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UK 69, CINCINNATI 60

The march continues

Cats rally from second-half deficit with rebounding, defense



(From left) UK junior guard Ravi Moss, senior forward Chuck Hayes, freshman Rajon Rondo and junior guard Keleena Azubuike gather at midcourt in the final seconds of UK's 69-60 win over Cincinnati in the second round of the NCAA Tournament Saturday at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

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By Ben Roberts
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

INDIANAPOLIS — It was the definition of a broken play. The pass from Rajon Rondo to Randolph Morris late in the second half bounced off the rim, flew about five feet in the air and landed right in Morris' hands. The UK center then put it back up for a layup with Cincinnati's Jason Maxiell hanging on his back for his fourth foul.

In any other game, the chain of events would have left all 40,331 fans in the RCA Dome scratching their heads. But after sitting through back-and-forth contest that featured each team's playmaker trade blown dunks in transition, the Bearcats' Nick Williams barrel over a court-side table while calling a timeout and more loose ball scrambles than you could count on

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Azubuike's effort worth the wait

INDIANAPOLIS — With slumped shoulders and a frown, Keleena Azubuike watched helplessly from the bench. For a while, trouble had changed the UK junior guard to the bench for the final six minutes of the first half against Cincinnati, and his Cats were reeling. The 11-point lead Azubuike had helped build had disappeared, and all he could do was watch. "It was definitely tough to sit there watching and knowing you can't go back in the first half," Azubuike said. "I

wanted to help so much." For three years, Azubuike had waited to emerge from the shadows of teammates such as Gerald Fitch and Keith Bogans. For three years, lofty expectations had weighed upon him. For three years, he had waited for the moment to make this team his own. When the second half began, the wait was over. The usually reserved Azubuike roared in the second half. He screamed at his teammates. He pumped his fists to punctuate big plays. And when UK outlasted Cincinnati, he smiled from ear to ear. "Keleena, he doesn't show a lot of emotion, but he was fired up today," said UK junior guard Patrick Sparks, Azubuike's roommate. "When

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Morris dominates down low

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INDIANAPOLIS — Randolph Morris stood all alone at the free throw line. His team held a comfortable eight-point lead with 35 seconds to go, and UK head coach Tubby Smith told Morris' teammates to back off the paint and let him shoot, not wanting to take any chances on a careless foul. There was no one there to tell him what to do, no one there to give Morris guidance.

But at that point, the UK freshman didn't need it any more. "He played like a senior who knew this could be our last game," said sophomore forward Bobby Perry. "Every rebound that went up was his — he owned the boards. I just tip my hat to him. He came in as a freshman, and he really grew up today." UK's freshman center grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds to accent his 11 points and help lead the Cats past Cincinnati Saturday and into the third round of the NCAA Tournament. Criticized throughout the season by fans, and occasionally his own teammates, for being too timid in the post, Morris played 25 minutes against one of the most physical frontcourts in the country and refused to back down. Knowing he would be facing Cincinnati's frontcourt duo of Jason Maxiell and Eric Hicks, Morris said

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Plane crash kills two UK students

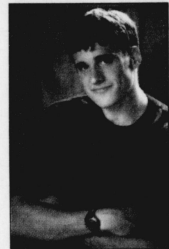
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Charles Hayden "Chip" Lampe had dreams of acting and being a playwright, dreams he would tell his UK hockey teammates about during the 2001-02 season. "He would tell us, 'You guys will still be here playing hockey, and you'll see me in a movie,'" Cool Cat general manager Ian Ward said. "He had big dreams." Lampe, 22, of Lexington, and his girlfriend of nine months, Ginny M. Young, 20, of Willow Wood, Ohio — also a UK student — were killed in a plane crash March 13 near the Lawrence County Airport in Lawrence County, Ohio. Michael Young, Ginny Young's father and a resident of South Point, Ohio, also died in the crash. The 53-year-old was flying the single-engine airplane on a recreational flight when, in attempting to land, the plane came in too fast and overshot the runway. The plane crashed as Young, a licensed pilot, attempted to turn it around.

Lampe was very much in love with Ginny Young, said his mother, Elizabeth Lampe. "Her mother told me that while Chip was outgoing and Ginny was shy, Chip was bringing her out of it a little, and that was one of the reasons he was good for her," she said. Attempts to contact Young's family were unsuccessful, and phone calls to her roommate were not returned.

Lampe and his roommate, Jeremy Gill, won the 2006 campus football tournament, and finished second at the regional tournament at Virginia Tech last month. "Hayden was at 50 percent that day, too," Gill said. "He got the flu and didn't get one hour of sleep the night before. We almost beat them then, but Hayden was sick." Gill said the day he and Lampe met, he knew they would be long-term friends.

"He got off the bus from a field trip they had taken, and walked right up to me," Gill said. "He showed me a list of four or five girl's phone numbers he had gotten, just on the field trip. "I thought, 'This guy is going to be my friend.'" E-mail: cjohnson@kykernel.com



A family picture of UK student "Chip" Lampe, 22, who died in a March 13 plane crash in Ohio.

team out of Huntington, W.Va., that won a league championship. "He was a goal-scorer," Ward said. "He was always in the right place at the right time. He could put it in the back of the net. "We were sorry to see him leave," Ward said. "I think he enjoyed the Cool Cats too much," Elizabeth Lampe said. "He left the team to be a more serious student."

Due to his theater studies, Lampe was a sophomore at UK, though he graduated from Paul Blazer High School of Ashland, Ky. in 2000, where he played on the soccer team. Lampe and his roommate, Jeremy Gill, won the 2006 campus football tournament, and finished second at the regional tournament at Virginia Tech last month.

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City of Lexington sued over ticket sales arrest

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The city of Lexington is being sued by a Paris, Ky. man after the man was arrested for trying to sell tickets outside Rupp Arena before a UK basketball game. Craig A. Wilson, 40, filed suit in U.S. District Court against the city March 11, saying his First Amendment right to free speech had been violated and he was subjected to unlawful search and seizure by Lexington police officers. Wilson was one of 20 people arrested before a UK men's basketball game Jan. 4 in an operation spearheaded by the Lexington Police to curb ticket scalping — selling tickets above face value. The Lexington law also forbids selling tickets below face value. Wilson was charged with violating a city ordinance that prohibits selling anything — including tickets, food or merchandise — within a two-block radius of Rupp Arena before a game without a vendor's license.

Wilson was arrested with two UK tickets in his possession as well as \$40 in cash. "He (the officer) said, 'Where's the rest of your money? Where's the rest of your tickets?'" Wilson said. "One of the things that hurt the most was their attitude. They (the officers) thought they were making a score."

Wilson said he was selling the tickets because two people couldn't come. Wilson was asking \$15 for the \$22 tickets, and the \$40 was for dinner, he said. Wilson pleaded guilty under a plea agreement in return for having his seized money and property returned. Now Wilson has filed a lawsuit, which he hopes becomes certified as a class-action

lawsuit. The lawsuit must be approved as a class-action suit so others can join in on the same lawsuit without filing multiple suits for the same reasons.

Lexington Mayor Teresa Isaacs said the case is in litigation now and declined to comment. Wilson wants to clear his record, he said. "My concern is, I've never had a police record in my life, and to receive one over this?" Wilson said. "My biggest concern is getting this reversed."

Wilson said he believes officers should have used their judgment. "They could have just given me a warning," he said. "That would have been a little more up the alley of fairness." Wilson said he was unaware of the city ordinance against selling tickets within two blocks of Rupp Arena and said the police shouldn't be targeting people who don't have any intention of breaking the law.

"They know who the professional scalpers are," he said. "I had no idea this was a law or else I wouldn't have done it. "I want the city to realize and the police to realize that you can't enforce a law that hits the people you shouldn't be hitting."

Wilson said he believes his case has a good chance of succeeding with the help of local attorney John Helmuth and Michigan attorney Thomas Cecil, who is pursuing a similar case in that state. Attempts to reach Helmuth and Cecil were unsuccessful. "I'm confident," Wilson said. "Tom thinks they're going to clear this away very quickly."

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HOWARD L. BOST, 1918-2005

Medical Center founder dies

By Becky Hall
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When Howard Bost and Robert Straus came to Lexington in 1956, they envisioned what would become the UK Chandler Medical Center where a cornfield presently stood. Straus said he was proud to share the experience of creating the medical center with Bost, who was a friend and colleague for



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more than 50 years. Bost, a founding member of the Medical Center and major contributor to the creation of the Medicare and Medicaid programs, died March 14. He was 87. "He believed with passion that universal comprehensive health insurance administered by government or other non-profit processes was the only

equitable, morally justifiable, economically sound and medically effective way to finance medical care," said Straus, a professor emeritus of behavioral science in the UK College of Medicine. Bost first came to Lexington in 1956 as one of five members of a planning staff charged with planning and creating a university medical center for UK. The hospital opened in 1980. Bost, who attained the nation's first-ever doctorate in medical eco-

nomics from the University of Michigan, was responsible for working with legislature and various agencies in Washington to arrange for the financing of the Medical Center, said Robert Straus, another founder. Beyond his contributions to Lexington and UK, Bost played a significant role in establishing the Medicaid program for Kentucky and was the chief author of Medicaid legislation that President John F. Kennedy passed

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one hand, a ho-hum response from the massive audience is the best it could garner.

But the sequence was huge for the Cats.

The three-point play gave UK a 64-59 lead over Cincinnati with less than four minutes remaining, and the Bearcats missed their last 12 field goal attempts, as the Cats went on to win 69-60 and advance to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

UK junior forward Keleena Azubuike had 19 points to lead all scorers. He said the Morris play changed the momentum of a game that had been tight throughout the second half.

"That was just a smart play by Randolph — to stay after it and not give up on the play," Azubuike said. "And we were rewarded for it."

The No. 2-seeded Cats (27-5) had a few chances earlier in the half to extend their

lead on Cincinnati (25-8), but could never finish when they had to. After regaining the lead shortly after halftime, UK turned the ball over and missed easy opportunities to put the Bearcats away for good at key moments.

Then, with 8:48 left, Azubuike missed a wide-open dunk on a fast break that would have given the Cats a 58-51 lead.

"We had a chance to put them away a couple of times and couldn't," said junior guard Patrick Sparks. "And then Keleena missed that dunk, and they took a lot out of our system there. But we showed a lot of toughness and just stayed with it."

Sparks scored the first two points of the game as UK jumped out to an 11-0 lead in the opening minutes. He also added two early 3-pointers after going 0-for-eight from behind the arc in his last two games.

But Cincinnati chipped away at the Cats' lead by forcing eight UK turnovers in the last seven minutes of the first half, converting on the other end to take a 35-33 advantage into halftime.

Sparks wasn't surprised by Cincinnati's comeback or the game's series of unorthodox plays.

"We knew it was going to be like that," he said. "And whenever you have a bunch of athletes out there on the court, anything can happen. It was a hectic game, but I think at the end we just settled down and executed."

But junior guard Ravi Moss disagreed with the notion that the contest was an ugly one.

"I wouldn't say it was ugly at all," Moss said. "I'd say it was a great college basketball game, and that's what college basketball is all about. Two teams fighting it out and being physical and grinding it down until the end."

Whatever it was, senior forward Chuck Hayes had been waiting for it all season.

The game saw all five starters score in double figures and 13 Cats hit the court in the first half — a team effort Hayes said he couldn't have been more proud of.

"We knew we had it in us — this type of game where everybody contributes and it's a total team effort," Hayes said. "And it couldn't have come at a better time. It came at a perfect time."

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Azubuike

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he shows emotion, people go from that. He was the spark today."

This was not the blank-faced, quiet Azubuike. This was not the man whose toughness UK head coach Tubby Smith questioned last season. This was not a man to be denied.

Less than a minute into the second half, Azubuike streaked down court for a layup to tie the game.

He clapped his hands and encouraged his Cats to turn it up even more. They followed their leader.

"His energy was outstanding," said UK sophomore forward Bobby Perry. "The way he played — it really pumps us up."

A few minutes later, Azubuike got the ball at the top of the key and nearly lost his footing. He steadied himself and looked Bearcat guard Jihad Muhammad right in the eye.

And then he banged in a 3-pointer. This was the player everyone had been waiting for. This was the player who could lead a team. This was the player UK needed.

"I think it's really important," Hayes said of Azubuike's aggression. "The guy, he's a scorer, he's a leader. People are watching him — he knows that. He knows the eyes are on him, and he's done a good job of taking it in stride."

Against Cincinnati, Azubuike played every minute in the second half. He did everything. He scored, he grabbed rebounds and he locked down on defense.

He finished with 19 points and seven rebounds, but he provided more than that —

he showed the fiery emotion these Cats have needed all season.

In a grudge match against Cincinnati, Azubuike answered the Bearcats' toughness with unparalleled intensity.

"I wanted to come in and be aggressive," Azubuike said. "They put a lot of pressure on you. The way to beat that is to be aggressive and fight the pressure, to not back down."

For every minute of the second half, he did just that. This was the biggest stage of his career, and he did not hold anything back.

"I was done," Azubuike said after the game. "I was ready to go out, I hadn't been feeling good the last few days, but I feel good right now."

The smile on his face was worth the wait.

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Morris

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he prepared himself early for the inside battle.

"I knew I had to produce for my team to be successful," Morris said. "I got myself focused the night before and played over in my mind what I needed to accomplish. I think that helped a lot."

Senior forward Chuck Hayes told Morris before the game he would have to bring a new attitude, or the team's season might come to an earlier end than they had hoped.

"I told him before the game, 'You have to step up. You can't watch,'" Hayes said. "He went up and got every rebound there at the end. He was big. He definitely grew up."

Morris grabbed three rebounds before the first media timeout — and before Bearcats center Jason Maxiell grabbed one — to help the Cats jump

out to a quick 11-0 lead.

He also shut down the 6-foot-7, 250-pound Maxiell inside, holding the Bearcats leading scorer to just nine points and four rebounds, while keeping the big man in foul trouble for most of the game.

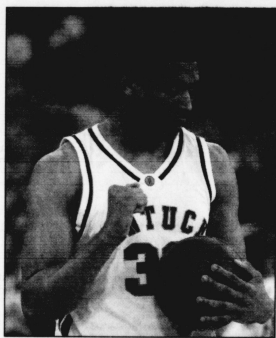
Junior guard Ravi Moss had never seen his teammate more assertive.

"Randolph was just a beast all game," Moss said. "He was big all night for us. He came out focused and ready to go and did great defensively on Maxiell. And it seemed like he got every rebound over him."

Morris called Saturday's win the best game he's played as a Cat — a claim his teammates were hard pressed to disagree with.

"You saw him out there — he was grabbing everything," Perry said. "He was doing what Coach told him to do — keep them off the boards and take it strong to the basket. It was the best game I've seen him play."

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JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF
UK freshman center Randolph Morris celebrates one of the career-high 12 rebounds he pulled down against Cincinnati.

NEWS BRIEFS

Governor lauds budget gains for UK

Gov. Ernie Fletcher visited UK Tuesday to praise bipartisan work in the state legislature's budget, one that included full bonding authority for a bio-pharmaceutical complex and a new student health facility.

The state legislature also approved \$100 million of a requested \$250 million for the expansion of the Medical Center, and gave \$7 million toward a basketball practice facility.

The state legislature also allotted an extra \$18.66 million to UK's operating funds. The UK Board of Trustees has tentatively scheduled a March 29 meeting to vote on how to use that money — which could be used to lower a proposed 14.5 percent tuition increase for next school year.

Mayor vetoes more efforts to end water condemnation

Lexington Mayor Teresa Isaac rejected an urban council mayor vote to end all legal actions in the condemnation of the Kentucky American Water Co. March 11.

The council voted 8-5 in its March 10 work session to end legal proceedings, regardless of whether paid for by city or private funding. Isaac, who had 10 days to respond, vetoed the measure the next day.

Nine council votes are required to override the veto.

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in 1960.

Bost was also responsible for writing the regulations by which the Medicare program began operation in 1963, and his words remained unchanged for more than 20 years.

Dr. Peter Bosomworth, chancellor emeritus for the UK Chandler Medical Center, said Bost's expertise lay in his organization, development and writing abilities. Because of that, many people sought his advice.

"Howard Bost had outstanding integrity and was committed to public service," Bosomworth said. "He had strong opinions but was never harsh."

At UK, Bost was assistant vice president for program and policy planning at the medical center. During these years, Bost was dedicated to creating and implementing better health care provisions in Eastern Kentucky and Appalachia, and played a significant role in the creation of Appalachian Regional Healthcare. Founded in 1982, the program helped sustain hospital care for miners in Eastern Kentucky, as well as in West Virginia and Virginia.

Bost held numerous positions in the health care field throughout his career, including first deputy director of the Bureau of Health Services in the Social Security Administration, where he helped implement the Medicare program during a leave of absence from UK.

"I think the work he did on a national and state level, as well as at the university, represented an absolutely outstanding contribution to the health care of the American public," Bosomworth said.

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UK, travel agencies help trip to Texas

By Elizabeth Troutman
THE KYKERNEL

Students following the men's basketball team's progression in the NCAA Tournament may purchase tickets for the next two games today at 5 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum. Tickets will cost \$120 per student and include the Friday and Sunday session, both of which are held in Austin, Texas. A valid UK I.D. is required to receive a voucher for the lottery.

David Ellis, assistant manager of UK's ticket office, said he doesn't expect tickets to sell out.

UK has 250 tickets available to students, Ellis said it is unlikely that many students will travel as far as Texas.

"We are responsible to sell all the tickets," he said.

"If we are not going to get our allotment, we have to return unused tickets."

Ellis suggested that students going to the sessions this weekend should consider travel packages available through Commonwealth Travel.

The agency has partnered with UK for March Madness travel packages for several years, said Jane Walker, manager for Commonwealth Travel.

Packages with the company range from \$795 to \$1,570 per person.

Walker said that hotel-only packages are sold out.

She thinks the most practical option for students are the air-travel packages.

Air-travel packages include the price of a ticket, a three-night stay, a game shuttle, daily breakfast and another activity Commonwealth Travel has 100 such tickets available, Walker said.

Commonwealth opened yesterday morning and received calls from UK students and fans in the Lexington community.

"Spring time is always really hectic," Walker said.

"We have done UK fans' travel for so many years that it is kind of second nature that March is our busy time of year."

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Translating a love of books to Hispanic readers

By Nikita Stewart
THE KYKERNEL

WASHINGTON — Like a Scout leader assembling a cookie display, librarian Michael Andrews carefully arranged books on a table at Todos Supermarket, a multi-purpose suburban Hispanic store.

As patrons did their grocery shopping, cashed checks or sought help with income tax forms, Andrews tried to get their attention one recent afternoon.

"Señor! Señora!" he said quietly, hoping to guide a reader to a Harry Potter novel translated into Spanish or to *Con Mi Hermano (With My Brother)*, Eileen Roe's children's book written in Spanish and English.

For nearly a year, Andrews, 56, has been using his elementary Spanish and a van full of library books to get the burgeoning suburban Hispanic community interested in the public library and thereby build the beginnings of trust between new immigrants and local government.

For several hours a week, he and other volunteers set up displays such as this one at locations popular with Hispanics across Prince William County Va.

The effort, dubbed "the Viva! Van" for the vehicle that carries the books, is one way the county is reaching out to the community whose numbers have exploded in the past five years from 9 percent to 16 percent of the population.

Since the Viva! Van started last April, it has given out more than 1,500 books and has had contact with about 800 adults and 800 children, Andrews said.

Lydia Gonzalez, president of the local library board, said she came up with the notion because she knows what it's like to be an outsider in a new community and how one connection to a local institution, such as the library, can make a difference.

The daughter of Puerto Rican immigrants, she moved as a young bride from Spanish Harlem to Rocky Mount, N.C., where the Hispanic population is still less than 2 per-

cent. The bookmobile became her salvation, Gonzalez said. The friendly librarians behind the wheel bonded her somehow to the southern community.

So Gonzalez suggested a Hispanic bookmobile when the local group Hispanic Outreach Leadership Action — HOLA — was looking for a way to reach immigrants last year. Prince William used a \$20,000 grant to fund the project. Of that, about \$15,000 went to buy more than 7,000 Spanish-language books. The rest went for items such as plastic bins to carry the books, promotional materials and van maintenance.

The van also travels to English as a Second Language programs at various schools and to Hispanic festivals.

The books are "lealos y regreselos," or "read and return," meaning borrowers can return them to any of the four county libraries. There are no late fees or library cards. Organizers didn't want to scare anyone away by asking for names or identifica-

tion. Spanish-English dictionaries go quickly, said Gonzalez, who regrets that more books aren't available in Spanish, especially how-to books on construction, mechanics and gardening — all specialties of day laborers.

The library system has more than 5,000 titles in Spanish, but the additional books for the van must be nearly disposable because there is no guarantee they will be returned.

"I really feel strongly that literacy is important," said Reid, 55. "To get their children reading, they need books in their home."

Andrews, who manages the program, said he could say "nothing more than 'taco' and 'burrito'" before Viva! Van. He's now taking a Spanish class.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Judo Club practice, 5:00 PM, Alumni Gym Loft • Campus Ministry International Bible Study, 8:00 PM, Student Center Room 111 • CSF Presents "Shift" for Freshman, 7:00 PM, CSF Building, corner of Woodland and Columbia • Wesley Foundation's Bible Study and FREE Dinner, 6:00 PM, Wesley Foundation, 508 Columbia Ave. • Prayer & Praise, 9:00 PM, Chapel between the ADPI and Tri-Delt houses off Rose Street and Columbia • UK Swing Dance Club Lessons, 8:00 PM, Tates Creek Ballroom, 1400 Gainesway Dr. • UK AGLU Meeting, 7:30 PM, Student Center, Room 231 • Solar Car meeting, 7:30 PM, Terrell Civil Engineering Building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptist Student Union's English Conversation Class, 6:00 PM, 429 Columbia Ave • UK Berean Bible Study, 8:00 PM, Student Center, Room 113 • Baptist Student Unions presents "TNT", 7:30 PM, 429 Columbia Ave • Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), 7:30 PM, Student Center Room 357 • UK Horticulture Club meeting, 5:00 PM, Ag. North greenhouse classroom • French Film Series, 7:00 PM, WT Young Library Auditorium • UK Anime Club Meeting, 6:00 PM, Center Theater, Student Center • UK Green Thumb Meeting, 7:00 PM, Student Center, Room 106 • Leftist Student Union Meeting, 8:00 PM, Student Center 228 • UK Fencing Club Meeting, 8:00 PM, Buell Armory/Barker Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cat's For Christ Meeting, 7:00 PM, Student Center, Room 230 • UK Judo Club practice, 5:00 PM, Alumni Gym Loft • Table Francaise, French conversation group, 3:00 PM, Student Center, Room 231 • Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry Worship Service, 5:05 PM • WildWaterCats Whitewater Club Meeting, 8:00 PM, Johnson Center Lobby • "The Rock", 9:00 PM, Baptist Student Center on Columbia Ave. • Central KY FCA Meeting, 8:00 PM, Upstairs in the Commons Market • UK Softball vs. Marshall (DH), 3:00 PM, UK Softball and Soccer • Lavender Society Meeting, 7:30 PM, Student Center, Room 228 • Arts & Sciences Distinguished Professor Lecture, 7:00 PM, Recital Hall, Singletary Center • UK Water Ski Club, 9:00 PM, Commons Room 306A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Lambda, 7:30 PM, Room 231, Student Center • CSF Presents "Synergy," 8:00 PM, CSF Building, corner of Woodland and Columbia • UK Climbing Club, 7:00 PM, 7:30 PM, 429 Columbia Ave • Baptist Student Union's Freshman Focus Group Meeting, 7:30 PM, 429 Columbia Ave • Non Traditional Student Organization (NTSO), 7:30 PM, Pazzos • The Well, 7:00 PM, Student Center, Room 211 • Alpha Kappa Psi Bowling Night, 9:00 PM, Southland Bowling Lanes • CRU, 7:30 PM, Worsham Theater/Student Center • UK Psi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Meeting, 5:00 PM, Student Center, Room 205 • Wesley Foundation's Focus Worship Meeting, 7:30 PM, Student Center, Center Theater • UK Fencing Club Meeting, 8:00 PM, Buell Armory/Barker Hall 	<p>Saturday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carnegie Center 5K Run/Walk, 9:00 AM, UK Arboretum <p>Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ultimate Frisbee, 10:00 PM, Seaton Fields

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IN OUR OPINION

LexTran funds could be major success

Lexingtonians looking for a more affordable way to work, church or retail stores once again have a Sunday ride.

LexTran restored its Sunday service on March 6 as part of its restoration and expansion plans.

The restoration and eventual expansion is made possible by LexTran's \$11.1 million budget, largely funded by the property tax approved by voters in November.

It's nice to see the tax dollars going toward a service that poverty-ridden citizens can use.

And we encourage LexTran's board of directors to carefully watch expenditures to ensure the company's financial solvency so that such services will benefit local citizens long into the future.

The restoration phase of the plan also

seeks to restart evening service May 8, and increased peak service in January 2006.

Recent budget cuts had forced the transit authority to discontinue all three services, but the new property tax provides the company with a stable source of funding.

LexTran, in addition to restoring staple services, is expanding frequency on major core routes, community circulators, an airport bus, senior citizen service and a jobs bus over the next few years.

All of these services will entail costs

that management must watch closely.

The transit authority wants to hire 40 new employees, expand its bus garage, renovate existing facilities, give raises to employees and make other capital investments over the next few years, according to the Lexington Herald-Leader.

Expansion of services will shrink the size of this year's projected \$4.5 million surplus when it is invested later.

It seems that LexTran, which is projected to be solvent at least until 2010, has

plenty of money to provide quality service and should not contemplate asking for more any time soon.

Company officials pondered asking the city for a supplement but withdrew the request whenever current revenue projections sparked criticism, according to the Herald-Leader.

In order to accentuate the positive effect of a quality mass transit service, LexTran management must not only demonstrate steadfast fiscal discipline but continue to effectively lobby for federal grants such as the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality, which was a three-year program that helped fund some of the UK routes and also provided the Go Free program.

Without such discipline, gains made for the benefit of the poor could be lost.

If LexTran administrators carefully watch expenses, poor Lexingtonians could benefit greatly for years to come.

WEEKINREVIEW

Cats fall short in SEC Championship

In their first game of the Southeastern Conference Tournament, the UK men's basketball team easily defeated Tennessee 76-62 after ending the first half with a 47-29 advantage.

In the following round, the Cats secured an emotional 79-78 victory over LSU with a last-second layup by senior forward Chuck Hayes in the tournament semifinal.

But the Cats fell short to Florida in the SEC Championship 70-63. UK fan nemesis Matt Walsh scored 26 points and was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. The win gave Florida its first-ever SEC championship. Oh well, the Cats still have 24 more conference championships than the Gators.

Later that night, the NCAA Selection Committee reported that UK would be the No. 2 seed in the Austin bracket of the NCAA Tournament.

Cats going to Sweet Sixteen

The UK men's basketball team began the 2005 NCAA Tournament Thursday by narrowly defeating former UK player Travis Ford's Eastern Kentucky Colonels 72-64. Several UK players were unhappy with team's performance against EKV, a No. 15 seed.

In the next round, the Cats defeated a very physical Cincinnati 69-60 Saturday. Freshman center Randolph Morris held the Bearcats' leading scorer Jason Maxiell to nine points. And the Cats will be headed to their first Sweet 16 appearance in two years. They will face Utah in the Austin regional semifinal.

Congress plays hardball on steroids

The House Congress Reform Committee, apparently acting on what they believed to be the most important issue facing the nation, spent 11 hours in hearing regarding steroid abuse in Major League Baseball. Six current and former players (Jose Canseco, Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Curt Schilling, Rafael Palmeiro and Frank Thomas) were subpoenaed to testify before the committee regarding their own personal use of performance-enhancing drugs.

Curiously, slugger Barry Bonds was missing from the list of those requested to testify, along with athletes from any other sport where steroid use is a problem. The entire episode is nothing more than a cheap attempt to create a safe political issue for both parties rather than deal with more pressing problems.

Let baseball — be it the players and owners opting for more stringent testing standards or the fans by declining to attend games — regulate itself.

Shootings in Atlanta

SEC tournament games would have another drama play out before them in the Fulton County Courthouse, just blocks away from the Georgia Dome. Brian Nichols, on trail facing rape charges, allegedly overpowered a sheriff's deputy, took her gun and killed a judge and court reporter inside the courthouse before shooting a police officer outside the courthouse. He is also suspected in the murder of a U.S. customs agent, which occurred only hours later.

The entire city of Atlanta was on alert, looking for a stolen car that apparently never left the parking garage where it was spotted. Atlanta law enforcement officials certainly weren't on alert. They never bothered to sweep the parking garage where witnesses said the car left.

According to authorities, Nichols escaped by taking the MARTA subway train out of downtown Atlanta. If Nichols took the train, he didn't even have to sneak past police because there were no checkpoints set up at the train stops.

If it weren't for Ashley Smith, the brave hostage who was mostly responsible for Nichols' capture, it may have taken a lot longer for police to capture him.

Compiled by Opinions editor Andrew Martin.

ONLINE POLL RESULTS

How far will the UK men's basketball team get in the NCAA tournament?

Early Round Exit	(9%; 72 votes)
Sweet 16	(13%; 110 votes)
Elite Eight	(13%; 110 votes)
Final Four	(59%; 496 votes)

Results taken at 10:45 EST Wednesday, March 16

In hindsight, war wasn't justified

At this juncture we once again find ourselves pondering over that same worn-out subject. Two years ago, as I watched the initial air strikes pelt the Iraqi capitol, I fervently supported the invasion based on the rationale purveyed by the Bush administration.



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But if posed with the question "Given what you know now, do you still believe the U.S. intervention was an appropriate measure of foreign policy?" my answer would be "No."

The belated concession is basically hinged on a problem with deduction. The primary reason for engaging the war was based on intelligence that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. As of date, that intelligence hasn't been verified, and evidence supporting claims of connections with al-Qaida or possession of WMDs has been tenuous at best. And until it is conclusively verified, the essential rationale — which would make the war supportable were it true — is based on assumptions, and thus the rationale for war rests on circular reasoning.

Gradually this point of view became increasingly apparent. But the utilitarian justifications for the war had even more weight. How could anyone oppose the removal of Saddam Hussein or an attempt to bring freedom to a region where it is so desperately needed?

No one in his or her right mind does, in principle. However, the rationale shifted to emphasize those justifications when it became apparent that intelligence was in want of accuracy. War is such a serious under-

taking that its basis must be soundly fortified before any military excursion takes place.

It isn't clear that Iraq constituted an imminent threat to U.S. national security. And so the ends, however desirable the effect on peace in the Middle East, were not justified by the means used to fight a supposedly defensive war.

There are some qualifications. Although I now feel the war wasn't justified, I don't necessarily buy all of the arguments contrived by war opposition. It's perfectly clear that the administration and intelligence community failed to responsibly gather information leading up to the war. But the notion that the grave mistake had the characteristics of something more malicious or conspiratorial lacks just as much evidence.

In no way does this position denigrate U.S. troops. The war has been waged with largely noble intentions, and many positive side effects have and will result. But many of the merits (drawing the terrorists into a single state rather than fighting them all over the globe, finding other authoritarian states more generally cooperative on up to bringing democracy to the Middle East) were sort of discovered by accident rather than being byproducts of the administration's intentional and original design, which was to protect U.S. national security. Nonetheless, I wish our troops Godspeed because they do stand guard against those who would do us harm and are promoting freedom in parts of the world where it has been squelched for far too long.

With all this considered, my mind turns to the larger overall question, which concerns how to craft a responsible and effective U.S. foreign policy.

At present, the agonizing question concerns when and if we should pull out of Iraq. The financial obligation is a heavy strain on the Ameri-

can economy, and mounting casualties put an emotional strain on the American public. And how to weigh these considerations against the possible realization of freedom for the Iraqi people through the democratic election of their public officials?

Other puzzling questions fall along the lines of how the United States should deal with the nuclear weapons programs of Iran and North Korea, genocide in Sudan and preventing states such as Syria and Libya from securing weapons of mass destruction.

Through a more farsighted lens, the focus is: What political, economic and military measures can be mobilized by the United States to maintain global respectability, ensure national security and effectively deal with rogue states and terrorist organizations?

Democrats and Republicans have offered little construction of how such complex issues should be addressed; they've been too busy politicking the last two years. But even if they did, meandering over such questions rarely yields one clear answer to which all would readily assent.

Part of the problem is making difficult choices that have great impact. American leaders never have perfect knowledge when addressing foreign policy problems and must hope the unforeseen circumstances and unintended consequences of their decisions do the least harm possible.

Eventually, U.S. leaders' answers to these questions will be in the pages of history books, likely containing an assessment of their effectiveness. And they'd better answer wisely. Hindsight, while beneficial, only allows one to opine about mistakes while the price of such gaffes continues to be paid by those affected by such miscalculations.

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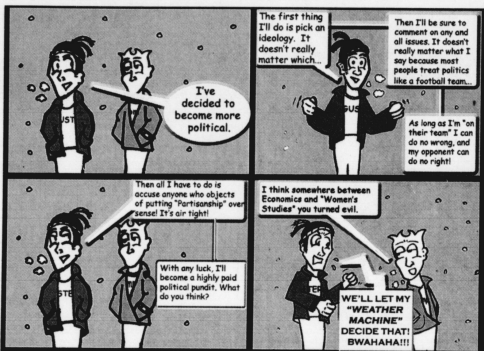
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UK 91, CHATTANOOGA 54

Red-hot Cats roll past Lady Mocs

By Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

With her teammates yelling "Shoot it, Shoot it," Sara Potts heaved up a shot in desperation as the shot clock expired.

It swished. UK head coach Mickie DeMoss shook her head while Potts ran down the court smiling.

"I couldn't believe it went in," the UK senior forward said of the 3-pointer.

The way things were going for Potts yesterday in the second round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament, it was hard imagining anything not going in.

UK defeated Chattanooga 91-54 in front of 2,035 fans yesterday at Memorial Coliseum to advance to the quarterfinals of the WNIT on Thursday.

Every shot fell for Potts and the Cats (17-15).

Potts scored a career-high 32 points, and now has 1,503 career points — placing her No. 4 on UK's all-time list. Her seven 3-pointers tied a school record for 3-pointers made in a game.

"She was shooting them like layups," said UK freshman forward Chante Bowman.

Chattanooga (25-5) jumped out to an early 8-2 lead, but Bowman led a UK surge with seven points to tie the game, 16-16.

However, during the next seven minutes, UK pulled away with an 18-3 run.

That's when Potts took over.

She scored layups in transition with ease.

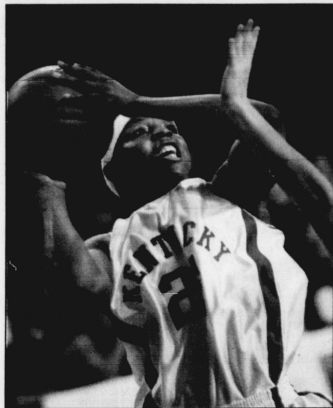
She nailed 3-pointers with wide-open looks.

She tallied eight points during that span.

"She just gets in a rhythm," DeMoss said. "In (Southeastern Conference) play, she was bottled up. Having the extra second to get it off was like heaven."

The Cats gave the Lady Mocs trouble in just about every aspect of the game.

"We were just totally dominated today," said Chattanooga head coach Wes Moore.



UK senior forward Danyelle Payne scored six points, as the Cats defeated Chattanooga 91-54 to advance to the quarterfinals of the Women's National Invitation Tournament yesterday.

The stat sheet told him that much. The Cats shot 59.3 percent from the field, 52.6 percent on 3-pointers and 100 percent on the charity stripe.

"We just ran into a buzzsaw," Moore said.

UK's 43 first-half points were the most since a Jan. 18 win against then-No. 18 Georgia.

The first half would prove to be just a warm-up for the Cats.

The second half started like this: Potts 13, Chattanooga 6. The Cats' leading scorer didn't have to fight through screens or beat double teams. She just ran down the court and shot the ball.

"I think they forgot about me for a while," Potts said. "It was nice for a change."

"They had trouble finding her in transition," DeMoss said.

If Potts' play wasn't enough for the Lady Mocs to contend with, the Cats' defense was equally impressive. UK scored 30 points off 18 Chattanooga turnovers. The Lady Mocs made nine of

26 shots in the final 20 minutes.

Said DeMoss: "We put the hammer down on them in the second half."

The Cats mixed up their defenses all throughout the game. They would show a 2-3 zone, then switch to man-to-man after a few passes.

"Nice job of Mickie DeMoss and her staff creating some problems," Moore said.

The Lady Mocs went from allowing 40 points Friday night in their first-round win over Villanova to allowing 43 points in the first half yesterday.

"It's like seeing a knuckleball pitcher one day and a fastball pitcher the next," Moore said. "Today, we saw the heater."

UK will host the winner of today's game between Indiana State and Xavier Thursday at 7 p.m. in the quarterfinals of the WNIT.

"Everyone believes," Potts said, "this is something we can win."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Alabama sweeps Bat Cats

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — With a five-run sixth inning, Alabama rolled to a 10-4 win over UK (12-7, 0-3 Southeastern Conference) yesterday at Sewell-Thomas Stadium.

UK committed five errors in the game and 12 in the series, as the Cats were swept in their first SEC series of the year. The loss was the Cats' fifth straight as they were swept in their first conference series of the year. UK has dropped seven straight SEC games dating back to last year.

Crimson Tide sweeps softball

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The UK softball team suffered its second Southeastern Conference sweep as it fell 5-1 to No. 12 Alabama yesterday. UK (12-22, 1-8 SEC) has lost eight straight. UK hosts Marshall for a double-header at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the UK softball complex.

UK women place 18th in swimming NCAAs

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — UK junior Laura Graham became the first UK women's

swimmer to earn four All-American selections at a single NCAA meet at the Swimming & Diving Championships at Purdue's Boilermaker Aquatic Center. Graham had All-American finishes in the 100 and 200 breaststroke and the 200 and 400-medley relays.

Track and field claims three titles

TEMPE, Ariz. — UK claimed top honors in three events Saturday at the Baldy Castillo Invitational. UK took top medalist honors in the women's 200-meter dash, as junior Kenya Patton recorded a regional qualifying and personal-best time of 23.96. Fellow junior Ildiko Varga also took top honors in the women's discus with a toss of 173-08, while the men's 4x300-meter relay team claimed first with a time of 7:29.56 at the Joe Selleh Track.

Gymnastics defeats two ranked opponents

DENVER — The No. 22 UK gymnastics squad captured first over No. 14 Denver and No. 16 Utah State. Senior Michelle Gales took second in the all-around with a score of 39.125, behind Denver's Heather Huffaker, who earned a score of 39.200 on the four apparatuses. Junior Lucy Burgin took fourth in the all-around with a score of 39.00.

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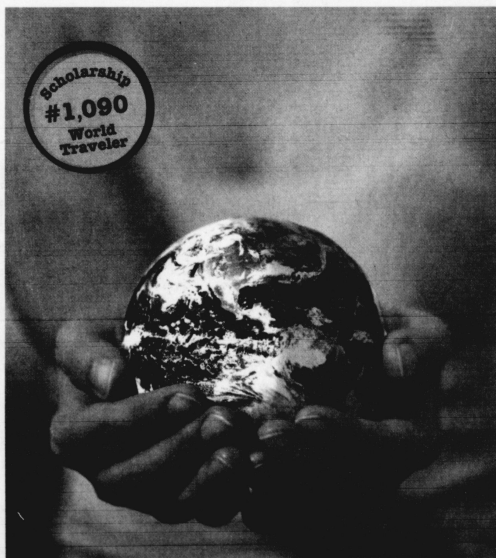
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SWEET 16: AT A GLANCE

AUSTIN

No. 1 DUKE

Record: 26-5,
(11-5, ACC)

Head coach:
Mike Krzyzewski

Key player: J.J. Redick (Junior guard, 6-4, 22.3 ppg, 41 percent 3FG. Dangerous 3-point shooter never has trouble creating an open shot.)

Road to the Sweet 16: Defeated No. 16 Delaware St., 57-46; defeated No. 9 Mississippi State, 63-55.



No. 5 MICHIGAN ST.

Record: 24-6
(13-3 Big Ten)

Head coach:
Tom Izzo

Key player: Paul Davis (Junior forward, 6-11, 11.9 ppg, 7.3 rpg. Takes the pressure off the Spartan guards with his inside presence.)

Road to the Sweet 16: Defeated No. 12 Old Dominion, 89-81; defeated No. 13 Vermont, 72-61



No. 6 UTAH

Record: 29-5
(13-1 Mtn. West)

Head coach:
Ray Giacometti

Key player: Andrew Bogut (Sophomore center, 20.4 ppg, 12.2 rpg. National player of the year candidate gives opposing big men fits with his dominating post play.)

Road to the Sweet 16: Defeated No. 11 Texas-El Paso, 60-54; defeated No. 3 Oklahoma, 67-58



No. 2 UK

Record: 27-5
(14-2 SEC)

Head coach:
Tubby Smith

Key player: Kelenna Azubuike (Junior forward, 6-5, 15.0 ppg, 4.8 rpg. Played all 20 minutes of UK's second half comeback over Cincinnati Saturday.)

Road to the Sweet 16: Defeated No. 15 Eastern Kentucky, 72-64; defeated No. 7 Cincinnati, 69-60



No. 1 NORTH CAROLINA

Record: 27-4
(14-2 ACC)

Head coach:
Roy Williams

Key player: Sean May (Junior center, 6-9, 16.6 ppg, 10.7 rpg. Scored 24 points and grabbed 17 rebounds in the Heels' blowout of Iowa State.)

Road to the Sweet 16: Defeated No. 16 Oakland, 96-68; defeated No. 9 Iowa St., 92-65



No. 5 VILLANOVA

Record: 24-7
(11-5 Big East)

Head coach:
Jay Wright

Key player: Curtis Sumpter (Junior forward, 6-7, 15.6 ppg, 7.3 rpg. The Wildcats' hopes of reaching the Final Four will dwindle if Sumpter can't overcome recurring knee problems.)

Road to the Sweet 16: Defeated No. 12 New Mexico, 55-47; defeated No. 4 Florida, 76-65



No. 6 WISCONSIN

Record: 24-8
(11-5 Big Ten)

Head coach:
Bo Ryan

Key player: Mike Wilkinson (Senior forward, 6-8, 14.0 ppg, 7.4 rpg. Badger big man grabbed 11 rebounds in first round win over Northern Iowa.)

Road to the Sweet 16: Defeated No. 11 Northern Iowa, 57-52; defeated No. 14 Bucknell, 71-62



No. 10 N.C. STATE

Record: 21-13
(7-9 ACC)

Head coach:
Herb Sendek

Key player: Julius Hodge (Senior forward, 6-7, 17.1 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 4.7 apg. Scored 17 points - including the game-winner - and dished out six assists to lead the Wolfpack past Connecticut.)

Road to the Sweet 16: Defeated No. 7 Charlotte, 75-63; defeated No. 2 Connecticut, 65-62



ALBUQUERQUE

No. 1 WASHINGTON

Record: 27-5
(14-4 Pac-10)

Head coach:
Lorenzo Romar

Key player: Nate Robinson (Junior guard, 5-9, 16.6 ppg, 4.6 apg. The Huskies pint-size playmaker scored 23 points in Washington's 18-point rout of Pacific.)

Road to the Sweet 16: Defeated No. 16 Montana, 88-7; defeated No. 8 Pacific, 97-79



No. 4 LOUISVILLE

Record: 30-4
(14-2 C-USA)

Head coach:
Rick Pitino

Key player: Francisco Garcia (Junior forward, 6-7, 15.7 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 3.9 apg. The versatile swingman looks to make the most of his last NCAA Tournament before he jumps ship to the NBA.)

Road to the Sweet 16: Defeated No. 13 Louisiana-Lafayette, 68-62; defeated No. 5 Georgia Tech, 76-54



No. 6 TEXAS TECH

Record: 22-10
(10-6 Big 12)

Head coach:
Bob Knight

Key player: Ronald Ross (Senior guard, 6-2, 17.6 ppg, 5.5 rpg. The athletic leader of the Red Raiders scored 24 points in the win over Gonzaga.)

Road to the Sweet 16: Defeated No. 11 UCLA, 78-66; defeated No. 3 Gonzaga, 71-69



No. 7 WEST VIRGINIA

Record: 23-10
(8-8 Big East)

Head coach:
John Bellein

Key player: Mike Gansley (Junior guard, 6-4, 12.1 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 2.9 apg. Clutch shooter scored 29 points to lead Mountaineers past Wake Forest.)

Road to the Sweet 16: Defeated No. 10 Creighton, 63-61; defeated No. 2 Wake Forest, 111-105 (2 OT)



SYRACUSE

No. 1 ILLINOIS

Record: 34-1
(15-1 Big Ten)

Head coach:
Bruce Weber

Key player: Dee Brown (Junior guard, 6-0, 13.4 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 4.5 apg. Will look to recover from a two-point showing in the win over Nevada after playing limited minutes due to a cramp.)

Road to the Sweet 16: Defeated No. 16 Farleigh Dickinson, 67-55; defeated No. 9 Nevada, 71-59



No. 12 UW-MILWAUKEE

Record: 26-5
(14-2 Horizon)

Head coach:
Bruce Pearl

Key player: Ed McCants (Senior guard, 6-3, 17.5 ppg, 2.7 rpg. Scored 18 points and hit four 3-pointers in the Panthers' upset of Boston College.)

Road to the Sweet 16: Defeated No. 5 Alabama, 83-73; defeated No. 4 Boston College, 83-75



No. 3 ARIZONA

Record: 29-6
(15-3 Pac-10)

Head coach:
Lute Olson

Key player: Salim Stoudamire (Senior guard, 6-1, 18.6 ppg, 2.2 rpg. His 53.1 percent 3-point shooting ranks as the best in the nation.)

Road to the Sweet 16: Defeated No. 14 Utah St., 66-53; defeated No. 11 Alabama-Birmingham, 85-63



No. 2 OKLAHOMA ST.

Record: 25-6
(11-5 Big 12)

Head coach:
Eddie Sutton

Key player: John Lucas III (Senior guard, 5-11, 17.9 ppg, 4.2 apg. The lightning quick guard had 17 points and played 39 minutes in Oklahoma State's win over the Salukis.)

Road to the Sweet 16: Defeated No. 15 Southeast Louisiana, 63-50; defeated No. 7 Southern Illinois, 85-77



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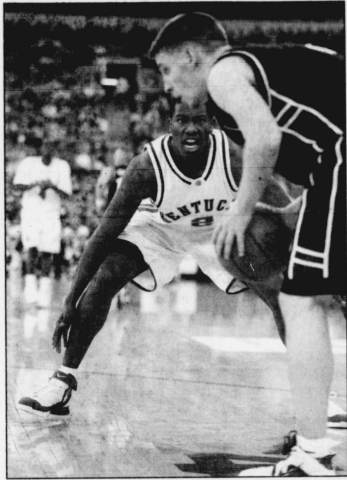
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ROUND ONE: UK vs. Eastern Kentucky 72-64



Above: The pairing of UK and Eastern Kentucky forced some families to choose sides. Chaz, 7, and Izzy Bruback, 9, from Lexington were torn between the two schools. Their mother is a UK fan, while their father supports EKU. EKU head coach Travis Ford said he could sense some fans changing alliances as his team stayed close with the Cats. "We converted some," he said after the game.

Left: UK junior guard Ravi Moss shows his game face to EKU guard Zach Ingles. The Cats held off a late rally from their intrastate rival the Colonels to win 72-64 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament Thursday at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

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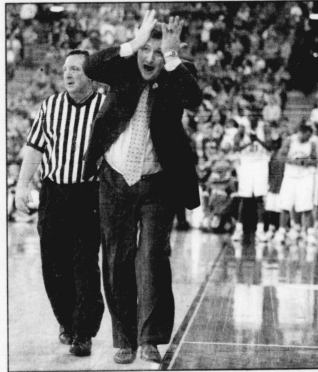
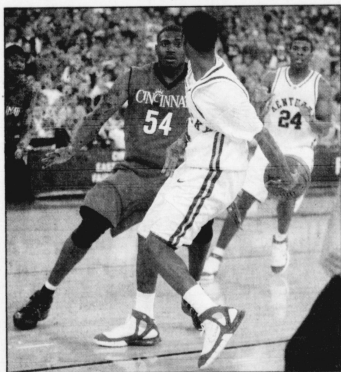


Left: Russ White of Garrard County taunts Bearcat fans Jenny Stark, a law enforcement student at UC, and Kraig Kunz, a Cincinnati resident. White's friend Rick Cothern of Bowling Green, Ky., came to the game dressed as Elvis.

Below, left: UK freshman guard Rajon Rondo tries a backward pass in the Cats' 69-60 win over Cincinnati. Rondo finished the game with seven assists.

Below, right: UC head coach Bob Huggins can barely watch as his Bearcats fall to the Cats in the NCAA Tournament.

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UK vs Utah: how they match up

Recent meetings in the NCAA Tournament:

2003 - UK 74, Utah 54 - Second Round

Nashville

UK center Marquis Estill tallied his third double-double of the season with 18 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Cats to their 25th straight victory and out the Utes from the NCAA Tournament for the fifth time in 10 years. UK went on to defeat Wisconsin 63-57 before falling to Marquette 83-69 in the regional finals.

1998 - UK 78, Utah 69 - NCAA Finals

San Antonio

The Cats overcame a 10-point halftime deficit — the largest ever for a national champion — and went on to defeat Utah 78-69 to capture their seventh national championship in front of 40,509 fans in the Alamodome. UK senior guard Jeff Sheppard scored 16 points in the championship game and was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

1997 - UK 72, Utah 59 - Regional Finals

San Jose, Calif.

UK sophomore guard Ron Mercer led the Cats with 21 points and senior forward Jared Prickett grabbed 10 rebounds to lead UK past the Utes for the second straight year. The win secured the Cats' 12th Final Four berth and marked the first time in nearly fifty years the program appeared in consecutive Final Fours. UK defeated Minnesota 78-69 in the semifinals but lost 84-79 in overtime to Arizona in the championship game.

1996 - UK 101, Utah 70 - Regional Semifinals

Minneapolis

Utah All-American forward Keith Van Horn scored 23 points to lead the Utes, but the Cats coasted to a 31-point rout. UK's Antoine Walker and Derek Anderson combined for 37 points and 14 rebounds, and the Cats forced 21 Utah turnovers. UK went on to claim its sixth national championship eleven days later with a 76-67 win over Syracuse.

1993 - UK 83, Utah 62 - Second Round

Nashville

Junior forward Jamal Mashburn scored 19 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead a balanced UK offense, as the Cats jumped out to a 19-point halftime lead and never looked back. UK continued to roll through the opening rounds of the tournament, winning the first four games by an average of 31 points, and clinched its first Final Four berth in nine years. The Cats lost 81-78 in the semifinal game to Chris Webber and Michigan.

Average margin of UK victory: 18.8 points

Kentucky (27-5)

Starters	Yr.	Ht.	PPG	RPG
F- Kelenna Azubuike	Jr.	6-5	15.0	4.8
F- Chuck Hayes	Sr.	6-6	10.7	7.9
C- Randolph Morris	Fr.	6-11	8.6	4.3
G- Patrick Sparks	Jr.	6-1	11.1	3.8*
G- Rajon Rondo	Fr.	6-1	8.0	3.5*

Utah (29-5)

F- Justin Hawkins	So.	6-5	8.6	4.1
F- Bryant Markson	Jr.	6-6	10.5	4.0
C- Andrew Bogut	So.	7-0	20.4	12.2
G- Marc Jackson	Sr.	6-1	10.7	3.7*
G- Tim Drisdom	Jr.	6-3	4.8	3.2*

*Assists per game

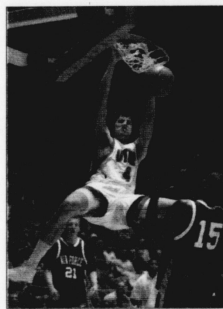


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Utah 7-foot center Andrew Bogut, a native of Australia, guided the Utes to their first Sweet 16 appearance since 1996.

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