into the starting lineup. Jerry Bird led the Wildcats to the victory, their 18th of the season in 25 tries. Bird scored 22 points followed by teammates Bob Burrow (21 points), Bill Cassidy (16), Phil Grawemeyer (13), Ray Mills (10) and Bill Smith (10).

✓ Kentucky's Bob Burrow was named first-team All-Southeastern Conference. Allabama's Jerry Harper, from Louisville, was the No. 1 vote-getter. The Wildcats' Jerry Bird was a second-team selection.

# WILDCAT QUIZ

## About the 88-89 'Cats

1. True or False? Jeff Ginnan played high school ball for Lee County.
2. Kentucky's other walkon, Chris Jones, played for which of the following high schools?  
a) Harlan  
b) Ashland  
c) Russell  
d) Rowan County
3. With the Sweet 16 coming up, you'll recall that UK's Richie Farmer won two MVP trophies in that tourney. What other Wildcat has been named MVP of the Sweet 16?  
a) Deron Feldhaus  
b) Reggie Hanson  
c) John Pelphrey  
d) both b and c
4. Which of the following SEC teams has Kentucky swept so far this season?  
a) Vanderbilt  
b) Georgia  
c) Auburn  
d) Tennessee
5. Presently, who is UK's leading rebounder?  
a) Chris Mills  
b) LeRon Ellis  
c) Reggie Hanson  
d) Deron Feldhaus
6. Currently, who is the top three-point

- shooter on the squad (percentage-wise in the conference only)?  
a) Derrick Miller  
b) Deron Feldhaus  
c) Richie Farmer  
d) Sean Sutton
7. True or False? LeRon Ellis has started every game for UK this season.
8. Kentucky has won five non conference games. The 'Cats have beaten Iona, Western Carolina, Austin Peay, Marshall. Which other team did UK defeat?  
a) Notre Dame  
b) Stanford  
c) California  
d) Seton Hall
9. Which of the following team has scored the most points against this season's squad?  
a) Vanderbilt  
b) Louisiana State  
c) Louisville  
d) Syracuse
10. Kentucky's defense held one opponent to 54 points. Came you name which team was held to that amount?  
a) California  
b) Auburn  
c) Bowling Green State  
d) Iona

## Answers

1. Lee County
2. Russell
3. Reggie Hanson (1986)
4. Tennessee
5. Chris Mills
6. Sean Sutton (11 of 25—44 percent)
7. False (28 of 29 times)
8. California
9. Louisiana State (99)
10. Iona (UK won 56-54)



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