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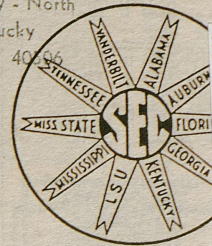
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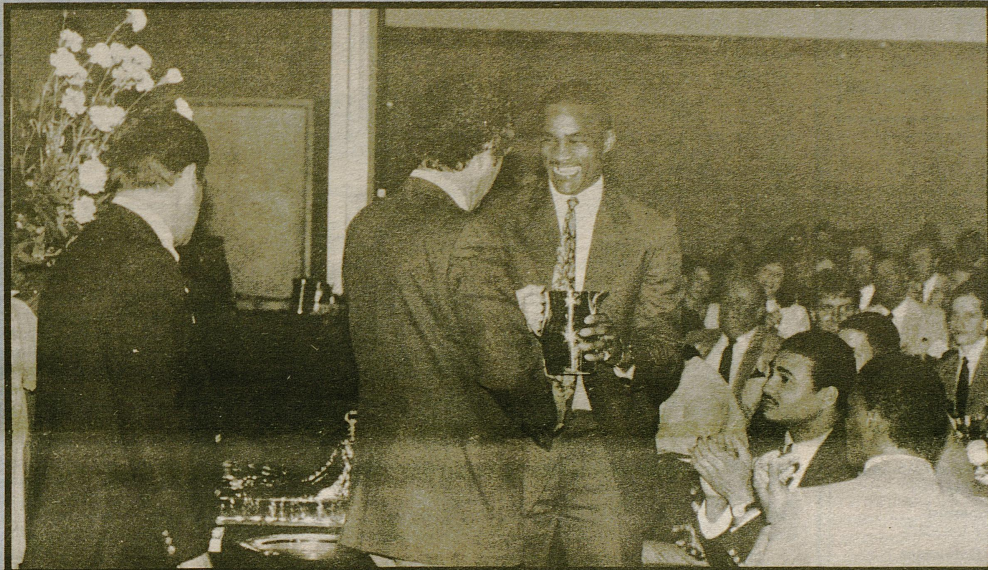
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# Spring Ball

## Injuries Galore As Wildcats Begin Spring Practice; Claiborne Looking For Durable Running Attack

The date: Tuesday, March 24, 1987, one day before spring practice — "We're very excited about this spring and we're looking forward to it," echoed the comments of Kentucky football coach Jerry Claiborne.

Monday, March 30—Eleven injuries, including a slight cartilage tear in Al Baker's left knee and a broken leg suffered by defensive back Chris Moga, were reported following a Saturday (March 28) spring session.

Baker, the heralded Trigg County back, was knocked out of action after UK's third ballgame last season with a broken ankle. According to team trainer Al Green, Baker's

leading candidate to replace Bill Ransdell, led the No. 1 team to one touchdown on two possessions. His lone TD came on a screen pass to sophomore-to-be fullback Andy Murray.

Junior Bill Allen directed the No. 2 offense for two touchdowns against the No. 2 defense. Both, however, came via the ground (Darren Bilberry, seven yards; receiver Ray Gover, three-yard touchdown on a reverse play).

Chuck Broughton and Eric Green took turns guiding the No. 3 offense against the No. 3 Wildcat defense on this chilly after-

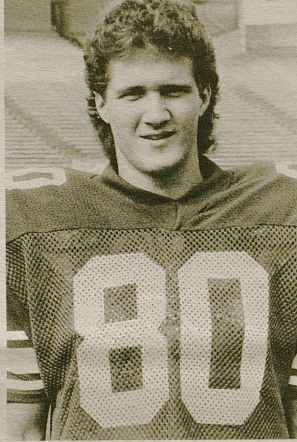
winter time is throw inside, because of the weather. As far as their weight program and things of this nature, we think they've worked pretty good. They all know that they have a shot because Ransdell has graduated. It's amazing when people know that they've got a real shot of being first string at any position, they work better, it's just human nature. They do better and have more confidence. We're hoping that that's going to happen to our quarterbacks this spring." Besides finding a replacement at quarterback (Bill Ransdell), the Wildcats also need to come up with a starting tight end (replacing Mark Wheeler and Matt Lucas), center (Ken Lange) and wide receiver (Eric Pitts and Cornell Burbage). Tight end Joe Curry will be held back from spring practice and should be back for the start of fall practice.

Martin Pennington did play some last season at the tight end position and has improved with a strong winter program. At receiver Tim Jones and Dee Smith are expected to step into starting roles. Both played quite a bit last season. Also Jimmy O'Neal, Raynard Gover and Jim Wetta will be counted on at the receiver position. At center, Claiborne is expecting either Mark Brock or Jimmy Hill to fill the void. However, if neither of those two come through the Wildcat coach indicated that he might switch guard Brad Myers (who played center in high school) to center. "Brad Myers might be finding a football between his legs," said Claiborne. "If somebody doesn't come through in that center spot then we'll probably have to move one of those guards (Myers, Dermonti Dawson, Butch Wilburn) in the center spot. We feel like Brock is the strongest he's been since he's been here, and so is Jimmy Hill. We're hoping that they'll improve."

Defensively, Claiborne said that making the big plays is "the biggest thing we've got to improve on. We didn't turn the ball over too many times but we did not get the ball—



Baker—Knee Injury



Moga—Broken Leg

latest injury will not require surgery. Meanwhile, as of last Friday morning the green light had not been given for Baker's immediate return.

Moga's mishap became the third severe injury in the Wildcat camp this spring. Junior defensive back Anthony Gardner tore two ligaments and ripped cartilage in right knee (March 27). He had surgery the following Monday. And on the first day of practice rookie receiver Steve Phillips developed bone chips and had surgery the next day.

Other injuries on Saturday included: Mark Brock, Greg Doll, Brent Grim, Mike Meece, Tony Mills, Jamie Ousley, Jerry Reese, Mike Robinson and Butch Wilburn. According to Green those latter injuries were not serious.

Another Wildcat, defensive guard Doug Houser tore cartilage in his right knee during the first day of spring workouts and arthroscopic surgery was performed last Friday. According to Green, the 6-4, 240-pound Houser will be out for the rest of spring ball.

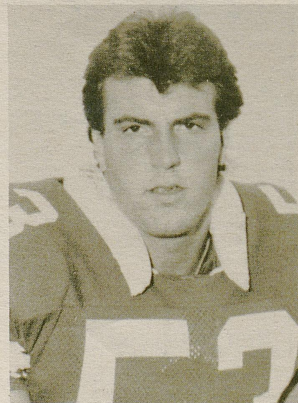
Defensive back Eric Banks suffered a knee injury last Friday. His injury will require surgery and is expected to be out for a minimum of six months.

It was a day of quarterback watching as Kentucky's first 11-on-11 scrimmage was held at Shively Field last Thursday. Senior quarterback Kevin Dooley, considered the

noon session. Although Broughton, a 6-foot-4 sophomore-to-be, connected with Gover for a touchdown he struggled during his two possessions. The Ashland product on a couple of instances failed to hit open receivers. Green only played for four plays but was credited with a first down on a nifty option play.

Junior college transfer Glenn Fohr didn't play because the Wildcat staff felt he wasn't quite ready for his debut. Fohr's only been in the UK system for a couple of weeks and according to the Wildcat staff needs to gain confidence.

**Sideline chatter:** For the first time in Jerry Claiborne's tenure at Kentucky, the Wildcats will be looking for a leader to emerge from the quarterback position. When they arrived following the 1981 season Claiborne and his staff had Randy Jenkins to turn to. Next in line was a talented passer from Elizabethtown, Bill Ransdell. Ransdell is best known as the holder of 17 Wildcat records. As a junior he also was the leader of the 'Cats' 9-3 squad, a ballclub which stunned Big Ten bad boy Wisconsin in the 1984 Hall of Fame game. Now, Claiborne must turn to an inexperienced lot in hopes of finding a signal caller to guide his team against a rugged '87 slate, which features six teams that played in bowl games last season. This spring there are a number of possibilities—Kevin Dooley, Chuck Broughton, Glenn Fohr, Bill Allen, Eric Green and Tim Smith. Said Claiborne during a recent press luncheon, "They (quarterbacks) really haven't been able to do much. All they can do during the



Kremer Wants Consistency

turn it over (to our offense) defensively. We must have dropped 10 or 12 interceptions during the course of the year." Claiborne on the development of UK's 5.75 million dollar operation—the Irv Nutter Training Center. "We're very proud of the Nutter Center," said the UK coach. "I can't say enough for Irv Nutter, Seth Hancock and all the people who have contributed to this program—the Nutter Center. It's just a fan-

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## Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



# Peaks & Valleys Have Followed UK Since '78 Title

This time next year will mark the 10th anniversary since the Kentucky Wildcats last won a national basketball championship.

To say a lot of water has passed under the bridge would be understating the obvious.

March of 1978 found Kentucky fans at the pinnacle of their glory. During a four-year period, the Wildcats had won the NCAA crown, an NIT trophy in 1976, were NCAA runners-up in 1975 and NCAA regional finalists in 1977.

So when Jack Givens, Rick Robey, Mike Phillips, Kyle Macy, James Lee and Company paraded around the floor at St. Louis' Checkerdome, there was little reason to doubt that more championships would follow during the next decade.

It never happened. Sure, everyone expected the Wildcats to rebuild in 1979 because graduation hit the Big Blue hard. But the two of the nation's top prepsters—Dwight Anderson and Clarence Tillman—inked UK letters of intent just a few days after the national championship. The makings of a return trip in just a couple years would be automatic, according to some die-hards.

What happened the following year only reinforced the Big Blue faithful's optimism. Coach Joe B. Hall and his staff went out and signed what many tabbed as the nation's top recruiting class. Among the signees were Sam Bowie, Derrick Hord, Dirk Minniefield, Charles Hurt and Tom Heitz. A sixth member who never signed because he slipped away to prep school and then transferred to UK the following season was a kid by the name of Melvin Turpin.

The class was so awesome, many said Kentucky couldn't miss making the Final Four, even if it tried.

Despite the youthfulness of the 1979 squad, it often brought Wildcat fans more joy than some other UK teams which were far more successful in the won-loss column. By the season's end, the 'Cats clawed their way to the championship game of the renewed Southeastern Conference tournament before bowing to Tennessee in overtime.

A couple nights later, UK was upset at home by Clemson in the opening round of the NIT with a couple Wildcats fighting back flu symptoms and fatigue.

In 1979-80, the season began the way it ended, with a tough down-to-the-wire loss to Duke University, the team which Kentucky defeated in 1978 for its last national championship.

In the season-opening Hall of Fame Classic at Springfield, Mass., the young kiddie corps of Bowie, Hord, Minniefield, Hurt and Heitz put on quite a show with veteran Kyle Macy and sophomore Dwight Anderson leading the charge, only to lose in overtime.

But the Wildcats bounced back quickly, winning the Great Alaska Shootout by defeating the Jim Valvano-coached Iona Gaels (led by Jeff Ruland) in the title game.

What followed was a brilliant season. Although Kentucky lost to LSU in the championship game of the SEC tourney, after winning the regular season trophy, the Wildcats bounced a good Florida State team out of the NCAA tournament in advancing to the Midwest Regional semifinals at Rupp Arena.

Although the 'Cats played excellent basketball in demolishing FSU 97-78, all was not well in the Kentucky camp. It was no secret Macy was unhappy because he wasn't being called on more in the offense. With the pros just around the corner, the Mr. Basketball from Indiana figured his scoring average was important as the pro draft time neared. He was particularly annoyed because of his lack of playing time in the second half against Florida State. Others called it pouting.

Amidst all the media cries about being allowed to play on its home floor, Kentucky muffed the opportunity of advancing to the Final Four when Duke upset the Wildcats 55-54 as Macy's shot at the buzzer fell short. Bowie went to the bench early in the contest with three personal fouls and saw little action the rest of the way. What kept Kentucky in the game was the play of junior Fred Cowan who responded with what would prove to be the biggest game of his career. He poured home 26 points, but it wasn't enough.

That 29-5 season saw four of the five losses administered by LSU and Duke with the only other defeat coming at the hands of Alabama. Ironically, three of the five losses came at home and the other two were administered on a neutral floor. That season, as frustrating as it began and ended, failed to see Kentucky lose on an opponent's home court.

But agony's ugly face would soon return. With Macy gone to the pros, Kentucky still fashioned an excellent 22-6 worksheet the following season, but never seemed to be on the right track. There were narrow victories over schools fans expected Kentucky to dominate.

And during an era in which Kentucky totally dominated Digger Phelps and Notre Dame, the Wildcats experienced one of their rare losses to the Irish and at a time when the 'Cats were big favorites.

Kentucky struggled toward the end of the season and the 'Cats were upset in their first game of the SEC tournament by Vanderbilt. The loss was more damaging than most thought at the time.

A week later, University of Alabama-Birmingham, a team which Kentucky defeated 61-53 in the annual UKIT earlier in the season, shocked the Wildcats 69-62 in the opening round of the NCAA at Tuscaloosa, Ala., as Sam Bowie sat helplessly on the sideline in foul trouble much of the game.

The loss left Wildcat fans growling from border to border. Never mind that UAB advanced to the semifinals and gave Indiana the

toughest game of the tourney before the Hoosiers won the national title. Never mind that UAB a year later would upset Ralph Sampson and Virginia.

Then the really bad news.

Prior to the next season, Sam Bowie came down with the leg injury which at first was thought to be minor. Eventually, the popular All-American would be sidelined for a full two years. Most experts refused to concede at the time that Bowie's absence would hinder the Wildcat Express.

Kentucky fashioned a 22-8 mark, one which should have made Joe B. Hall proud, but Kentucky fans never accepted second, even when they should have.

Pressure mounted throughout the year although UK appeared to be making a late-season run with a six-game winning streak before the 'Cats were shocked 94-78 by LSU in Baton Rouge.

With the SEC tournament being played for the first time in Rupp Arena, folks figured Kentucky would get a nice send-off for the NCAA tourney.

Again, it didn't work out that way. Kentucky defeated Auburn with ease, 89-66 and then held off Ole Miss 62-58 after blowing out the Rebs in the first half. But Ole Miss coach Bob Weltlich should be given an assist for the downfall of the 'Cats as he exhibited his seat while fully-clothed during the postgame press conference.

Shouting obscenities and crying at the same time, he leveled at the game's officials an indictment which hasn't been matched since by any coach in the SEC. According to Weltlich, there was no way the officials were going to allow Kentucky to lose at Rupp Arena.

And wouldn't you know it, less than 24 hours later, Wimp Sanderson (*the same man who said prior to this season that it was against the rules for UK to lose at home*) and Alabama pulled the trick, defeating UK 48-46 in the title game.

If Kentucky was down, it was nothing to compare with a week later. Thanks to the NCAA selection committee, Kentucky was paired against OVC champion Middle Tennessee State in the opening round, setting up a potential second-round confrontation with arch non-rival Louisville.

Kentucky never got out of the gate and Middle Tennessee shocked Kentucky 50-44 in one of the biggest upsets of the tourney. The wolves really came alive.

With his back to the wall, Joe B. Hall then fought his way back in 1982-83.

Still without Bowie, Hall faced obstacles

in 1983 he'd never faced before, or after.

Notre Dame's Phelps had been crying for umpteenth years that it just wasn't fair to have to play Kentucky at Louisville's Freedom Hall each year, and unless Joe B. agreed to visit Digger's playpen in South Bend, the series would cease.

Pressure had been mounting on Hall for years about not playing Louisville and now the Notre Dame situation arises. Never mind that the long-running (over 20 years) Freedom Hall date was actually proposed and implemented by Notre Dame. Digger's biggest problem was that he just couldn't beat a Joe B.-coached team more than once every seven years or so.

So to silence the critics, Hall agreed to a two-year series which called for one game (1981) in Freedom Hall and one game at Notre Dame. The South Bend contest (December, 1982) turned out to be the final one.

When the 'Cats arrived in South Bend, one could tell that it was one of those rare games which the Irish have become famous for, in other words, winning at any cost.

Digger's best laid plans were buried in the dark of the night by a group of 'Cats. Derrick Hord played one of the finest games of his career, scoring 18 points as the Wildcats hit an amazing 75 percent (24 of 32) from the field in downing Notre Dame 58-45.

The season, however, was far from over. Kentucky played well near the end of the regular season, winning eight in a row before falling 74-60 at LSU. Like two years earlier, Kentucky lost in the opening round of the SEC tourney, this time to Alabama by a 69-64 count.

But the similarities ended there. With Hord, Hurt and Minniefield playing their final games, Kentucky regrouped and steamed past Ohio University 57-40 to set up a big date with Indiana in the Midwest semifinals at Knoxville.

The NCAA selection committee, with a gleam in its eyes, set up the perfect confrontations. Kentucky versus Indiana with the winner taking on the winner of the Arkansas (Hi there, Eddie) and Louisville game.

Three months earlier, Kentucky dropped a tough 62-59 decision to Bobby Knight in Bloomington. Experts argued that a date in Knoxville would not change the outcome. They were wrong.

Kentucky, which had been gaining rapidly in getting even with Knight over the past few years, fought through the Hoosier picks like a jack-hammer operator and found itself a 64-59 winner as Hall continued his mastery of Knight which changed dramatically after the famous head-slapping incident in 1975. For obvious reasons, the victory was short-lived.

It did set up the all-important match with Louisville after the Cardinals scored a come-from-behind victory over Arkansas in the other semifinal match.

Kentucky left its season on the Stokely Athletics Center floor that Saturday afternoon in a 12-point overtime loss to the Cardinals, but it certainly was a far cry from the losses Wildcat fans had become accustomed

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### Last Weekly TCP Issue Before Summer Editions

This issue marks the end of our weekly issues for the current sports year at *The Cats' Pause*.

The May issue will be printed and should be delivered to your home or office by the middle of May.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you, our loyal subscribers, for your continued support for both the *TCP* and the Kentucky Wildcats.

This summer we plan to keep you abreast of the late breaking recruiting news and other items pertaining to Kentucky basketball and football.

Remember, your next issue of *The Cats' Pause* will be the monthly May issue and it should arrive in your mailbox by the middle of May.

Our regular weekly issues will resume in early-September, the week of Kentucky's football season opener.

### Three-Pointer To Return Again Next Season; Will Remain At 19' 9" Distance

Probably to the delight of many college basketball fans, the NCAA Rules Committee announced last week that the three-point shot will remain a part of the game, and from 19 feet, nine inches.

This came about last Wednesday in New Orleans.

"The three-point rule did exactly what it was intended to do," said committee member Ed Steitz.

Steitz noted that the three-point shot put more points on the scoreboard, while inside the paint it reduced the rough play and over-guarding.

Also next season, an intentional foul will not only result in two free tosses but possession of the ball as well.

From 1,448 coaches' questionnaires, 80 percent wanted the three-point shot to remain on the collegiate level. Of those 80 percent, 35 percent agreed with the present distance, and 36 percent wanted to use the Olympic measurement—nine inches deeper than the current collegiate three-pointer.

Another rule which will be implemented next season will allow an official to impose a technical foul on a coach if any of his players come off the bench to participate in a fight on the hardwood.

A third change deals with a coach confronting the scorer's table, to protest a scoring or timing decision. However, this time the coaches will be given a break. Under the old rules the referee could whistle a technical on the guilty party. Now, if an incident like this occurs the team in question will be issued a timeout.

Several changes also will be allowed to take place in a conference, on an experimental basis. The NCAA will permit conferences to try several new things in which they (the conferences) will monitor and give the results to the rule committee.

Those experiments that CAN be included are:

\*Moving the three-point shot out to Olympic specification.

\*Taking away the bottom foot of the backboard for safety purposes.

\*Issue a team a five-second violation if a squad doesn't resume play promptly following a timeout.

\*Originally referees' jurisdiction is 30 minutes prior to tipoff. Now, under experimental procedures, it will be 20 minutes.

\*Draw a box at the scorer's table which the substitutes have to be in when they report to the table.

### Ham Roasting? UKAA To Honor Retiring Assistant

University of Kentucky assistant athletics director Frank Ham will be treated to a "Roast" on Friday, May 8 at the Lexington Hyatt Regency, according to UK athletics director Cliff Hagan.

The event is scheduled for the Patterson Ball Room at 6:30 p.m.

Ham, who is retiring in June, has been at his at his current position since July 1975.

Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased in room 12 at Memorial Coliseum. They also can be obtained by sending a check earmarked for "Frank Ham dinner" in care of Lori Barnes, UKAA, Memorial Coliseum, Lexington, Ky., 40506.

For more information contact Barnes at 257-5611.

# KENTUCKY

## No Doubt About It, Defense Wins Games

Big Blue Needs Big Plays

Last year prior to the start of the college football season, *The Cats' Pause* conducted a preseason poll. Media personalities from around the commonwealth were asked to project Kentucky's fate for the upcoming season, along with an SEC champion.

While most picked the 'Cats to finish 6-5, almost everyone came to the conclusion that Alabama would claim the SEC title. I, meanwhile, traveled a different route.

Sure, the talented Crimson Tide had arguably the SEC's best player, and perhaps the country's, in linebacker Cornelius Bennett. But along those same lines, LSU returned 10 of 11 defensive players,



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

including consensus All-American Michael Brooks.

The season before the Tigers' defense allowed only 10.3 points per game, which ranked them third in the country.

So, as daring (or as foolish) as it may have seemed I picked the crew from Baton Rouge to win the title. And even though Brooks was injured early in the season, LSU still was able to storm past Alabama, capture the SEC title and a Sugar Bowl berth opposite Nebraska.

Team defense... that's what I was looking for. Along with surprising freshman quarterback Tom Hodson, LSU's team defense carried it atop the standings, which not too many people thought possible.

These days, I'll take a good, solid defense over a high-powered offense any day. What is it they say—good pitching will most of the time beat good hitting. I couldn't agree more.

"I think LSU won because of their defense," said Kentucky Wildcat defensive coach Terry Strock. "They had an outstanding defense; their defense turned the ball over, got the ball in good field position for their offense. They did a great job."

Hey, Wildcat fans don't turn the page... this column's not devoted to the success of the '86 LSU Tigers. The point I'm trying to make is that defense wins ballgames. So, let's talk about Kentucky football from a defensive standpoint.

Give me a D-E-F-E-N-S-E. What's that spell?... DEFENSE. Alright!

Right now the Kentucky staff is teaching the important aspects to the Wildcats, so as not to be rehashed during the regular season. That's what spring ball is all about.

### Team Defense Is One Of Two Main Concerns

True, this spring finding a replacement for former signal caller Bill Ransdell is one of top priorities. However, Jerry Claiborne has his mind on another crucial concept, solid team defense.

"Last year we didn't turn the ball over too many times," said Claiborne recently. "But we did not get the ball—turn the ball over defensively. We must have dropped 10 or 12 interceptions that were right in our hands."

If not for Tony Mayes UK would have recorded only five interceptions in '86. A senior last season, Mayes picked off four passes from his defensive back position.

Sixteen times did Kentucky's defense, by way of fumble recoveries, turn the ball over to its offensive unit. Meanwhile, let's take a peek at the other side of the coin, Wildcat turnovers.

On offense the Wildcats were guilty of 10 interceptions and losing 12 of 27 fumbles.

When figuring the pros and cons of things, that's a plus-three in UK's turnover department. Not bad, not bad at all. But Claiborne, a perfectionist at heart, wants improvement.

"We've got to come up with more big plays by our defensive unit," said Claiborne, who holds the UK record for nine interceptions in one season. "We need turnovers—interceptions, recovered fumbles and big plays in our kicking game. That's the biggest thing we need as far as our defense is concerned."

Offensively, when a receiver or back drops a pass don't we usually associate that with lack of fundamentals or poor concentration?

Does it work both ways? Last season late in the game Mayes dropped an interception at Virginia Tech, which would have clinched a victory for UK. Was that because of a fundamental or concentration breakdown?

"Interceptions are (based on) a lot of concentration and working to improve your hands and your pass catching ability," Strock said.

"Fumble recoveries are just getting everybody to the football and not having people loaf on plays. What you're trying to do is get 11 people around the football. If it does go on the ground then you have more people around it than they do."

A young, inexperienced group will have problems of getting the "big plays." Yes, I know there were four senior starters on the defensive side of the ball. There also were some youngsters in the '86 defensive makeup, too.

### Trading A First-Year For A Fifth-Year

There were redshirt freshmen—Vic Adams (guard) and Ron Robinson (safety). Bringing your binoculars at eye level you also would have seen sophomores Chris Chenault (linebacker), Carwell Gardner (defensive end), Jay Dortch (defensive end) and David Johnson (cornerback). Add juniors Jerry Reese and John Shannon (switched from tackle to guard in '87) and, sure, you had a good mixture of veteran and young talent. But folks, we're just skimming the surface.

Quality depth, my friends, is a key ingredient to making an average defensive unit into a feared one. From last year's squad Kentucky loses seven lettermen. As I mentioned earlier four of them—

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—UK Assistant Terry Strock

Mayes, Guy Neal, Larry Smith and Tom Wilkins—were starters. Of this year's returning lettermen, who are listed as non-starters on UK's spring depth chart, you'll find only two seniors—guard Scott Endris and linebacker Jeff Kremer.

Wouldn't you say reliable and experienced 'Cat backups were hard to find in '86? I would. And it showed.

During the second and fourth quarters, the two 15-minute periods which are the most tiring because of no rest, Kentucky gave up 61 and 80 points, respectively. In the opening quarter the Wildcats gave up only 36 points, and in the third stanza, which follows the traditional intermission break, the UK defense allowed just 30 points.

The LSUs, Alabamas, Auburns and others big-time programs have a depth advantage over college football's "average" programs. However, help is on the way in the UK camp.

"We are still young in terms of the number of years the kids have played," said Strock. "But we do have some experience because we do have a number of sophomores and redshirt freshmen who played a significant part in our defense last year."

To the disbelief of many followers, the redshirt program at UK is starting to come into play. With 'Bama and Auburn being regular foes in '88, it better work, because something has to give in the not too distant future.

Kentucky returns seven starters on defense and has a good supply of backups. Back are 10 defensive reserves who earned letters last year.

The only position which appears to be weak is at defensive end. First-stringers Carwell Gardner and Dortch return, but after that the experience is "nil" according to Claiborne.

The Wildcat coach is hoping that DEs Paul McDowell, Tony Zigman, Tony Massey and Mike Robinson will add quality depth to this important position in Kentucky's wide-tackle-six defense. Other than that things are on the up-and-up, that is if the injury bug stays out of UK's direction. A couple of weekends ago 11 Wildcats came away with injuries, although mostly bumps and bruises according to team trainer Al Green.

"It's true of any football team, that to have a winning season you have to have some big plays on defense," Strock noted. "The defense has to score with interceptions, punt returns and things of this nature. We're working hard to try to increase the number of interceptions that we get and the number of fumbles we get. We had the ball on the ground 33 times last year but we only got 16 fumbles."

"We're trying to improve that part of our defensive scheme—trying to come up with big plays and score on defense."

Following April 25th's Blue-White game UK fans might have a good idea who'll be the No. 1 quarterback. But also keep an eye on the Wildcat defense. You see, it's these guys who can carry a squad a long, long ways.



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### The Bottom Line On UK Basketball



## Sideline Chatter

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tastic program. They (construction crew) are coming along very well. And I would say, to what purpose it has there will be no better facility in the country." Overall, the building will consist of: weight, meeting, exercise, training, and equipment rooms. Also, there will be coaches and players' dressing rooms, racquetball courts, coaches and players' lounges and an interview room for the media. "Right now, we're hoping to be in that building by July," Claiborne said. "The reason why we would like to be in it by July is because that when our players come in we don't want to start at Shively Sports Center and then after a month or so move into another facility. So we're hoping that everything continues on schedule and that we will be able to get in there by the middle of July or at least by the end of July."

... Last season, redshirt freshman **Dee Smith** came into his own. In '87 he caught 11 passes for 170 yards, netting an impressive 15.5 yards per carry average. This year he will be looked to as one of the Wildcats BIG play artists. "We think that he is a 'big play' type player," said Claiborne about the Paducah Tilghman product. "We think that Dee can not only catch the ball but we're also hoping to get the ball to him on some reverses and get him in the backfield some. Last year we ran him from the backfield several times and he ran very well. With the year maturity he got from last season we think he'll be a lot more confident. We do hope he can give us some big plays this year." ... Claiborne about the backfield situation. "That should be one of our strengths and we hope to utilize that this spring and hopefully next fall. If our backs can get in good enough shape that they can run the ball 20 or 30 times a game, stay healthy, and be able to play game after game after game then that should be one of our strengths this spring and certainly next fall." ... If the backfield can remain free from injuries what should we expect out of the '87 group? "Well, it's hard to say," replied senior back **Mark Higgs**. "We're just trying to concentrate on spring ball. We're working on our open field moves so we can break some longer runs. That's what our running back coach (**Greg Nord**) has been talking to us about." ... Senior linebacker **Jeff Kremer** about the Wildcats' winter workouts. "I think they went real well. It seems that people were excited and anxious; they worked real hard. It's something that I don't think I've really seen since I've been here. People just seemed like they knew what they had to do—they went in and worked hard, ran hard. They just knew what they had to do and got the job done." ... Individually speaking, Kremer hopes to be a consistent performer in '87. "I'm not bragging but I think I can play just as good as anybody else in the country," he said. "But there are times when I slack off for a play or two. I've just got to be more consistent." As a team, he feels the defense is ready to send Kentucky to a winning campaign. "I'm excited. I'm not going to sit here and tell you that we're going to dominate or something like that. But I do think our defense will be one of our strong points. We ought to be able to go out and stop people." ... Kremer about Kentucky fans starting to criticize coach Claiborne following the Wildcats' 5-5-1 season. "I heard stuff last year. I think it's a bunch of bull. I don't see how they can grumble over what he's done with the program. He's definitely brought it up, but still people are complaining. I know they expect a bowl every year and stuff like that, but even the best teams sometimes don't go to a bowl. The atmosphere is definitely 100 percent better than it used to be (before Claiborne took over at UK). We had two good years (1983, '84) and the last two have been down a little, but they weren't really bad years."

## Dooley Getting A Chance To Prove Himself

Cincinnati Native Tops Quarterback List

For the last two years, Kevin Dooley has been the bridesmaid, so to speak, of the Wildcat football team. As the backup quarterback to **Bill Ransdell**, he had to stand in when UK's all-time leading passer was injured. Those days are now over. Ransdell has graduated. This year, Dooley wants the chance to become Kentucky's starting quarterback.

"It's been that way during my career with Bill always there," Dooley said. "But right now, Bill Ransdell is not there anymore and I have a chance to do it myself."

"I realize I can play this year. This is it for me."



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

Please pardon Dooley if he says anything that might indicate he will be the starting signal caller for UK this season. He recognizes that the starting job will have to be earned on the practice field, not in the newspapers. Because of his previous game experience, though, Dooley has to be considered the frontrunner for the position. But he is also aware that he will have to win the job, and that **Chuck Broughton**, **Billy Allen**, **Eric Green** and junior college transfer **Glenn Fohr** will be out there trying to earn the spot as well.

"There's a lot of competition for the quarterback position," said Dooley, a senior from Cincinnati. "Right now I may be the first-string quarterback, but that's because I have the most game experience. Hopefully the competition among ourselves will have us pushing each other and will make us better football players."

As spring drills continue, Dooley is concentrating on preparing himself for the upcoming campaign. In the past, he's let little things affect his performance. Little things like worrying about what his teammates were doing instead of his own performance. But this year, he's changing that philosophy.

"It's a matter of not worrying about what other people are doing, but worrying about myself," Dooley said. "I think in the past that has bothered me. If I just worry about Kevin Dooley and do the job, then I'll be alright."

Dooley's claim to fame came two years ago when Ransdell punctured a lung on the first play from scrimmage against Clemson in a game played under the lights at Commonwealth Stadium. Thrust into a tough situation, Dooley came in and led the Wildcats to an impressive win over the Tigers, and then the following week, quarterbacked UK past Mississippi State. Those two games did give Dooley confidence, but this season will be an entirely different situation.

"That was the highlight of my career," Dooley says. "The reason I did so well at that time was I really didn't have time to think about what I was doing. It certainly will be different this year."

During UK's winter workouts, Dooley was determined that he was going to be in the best shape of his life heading into his senior season. By increasing both his strength and speed, Dooley earned the Outstanding Back Award, which goes out to the offensive back who performs the best in overall strength and agility tests. Because of his new strength and mobility, the UK coaches have included some option plays in this year's playbook.

"We have put in some option plays this spring," Dooley said, "but I don't know how much they will be used. I do know that I ran my fastest 40-yard dash in my life, and I think I can help the team running the football."

Because of his maneuverability in the pocket, Dooley doesn't mind picking up the extra yards while scrambling from the pass rush. In fact, he says getting out in the open field immediately puts his mind into the game.

"It's mainly instinct," Dooley said, explaining his scrambling ability. "You don't think much about it. I like to run the ball because it gets you into the game. Once you receive that first hit you know you're in the game."

But it will be his passing ability that will come under the scrutiny of UK fans as the season unfolds. Last year he completed just eight of 24 attempts through the air for 77 yards, and he knows he will have to do much better for UK to compete in the tough SEC. That's why he subjected himself to a rigorous off-season program in the weight room. One that he says has paid off.

### UK Notebook

Former UK basketball assistant **Lake Kelly** has taken his name

out of consideration for the head coaching job at **South Alabama**. Kelly guided **Austin Peay** to an Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship, along with an upset win over highly-ranked Illinois in the NCAA tournament this season. Kelly, who was a UK assistant under **Joe Hall** and also coached in the Kentucky prep ranks at Clark County, has become a hot commodity on the college coaching circuit as his name was also mentioned in connection with the vacant **Morehead** job. Austin Peay has reportedly given Kelly a new package deal amounting to approximately \$100,000 per year. ... Another ex-Wildcat assistant made news when **Boyd Grant** was named the head coach at **Colorado State**. Grant, who made a name for himself by resurrecting the basketball program at Fresno State before resigning last year, was also an assistant under Hall. ... Our best wishes go out to former UK football assistant **Charlie McCullers** who recently suffered a heart attack in Del Ray, Fla. McCullers had been a color analyst for channel 27's UK football broadcasts prior to going into private business with his son in Florida. ... Two former UK football players are trying to earn their way into the NFL. **Cam Jacobs** was a fifth-round draft pick by the Pittsburgh Steelers and has signed a free agent



Jacobs



McCullers

contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Meanwhile, ex-UK receiver **Rick Massie** will attempt to make the Denver Bronco club. ... Already injuries have started to mount in UK's spring football practice as 11 players had been sidelined as of last week. Converted defensive back **Anthony Gardner** will miss the rest of spring drills because he tore an anterior cruciate ligament in his knee. The injury occurred when he twisted the knee while running on the turf at the Shively Center practice field. Redshirt freshman **Chris Moga** is out indefinitely after breaking his leg during practice. And both defensive guard **Doug Houser** and running back **Al Baker** have cartilage tears in their knees, but only Houser will require surgery, according to UK trainer **Al Green**.

### SEC Notebook

Do you realize that the last seven times **LSU** has appeared in the NCAA basketball tournament, the Tigers have been eliminated by the eventual national champion five times? Apparently beating **Dale Brown's** club brings out the best in opponents. Just ask **Indiana** which escaped with a one-point win over LSU in the finals of the Midwest Regional. ... In an effort to upgrade its basketball recruiting, **Tennessee** has hired former California State-Sacramento head coach **Bill Brown** as an assistant. Brown replaced former Vol assistant **Jack Fertig**, who resigned after UT's disappointing 14-15 season. Brown has been an assistant at Kent State and Arkansas (under **Eddie Sutton**) and will specialize in recruiting for UT coach **Don DeVoe**. ... Speaking of DeVoe, Marshall head coach **Rick Huckabay** is making no secret that he'd love to have the head job at Tennessee if it was to become available. Huckabay, who had finished his fourth season at the Southern Conference school, was quoted as saying, "I'd pay them" to coach at UT. He also went on to say, "I'm happy at Marshall, but would love to move to a conference better known for its basketball." Huckabay also told the LSU student newspaper that he would like to succeed Dale Brown if he ever decided to step down as the head coach for the Tigers. Huckabay used to be an assistant for Brown at LSU. ... National football recruiting expert **Max Emfinger** has given high marks to **Watson Brown** at Vanderbilt and **Johnny Majors** at Tennessee for the schools' recruiting campaigns this year. Emfinger said Brown's class might be the best ever at Vandy. He gave a high ranking to Commodore recruit and Kentucky native **Bobby Craycraft**, who played his high school football at Boyd County. Emfinger also said Tennessee should get immediate help from junior college running back **Keith Denson**.



## Sports Figures Say The Darndest Things

You Never Know What You'll Hear Next!

I'm sort of the "Reader's Digest" of columnists. I read all the press releases, basketball and football publications, newspapers and even game programs looking for quotable quotes, funny or serious. It's been a very good year. Take the program at the recent Southeastern Conference Tournament. It yielded such jewels as these:

After Mississippi State's 50-36 loss to Kentucky at Rupp Arena, Bulldog coach Richard Williams was asked if he would have expected to win had he known beforehand that his team would hold



Stan Torgerson  
Cats' Pause Columnist

the Wildcats to only 50 points.

Williams' answer?

"For us the way we shoot, I'd think we'd get 48."

The feature on Alabama in referring to their star Derrick McKey said, "The 6'9" basketball star wasn't heavily recruited."

Since McKey played his high school ball in my hometown and since I had seen as many as nine coaches and assistant coaches show up one night to scout the young man during his senior season, obviously I'm going to have to redefine my personal definition of being "heavily recruited."

I suppose you think of Vanderbilt as a solid, straight line, almost stuffy basketball team? Not so—at least not according to the SEC program.

"In a season filled with zany play by every Southeastern Conference team the Vanderbilt Commodores feel right at home," the writer said. "They've been playing that kind of ball for years."

Oh, come on now! There are a lot of words which describe the Vanderbilt program but "zany" isn't one of them.

Loved the Auburn press release with Pat Dye's quote about his 1987 Auburn football team.

Said Pat, "If our best players play as well as they can play, I think we will have a chance against anybody we play!"

Say that again, Pat, but slowly!

Indiana coach Bobby Knight is as subtle as a Mack truck. When asked about the three-point shot recently, Knight said, "I didn't like the damn rule then (before the season), I don't like it now."

LaSalle basketball coach Bill Morris describing his lack of speed when he was a player:

"I used to drive the lane and get called for three seconds," said Morris.

Indiana star Steve Alford may be destined for the diplomatic service. When asked recently if the public had the right perception of Hoosier coach Bobby Knight, Alford said, "I've survived for four years and I've only got one game left."

A perfect "no-call" if we've ever heard one.

Knight was sitting by Alford's side. "You little so and so," Knight smiled, "just keep one thing in mind. You aren't ever going to be out from under that umbrella. Now say what you want."

Alford smiled back. He also said nothing.

Gary Leonard, center for Missouri's basketball team, was asked about the NCAA's mandatory drug tests before tournament play.

"Isn't it something?" said Leonard. "The road to New Orleans starts in the bathroom."

Benny Dees gave his University of New Orleans team three days off during Mardi Gras. He said they refused to practice anyway while the fun time was going on. When he finally called his club together again, Dees observed, "We practiced Ash Wednesday and I'm not sure they were sober."

You probably don't realize how much the good Lord gets involved in basketball. After DePaul scored in the final seconds to tie St. John's and then went on to win the game in overtime, Blue Demon coach Joey Meyer told the press, "I suppose the Lord watched over the Mets and the Giants so it was about time he did something for the Windy City."

The recent death of former Ohio State coach Woody Hayes reminds me of the time a surgeon operated to remove his gall bladder, then later had to go back in and take out a surgical sponge that had accidentally been left in the incision.

"I don't know how a doctor could make a mistake," said Hayes. "I coached for 40 years and never made one."

Bill Frieder, Michigan's basketball coach, lost to North Carolina in the NCAA tournament. The game was played at Charlotte Coliseum, a virtual home-court advantage for the Tar Heels.

Said Frieder, "When we came to the arena and the security guard was wearing a Carolina cap and wouldn't let us in while they unloaded the Carolina bus, I knew we were in trouble."

For years, Nevada Las Vegas coach Jerry Tarkanian has been accused of bending, or outright breaking, NCAA rules. Recently, he threw a few shots back to college basketball's governing body.

On UCLA's alleged illegal inducements to sign Sean Higgins,



Say It Again, Pat!

Tarkanian said, "I'll guarantee you they won't do anything to UCLA. They'll throw them a banquet."

Tark, the Shark, then turned his attention to Kentucky and last year's Pulitzer Prize winning series by a Lexington newspaper which exposed numerous alleged illegalities.

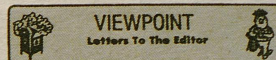
"What they've done with Kentucky is incredible," said the Vegas coach. "They haven't done nothing. It's an absolute joke."

As I said, it's been a very good year. And you can quote me!

### Not For Broadcast

The two Wilsons will be sorely missed at LSU. Nikita Wilson finished his career as the eighth all-time scorer for the Tigers and teammate Anthony Wilson wrapped up his time in Baton Rouge as No. 18 on the all-time list. . . LSU appeared on all five TV networks this past season—CBS, NBC, ABC, ESPN and USA. All together the Tigers logged 12 TV games. . . Two players, Joe Lawrence of Florida and Barry Booker of Vanderbilt hit 50 percent or more of their three-point shots last season. Lawrence led with 64 of 127 for 50.4 percent, and Booker was second with 85 of 170 for 50 percent. Interestingly enough, however, neither one made the top 15 in overall shooting percentage nor was either listed in the top 15 free throw category. In addition, neither Lawrence or Booker cracked the top 20 list of scorers. . . The SEC posted an 84-33 record against non-league opponents, a winning percentage of 71.8. . . The Lawrence and Kessler families must be especially proud. Brothers Joe and Pat Lawrence of Florida and brothers Chad and Alec Kessler of Georgia made the Academic All-SEC team along with Mark Gottfried of Alabama, Keith Kessinger of Ole Miss, Mark Peters of Mississippi State, Mark Griffin and Russ Spivey of Tennessee and Barry Goheen and Steve Reese of Vanderbilt. To be selected to the team a player must have at least a 3.0 average during his career or the immediate past academic year, must be at least a sophomore, must have at least 24 hours accountable toward a degree, and must be a regular performer on the team. Chad Kessler, Joe Lawrence and Reese all made it for the third consecutive year. The 11 qualifiers are the most in the SEC since the 1976 season. . . Tony White's scoring record

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### Gridiron Reality

Dear Sir:

I agree with E.E. Jones' comments regarding the lack of sports parity at UK (March 28 issue of *The Cats' Pause*).

Even the "nosepickers" at UK must realize that while the basketball program has depended for years now on out-of-state talent, the UK football program is making progress, though not great, with largely in-state players.

What I am seeing in Kentucky is that good high school athletes are now just as likely to be found on the gridiron as on the hardwood. What I don't see is the press in Kentucky catching on to this trend (Rick Bozich, *Louisville Courier-Journal*, is one notable exception). A recent illustration of this point is the 1987 Kentucky High School basketball tournament just finished. It featured two Wildcat signees, not in basketball, but football, and both Joey Couch of Paintsville and Shawn Evans of Madison Central made the all-tournament team.

How many players in the tournament is Eddie Sutton seriously recruiting? One? And how many basketball players in Kentucky received the national attention that a half-dozen or so football players did?

TV news clips revealed some interesting information this past football and basketball season on the high school level. I was surprised to see a lot of large enthusiastic football crowds and just as surprised to see some near-empty gyms, especially for some key matchups. Last year when the Trinity-St. Xavier football game (as usual) drew over 20,000 fans to Fairgrounds Stadium it barely got a mention in the paper. But, when 10,000 fans showed up for a basketball game between Henry Clay and Owensboro Apollo one would have thought the Final Four had hit Lexington.

Shouldn't press coverage reflect fan interest? Twice as many kids play varsity football in this state as they do varsity basketball. Careful guys, there may be a few "nosepickers" in your press rooms.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Aaron  
Somerset, Ky.

**(Editor's note: You've certainly made some good points, but don't forget to compare the crowds for the boys' state basketball tournament with that of the football playoffs. By the way, Deron Feldhaus also played in the state tournament and made the all-tourney team. There's obviously room for both sports in the state.)**

### Sutton Optimistic About '88 Season

At his last weekly press conference (March 23) of the '87 season, coach Eddie Sutton said he was "very optimistic about next year. . . but not as much as Dick Vitale."

Already, Vitale, the colorful ESPN analyst, has the Wildcats picked No. 2 next season, behind only Michigan.

Much of the press conference covered the six Wildcat signees. Here's a thumbnail sketch by the Kentucky coach of the UK freshmen-to-be.

\*LeRon Ellis, 6-foot-11, Santa Ana, Calif. (Has passed college test). Says Sutton: "He'll certainly help us next year. . . Jumps well, shoots well, plays with his back to the basket, but can shoot facing the basket. He'll remind a lot of people of Sam Bowie. . . Needs to get stronger and needs to develop

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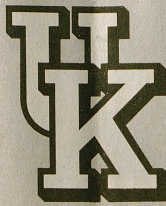
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Texas Tech	4 8	50.0	0 0	0.0	3 6	50.0	3 4	7 2 0 2 4 0	29	11		
Indiana	5 7	71.4	0 0	0.0	0 2	0.0	5 5	10 1 1 3 5 1	28	10		
Lamar	2 3	66.7	0 0	0.0	0 1	0.0	1 2	3 0 1 3 2 1	24	4		
Iona	0 4	0.0	0 0	0.0	0 0	0.0	2 2	1 0 2 3 0 0	17	0		
Boston	3 5	60.0	0 0	0.0	2 4	50.0	4 2	6 1 0 1 2 4 0	24	8		
Louisville	2 3	66.7	0 0	0.0	2 2	100.0	4 2	6 1 0 1 5 0	24	8		
Georgia	4 8	50.0	0 0	0.0	0 0	0.0	4 3	7 1 1 1 4 0	27	8		
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Texas Tech	4 4	100.0	2 2	100.0	0 0	0.0	1 2	1 1	4 3 1	15	10		
Indiana	4 6	66.7	2 2	100.0	0 0	0.0	2 2	0 0	1 0 0	14	10		
Lamar	5 8	62.5	2 5	40.0	0 1	0.0	0 4	4 0	1 1 1	21	12		
Iona	3 8	37.5	2 4	50.0	1 2	50.0	1 5	6 1	1 1 2	22	9		
Boston	1 3	33.3	1 2	50.0	3 4	75.0	1 6	7 1	0 0	20	6		
Louisville	3 4	75.0	2 3	66.7	0 0	0.0	1 2	3 1	0 1	3 0	24	8	
Georgia	5 15	33.3	5 10	50.0	0 0	0.0	3 2	5 0	2 2	2 8	15	15	
Auburn	0 2	0.0	0 2	0.0	2 4	50.0	0 3	1 0	1 1	0	14	2	
Alabama	6 11	54.5	2 6	33.3	0 0	0.0	2 2	4 0	1 1	1 0	29	14	
Tennessee	2 8	25.0	0 1	0.0	0 0	0.0	2 0	2 3	0 0	0	19	4	
Mississippi State	4 6	66.7	3 5	60.0	0 0	0.0	1 2	3 0	1 1	1 0	21	11	
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LSU	0 6	0.0	0 2	0.0	0 0	0.0	1 1	2 3	0 0	1	20	0	
Vanderbilt	2 5	40.0	2 4	50.0	0 0	0.0	2 1	3 1	0 0	0	13	6	
Navy	3 7	42.9	2 4	50.0	0 0	0.0	1 1	2 0	0 1	0	14	8	
Ole Miss	0 3	0.0	0 1	0.0	0 0	0.0	1 0	1 0	0 0	3	0	0	
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GAME BY GAME TOTALS Madison, Richard

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	FG/A	PCT	3PT/A	PCT	FT/A	PCT							
Austin Peay	4 10	40.0	0 0	0.0	0 0	0.0	1 5	6 2	1 3	2 2	37	8	
Texas Tech	3 4	75.0	0 0	0.0	2 6	33.3	2 0	2 2	1 2	3 0	34	8	
Indiana	2 6	33.3	0 0	0.0	0 0	0.0	0 0	1 4	5 1	0 1	20	36	4
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Louisville	4 7	57.1	0 0	0.0	1 1	100.0	6 11	17 2	1 2	3 0	29	9	
Georgia	1 1	100.0	0 0	0.0	0 2	0.0	4 5	9 1	0 4	3 1	30	2	
Auburn	5 9	55.6	0 0	0.0	1 2	50.0	6 3	9 0	1 3	1 0	40	11	
Alabama	6 9	66.7	0 0	0.0	3 5	60.0	4 3	7 3	0 0	1 4	0	37	15
Tennessee	6 10	60.0	0 0	0.0	2 4	50.0	4 4	8 0	0 0	3 2	0	35	14
Mississippi State	0 3	0.0	0 0	0.0	2 2	100.0	0 4	4 0	0 0	1 2	0	13	5
Florida	2 4	50.0	0 0	0.0	1 3	100.0	1 2	3 1	0 1	2 5	0	34	2
LSU	2 5	40.0	0 0	0.0	2 2	100.0	0 3	3 0	0 0	3 5	0	34	6
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Navy	0 2	0.0	0 0	0.0	6 6	100.0	2 4	6 3	1 0	2 0	31	6	
Ole Miss	7 10	70.0	0 0	0.0	1 1	100.0	5 8	13 2	0 3	1 1	34	15	
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# Davender Captures MVP Honors At UK Basketball Awards Banquet

By Nick Nicholas

Last Friday evening Kentucky officially wrapped up its 1986-87 season with its basketball annual banquet. Junior guard Ed Davender was named the team's Most Valuable Player. Davender, who was Mr. Consistency this season, was the team's second-leading scorer (15.2 points per game) while starting in all 29 ballgames.

Among UK's starters, Davender captured the team's top free throw shooting award (73.8).

During the season, the Brooklyn product recorded the most minutes of any 'Cat (987). He finished second to freshman Rex Chapman in assists with 101.

Chapman, Paul Andrews and Steve Bruce also were awarded two achievements each. Andrews was given the team's leadership award and scholastic award. The latter is given to the player with the best academic record during his four years at UK.

Chapman received the freshman leadership trophy along with the award for most assists (103). This season Chapman led UK in scoring with a 16.0 average. In attendance in the packed Patterson Ball Room at the Lexington Civic Center was Rex's pop, Wayne Chapman. This past season the elder Chapman coached Kentucky Wesleyan to its fifth Division II title.

Bruce, a sophomore walkon from Versailles, was given the Christian-Athletic award, sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the "100 Percent Award."

Other Wildcats receiving awards were: James Blackmon (outstanding senior), freshman Derrick Miller (fewest turnovers—22), junior Richard Madison (most rebounds—216), junior Rob Lock (sacrifice award for being on the receiving end of most charges), freshman Terry Shigg (110 percent award), and coach Eddie Sutton (Jefferson County Alumni Award).

UK's "Fan(s) of the Year" Award was given to Manuel Thornton and Bob Wiggins.

About the season Sutton said, "Eighteen-and-11 was certainly a disappointing season.

And I think it was disappointing to these young men who represented the University of Kentucky. But in some ways it was a tribute to them to be able to do what they did.

"There's no doubt the loss of Winston Bennett was a major catastrophe. Winston Bennett is a great basketball player as all of us know. I might add the doctors have indicated that he'll be at full speed next season.

"He hurt us not only by not being able to perform on the basketball court in the games, but he hurt us not being able to perform in practice. I've told the ballclub this, that it's not going to be that way next year.

"This team was not the *hardest coached* ballclub I've ever coached, in fact at times I felt like they were a little *soft*. I know one thing, Winston Bennett would have made all of our big guys a little tougher. We're looking forward to having him back next year."

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The Committee of 101 also gave an "Appreciation Award. President of the 101 club, Van Florence, presented the award to seniors James Blackmon and Paul Andrews and walkons Terry Shigg and Steve Bruce.

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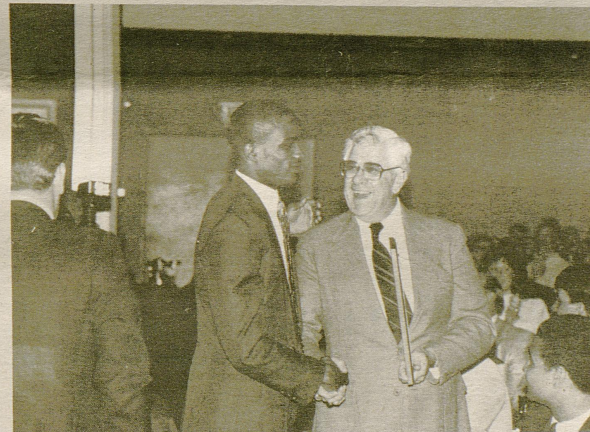
Recipient of this year's Stella Gilb cheerleading award was Dale Baldwin. Baldwin, who's now confined to a wheelchair following a severe injury while performing a flip on a mini-trampoline, received a standing ovation.

During his speech T. Lynn Williamson, UK cheerleading advisor said, "This award is given to the outstanding member of the squad who best exemplifies a Wildcat cheerleader.

"The winner of this award has served not only as an example to the cheerleaders, but through undying courage, a cheerful smile, constant enthusiasm and a true character of a winner he has faced the most difficult of times and has served as an example as well as an inspiration to all of us."



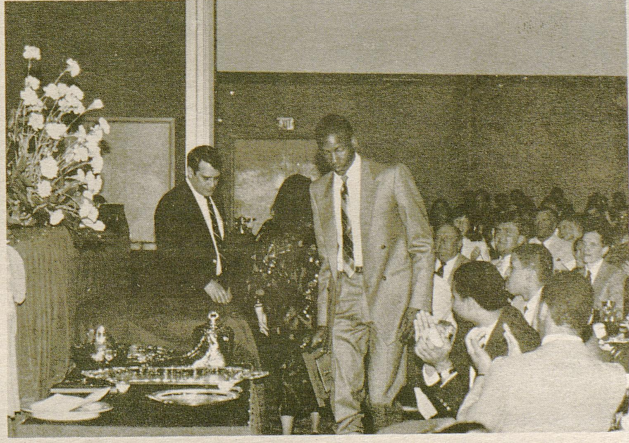
Rex Brings Home The Silver Plate



MVP Ed Davender Accepts Award From Emmett Crump



Rev. Wayne Smith And 101 President Van Florence



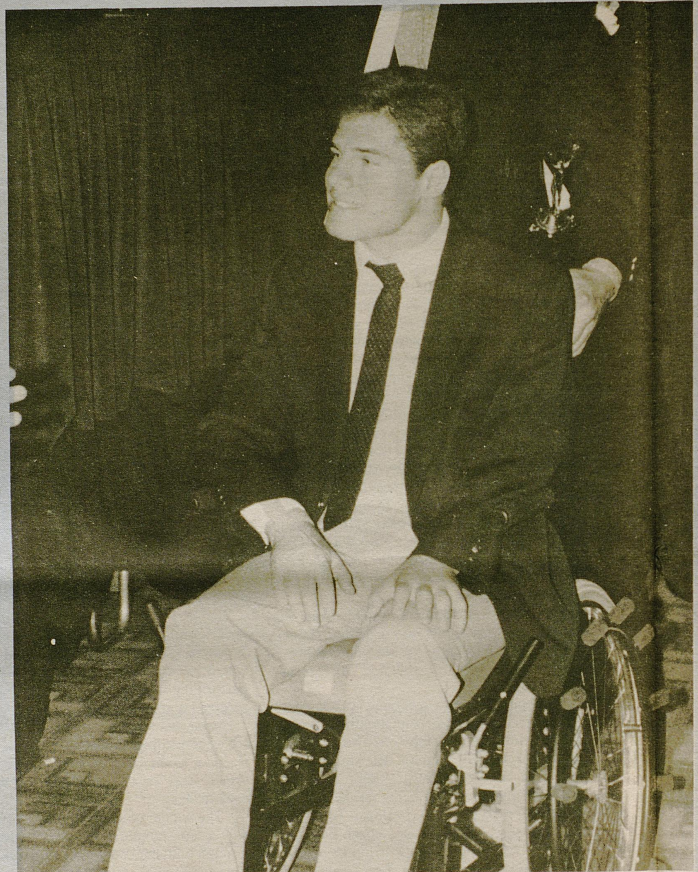
Derrick Miller Earned Fewest Turnovers Award

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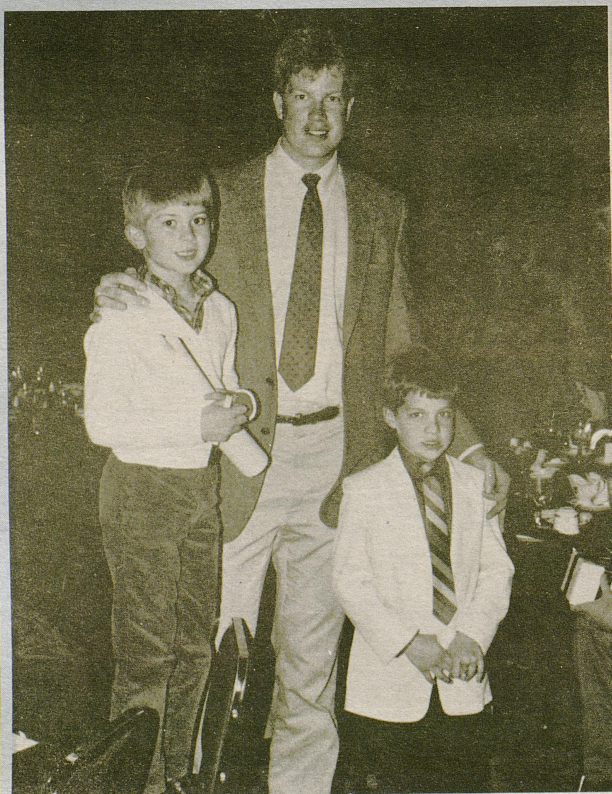
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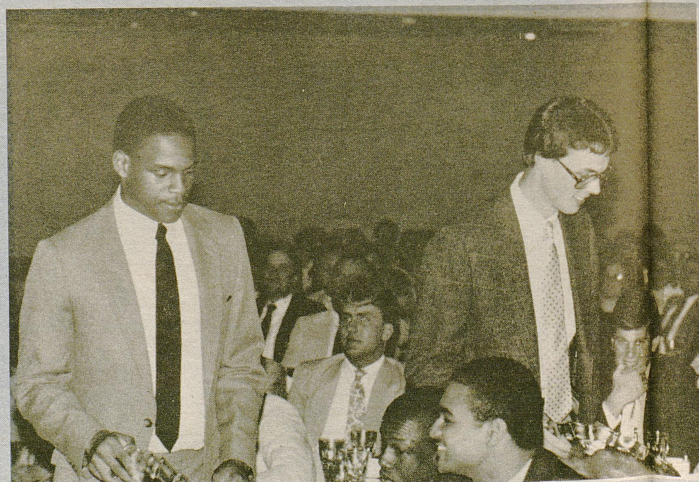
UK Superfan Steve Rardin Takes Time Out For A Chat



UK Cheerleader Dale Baldwin Honored At Banquet



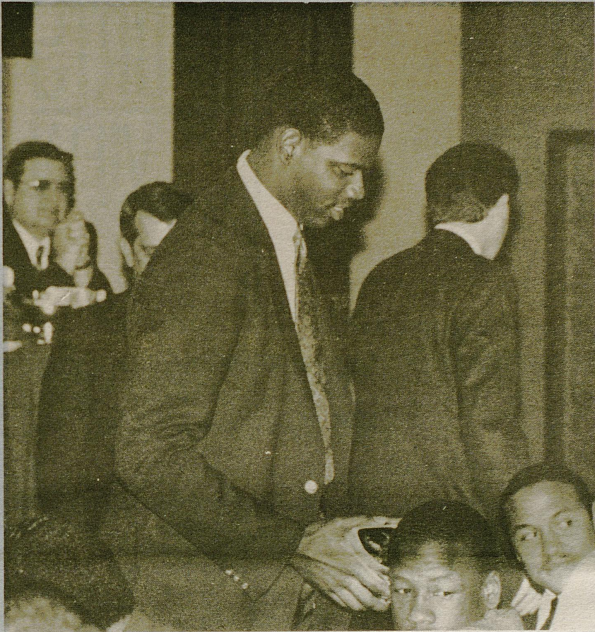
Rob Lock Poses With Two Young Big Blue Fans



Walkons Shigg And Bruce (Both Standing) Receive 110 Percent Award

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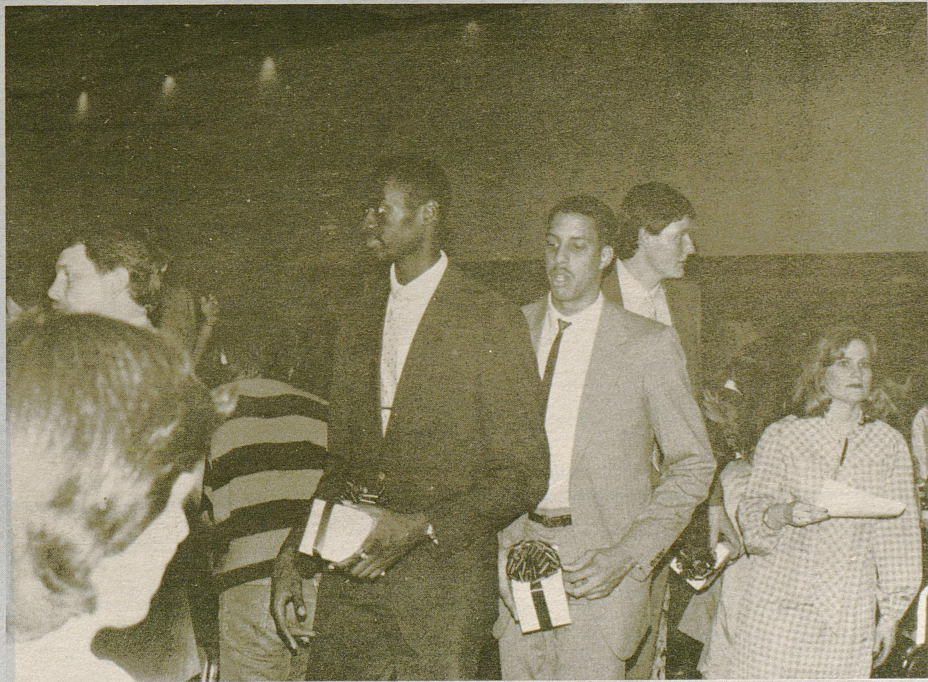
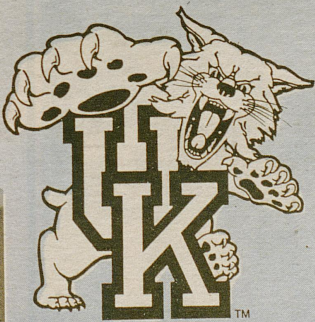
By Gary Cromwell



Richard Madison Topped UK In Rebounds In '87



A Night To Remember For James And Paul (Sitting)



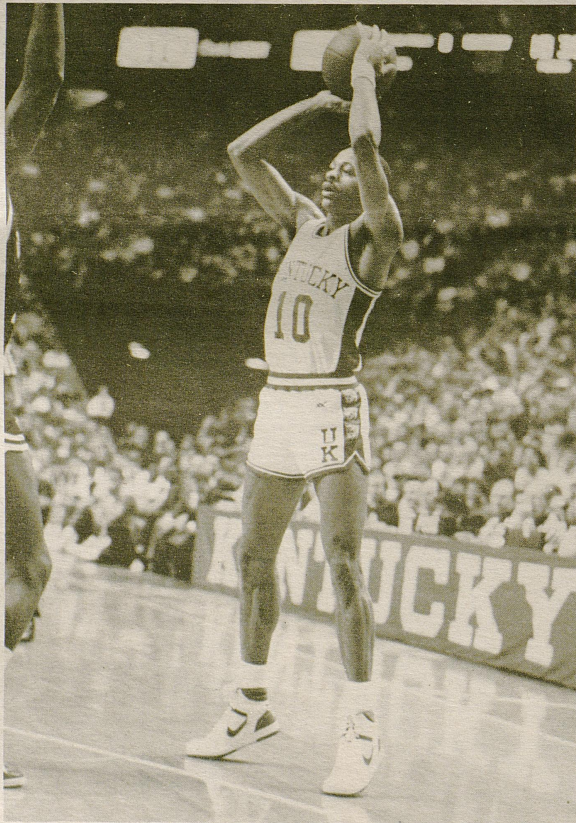
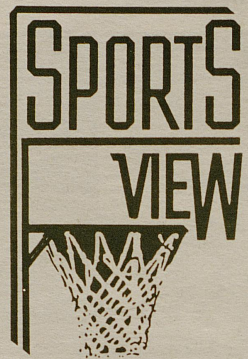
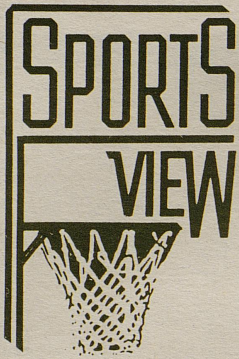
Valuable Veterans Next Year—Jenkins, Thomas And Scott



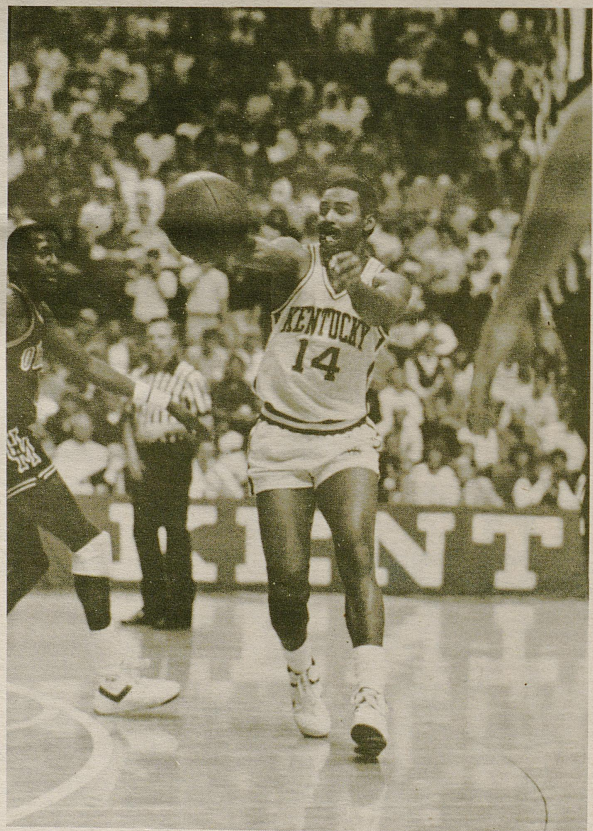
Percent Award

NO. 14 ANDREWS, PAUL  
195 pound 6-3 SENIOR GUARD from LAUREL COUNTY H.S. - LONDON, KY THREE LETTERS

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Sea	24	2	327	13.6	19	39	48.7	1	2	50.0	6	8	75.0	37	1.5	25	-	18	18	-	9	45	1.9
Car	86	6	749	8.7	65	140	46.4	1	2	50.0	15	20	75.0	67	.8	75	-	54	36	-	18	146	1.7
L01	1	-	20	20.0	3	5	60.0	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1.0	4	-	1	1	-	2	6	6.0
Con	17	1	230	13.5	12	25	48.0	1	1	100.0	3	4	75.0	30	1.8	18	-	12	13	-	3	28	1.6
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Senior James Blackmon



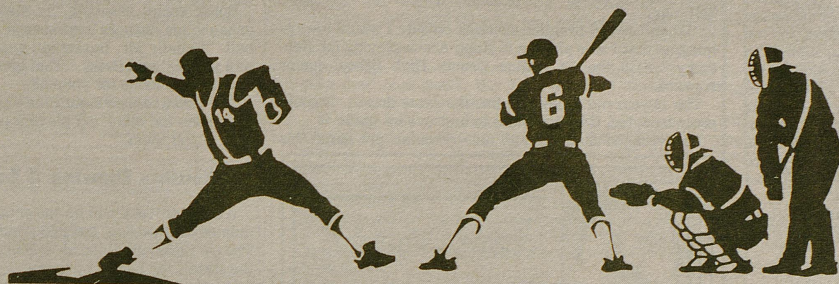
Senior Paul Andrews

NO. 10 BLACKMON, JAMES  
170 pound 6-3 SENIOR GUARD from MARION HIGH SCHOOL - MARION, IN THREE LETTERS

	G	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FCA	Pct	3PT	3PTA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Reb	Avg	PF	D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
Sea	29	28	833	28.7	90	197	45.7	33	88	37.5	32	58	55.2	89	3.1	69	1	67	43	6	50	245	8.4
Car	128	84	2980	23.3	358	779	46.0	33	88	37.5	117	213	54.9	214	1.7	266	2	271	169	17	149	866	6.8
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Motivational Leader

# UK Has 'Real Catch' In Buchanan



By Susan Hazzard

Robbie Buchanan started tossing around baseballs when he was seven-years-old and playing T-ball in a Lexington youth league. Now, he is playing with an older, more experienced group of athletes at the University of Kentucky.

A Lexington native, Buchanan attended Lafayette High School before continuing his baseball career as a Wildcat. He has played the game for 13 of his 21 years, and has appeared in four World Series. He played in the Little League World Series in 1978 as a 12-year-old, the Babe Ruth World Series in 1981 in which his team placed second and the Connie Mack World Series in 1984, where he dislocated his ankle and missed the fall of his freshman year at UK. During the summer of 1985, he caught in the Stan Musial Series for his Battle Creek (Mich.) League squad.

Although he played outfield for two years for high school coach Ken Caudill, Robbie began catching as a senior at Lafayette. "Catching is a very demanding position," said the Wildcat junior. "I like it because I have to be thinking every pitch—that keeps me alert. I have to be."

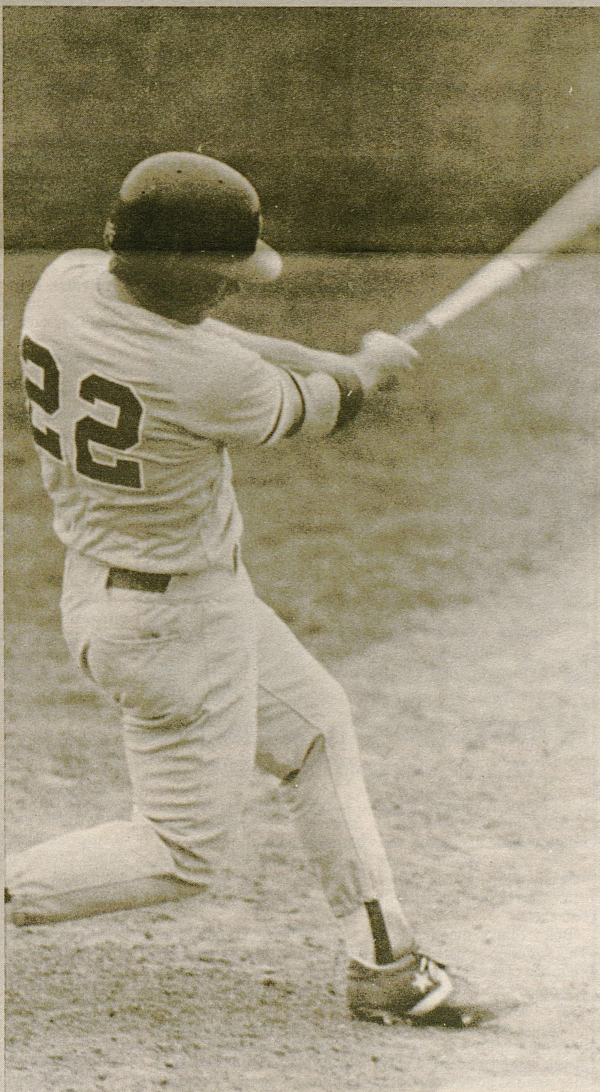
As a sophomore, Buchanan made appearances in 41 of 53 games, splitting the catching duties with Greg Stephens. At the plate, Buchanan appeared 121 times, cranked out 43 hits, including four doubles and two blasts over the outfield wall, for a .273 batting average. At this point in the 1987 season, the junior catcher is helping boost his team toward a berth in the Southeastern conference playoffs. After 22 games the Wildcats recorded 17 wins, good enough for a fourth-place position in the SEC.

Buchanan holds the top spot among his team's batters, with a .390 batting average, but considers himself more of a defensive player.

"I came back this year wanting to concentrate on improving my skills as a catcher," said Buchanan. "I just want to put the ball in play, that's one thing that coach (John) Butler really stresses. Hitting the ball like I've been doing has been just a lot of luck, really. My main goal for this year was having a solid year—to keep runners close, and not to worry about my hitting. I'm just helping the team. That's all that really matters."

Batting seventh in the order, Buchanan follows several other strong hitters, including preseason All-America pick Terry Shumpert, who is second in hitting behind Buchanan with a .360 average. As a team, Kentucky is hitting an impressive .297.

According to head coach Keith Madison, Buchanan is a major contributor to the team, both on and off the field.



Buchanan Swings Away... Hits Home Run Against Vols

"Robbie does a great job handling our pitchers, but I think his biggest strength comes from building confidence in our younger pitchers," Madison said. "Buck has a real good idea of my philosophies as a coach and can pass these philosophies on to the younger pitchers; he can pick out what I may or may not like about the way they throw. He also encourages and compliments our pitchers when they have a bad throw or throw the ball well."

Madison's associate, John Butler, who is the Wildcat batting coach, commended Buchanan's leadership, also.

"Robbie is a guy who can analyze the defense and the hitters at the plate and can tell us and the pitchers how to pitch," Butler said. "We let him call the game, and in college, that doesn't happen too much. He's sort of like the quarterback in football. He can relay pertinent information to us as well as the pitchers."

Buchanan's unselfishness on the field does not go unnoticed by his teammates. Sophomore centerfielder Chris Estep bills Buck as a "team-oriented player when he's on and off the field." Estep goes on to say that, "Robbie is a motivational leader. He's always quick to give encouragement and as long as the team wins, he's happy."

A marketing major at UK, Buchanan has several goals for the remainder of the spring season, both for the team and himself. Included in his team goals, he says, is making the playoffs at the end of the regular season.

"Being picked 10th at the beginning of the season gave all of us incentive to make the playoffs this year," Buchanan said. "We tend to come on strong at the end of games and at the end of seasons, too. We're playing well as a team right now, our pitchers are doing well, our hitting is strong and we've got a great group of freshmen who have performed so well for us. Right now, our confidence is high and we're having fun playing to win."

Future goals for the Kentucky junior include a life-long dream to play in the big leagues. He says he feels it is important that he receives his degree from UK because it leaves other career possibilities open. In what little spare time Buchanan has between classes, practices and games, he enjoys the outdoor life of fishing and hunting as an escape from the city.

Robbie Buchanan is leading his teammates to one of their best starts in Madison's nine years as coach. A playoff appearance in the SEC would cap off Kentucky's season—for the team, the coaches and to satisfy the hope of its catcher, Robbie "Buck" Buchanan.

## Kentucky Gymnasts Vault Themselves To No. 19 In National Poll

The University of Kentucky Wildcat gymnasts are ranked 19th in the latest edition of the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics poll (as of April 1).

In the poll, Kentucky owns a regional qualifying score of 181.98. The regional qualifying score is determined by the average of a school's top two home scores, top two away scores and one optional score. The Wildcats own the No. 3 position in the Southeast Region, one of five regions. They trail Southeastern Conference foes Georgia and Florida while they lead the 12 remaining schools. Four other SEC schools are in this week's Top 20. They are top-ranked Georgia, third-ranked Alabama, ninth-ranked LSU and 15th ranked Florida.

Auburn owns the nation's 21st best regional qualifying average.

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Kentucky posted a school record for an away meet, a 180.95 Saturday (March 28) in the SEC championship meet at Athens, Ga. The score raised its regional qualifying average to 182.44, more than three points higher than any other UK squad in the school's history.

Georgia successfully defended its SEC crown, setting meet marks in every category. Florida was second, Alabama third, LSU fourth, Auburn fifth and Kentucky sixth.

Kendall Lucas was UK's highest all-around performer, missing All-SEC honors by less than two-tenths of a point. Lucas is ranked seventh in the region.

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Through 10 meets in 1987, the Kentucky gymnasts have faced 14 Top 20 opponents. Seven of those times, UK has faced a ranked SEC foe. In addition, the Wildcats have faced Auburn three times. The Tigers own the nation's 21st highest composite average.

## Big Four Is Set

It's been confirmed—on Dec. 5, next season Kentucky will play Indiana and Louisville will play Notre Dame in the first "Big Four" double-header to be played at the Hoosier Dome.

This double-header between the four schools is slated to become an annual event, with Kentucky and Louisville alternating opponents.

## Master Blaster Will Not Play For UK's Bat Cats

University of Kentucky basketball player Richard Madison has decided not to join the Wildcats' baseball team. The 6-foot-7 junior forward said that because of school work he could not fit it into his schedule.

"I've got a lot of tests to make up," Madison said. "Then when I get finished with them, there'll be more tests to take."

Kentucky baseball coach Keith Madison said that "if Richard's worried about his class work, we'll take him and have him eligible for just home games. That way he wouldn't have to miss classes because of road trips."

Supposedly during his high school days in Memphis, Madison's fastball was clocked at more than 90 miles per hour.

"Richard would be in a no-lose situation," said UK's head baseball coach. "If he doesn't succeed, so what? He'd still have basketball. But if he came out, he might have baseball as an alternative."

In their first 21 game the Bat Cats have recorded an impressive 16-5 mark and a fourth-place standing in the Southeastern Conference.

## Boley, Houston Impressive In Sweet 16

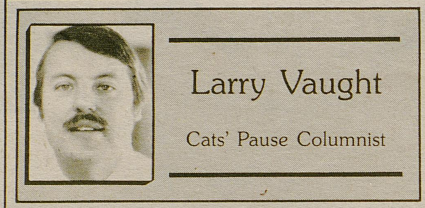
Could They Be State's Next Mr. Basketballs?

Scott Boley, like most Kentucky youngsters, grew up dreaming of playing for the University of Kentucky basketball team.

"When I would practice shooting outside I would always imagine that I was playing in Rupp Arena playing for Kentucky," said the 6-8 LaRue County High School junior forward.

The 16-year-old Boley still has the same dream. It could come true, too, if he continues to improve his game.

He averaged 23 points and nine rebounds per game this



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

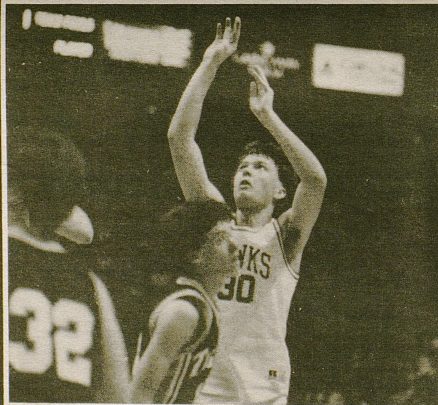
year for LaRue and helped his team reach the state tourney quarterfinals.

"I've heard from UK through the mail and I really believe my dream has a chance to come true," said Boley. "My performance will tell whether or not I get a chance to play for Kentucky. It's up to me to show how bad I want to play for Kentucky."

LaRue Coach Don Cunningham has no doubts about Boley's ability to play Division I basketball.

"I look at him from a prejudice point of view but I think he is pretty special," said Cunningham. "He is ranked near the top of his class academically. He scored twice as high on his ACT as I could have and he's going to take it again to see if he can do better."

"He should really just be a sophomore. He started school when he was only five. He hasn't reached full maturity yet. He wasn't quite 6-7 when the year started and now Scott is up



LaRue's Boley Quite Impressive

to 6-8. A lot of colleges ought to watch him next year."

Boley likes to shoot outside and can hit from three-point range. But he also plays solid team basketball.

"He has outstanding shot selection," said Bob Watkins, sports editor of The News-Enterprise in Elizabethtown. "Because of that he hits a high percentage. He won't put up bad shots."

Boley thinks shooting is the strongest part of his game. This summer he hopes to polish other parts of his game as a member of the Kentucky junior all-star team that will play overseas, host a tournament in Lexington and travel to Las Vegas for another shootout.

"In the past I have mainly had to play against smaller guys in the summer," said Boley. "Now I'll have a chance to go against big, talented players every day. Playing all summer against good competition will have to help my game." Cunningham thinks Boley's game is already good enough to make him one of the top contenders for 1988 Mr. Basketball honors.

"He's got size and talent plus he's an honor student," said Cunningham. "I think he could be Mr. Basketball."

Boley knows reaching the state tourney this year will enhance his chances next season of becoming Mr. Basketball. "Usually Mr. Basketball gets to the state tournament as a junior," said Boley. "That gives you a chance to be seen and make a name for yourself."

"I've been ranked among the top five juniors in the state. I have seen the other top players play and I feel I can play with any of them."

### Houston Drawing A Lot Of Attention

WHILE BOLEY will be one of the top Mr. Basketball candidates next season, the 1989 winner will be Allan Houston. The 6-5 Louisville Ballard sophomore is already considered the state's top player by many.

Houston, the son of Louisville assistant coach Wade Houston, can shoot from outside, handle the basketball and perform in the clutch. He has great knowledge of the game to go along with outstanding quickness and leaping ability.

"He's just a tremendous player," said one college coach. "He could be one of the nation's top seniors in two years. He doesn't have a glaring weakness and it is really a plus for him that he is already playing guard."

### Andrews Appreciates Both Hall, Sutton

SENIOR PAUL Andrews feels fortunate to have played under both Joe Hall and Eddie Sutton during his four-year career at Kentucky.

"They were both great coaches with different styles," said Andrews, who hopes to work for a bank in Nicholasville, Ky., after graduation next month. "Coach Hall could really get on you. Coach Sutton also gets on you but in a different way. Coach Sutton doesn't want you to get mad or leave. He just explains what you need to do to get better."

"Really, it is hard to compare the two because they are different. But I learned a lot from each man and appreciate what they both did for me."

### Claiborne Likes Sophomore Kicker Ken Willis

SOPHOMORE kicker Ken Willis of Owensboro has impressed Coach Jerry Claiborne and his staff with his strong leg since transferring from Centre College, a Division III school in Danville, Ky., at the start of the school year.

Willis was not highly recruited out of high school and accepted an academic scholarship to Centre. He averaged 36.2 yards per try on 56 punts during the 1985 season and converted 14 of 16 extra points. He hit only four of 12 field goals but several tries were 50 yards or longer.

His longest field goal was 39 yards. However, he has the leg to hit from long distance.

"He has great range," said Centre Coach Joe McDaniel. "In practice he hit a 69-yard field goal with the wind. He has a strong leg and has a lot of pop in his leg. He did an outstanding job for us, especially on kickoffs."

McDaniel and his staff tried to keep Willis at Centre. "We tried hard to keep him," said the Centre coach. "We really felt like he had the potential to kick professionally one day."

"He had gone to kicking camps, though, and was told he should be kicking for a Division I school. He thought kicking in front of bigger crowds would help prepare him better for pro football."

"We don't get many players with Division I talent here and it surprised us that only one or two Division I schools showed much interest in him out of high school. He did all our kicking for us and I just hope things work out okay for him at Kentucky."

### Most Improved Cat? Could Be TE Pennington

UK'S MOST improved football player could be 6-2, 221-pound junior tight end Martin Pennington of Corbin.

"He won our overall award for his work in the winter program," said Claiborne. "He has the ability to be a good player and is in a position where we really need for him to come through."

Pennington increased has increased his strength from last year. He lifted a total of 1,330 pounds at the 1986 Pro Day.

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# CBS Hit Jackpot With NCAA Finals

Now If They Can Only Leave It Alone!

People and things.

Kudos to the network Cronkite built for its coverage last week of the NCAA championship game last week. In one man's view Columbia Broadcasting System deserves a B-plus for this one. Now, if they powers that be at CBS will leave it alone. Don't change a thing.

But a lion's share of credit for this success belongs to "the product." CBS hit the jackpot with the Indiana Hoosiers and Syracuse Orangemen at the apex of what was one of the finest NCAA Tournaments in years. Little wonder the network that gave us an alternative to Dick Vitale, wants to keep a tight grip



**Bob Watkins**  
Cats' Pause Columnist

on this hot item sports event.

And, the NCAA Tournament, because it involves so many teams, lasts for three weeks and naturally builds up to crowning a national champion, is infinitely more appealing than say, college football.

Too, the Final Four, I think, it is miles ahead of the Super Bowl, Kentucky Derby, even the World Series.

The game was a match made in (television) sports heaven. A team from middle America against one from "up east." They put on a quality show not unlike a heavyweight boxing match in its back-and-forth "gimme your best shot" flow. The game offered the kind of pace and drama that minimized television's opportunities to botch or over play it.

When Brent Musburger said "we've got a good one going here," he got it right and could have stopped talking right there. The chemistry was subtle with lots of subplots for all to see, enjoy and get into. Some examples...

- Indiana's Steve Alford is America's kid.
- Keith Smart is America's (new) kid.
- IU Coach Bob Knight is America's baddest guy since J.R. Ewing.

Fans (anyone not under his "umbrella") love to hate Knight, his tantrums, his pomposity. But we respect him still as the finest basketball coach in the country at any level.

So, CBS had Knight for a camera shot if a dead spot arose in the telecast. It didn't. But the General was good (camera) copy anyway.

✓ Syracuse Coach Jim Boeheim, incredibly on cue, got up to scream at the officials "what about that illegal screen?"

The officiating, incidentally, was so good also, that it left the viewer asking — if he cared — the question every basketball referee wants to hear: "Who were those guys?"

✓ And oh yes, Packer. One almost forgot he was doing the analysis since the game didn't need much explanation. But old MCC (Mouthpiece for College Coaches) was on a roll too. He was right on target when he said early on that free throw shooting would be critical to the game's outcome and that it had been the bane of Syracuse throughout the season.

✓ Later, CBS got a bonus when an enterprising cameraman discovered Mrs. Boeheim in the stands. Like hubby she cued up very well, suffering with every turnover, gasping with every foul shot. The effect was to draw moms across America into the living room to see how this wife was handling her crisis, her husband's biggest night. Even those moms who couldn't care less about an NCAA championship game had to take a peak. Perfect.

In summary, last night's game was one of those rare television extravaganzas that lived up to the hype. But then it was allowed to do that because CBS had the good sense not to oversell it the way it did Super Bowl XXI.

Air time for the NCAA championship game was 8 p.m. with the game starting soon after. Very good since that served to minimize the analysis that anyone still watching the NCAA Tournament after three weeks really didn't need anyway.

Improvements? When it sets up to do the NCAA Final Four next year I hope CBS does away with "outside the locker room at halftime." After all, what on earth can James Brown tell us that's interesting short of being in the locker room.

CBS can, it seems from here, use this NCAA finals telecast to recognize that it can put on a good show without being too analytical, too intrusive. Some of the subtleties of sports should be left to the fan's imagination.

University of Kentucky basketball players Paul Andrews and James Blackmon are looking ahead to their futures.

Andrews will graduate on time next month. Blackmon still needs two more semesters.

Andrews is considering playing basketball in Japan, or beginning pursuit of a business career, in banking in Lexington.

**Comment** If somebody hasn't already thought of it, some UK bigwig ought to grab Andrews and hire him as a public relations person. The sunny soon-to-be UK graduate is personable, articulate and would do very well singing the praises of his alma mater to fuzzy faced high school seniors in and out of the bluegrass state.

Blackmon will wait to see where his name comes up in the NBA draft next month. But if I were him I would be getting ready for another line of work.

■ Plans have not gone on the drawing board yet, but UK sports information director for basketball Brad Davis is toying with the idea of a preseason poster for next season. "The Natural" (good idea) would feature senior-to-be Winston Bennett along with his roommate Rex Chapman.

"I'm sure we'll do something on Winston. But I had a problem, and so did the coaches, with the idea of having a poster on Rex this year because it would add to the pressure already on him. It would work out better to have two players on a poster."

No decision will be made until early fall.  
**Footnote** For those (mostly teeny boppers) who have written to ask "how can I write to Rex Chapman?" send your letters to Rex Chapman, Wildcat Lodge, 337 Lexington Ave., Lexington, Ky. 40506.

### Derby Classic a hot item

Tickets for the McDonald's Derby Festival Classic basketball all-star game Saturday, April 18 at Freedom Hall were selling like hotcakes last week. At midweek Clay Campbell of the Festival committee said, "most of the lower arena tickets are gone. There are some end zone seats available (\$9) and of course there will be some (\$5) general admission tickets left."

There were seven good reasons why tickets were hot. The first five are: LeRon Ellis, John Pittman, Jonathon Davis, Deron Feldhaus and Sean Sutton, all University of Kentucky signees.

No. 6 is Louisville signee LaBradford Smith. And No. 7 was Kevin Ellery from Washington County who was added to the North all-star roster.

### LIT lands good ones

Officials of the Louisville Invitational Tournament (LIT) hit the jackpot last week when they got "yes" answers to invitations to the 1988 LIT Jan. 19-23.

Defending State champion Clay County, Marshall County, and LaRue County own solid reputations for bringing legions of fans with them.

And certainly fans attending LIT sessions involving those three teams, as well as Bardstown, will get to see what could be a bumper crop of blue chip players in Kentucky next season. The talent list includes State tourney MVP and Mr. Basketball candidate Richie Farmer of Clay County, along with his brother Russ Farmer and Russell Chadwell who scored 43 points against Fort Thomas Highlands in the Sweet 16.

Another Mr. Basketball candidate is 6-8 Scott Boley of LaRue County along with 6-7 teammate Jason Reuter. And a third Mr. Basketball possible is 6-3 James 'Boo' Brewer of Bardstown who will be joined by 6-5 Doug Johnson and 6-4 Sam Liberatore.

From Marshall County, the guard who I believe should be in the first rank of Mr. Basketball candidates is 6-3 stringbean Mitch Cotran. He is a dandy player, a Pete Maravich type for those old enough to remember The Pistol.

### Bob Knight

Winning championships has a sometimes dangerously euphoric effect. Indiana's coach Bob Knight was crowing last week in Bloomington about how clean his basketball program is and certainly there is little doubt to the contrary. However, since Knight is reputed to be a student of history, it seems from here that he might learn something from it.

Knight told reporters he was happy that Penn State and Indiana won NCAA championships because it was a demonstration that "clean college programs" can win without cheating.

Fine. But Knight's rhetoric was dangerously close to remarks made in another era by a man who came to regret spewing pieties.

The late Adolph Rupp once said gamblers "couldn't touch my boys with a 10 foot pole."

Little more than a year later Rupp's program was in disgrace, two former players were in jail for point shaving, and allegations were made that boosters had paid Kentucky players for good performances.

At UCLA, less than a decade after high principled John Wooden had been dubbed the Wizard of Westwood and his team owned 10 NCAA titles, the Bruins basketball program was (and is again) under NCAA scrutiny for alleged favors being given its athletes.

### Parting shot

Syracuse Coach Jim Boeheim on the 3-point shot: "I just don't want to watch 40 or 50 shots from that range. I want good basketball. But the writers like it, the fans like it, the players like it. A lot of those people like X-rated movies too, especially the writers."

## Bat Cats Trounce Eastern 19-9; Improve To 17-5

Keith Madison's Kentucky baseball squad extended its overall record to 17-5 with a 19-9 win over the EKU Colonels last Wednesday in Richmond.

Following a four-run, fourth inning outburst by the hosts, which put them on top 6-2, Kentucky bolted ahead with a five-run fifth inning.

Eastern then regained the lead in its next at bat, pushing across two runs. But in the next three innings the 'Cats' bats remained hot picking up five, two and five runs, respectively.

Bat Cat catcher Robbie Buchanan had an excellent afternoon at the plate, collecting two doubles and three walks. He had two RBIs on the day, raising his season total to nine.

Kentucky's first four hitters—Terry Shumpert, Mark Blythe, Chris Estep and Mitch Knox—all had three hits, including home runs by Blythe, Estep and Knox. For Blythe his fourth round-tripper of the season also was his third in the last three games.

After 22 games Knox leads the team in home runs with six, followed by outfielder Bobby Olinick with five.

Wildcat pitcher Doug Sutton, 3-1, was credited with win while EKU's Larry Frakes, 0-1, took the loss.

Eastern, 15-8-1, was powered by catcher Steve Smith (three hits, including his first collegiate home run) and DH Bobby Scannell (three hits).

Wednesday, April 1

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Eastern.....	011	421	000—	9	12
Steve Culkar, John Hudson (2), Matt Coleman (4), Doug Sutton (6), Tom Deller (8) and Robbie Buchanan.					
Don Wachsmith, Larry Frakes (5), Kurt Shea (6), Fred Stewart (9) and Steve Smith. W—Sutton, 3-1. L—Frakes, 0-1. HR—UK, Mitch Knox (6), Mark Blythe (4), Chris Estep (4); EKU, Tony Weyrich (3), Steve Smith (1). Records: UK 17-5; EKU 15-8-1.					

## Bat Cats Swamped By Florida Gators

Last weekend Kentucky went down to Gainesville in hopes of taming the big, bad Florida Gators. However, the SEC leaders had something else in mind as UF swept the three-game series from the Wildcats.

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In the first game of Saturday's twin bill, the hosts scored four runs in the first inning on their way to a 12-2 victory. UK's Matt Coleman came into the contest with a perfect 5-0 slate. However he gave up eight runs in two-plus innings of work, suffering his first defeat of the campaign.

Kentucky pushed one run across in the second frame to make the score 4-1. But Florida got that run back in the bottom half of the second, plus four more in the third.

In the nightcap, UK took a 1-0 lead but found itself giving up four runs in the first inning for the second straight game, as the Gators won by a comfortable count of 10-3. The victim this time was Louisville product Vince Tyra, whose record dropped to 1-2.

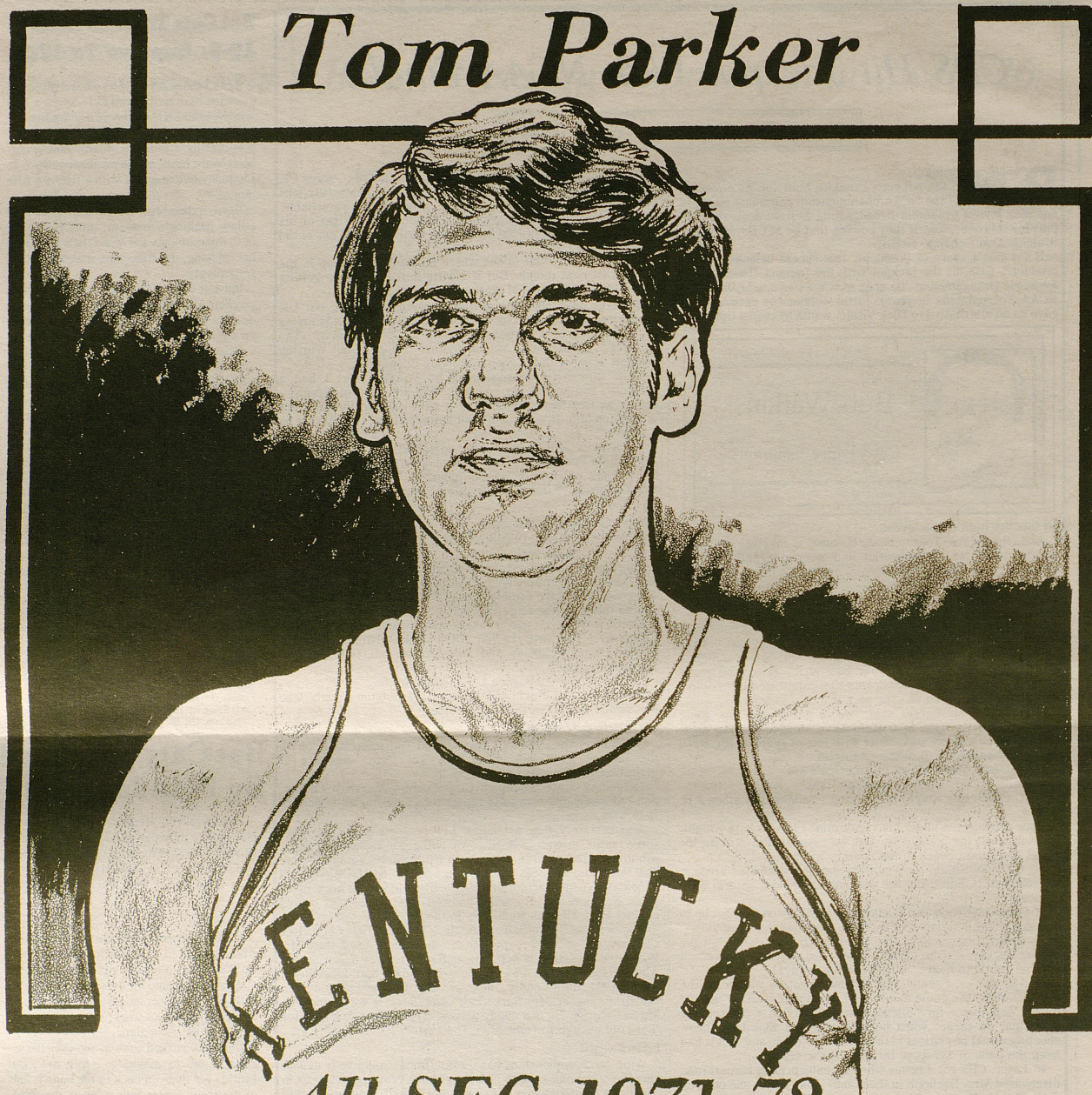
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In hopes of securing one game of the series, on Sunday afternoon UK was out of luck, losing 10-3 to Florida. UK now falls to 17-8 overall, 5-7 in the SEC. Florida upped its slate to 19-13, 9-2 in the SEC.

Tied at 3-1 entering the bottom half of the fifth inning, UF's Joey Fernandez' three-run shot put his team ahead to stay. The Gators added an insurance spot in the sixth and three more in the eighth. Overall, the Bat Cats were outscored in the three-game set 32-8.

The Bat Cats did show some power with solo shots by Mitch Knox (seventh of the year) and Terry Shumpert (4). For Florida's Fernandez his round-tripper marked his ninth of the season.

# Tom Parker



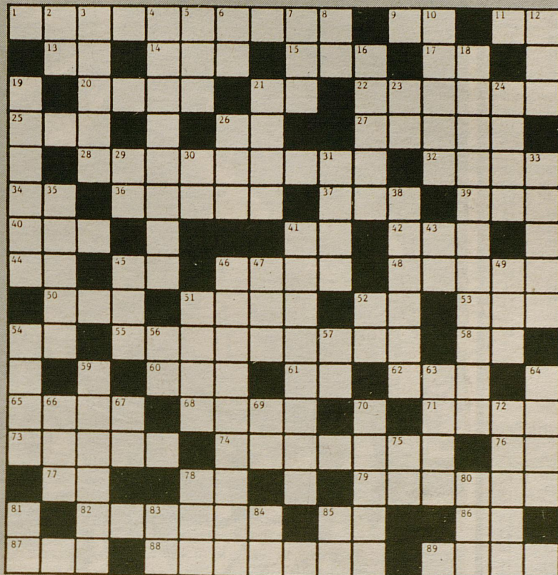
**All-SEC 1971-72**

A SENIOR CO-CAPTAIN OF RUPP'S FINAL UK SQUAD... THE 6'-7" FORWARD IS A MEMBER OF THE WILDCATS' "1,000 POINT CLUB" SCORING 1,238 PTS. DURING HIS CAREER!

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WATTS

TCP Crossword Puzzle

By Dan Krueckeberg

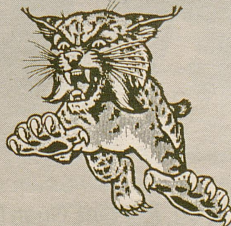


THE CLIFF HAGAN CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Describes Cat team in Cliff's senior year
  - 9 Initials of '68-'70 Cat Dan
  - 11 Initials of Bobby; Cliff's teammate
  - 13 "Go the hoop"
  - 14 Though Cliff was \_\_\_\_\_, he rallied Cats to victory in '51 title game
  - 15 Abbr. for a teachers' group
  - 17 Initials of '79 Cat Anderson
  - 20 Full of contingencies
  - 21 Cliff's position off the court
  - 22 Where Cliff was player-coach
  - 25 Cliff's '54 squad \_\_\_\_\_
  - 26 Roman numeral for 4 Down
  - 27 Abide
  - 28 Guard on Cliff's senior year team
  - 32 Namesakes of 36 Across
  - 34 Initials of Cliff's Cat mate Lou
  - 36 Cat All-American during Cliff's years as administrator
  - 37 Mid-April folks
  - 39 Chart
  - 40 Very important person
  - 41 Initials of Cat All-American during Cliff's years as administrator
  - 42 Univ. of Utah team member
  - 44 Popular '80s flick
  - 45 Offensive football position
  - 46 Zoo animal
  - 48 SEC titles during Cliff's varsity years \_\_\_\_\_ and order
  - 51 Missourians \_\_\_\_\_ Cliff's hook as one of their fondest memories
  - 52 Cliff led '51-'52 Cats in \_\_\_\_\_ age
  - 53 Anger
  - 54 Initials of Cliff's teammate Evans
  - 55 Cliff is the pride of this town
  - 58 Abbr. for a Pac-10 state
  - 60 Cliff was All-\_\_\_\_\_ twice
  - 61 Six-four for Cliff
  - 62 Cliff was a star in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - 65 Nice to have with 00:00 on the clock
  - 68 Actress Turner
  - 71 Preposition
  - 73 Cats, on only 5 occasions during Cliff's varsity seasons
  - 74 Hawks' town that still loves Cliff
  - 76 Initials of post-Cliff Cat Adrian
  - 77 See 2 Down
  - 78 Pronoun
  - 79 Star teammate in pros
  - 82 Namesakes of 38 Down
  - 85 Initials of old-time Cat Parker
  - 86 \_\_\_\_\_ Toror; the bull
  - 87 Cliff \_\_\_\_\_ the '54 Cats with 24 ppg
  - 88 \_\_\_\_\_ senior year as Cat was Cliff's sophomore year as Cat
  - 89 Some of Rupp's \_\_\_\_\_ years were with Cliff
- DOWN**
- 2 Abbr. for a Bible part
  - 3 Acting
  - 4 Points for Cliff (of 33 Down)
  - 5 Tarzan actor Ron
  - 6 '59 Cat Robinson
  - 7 Conclude
  - 8 '60s Cat Ted \_\_\_\_\_
  - 10 Causes to become inactive
  - 12 Cliff \_\_\_\_\_ installed into Naismith B-ball Hall of Fame
  - 16 Viper
  - 18 Cliff at UK
  - 19 Record FGs in one NBA quarter for Cliff
  - 21 \_\_\_\_\_ sale territory
  - 23 \_\_\_\_\_ soldier's "no-no"
  - 24 If you don't know Cliff's \_\_\_\_\_ mater, why are you reading this?
  - 26 Hawaiian wreath
  - 29 Favorite son Chandler
  - 30 Initials of Lucian; Cliff's Cat mate
  - 31 Autograph
  - 33 Cliff went on a scoring \_\_\_\_\_ vs. Temple in his senior year
  - 35 Cliff's H.S. team won state \_\_\_\_\_ in '49
  - 38 One of Cliff's present-day coaches
  - 41 Long-serving coach under Cliff
  - 43 Initials of '80s Cat Heltz
  - 45 Cliff was a \_\_\_\_\_-time Cat scoring leader
  - 46 Cliff replaced him in '75
  - 47 It is \_\_\_\_\_
  - 49 Cats won 86 during the Hagan \_\_\_\_\_
  - 51 Fishing gear
  - 52 Initials of co-captain (with Cliff) of 1 Across
  - 54 Cliff's teammate on '51 National Champs, Spivey
  - 56 Initials of '40s Cat Schu
  - 57 Hoop's tie-breaker
  - 59 Squandered
  - 63 Break
  - 64 UK has been \_\_\_\_\_ to Final Four during Cliff's administrative regime
  - 66 Long time
  - 67 See 8 Down
  - 69 See 2 Down
  - 70 Cliff was one of \_\_\_\_\_ finest
  - 72 Coin flip
  - 75 That is \_\_\_\_\_
  - 78 Roman num. for hoop letters for Cliff
  - 80 Gopher's mound
  - 81 Initials of Cliff's teammate Shelby
  - 83 Initials of '80s Hord
  - 84 Abbr. for "steanship"
  - 85 Initials of '51-'52 and '53-'54 leading rebounder for Cats

Last Week's Answers

JACKS DIRK TWO M  
 ADOLFER MF ATR  
 MOWS PING HLE RL  
 ERA TIGER RAKE V  
 SENR HEELS ES I  
 BS HURT V TURPIN  
 L JAMES LEE FS NS  
 AR SAM LYONS TS  
 GARN ED WENDE TE  
 KYLE JS G ABE DA  
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 NYC ANDREWS TRK  
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It's Pigskin Time

1987 Wildcat Spring Outlook

Here's a rundown of the University of Kentucky's football team spring depth chart listed by class:

OFFENSE

**Seniors:** Split End, *T. Jones, O'Neal, Doll*; Left Guard, *\*Brad Myers, Wilburn*; Right Guard, *\*Dawson, Haire*; Right Tackle, *\*Kunkel*; Tight End, *Hadrych*; Tailback, *Higgs*; Quarterback, *Dooley*.

**Juniors:** Split End, *Wetta*; Left Tackle, *W. Smith*; Left Guard, *Walter*; Center, *Brock, Hill*; Right Guard, *Denham, Skinner*; Right Tackle, *M. Jones*; Tight End, *Pennington, Curry*; Wide Receiver, *Shehan, Gover*; Tailback, *\*Hunter, G. Baker*; Quarterback, *Allen, T. Smith, Fohr*.

**Sophomores:** Split End, *Burries*; Left Tackle, *Pfeifer, Cramrine*; Left Guard, *Viel*; Center, *Sorrell, Cralle*; Right Tackle, *Nash*; Wide Receiver, *D. Smith*; Fullback, *Murray, Bilberry, Knox*; Quarterback, *Broughton, Green*.

**Freshmen:** Left Tackle, *Nord*; Left Guard, *Hulette*; Center, *Hatfield*; Right Guard, *Rayburn, Wilks*; Right Tackle, *Graves*; Tight End, *Meece, Porter, Sione, McKenzie*; Wide Receiver, *S. Phillips, Bolden*; Tailback, *A. Baker*; Fullback, *Mahan*; Quarterback; *Winter*.

DEFENSE

**Seniors:** Left End, *Robinson*; Left Tackle, *M. Howard*; Left Linebacker, *Cahill*; Left Guard, *\*Shannon*; Right Guard, *Stubbs, Endris*; Right Linebacker, *Kremer*; Right Tackle, *\*Reese*; Left Cornerback, *Wroble*; Right Cornerback, *Trego*; Safety, *Allgeier*.

**Juniors:** Left End, *\*C. Gardner, Baird*; Left Tackle, *Schiffarth*; Left Guard, *Meiners, Mills*; Right Linebacker, *\*Chenault*; Right Tackle, *Thompson*; Right End, *Dortch*; Left Cornerback, *\*Johnson*; Right Cornerback, *A. Gardner, Meyer, Mack*; Safety, *Sellers*.

**Sophomores:** Left Tackle, *Barnett, D. Gardner*; Left Linebacker, *Benzinger*; Left Guard, *Houser*; Right Guard, *\*Adams*; Right End, *Massey, Zigman*; Safety, *\*R. Robinson*.

**Freshmen:** Left Linebacker, *Mazzella, C. Phillips*; Left Guard, *Chism*; Right Guard, *Thomas*; Right Linebacker, *Holleran, Brady*; Right Tackle, *Ralston*; Right End, *McDowell*; Left Cornerback, *Connery, Moga*; Right Cornerback, *Chabrak*; Safety, *Jerolaman, Ousley*.

SPECIALISTS

**Seniors:** Placekicker, *\*Worley, Maust*.

**Juniors:** Punter, *Tesar, \*Nelson*.

**Sophomore:** Placekicker, *Willis*.

**Freshman:** Punter, *Benson*.

(\*Denotes returning starter)

BIG BLUE

Stan Torgerson

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this year was amazing. Four of the five top point totals last season were racked up by White, three of the four high marks in field goals made belonged to the Tennessee sharpshooter and both of the top games in free throws made were credited to the little Tennessee guard. It's been a while since anyone dominated in that manner.

**The Last Word:** Oklahoma City coach **Abe Lemons** in comparing some of the advice from TV basketball commentators and others to Dr. Ruth Westheimer and her sex counseling:

"You ever see Dr. Ruth? Where'd she ever get all her experience from?"

Larry Vaught

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This year he lifted 1,435 pounds.

He was clocked in 4.82, 4.84 and 4.85 seconds in the 40-yard dash last year. This time the pro scouts clocked Pennington in 4.58, 4.64 and 4.66.

His time in the 440-yard dash dropped from 59 seconds in 1986 to 55.4 this year. His bench and vertical jumps improved.

"That shows what hard work and dedication can do," said Claiborne. "We need more players doing that."

BASKETBALL

GAME BY GAME TOTALS Chapman, Rex

OPPONENT	FG/A	PCT	3PT/A			FT/A			REBOUNDS										MIN.	PTS
			PCT	PCT	PCT	PCT	PCT	D	O	T	A	S	T	P	F	BLK				
Austin Peay	7	11	63.6	2	5	40.0	2	2	100.0	1	1	2	6	3	5	1	1	32	18	
Texas Tech	1	8	12.5	0	4	0.0	2	2	100.0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	29	4	
Indiana	10	18	55.6	3	5	60.0	3	6	50.0	0	3	3	0	1	2	2	1	36	26	
Lamar	3	6	50.0	2	4	50.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	1	6	1	0	0	33	8	
Iona	6	14	42.9	4	5	80.0	0	0	0.0	3	1	4	5	2	2	1	0	29	16	
Boston	10	16	62.5	3	8	37.5	3	5	60.0	1	1	2	1	0	2	0	1	38	26	
Louisville	10	20	50.0	5	8	62.5	1	3	33.3	0	0	0	4	2	2	0	0	35	26	
Georgia	4	14	28.6	3	8	37.5	1	3	33.3	2	1	3	6	3	3	5	0	32	12	
Auburn	9	15	60.0	6	9	66.7	0	0	0.0	1	2	3	1	0	3	0	0	36	24	
Alabama	3	11	27.3	1	4	25.0	2	2	100.0	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	33	9	
Tennessee	2	8	25.0	1	4	25.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	3	0	1	2	0	29	5	
Mississippi State	6	12	50.0	2	6	33.3	2	2	100.0	2	3	5	3	1	3	1	1	35	16	
Florida	6	11	54.5	2	5	40.0	2	4	50.0	2	1	3	4	0	3	1	0	33	16	
LSU	3	13	23.1	1	4	25.0	0	0	0.0	0	1	1	1	1	4	0	1	25	7	
Vanderbilt	5	10	50.0	1	4	25.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	5	0	2	2	0	30	11	
Navy	8	16	50.0	4	10	40.0	2	2	100.0	0	3	3	2	1	2	2	1	38	22	
Ole Miss	8	16	50.0	5	8	62.5	2	3	66.7	2	0	2	2	1	2	3	0	35	23	
Mississippi State	5	11	45.5	2	6	33.3	0	0	0.0	0	2	2	6	1	3	0	0	33	12	
Auburn	8	16	50.0	2	6	33.3	0	0	0.0	1	1	2	7	2	3	0	0	33	18	
Alabama	3	12	25.0	1	5	20.0	4	4	100.0	1	1	2	7	2	3	3	0	34	11	
Tennessee	9	17	52.9	2	5	40.0	6	6	100.0	1	1	2	1	1	2	4	2	41	26	
Florida	5	16	31.3	2	8	25.0	0	0	0.0	0	1	1	5	2	3	3	0	33	12	
Vanderbilt	6	17	35.3	1	5	20.0	6	7	85.7	1	5	6	6	2	3	3	3	32	19	
Louisiana State	8	19	42.1	3	11	27.3	5	8	62.5	4	3	7	2	1	4	3	0	38	24	
Georgia	5	15	33.3	1	5	20.0	0	0	0.0	1	0	1	5	1	2	4	0	31	11	
Ole Miss	5	9	55.6	1	2	50.0	1	2	50.0	0	0	0	2	2	4	1	2	32	12	
Oklahoma	8	12	66.7	3	5	60.0	1	1	100.0	1	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	33	20	
Auburn	6	11	54.5	3	8	37.5	2	3	66.7	0	3	3	4	1	1	3	1	31	17	
Ohio State	4	16	25.0	2	9	22.2	3	3	100.0	1	3	4	2	1	3	5	0	33	13	

GAME BY GAME TOTALS Davender, Ed

OPPONENT	FG/A	PCT	3PT/A			FT/A			REBOUNDS										MIN.	PTS
			PCT	PCT	PCT	PCT	PCT	D	O	T	A	S	T	P	F	BLK				
Austin Peay	8	14	57.1	0	2	0.0	4	4	100.0	0	2	2	6	5	3	0	0	27	20	
Texas Tech	7	10	70.0	0	0	0.0	9	12	75.0	0	1	1	3	3	2	1	0	31	23	
Indiana	2	9	22.2	0	0	0.0	2	2	100.0	1	2	3	4	1	0	5	0	29	6	
Lamar	5	11	45.5	1	3	33.3	5	7	71.4	0	6	6	5	2	0	1	0	34	16	
Iona	6	10	60.0	0	1	0.0	1	2	50.0	1	2	3	5	2	3	2	0	35	13	
Boston	8	18	44.4	0	3	0.0	7	11	63.6	1	5	6	1	1	1	2	0	37	23	
Louisville	5	13	38.5	1	3	33.3	5	7	71.4	2	6	8	5	0	1	1	0	35	16	
Georgia	6	15	40.0	0	5	0.0	4	5	80.0	0	2	2	4	1	0	1	0	36	16	
Auburn	4	9	44.4	0	1	0.0	5	6	83.3	0	1	1	0	1	5	2	0	35	13	
Alabama	0	7	0.0	0	5	0.0	4	4	100.0	0	4	4	3	0	4	2	0	32	4	
Tennessee	12	25	48.0	2	2	100.0	3	3	100.0	0	0	0	1	3	4	2	0	34	29	
Mississippi State	4	12	33.3	0	1	0.0	2	5	40.0	0	4	4	6	1	2	1	0	39	10	
Florida	6	10	60.0	0	3	0.0	3	7	42.9	1	4	5	3	0	8	4	0	38	15	
LSU	2	7	28.6	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	2	2	1	1	7	2	0	28	4	
Vanderbilt	5	14	35.7	0	1	0.0	6	6	100.0	0	3	3	5	1	3	0	1	36	16	
Navy	5	11	45.5	1	2	50.0	2	4	50.0	0	4	4	7	3	1	1	0	35	13	
Ole Miss	5	11	45.5	1	2	50.0	5	7	71.4	0	3	3	3	0	4	3	0	38	16	
Mississippi State	1	6	16.7	0	1	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	19	2	
Auburn	3	6	50.0	0	0	0.0	1	2	50.0	2	1	3	8	1	4	1	0	36	7	
Alabama	13	19	68.4	1	2	50.0	2	2	100.0	1	2	3	3	2	2	4	0	37	29	
Tennessee	7	17	41.2	1	1	100.0	10	14	71.4	1	0	1	6	5	2	4	0	42	25	
Florida	7	18	38.9	2	4	50.0	6	6	100.0	0	2	2	4	0	2	3	0	36	22	
Vanderbilt	3	7	42.9	0	0	0.0	1	1	100.0	1	1	2	3	1	3	4	0	25	7	
Louisiana State	1	7	14.3	0	1	0.0	0	0	0.0	1	4	5	5	2	3	4	0	34	2	
Georgia	6	12	50.0	1	2	50.0	2	3	66.7	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	0	32	15	
Ole Miss	7	14	50.0	0	1	0.0	5	8	62.5	1	2	3	2	1	4	3	0	36	19	
Oklahoma	8	18	44.4	1	5	20.0	4	5	80.0	1	2	3	1	2	0	2	0	36	21	
Auburn	7	14	50.0	1	4	25.0	2	4	50.0	1	2	3	2	2	3	2	0	40	17	
Ohio State	7	13	53.8	2	4	50.0	7	8	87.5	0	1	1	5	3	2	3	0	35	23	

GAME BY GAME TOTALS JENKINS, CEDRIC

OPPONENT	FG/A	PCT	3PT/A			FT/A			REBOUNDS										MIN.	PTS
			PCT	PCT	PCT	PCT	PCT	D	O	T	A	S	T	P	F	BLK				
Iona	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boston	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Louisville	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Auburn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Alabama	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Tennessee	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	10	0	0
Mississippi State	0	1	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	2	11	0	0
Florida	0	1	0.0	0	0	0.0	2	2	100.0	1	5	6	1	0	1	2	1	11	2	0
LSU	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	3	4	75.0	0	1	1	0	2	2	4	0	15	3	0
Vanderbilt	1	2	50.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	13	2	0
Navy	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	8	0	0
Ole Miss	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Mississippi State	1	3	33.3	0	0	0.0	2	2	100.0	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	0	14	4	0
Auburn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Alabama	1	1	100.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	1	3	4	0	0	3	1	1	17	2	0
Tennessee	4	8	50.0	0	0	0.0	3	4	75.0	4	3	7	0	2	0	3	0	29	11	0
Florida	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0
Vanderbilt	1	3	33.3	0	0	0.0	2	2	100.0	1	5	6	1	1	0	5	0	16	4	0
Louisiana State	0	1	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	11	0	0
Georgia	1	4	25.0	0	0	0.0	1	2	50.0	3	2	5	0	0	2	1	0	23	3	0
Ole Miss	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	2	2	100.0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	2	0
Oklahoma	0	3	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	3	4	7	1	0	0	2	17	0	0
Auburn	1	2	50.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	1	2	3	0	0	0	4	1	10	2	0
Ohio State	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.											

# Blackmon Looking For Career In NBA

James Hopes Longshot Pays Off

As Kentucky's annual awards banquet drew to a close last Friday night, it officially signaled the close of yet another season of Wildcat basketball.

For 11 members of Eddie Sutton's 1986-87 basketball team, the future is set. Assuming walk-ons Steve Bruce and Terry Shigg return, 10 players who took the floor for Kentucky this year will be back. For them, this summer will be just a temporary rest stop. They will be able to work on their individual games, hone and refine their skills, and then come back next season to try and improve on this year's 18-11 won-loss record.



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For Paul Andrews, one of the two graduating seniors of this year's club, there will be no more organized basketball. Andrews will take his business degree from UK and go to work in the banking industry.

But for James Blackmon, this season's other departing senior, there is no certainty. Blackmon is in a kind of basketball limbo, unsure whether he will get a shot to fulfill his life-long dream of playing in the NBA next season, not knowing if the 91-74 defeat at the hands of Ohio State in the NCAA tournament in Atlanta will be his last performance in front of a roaring crowd.

## Once Considered An NBA Shoo-In . . .

When James Blackmon first came to the University of Kentucky from Marion, Ind., his list of credentials was long and impressive. Playing at one of the premier high school programs in the country, Blackmon left as the school's all-time leading scorer for a single game (52), a season (914) and for a career (1,897). Generally considered as the best guard prospect in the country, he was named to nearly every prep All-America team following his senior year at Marion, was all-state and all-conference twice, led the Indiana All-Star team to a sweep of the two-game series with the Kentucky stars and finished second to Steve Alford in the controversial balloting for Indiana's Mr. Basketball award. And high school coach Bill Green called Blackmon the best player he had ever coached, better even than former professional standout George McGinnis.

At the time, people were saying Blackmon could bypass Ken-



James Blackmon

tucky and go directly to the NBA. Now, four up-and-down years later, Blackmon is just hoping to get the chance to play professional ball.

"I want to have the opportunity to play in the NBA," Blackmon said recently. "It's a player's dream once you start playing high school ball. Your goal is to go to a major school, and then the goal is to go to the NBA."

## . . . Now He's Just Hoping For A Shot

But after four years at Kentucky, Blackmon's NBA possibilities are similar to those of another Indiana prep star who played at UK—Roger Harden. A fifth-round selection of the Los Angeles Lakers

in last year's draft, Harden was a longshot to make the Laker roster, and was eventually cut. There are many who predict Blackmon may suffer the same fate.

"Blackmon did not have a very good college career vis-a-vis his high school career," NBA scout Marty Blake said, "but he has a lot of athletic ability and I'm sure he'll get drafted. But realistically, he's not Reggie Williams.

"In all probability he'll (be drafted) and he'll get an opportunity, like anyone else, to play. Whether he'll make it or not. . . sometimes a player is better than he showed in college. He'll have to be better if he wants to play pro ball. But anyone does, whether it's him or Steve Alford.

"Blackmon is a longshot, but a lot of longshots have made it." Blackmon knows the odds are stacked against him, but all he's asking for is a chance.

"I just want to get my foot into the door," he said. "I can't be choosy about what team I get picked up by. I think if I get drafted and then have a tryout, I can make the team.

"I'm pretty confident I can go out and prove myself in camp if I get drafted, and then make the team."

For that to happen, UK assistant James Dickey says Blackmon will have to hit the weights and improve his strength.

"The biggest thing that we've always found with our guards is



Dickey: Blackmon Has Good Chance

that strength is so important, because it's such a physical game (in the NBA)," Dickey said. "You have to be strong because of the 82-game schedule, and because of the players that you play against. People that have gone up there—Alvin (Robertson), Darrell (Walker), Sidney (Moncrief), Tony Brown and those guys—tell us the physical aspect of the game is so important and that they didn't realize when they were in college how important the weight program was until they got into the NBA. And of course you can get manhandled if you're not able to hold your ground."

But Dickey, who was with Sutton at Arkansas and had the opportunity to coach some of the fine guards that the Razorbacks sent to the pros, says that because Blackmon is blessed with such raw athletic ability, it's hard to count him out.

"I think James has got a good chance, he's such a good athlete," Dickey said. "A lot of it sometimes depends on what team you get drafted by and how high, obviously, that you're drafted. But if James could get with the right team, with his athletic ability, the way he shoots the ball and as well as he plays in the transition game, I think he'll have a very fine chance of making the NBA."

And playing at Kentucky under Sutton, where you get all the national television exposure, doesn't hurt either. Even if you don't lead the country in any offensive categories.

"Well, a lot of times, initially, if you don't have the numbers coming out (that could hurt a player's chances of making it professionally)," Dickey said. "But I think because he's played here at Kentucky, at a highly visible program, and the way our offense and defense is always geared around the team concept, I think that's got to be an advantage for him. And coach Sutton has always had great success with guards.

"Pro scouts, as well as the teams, know that when a player comes out of his system that he's gonna be a sound player both offensively and defensively, and I think that's got to be a factor to consider."

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his defense."

**\*Eric Manuel**, 6-6, Macon, Ga. (As of March 23 had not passed college test). Says Sutton: "Can play a lot of positions. . . Could play point guard if he had to, but he's more of a swing-type player."

**\*Jonathan Davis**, 6-8, Pensacola, Fla. (Has passed college test). Says Sutton: "Of all the incoming freshmen, he has the best academic record. . . He won't be ready early, but he will contribute. He played inside in high school; he will have to adapt to playing outside."

**\*Deron Feldhaus**, 6-7, Maysville. (Has passed college test). Says Sutton: "Outstanding shooter. . . Played with back to the basket. Has thoroughbred blood in his body because his father (Allen) was a good player at Kentucky. Whether he can contribute next year, who knows? He's like most of our freshmen in that a lot will be determined in the spring and summer. How dedicated they are will go a long way."

**\*Johnny Pittman**, 7-1, Rosenberg, Texas. (As of March 23 had not passed college test). Says Sutton: "Body of a man. . . Needs to develop a better touch. Didn't rebound as well as I had expected. A big-time center after he's been in the program for a while."

**\*Sean Sutton**, 6-1, Lexington. (Has passed college test). Says Sutton: "Don't believe he'll play next year; he needs to get stronger. If someone goes down early, he may be forced to play. A player very much like Roger Harden."

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In the 23rd Annual Dapper Dan Classic last Friday, future UK player Eric Manuel scored 20 points but his East squad was on the losing end of a 110-99 score. Despite a snowstorm the game was played before 12,325 fans in Pittsburgh.

Manuel played 23 minutes and contributed on nine of 19 from the field, and five rebounds. West MVP Marcus Liberty, who'll be playing for Illinois, scored a game-high 24 points. The East MVP was Pittsburgh recruit Brian Shorter, who netted 19 points.

Two other Kentucky signees played in the all-star contest. In 24 minutes LeRon Ellis tallied 17 points (eight of 12 from the field), seven rebounds and one blocked shot. Sean Sutton, the son of Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton, scored three points (1 of 2 from the field), dished out three assists and also hauled in three boards. Sutton played nine minutes.

Memphis product **Elliot Perry**, who is considering Kentucky along with Memphis State and Oklahoma, poured in seven points on three of nine from the field and three rebounds during 13 minutes of playing time.

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Last Saturday Paintsville's **John Pelphey** and Marshall County's **Mary Taylor** were named Mr. and Miss Basketball.

Pelphey, a 6-foot-6 swingman, netted 20.1 points and 10.5 rebounds per contest last season, as his team made it all the way to the state's semifinals before being ousted by Louisville Ballard. He's considering Alabama, Vanderbilt, Marshall and Louisville.

Taylor, a Western Kentucky signee, averaged 18 points and nine rebounds. The 6-foot forward led Marshall County to its fourth straight trip to the women's Sweet 16. The Lady Marshals were beaten in the first round of this year's tournament held in Bowling Green.

The boys' All-State team also was announced last Saturday.

Along with Pelphey on the first-team were UK signees Sean Sutton and Deron Feldhaus. Other first-team selections were: Washington County's **Kevin Ellery**, PRP's **Desmond Porter**, Clay County's **Richie Farmer**, Hopkinsville's **LaMonte Ware**, Paducah's **Donald Tivis**, Lafayette's **Prince Stewart** and Owensboro's **David Hogg**.

## Oscar Combs

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to when playing the Tennessee Volunteers. According to some, it was a game conceived in sports fans' dreams. Perhaps. But more accurately the seeding developed in the dreams of CBS-TV which continued its attack against Hall by replaying a six-month old edited interview depicting Hall as the bad guy for refusing to play Louisville during the regular season.

While a regular-season series can be attributed to that game, most Hall critics still refuse to admit just how masterful a job Hall did that afternoon to have his team in a position to upset the Cardinals in regulation, before an ill-advised shot late in the game cost UK the opportunity to walk away with its biggest victory during the Hall era.

Although Kentucky tied the game at the regulation buzzer on a Jim Master jumper, the Cardinals' depth wore the 'Cats down and Louisville won going away, 80-68 to earn a Final Four berth. Kentucky had no reason to hang its head.

With Bowie finally back in uniform, the Wildcats were chomping at the bit waiting for a new season. It finally arrived and Kentucky quickly served notice that its sights were set on Seattle, Wash., and a Final Four berth.

Along the way, Kentucky eliminated opponents one by one.

Kentucky wasted no time in bombing Louisville off the face of the map in the season opener, 65-44. It was the first contest of a new series and *Sports Illustrated* featured the game on its cover. The 'Cats zipped through the non-conference schedule without a defeat, even beating the great Houston team in late-January.

By the time March rolled around, the 'Cats were in high gear, they held off Alabama and Auburn to win the SEC Tournament in Nashville and then took care of Brigham Young in Birmingham before beating Louisville and Illinois in the Midwest Regional to earn the trip to Seattle.

After a half of play against eventual champion Georgetown, Kentucky appeared on target toward the championship game and another NCAA title. Then that infamous second-half shooting blizzard struck. And the Wildcats' fondest dreams died against a stormy iceberg. It was a brilliant season, 29 wins and only five losses. But to some, the championship had once again escaped.

A year later, Joe B. Hall would admit he had planned to step down after the 1984 season, but because of the loss to Georgetown and the fact that 1985 would be a rebuilding year, Hall said he made the decision to weather the storm rather than put a new coach in that position.

The 1985 campaign reminded many folks of the 1979 season, the one after the '78 championship run. Most of the players were inexperienced youngsters and would take their lumps early.

As the season progressed, Hall found himself more than once fighting to avoid Kentucky's first losing season since 1927. That was a record he wanted no part of breaking. According to insiders, the possibility of a losing season weighed heavily upon the mind of Adolph Rupp back in 1967 (when UK finished at .500) and Hall was an assistant to Rupp at the time.

Hall faced his own crisis in 1974, his second year on the job, as his Wildcats ended the season with a 13-13 mark. UK avoided a losing mark only because Kentucky won the final game of the season over Mississippi State.

So it was understandable the last thing Hall wanted to leave on his Kentucky record in his last year of coaching would be a losing mark. He seemed particularly uptight prior to games Kentucky was expected to win. Throughout the season he talked often of how the team might not have a winning record.

But all the pressure disappeared in late-February at the unlikely confines of O'Connell Center in Florida. The 'Cats upset the Gators 76-68 to raise their record to 15-9. Even if the 'Cats had lost their remaining three regular-season games and the first game

of vindicated the NCAA selection committee's decision.

Suddenly Joe B. was on a roll. Junior Kenny Walker developed into a superstar out West and along with blossoming Roger Harden, led the 'Cats to a surprising 64-61



HIS LAST GAME: In the '85 NABC Game In UK's Memorial Coliseum, Joe Hall Is Flanked By Bobby Lee Hurt And Eugene McDowell (54) As The West Defeated The Hall-Coached East Squad 97-90.

of the SEC tournament, UK would still have finished the season with a 15-13 mark. As the final seconds of the game ticked off the clock, you could see the relief cross his face.

And from that night forward, Kentucky played with a different stroke of confidence. Sure, the Wildcats lost two of the next three, but still got an invite to the NCAA. More importantly, the team became more confident. No longer was there any pressure.

No one (other than his wife, Katharine) knew Joe B. was about to retire, but in retrospect one sometimes wonders. Rumors had surfaced from time to time during the past three years, but there had been so many rumors, no one took them seriously anymore.

Kentucky wasn't exactly at the top of the at-large list of teams with a 16-11 record and the NCAA could have ignored UK without the slightest hint of prejudice. The NCAA had never been known for doing UK kind favors, but what a shame it would have been had Joe B. not had a shot at the big show in his last season. After so many times of pitting Joe B. against Louisville, perhaps the NCAA did have some compassion after all.

Kentucky was picked over the outpouring of cries from Florida which had beaten Kentucky in Lexington and the SEC tournament. The 'Cats were sent West to Salt Lake City and paired up as underdogs in early-round games.

First came the 66-58 upset over Washington in legendary Marv Harshman's final game as a college coach. The win sort

upset over UNLV. That victory sent Kentucky to Denver for a date with the region's top seed, St. John's.

It also sent Joe B. back home where his college coaching began at Regis College in Denver. The memories flowed freely as Hall took a stroll around the campus, reliving a couple chapters of the past while renewing acquaintances with old friends.

Little did anyone realize that within a few hours he would announce his retirement from coaching. Word leaked out the night before the Kentucky-St. John's game that Hall would, indeed, retire from the coaching ranks once the 'Cats lost in the NCAA tournament.

Rob Bromley, Channel 27's sports anchor in Lexington, scooped the 200 or so reporters covering the NCAA Regional and broke the story just hours before the game. Other reporters tried to claim they knew of the situation before him, but it wasn't true. When a story of such magnitude breaks, everyone wants to claim credit.

Kentucky played St. John's point-for-point the first half until Walker went down with an injury, a poke in the eye. When Walker left the game, so did Kentucky's chances. Moments after the final horn, Hall announced on his post-game radio show he had coached his last game.

Joe B.'s coaching career played its last act in the same city it began some three decades earlier.

Within a couple weeks, Eddie Sutton was tabbed to take over and thanks to the return

of Walker, Winston Bennett and Harden, his inaugural season would prove to be a blazing success.

With superb senior leadership from Walker, Harden and pint-sized LeRoy Byrd, Sutton used his tactical coaching expertise to blend in a perfect chemistry which carried the Wildcats to a 32-4 mark and within one game of the Final Four.

Along the way, all the marbles fell in the right direction. There were shots at the buzzer to win games. Bennett became a dominant player inside and Ed Davender improved game by game. The Wildcats waltzed through the SEC tournament, lost only one regular-season game in the conference and defeated Alabama four times.

Only a loss to arch-rival LSU (which UK had already beaten three times earlier) kept Kentucky from a trip to Dallas. It truly was a season of joy.

And then Walker, Harden and Byrd were history.

Just as everything fell into place in 1985-86, the opposite held true this past season. First Bennett went out with a season-ending injury. Then Cedric Jenkins went to the sidelines with a stress fracture that never allowed him to recover 100 percent.

Shots which fell at the buzzer last season never found the nets this winter. It was one of the poorest shooting Kentucky squads in history, perhaps the worst ever by an Eddie Sutton-coached team. Free throws were constant nightmares.

When all the cheering died, Kentucky wobbled out of the NCAA with an 18-11 mark. It certainly wasn't a disaster, considering that many observers wondered if the 'Cats could break .500 after the preseason injuries.

All reason flew out the window when Kentucky played Indiana to a five-point loss in Bloomington and the Wildcats then came back to destroy Louisville by 34.

Just as Kentucky created high hopes with those two performances, there were the opposites, like the monumental losses to LSU.

Mercifully, the season ended in Atlanta.

Now, it's onward and upward to a new beginning.

There will be some rebuilding this coming season. The likes of LeRon Ellis, Eric Manuel, John Pittman, Deron Feldhaus, Jonathan Davis and Sean Sutton will require seasoning and adjustments. But some of them will grow up in a hurry. They have to because Kentucky won't be afforded the luxury of bringing all of them along slowly.

Bennett should be a real senior leader this coming winter. Rex Chapman is a year older and hopefully a year wiser. No one doubts this young man's desire or ability. Derrick Miller is one of the greatest shooters to come Kentucky's way in a long time. It's taken him a while to grow up, but watch out for this young man when he finally decides to break down and play defense the Eddie Sutton way.

Ed Davender, Rob Lock and Jenkins are up for their final swan song. It's now or never for them. If they want to wear a championship ring, the time is now. There's no tomorrow. Ditto for Richard Madison. The summer will tell us just how much Mike Scott will fit into the picture. Expecting him to contribute this season was unfair, considering he had not played a competitive game in over a year. Irv Thomas is no longer a freshman.

To expect a national championship in 1988 would be naive. To seek a level of commitment toward winning a national championship is not only fair, but should be expected of all those who will be wearing the Big Blue next winter. That's a Kentucky tradition.

Ten years without a championship is a long time, certainly much longer than most Kentucky fans figured it would be back in March of 1978.

# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## Four Years Ago

\*The Kentucky Bat Cats split a doubleheader with the Florida Gators at Shively Sports Center on the UK campus. Florida won the first game 11-4, jumping out to a 7-4 lead and then scoring four more runs in the ninth to get the win. In the second game, Jay Ray pitched an outstanding game, allowing just eight hits, fanning five and walking only one in UK's 5-0 win. UK scored four times in the fourth on the strength of a Scott Knox home run and several Gator miscues.

\*Sophomore Kevin Gothard hit a grand slam homer in the bottom of the 14th inning to give the Wildcats a 7-3 marathon win over visiting New York Tech. The win raised UK's record to 20-7 overall for the year.

\*The University of Indiana baseball team broke a 17-game nonconference winning streak, besting the 'Cats at Shively Sports

Center. Paul Kilgus took the loss even though he did not allow an earned run in eight innings pitched.

## Five Years Ago

\*Led by sophomore tailback John Gay's 107 yards, the Blue team rushed for 257 yards en route to a 24-14 win in the UK football team's annual Blue-White game at Commonwealth Stadium. Gay was just one of seven backs who gained 25 yards or more in the game. Doug Martin, who quarterbacked the Blue squad, completed 12 of 20 passes and had an interception. The White's Randy Jenkins connected on 10 of 20 attempts through the air.

\*Kentucky once again led the SEC in recruiting. The 'Cats signed three bluechippers: Roger Harden of Valparaiso, Ind., Kenny Walker of Roberta, Ga., and Todd May of Virgie, Ky.

\*Coach Jerry Claiborne added three more football signees. The newest members of the

team were Napoleon Bell of Columbus, Ga., Guy Neal of Hendersonville, Tenn., and Jim Reichwein of Hatboro, Pa.

\*The Lady Kat golf team signed Nancy Scranton from Florida and Wendy Lawson from Alabama for next season.

\*Pat Etcheberry announced his track signees. In men's track the 'Cats signed Greg Chajowski from Canada and Sam Love from Trigg County High School in Cadiz, Ky. Lix Polyak from Canada signed with the women.

\*Kentucky basketball signee Kenny Walker scored 20 points and had 14 rebounds in the annual McDonald's All-Star game.

\*Dennis Damrom of Coral Springs, Fla., signed with the UK swim team.

Kentucky senior Bill Sandry broke a SEC record and tied an NCAA mark with four home runs in a 21-4 Kentucky win over Eastern at UK's Shively Sports Center.

"It once again rained on the Kentucky Relays, but there were still some outstanding performances at the Shively Sports Center track. The most impressive time of the meet was 10.08 in the 100-meters by Mike Miller of Tennessee.

\*Leah Little announced that Sharon Jackson of Syracuse, N.Y., Collen Lafferty of Wilmington, Del., Sally Long of Louisville and Penny Booher of Dayton, Ohio had signed letters of intent to compete as gymnasts for UK.

\*Jamie Plummer of Englewood, Ohio became the only women's golf signee of the season.

\*Kentucky basketball recruit Todd May was honored as the Kentucky high school Mr. Basketball.

\*The Lady Kat basketball staff announced that Leslie Nichols of Lexington and Karen Mosley of Toledo, Ohio would play basketball for UK in 1982.

## Six Years Ago

\*Kentucky relief ace Jeff Keener came out of the bullpen to register wins in both games of Saturday's twinbill as UK gained ground in the Eastern Division by defeated Florida twice. The Gators did come back to win Sunday's game. In the first game, Jim Leopold's grand slam homer sparked UK to an 8-4 win. Kenner allowed no hits and fanned five in 2 2/3 innings. In the nightcap, Mike Botkin led off the final inning with a game-winning home run, his second longball of the game. Greg Ryle added a solo shot for Kentucky. Kenner worked the final inning, allowing one hit.

\*With the national signing date approaching soon, Kentucky is one of the several schools suddenly interested in Simon Kenton basketball star Troy McKinley. The 6-6 McKinley was outstanding in this year's state tournament and quickly schools such as UK, Louisville and Western became interested. Kentucky is also expected to ink Jasper, Ind., guard Mike Ballenger, who has signed an SEC letter of intent with the 'Cats.

## Nine Years Ago

\*The Kentucky-led USA team bombed the Russians 107-82 to win the World Invitational Tournament at Rupp Arena. The USA team had won earlier victories over Cuba and Yugoslavia at other sites. The game in Lexington wrapped up the tournament and coach Joe Hall and his players accepted the first championship trophy in the World Invitational.

\*The UK baseball team won three games. The first was a 12-8 come-from-behind win over Morehead. The 'Cats rallied back from a 4-0 deficit in that contest. Later in the week Kentucky swept a pair from Louisville, 8-4 and 14-13.

\*Kentucky's football team ended spring drills with its annual Blue-White game. The Blue team, coached by *Courier-Journal* columnist Earl Cox, downed the White team 20-0. The Whites were led by *Herald-Leader* columnist D.G. Fitzmaurice.

## Ten Years Ago

\*Senior guard Larry Johnson was the winner at the annual awards banquet for the Kentucky basketball team. Johnson won the 110 Percent Award, the Outstanding Senior Award, the Outstanding Defensive Player Award, the Most Assists Award, the Senior Appreciation Award and the *UPI* Player of the Year award in Kentucky. Jack Givens was selected as the team's Most Valuable Player and also received the Joe B. Hall Award for the best free throw shooter. Rick Robey won the A.B. Chandler Trophy, Merion Haskins the K-Men's Scholastic Award and Tim Stephens the Freshman Leadership Award. Over 1,000 people attended the banquet, which also included a vote of confidence for Hall from UK president Dr. Otis Singletary. Recent rumors had Hall's job in jeopardy, but Singletary gave the UK coach a strong vote of support.

\*Football coach Fran Curci has completed his football staff as Kentucky comes off a year in which it won the Peach Bowl. The final addition was line coach Jim Nablack, who was the freshmen coach at Florida last year. He replaced Jon Mirilovich, who left for North Carolina State. Other new additions this year are Bill Glaser, Larry Kirksey and George Catavolos.

## Thirty Years Ago

\*Kentucky could manage but three hits all afternoon against a pair of Tennessee pitchers as the 'Cats were downed 12-1 and 7-0 by their arch-rivals. UK pitchers Phil Grawemeyer and Jim Host were both victims of erratic fielding and no offensive output.

\*Paced by a 14-point output by Ray Blasingame and two distance wins by Jasper Creech, the UK track team edged a stubborn Sewanee crew, 66 1/2 to 64 1/2 at Stoll field. UK's Lou Michaels also set the UK record in the shot put. His toss of 47' 10" bettered his own previous best.

\*Billy Ray Lickert, the 6-3 Lafayette star who led his team to the state title and was named the state's Mr. Basketball and a prep All-American, signed a grant to play at Kentucky. He averaged 24.4 points a game and scored 106 points in state tourney play. He was an all-state selection as a center during his junior year, but switched to guard last season.

\*The Kentucky high school basketball state tournament will return to Memorial Coliseum next March after being held at the State Fairgrounds in 1957. Several reasons were given for the move: students got the worst seats at the Fairgrounds, restrooms were sometimes locked, terrible downtown traffic, high hotel prices and students had to pay 20 cents for a half-pint of milk at downtown restaurants.

## Thirty One Years Ago

\*Kentucky center Bob Burrow scored 12 points but his East team lost to the West club 74-62 in the East-West All-Star game in Kansas City. San Francisco's Bill Russell scored 18 points for the winners. Tommy Heinson led the East with 15.

\*Georgia Teacher's College spoiled UK's baseball opener with an 8-5 win. Jack Marston, Bill Willard and Jim Morris each had two hits for UK. Charlie Wilde went the distance and took the loss for the 'Cats.

## Wildcat Quiz

- True or False? UK finished with a 500 conference record during the 1986 football season.
- Who led the Wildcats in total rushing yards last year?  
a) Marc Logan  
b) Mark Higgs  
c) Andy Murray  
d) Ivy Joe Hunter
- What football opponent defeated Kentucky by the widest margin last season?  
a) Ole Miss  
b) Tennessee  
c) Georgia  
d) LSU
- What player was the team leader in total receiving yardage?  
a) Eric Pitts  
b) Cornell Burbage  
c) Mark Wheeler  
d) Tim Jones
- True or False? Placekicker Joe Worley booted a field goal from over 50 yards last year.
- What player intercepted the most passes during the '86 season?  
a) Chris Chenault  
b) David Johnson  
c) Tony Mayes  
d) Carwell Gardner
- Among returning players, what Wildcat was credited with the most tackles a year ago?  
a) Jeff Kremer  
b) Chris Chenault  
c) Jerry Reese  
d) Ron Robinson

- What UK back had the longest run from scrimmage last year?  
a) Marc Logan  
b) Mark Higgs  
c) Darren Bilberry  
d) Ivy Joe Hunter
- True or False? UK had a winning record in Commonwealth Stadium last season.
- What UK running back racked up the most yardage catching the football in a single game last year?  
a) Ivy Joe Hunter  
b) Marc Logan  
c) Andy Murray  
d) Greg Baker

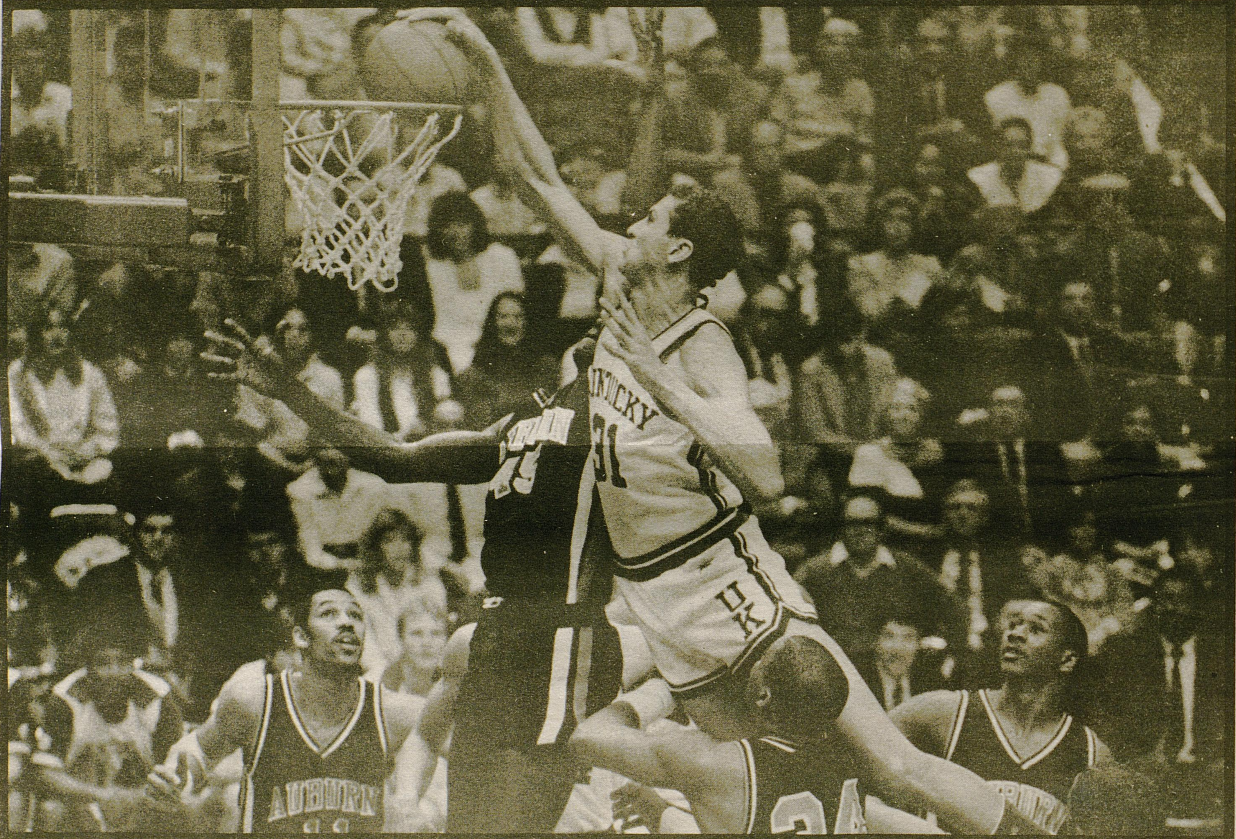


## Answers

- False. (UK was 2-4 in SEC play)
- True. (UK was 4-2-1 at home)
- Georgia defeated UK 31-9
- Ivy Joe Hunter (45-yard run)
- Chris Chenault (96 tackles)
- Tony Mayes (4 interceptions)
- Andy Murray (103 yards vs. LSU)

- False. (Worley's longest was 49 yards)
- True. (Burbage, 531 yards)
- Georgia defeated UK 31-9
- Ivy Joe Hunter (621 yards)
- False. (UK was 2-4 in SEC play)

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