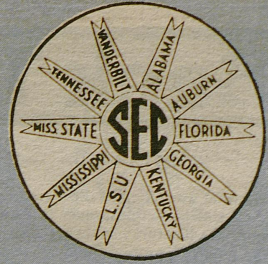




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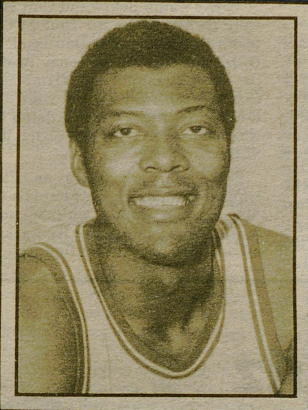
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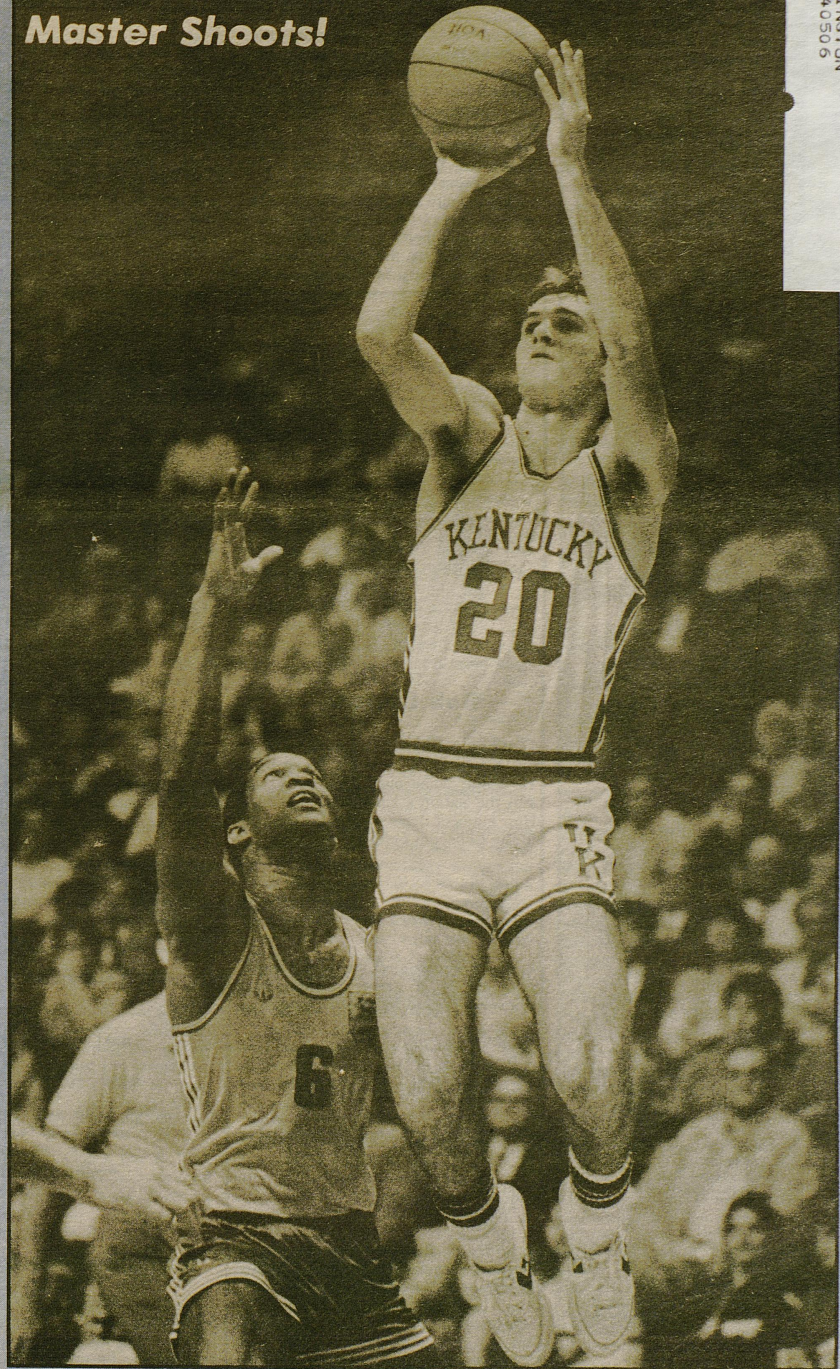
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# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## ONE YEAR AGO

\*In what was billed as the "greatest two days of basketball" ever in Rupp Arena, the Kentucky Wildcats beat a very tough Georgia Bulldog team 81-72 before 23,982 fans on the first day. It was run-and-gun time when the two teams hit the floor, with the Cats getting the better end of the break, jumping out to a 43-33 halftime lead. However, the Dogs did not quit, getting within six points with 9:29 to go. The two teams battled the rest of the way, but it was UK which

prevailed on the shoulders of Jim Master and Kenny Walker. Master did the scoring and ended up with 14 points on the day, while Walker crashed the boards and finished with ten. Charles Hurt scored 15 points to lead the Cats. Georgia guard Vern Fleming scored 23 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead the Bulldogs. Dirk Minniefield scored his 1000th point to join that list of players, along with teammate Derrick Hord, who scored his 1000th point earlier in the season.

\*In a very touching ceremony, the Kentucky fans bid farewell to seniors Charles Hurt, Dirk Minniefield and Derrick Hord as they made their final home appearance before a Rupp Arena record 24,185 screaming fans in a 69-61 victory over the Tennessee Volunteers. The seniors had to fight off the tears as the crowd gave a roaring tribute, capped off by each receiving hugs from the coaching staff. Kentucky grabbed an early 28-20 lead, then watched as the Vols outscored them 14-2 to take a 34-32 lead into the

locker room. Kentucky came out storming and took the lead early in the second half, a lead which they never lost. Kenny Walker stole the show, leading Kentucky with 19 points and ten rebounds as a national television audience looked on. Walker was voted MVP by the NBC commentators. The win guaranteed the Wildcats their 34th SEC title and kept their winning streak alive at seven.

the all-tourney team. Macy was named the tournaments MVP.

\*The Kentucky basketball team received an invitation to the National Invitational Tournament and it was announced they will meet Clemson on Wednesday night at Rupp Arena. Clemson is 18-9 on the year while UK is 19-11.

## FIVE YEARS AGO

\*Kentucky ran out of miracles as it dropped the final game of the Southeastern Conference Tournament 75-69 to Tennessee in overtime. Playing for the fourth straight night, UK led early behind the shooting of senior Truman Claytor and took a 44-37 lead at the half. The Vols battled back against the weary Cats and UK could not pull off the win in the final minutes of regulation, when a Kyle Macy jumper wouldn't fall. Claytor led UK with 27 points and was named to

## TEN YEARS AGO

\*UK's Ralph Beard and Cliff Hagan were named to the All-Time SEC first team. Frank Ramsey, Dan Issel, Alex Groza and Wah Wah Jones made up the second team. Louie Dampier and Cotton Nash were on the third team. Former Kentucky Coach Adolph Rupp was named the All-Time Coach in the SEC.

\*UK fell once again as Florida tripped the Cats 75-66. Florida's Gene Shy led the Gators with 30 points. Kevin Grevey had 34 for Kentucky but no one else had double figures.

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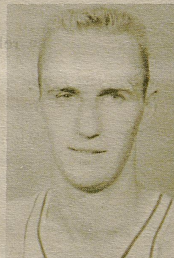
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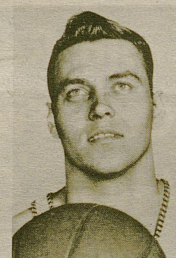
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## Wildcat Quiz

### Memorial Coliseum Records



Bob Burrow



Cliff Hagan

- When Memorial Coliseum opened up, Kentucky was in the midst of a 129-game homecourt winning streak still the nation's longest such string. How many of those games did UK win in the Coliseum before losing there?
  - 30
  - 40
  - 45
  - 49
- The most rebounds in a single game collected by a player in Memorial Coliseum is held by which player?
  - Cliff Hagan
  - Bob Burrow
  - Bob Barber
  - Elgin Baylor
- How many rebounds did that player get?
  - 18
  - 24
  - 29
  - 34
- Did Kentucky ever lose two games in a row at Memorial?
 

Yes or No
- Did Kentucky ever lose three games in a row?
 

Yes or No
- When Memorial Coliseum opened up, Kentucky was in the midst of a 129-game homecourt winning streak still the nation's longest such string. How many of those games did UK win in the Coliseum before losing there?
 

Yes or No
- The largest crowd ever to watch a Kentucky game at Memorial was against which SEC opponent?
  - Tennessee
  - LSU
  - Georgia
  - Vanderbilt
- Which player holds the record for the most points in a single game scored in Memorial?
  - Louie Dampier
  - Pete Maravich
  - Teddy Klaren
  - Dan Issel
- In 1954, Linville Puckett put up a desperation 53-foot, 6-inch jumper that holds the Memorial Coliseum record for the longest field goal made. Did that shot win the game for Kentucky when they played Mississippi State?
 

Yes or No
- When the Memorial Coliseum winning streak was snapped (question one), which team pulled the trick?
  - Ohio State
  - Dayton
  - Georgia Tech
  - Alabama
- Were any national attendance records set while Kentucky played in Memorial?
 

Yes or No

### Answers

10. No
9. c - Georgia Tech
8. No
7. b - Pete Maravich
6. b - LSU
5. Yes, one time, '69-'67
4. Yes, three times
3. d - 34
2. b - Bob Burrow
1. c - 45

### WILDCAT SPORTS QUIZ SCALE

- 8-10 correct - Big Blue Trivia Expert  
5-7 correct - Wildcat Wiz  
3-4 correct - Average Fan  
0-2 correct - Barely Blue





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# SEC Title Could Be Decided This Weekend

Down the stretch! Yep, the Southeastern Conference regular season race could go right down to the very last game, and still not decided.

Although Alabama and LSU haven't been mathematically eliminated (as of Sunday), it's apparent Kentucky and Auburn will duel it out for the regular season title during the final two weeks.

If either wins the league outright, the deciding factor will probably come this weekend as both Kentucky and Auburn hit the road for the final time this season.

Auburn travels to LSU Saturday and then to Ole Miss on Monday. Kentucky journeys to Georgia on Saturday and meets arch rival Tennessee on Monday. It wouldn't be surprising to see Auburn either split or sweep its two games. Kentucky is likely to split, but could lose both.

And that's not just being pessimistic. Auburn could be upset by LSU although the Tigers are having to go without injured Leonard Mitchell and the uncertain status of Stefford Johnson who was suspended for the Alabama game last week. If Auburn can avoid the LSU ambush, then the Plainsmen are in great shape for a 15-3 league title and that would assure them of at least a tie, no matter what UK does.

Ole Miss isn't going to beat Auburn in Oxford and Mississippi State and Alabama won't turn the trick in Auburn. The Crimson Tide would love to return the favor of the home team losing, but there will be too much Charles Barkley.

And now to Kentucky. The Wildcats' 58-54 win over Vanderbilt was anything but beautiful. Sure, it was a win and a win is certainly better than any loss. And, of course, to be a good team you have to win those when you don't play well, especially on the road.

Quite unimpressive was the zone defense which the Cats played and the inability of the much taller Cats to dominate the boards in the second half. A rerun of that game in Athens Saturday could spell SEC loss No. 4.

On the bright side, Georgia hasn't been knocking down many doors in recent weeks. At times, the Dogs have played well but fell just a few points shy at the end. Last week, the Bulldogs bombed Alabama, but returned to their ole ways by losing big to Auburn on the road.

Nevertheless, Hugh Durham has enough talent to beat anyone else in the SEC when the game is staged in Athens. The fact that this game is being televised nationally will do nothing less than to fire up the Bulldogs.

For Kentucky to win, the Wildcats will have to give an effort similar to the one at LSU way back in January. Anything less and UK will leave

Athens a loser and most likely a No. 2 finisher in the SEC.

Even with a win, UK will not be out of the woods yet. Two nights later, UK must play at Stokely Athletics Center where Kentucky has won only once in their eleven meetings with the Tennessee Vols since Joe Hall has been coach at Kentucky.

That lone win came in 1978 when UK won the national championship and even then, the win did not come easily.

Tennessee has been a second division club all season, but you can always throw out the record book when these two schools meet in anything. In fact, the Vols pushed the Cats for most of the game in Lexington, until a blowout in the waning minutes.

If Kentucky ever beats the Vols in Knoxville again, this should be the year, but we've said that before too, like last year, and the year before and the year before. We might be making the same statement again in 1985.

All in all, the Wildcats' backs are to the wall as far as their 35th SEC regular season championship is concerned. About the only way UK can view the race is to win every game and hope that someone upsets Auburn. That isn't likely to happen, but there are no alternatives.

Don't be surprised if UK bows to Georgia by five, and then holds off Tennessee by four in Knoxville.

Recruiting is starting to heat up again on the basketball scene as the April signing date approaches and some of the top stars remain unsigned around the country.

Kentucky seems to be concentrating on super guard Gary Grant of McKinley High in Canton, Ohio. The blue-chipper is considered to be the finest point guard around the country and a three-way battle involving Michigan, Ohio State and Kentucky is emerging.

UK associate coach Leonard Hamilton was in the northern Ohio city again last week watching the youngster play. UK assistant Jim Hatfield is concentrating on West German Gunthre Behnke. Other players are being watched, but those are the big two right now.

Kentucky Head Coach Joe B. Hall was in Portsmouth, Ohio, last weekend watching 6-10 junior Mike Scott of Greenup County play. He should be one of the top players in Kentucky next winter.

Officiating in the Southeastern Conference has come under heavy fire from practically every corner this season and there are some who say the college game is so fast-paced that it's

uncontrollable.

Regardless of the reason, something has to be done to restore some credibility to the fellows in stripe shirts. For one thing, fans and coaches alike are questioning whether or not officials can keep pace in a collegiate game when working basketball games as many as three days in a row.

Fouls, particularly on blocking and charging, have been totally inconsistent all season and college players are having a very difficult time of determining how officials are going to call a game, whether a whistle is going to be blown every time someone rubs another player or if they're going to let them mix it up.

Kentucky fans are still pointing to two plays which involved questionable calls this season, and, ironically, both involved Sam Bowie.

The first one was when Bowie slammed home an offensive rebound in the Tuscaloosa game with Alabama with the score tied late in the contest. The official ruled that Bowie charged into an Alabama player and nullified the goal. The foul was Bowie's fifth and he left the game with some four minutes remaining.

From television replays, it appeared that there was no foul.

Even Alabama writers wondered aloud as evidenced by Bama Magazine editor Kirk McNair: "Almost everyone agreed that an official's ruling was the key play in Alabama's 69-62 win over Kentucky. With the game tied at 56 under four minutes to play the Wildcats' Sam Bowie went in for an apparent follow-up slam dunk. However, he was whistled for a foul - his fifth - before the shot and Alabama survived the scare to go on to a 69-62 win. There may have been a question about whether the call on Bowie was a good one, but it's almost unquestionable that it was to Bama's advantage to be at home. That's not the kind of call likely to be made in Lexington."

And Kentuckians might well agree UK isn't likely to get a favorable call like that in Tuscaloosa either.

The other call was made a few days later in Lexington when Bowie was whistled for a foul that apparently had been made by another Wildcat several feet away.

Bowie lost his composure and reacted very violently, to the extent of deserving a technical foul. This time, none was called although two officials were looking directly at him. One official was quoted later as saying that a technical was not called because they thought an error was made in the call against Bowie. Humm?

Yes, something needs to be done about officiating in the league. Perhaps, we're like typical fans. We know something is wrong but we don't have the solution. That job is for the SEC office which is paid to provide officials

which are capable of calling consistent and fair games, whether a team is at home or on the road.

By the way, the best officiated game I've seen this year was the Kentucky game at Florida back in January. The officiating was never a factor in the outcome of the contest. And that's about the only game I can say that for. And there are no sour grapes here folks, because you know that Florida won that contest.

**HITS AND MISSES...** Those in the power deny it, but SEC television fans must be wondering if the outside forces have had any input into the selection of instant replays on recent television games in the conference. There appears to be a noticeable absence of instant replays on controversial plays in recent weeks from SPI Productions as compared to the number of instant replays earlier in the year. Sometimes, instant replays can provide fans with a pretty good impression whether an official's call was a good one or not... Here's hoping Katharine Hall, wife of Coach Joe B. Hall, has a speedy recovery. She was hospitalized last week with a virus and missed the Vanderbilt game in Nashville... How good was UK's football recruiting? Well, a well-known Texas scouting service lists Joe Curry, Mark Higgs, Bill Allen, and Ivy Joe Hunter among the South's Top 125. Hunter, by the way, is rated as the second best running back in Florida and the fifth best back in the entire South which includes the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Florida, Texas, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas. We'll have a complete listing of Max Emfinger's Dixie 125 in next week's issue... A special congratulations to former UK assistant Joe Dean, Jr. who has just bagged his first conference championship at Birmingham Southern. His club finished the regular season at 21-6 and won both the Southern States Conference and NAIA District 27 regular season titles. His team held a one-game lead over Athens (Ala) going into the final game of the season on the road against Athens. Southern won the title outright by beating Athens (the league's preseason favorite) 55-53. Southern was ranked fourth in the preseason poll and won 18 of its last 21 games. Dean's team now prepares for the league tourney and an automatic berth in the NAIA Play-Offs. "It's been the happiest time of my life," said Dean after the title-clinching game, "I never dreamed we'd be where we are today." Southern is only two victories away from the national NAIA tourney in Kansas City.



## Vandy Provides Scare

## Turpin Hits, Vandy Misses In UK Win

Kentucky 58										
PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN		
Kenny Walker	4-5	2-2	4	4	10	3	0	25		
Sam Bowie	3-8	2-2	9	2	8	3	2	37		
Melvin Turpin	11-15	0-0	5	4	22	0	1	31		
Jim Master	2-6	2-4	3	0	5	1	0	27		
Dicky Beal	4-6	2-2	4	1	10	3	3	30		
James Blackmon	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	3	0	16		
Brett Burrow	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	8		
Winston Bennett	0-0	0-0	0	4	2	2	0	13		
Tom Heitz	0-0	2-2	1	0	2	0	0	1		
Tom McKinley	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	1		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24-40</b>	<b>10-12</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>200</b>		

Vanderbilt 54										
PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN		
Jeff Turner	7-15	3-6	7	3	17	1	0	39		
Bobby Westbrook	2-6	2-4	4	3	6	1	0	30		
Brett Burrow	5-9	2-3	6	4	12	0	2	33		
Al McKinley	1-2	0-0	0	0	2	3	0	30		
Phil Cox	3-8	1-2	2	0	7	4	0	33		
Jeff Gary	4-7	0-0	2	1	8	0	0	17		
Glen Clem	1-3	0-1	1	0	2	0	0	10		
Steve Resc	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	2	2	8		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23-50</b>	<b>8-17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>200</b>		

ATTENDANCE: 15,626	
TECHNICAL FOULS: none	
OFFICIALS: D. Ferruson, B. O'Leah, D. Woodbridge	

## Another Goes To Wire

The Vanderbilt Commodores staged an uphill battle for almost 39 minutes, tied the game with 37 seconds left but failed to make the key plays in the waning seconds. In the end, Kentucky pulled out its second consecutive victory in the final seconds.

The win kept Kentucky on pace with Auburn in the Southeastern Conference race. Both teams have three losses while Auburn would try and equal UK in the win column on Monday night against Tennessee. Kentucky is off until Saturday, when they travel to Georgia.

Kentucky is now 11-3 in the SEC and 20-3 overall, marking the 10th time Joe Hall has won 20 games at UK. Vandy fell to 11-12 overall and 6-8 in the league. The Commodores are battling for one of the league's top six spots, since the bottom four must play a first-round game in the SEC tournament in Nashville March 7-10.

The 1981 SEC tourney was the last time Vandy defeated UK. The Cats won earlier this year by 67-46. This one was nowhere like that one, as 15,626 fans thought an upset was in the making. It was in making but it was not in the end as Vandy lost its fourth straight.

## Important Numbers

Vandy felt it lost this one, rather than Kentucky won it. They pointed to poor foul shooting as the reason. A 72.6 percent foul shooting team before the game, Vandy made just eight of 17. The final miss was by Brett Burrow, with the score tied at 54 and 30 seconds remaining.

Other than that, Vandy played the gameplan to perfection. They slowed the tempo and answered every Kentucky run. A team known for its killer streaks, Kentucky never could put Vandy away. The best indication of Vandy's neatness was a mere two turnovers, none in the second half.

Kentucky solved some of its recent turnover habits, committing only eight. However, two were crucial ones late against the press. Kentucky won the board battle by 28-23, but Vandy outrebounded UK by two in the second half.

As has often been the case this year, Kentucky won by outshooting the opponent. The Cats hit 60 percent (24-40), coming off a 66 percent outing

against Florida. UK hit 70.6 percent (12 of 17) the second half, after hitting 76.2 the second half against Florida. Vandy shot 46 percent from the field.

## Turpin Was On

Melvin Turpin turned in one of those spectacular offensive games he occasionally comes up with. He scored 16 points in the second half and finished with 22. Hitting shots from all over, Turpin made 11 of 15.

Kenny Walker and Dicky Beal both had ten points. Walker stayed in foul trouble while Beal got his second career start and played all but one minute. It was his third straight game in double figures. Sam Bowie had eight points and a game-high nine rebounds.

Interestingly, Kentucky's reserves did not try a single field goal. Senior forward Jeff Turner paced Vandy with 17 points. It was his hot shooting from the wings late that enabled Vandy to even matters. Burrow scored 12 points with a solid second half. Sharpshooter Phil Cox had averaged over 20 points a game

Key stats? Bowie's five rebounds gave UK a 17-10 edge on the boards. There was a total of just five turnovers. Vandy was one of five at the line, UK five of five. Turner picked up what looked like was a crucial third foul with 14 seconds in the half. That would turn out to be his final foul.

## Hall Pleased With UK's Poise

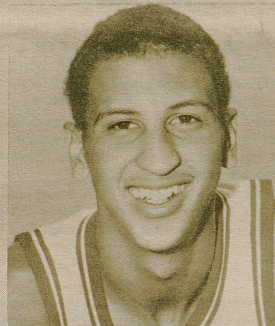
Kentucky Coach Joe. B. Hall made the following comments after his team defeated Vanderbilt 58-54 Sunday afternoon:

Hall: "Turner did a good job for them, especially down the end. Turpin and Bowie both tried to put pressure on him but he did a good job. Vandy did a great job. They kept the pressure on us. They banged the boards. If we had had a four-point lead down the stretch, we might have thrown the ball around a little more. We were trying to get a four-point lead, then back it out.

## Key Contributors:



Turner 17 pts.



Bowie 9 rebs.

since not getting a field goal earlier against UK. He again had his shooting problems Sunday, hitting just three of eight. However, Cox did have two crucial steals which turned the momentum to Vanderbilt.

## First Half Draught

Kentucky jumped on top 12-6, with Turpin scoring three buckets and blocking a Cox shot which gave Beal a layup at the other end. The score was 16-10 when both teams went cold. UK went over four minutes without scoring, as Bowie, Turpin and Walker all had two fouls. Vandy went over six minutes without a field goal and with only one point. Walker's three-point play on a follow shot finally moved UK in front 21-11, with 7:11 left.

As would be the story all night, Vandy scraped its way back. UK went to a zone and Vandy found the range. Jeff Gary hit the second of two jumpers to get Vandy within 23-19. UK's Jim Master hit his only two field goals of the night, then Tom Heitz added a pair of foul shots and UK led 29-21 at the half.

The strategy was just to get ahead and stay ahead.

"I was pleased with our performance today. We did not play bad at all. Vandy just played very, very good. They hit well and they were hustling their defense. They stayed with their gameplan real well and everything we changed, they adjusted to. They played unbelievable. They did a good job but we won the game.

"I thought the key was our ability to score down the stretch and stay ahead because Vandy was putting the pressure on. We did a good job maintaining our composure."

## The Tense Ending

Walker's windmill slam gave UK a 34-28 lead. UK was coasting with 42-32 lead on Beal's jumper from the key. Turpin rebounded and the Cats seemed to be moving away. However, Cox's stripped Turpin after the rebound and, as the Vandy play-by-play sheet describes it, "Cox valiantly and bravely ignores Turpin's presence and hits the layup."

Turpin's radar was on, scoring 12 of

14 UK points. It was 48-38 when Cox made the defensive play again. UK had a fast break going when Cox pilfered a Beal pass. He drove the court and hit Gary for a layup. Vandy was back in business, with Walker on the bench with four fouls.

Beal beat the press and fed Turpin for a dunk and it was 50-41. However, two UK turnovers against the press and Gary's wing shot made it 50-46. Turner's jumper made it 50-48. At 3:10, Bowie drove the lane for a short jumper and it was 52-48.

Turner matched that from outside. Bowie missed for UK but Turpin hit it back in at 2:04. At 1:48, Turner connected again. UK killed the clock until Master was sent to the line with 53 seconds to go and UK nursing a two-point lead. Master missed. Turner missed from the wing, but Bobby Westbrook rebounded. On his follow shot, a controversial goaltend was called on Bowie. It was 54-54, with 37 seconds left.

UK beat the press and Turpin hit a short jumper at 30 seconds. However, he was whistled for charging Burrow. The Radcliff, KY, native missed the foul shot and Walker boarded. At 23 seconds, Beal was fouled. He made both for a four-point cushion. Vandy missed twice before Walker rebounded and this one was history.

## Big Sam Confused Over Goaltending

Sam Bowie (On his goaltending call which let Vandy tie the game at 54-54): "I guess the official saw it from a different view because I really did not understand it. It was a big play at that particular time. If we get the clean block and get the ball, then the momentum changes our way. I would like to watch the tapes. From where I was from and from what the other players said, I did not think I goaltended any tonight."

(On blocking shots): "If you block a shot but knock it out-of-bounds, you really have not made any progress. The other team gets the ball back so it is not really a turnover. So I try to keep it in play and give us a chance to get the ball back."

When you are up by ten points with six minutes to go and you are on the road in the SEC, you can't consider calling it quits. The game of basketball can change so quick. Turner got a hot hand and started hitting from everywhere. That was a key. There were also a couple of times we had some crucial turnovers. I know I made a missed judgement on one pass. I thought Melvin was going in for a job but he was not and I threw it. That was a crucial mistake. But this turned out to be a good victory for us because it was a tense victory. That makes you grow up. Sometimes in those 19 and 20 point blowouts, you can learn bad habits.

"In the first half, I shot twice from the foul line and got slapped on the hand and the shots were not near the basket. I could not get any calls. On that one, (with the score 50-48), I was wide open because they were keying

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on Melvin. I was fortunate that it went in. I shot another one from the baseline after that and missed but Melvin went and got that one and put it in."

**Beal Confident At Foul line**

Dicky Beal - "I knew they would foul me. I did not shoot well at the line the last game. I just had to go up there with confidence. I felt good and I wanted to go to the line. When I went two for six against Florida, I was not really concentrating. I just have to get up there and look at the rim. Hopefully they will go in.



"Vanderbilt was using the whole 45 seconds when they had the ball. They would shoot the last ten seconds. They did a real good job. I thought they shot the lights out and played a great game. When Walker got that one dunk, we thought we had the momentum. We were outrageous, as far as emotion. But Vandy came right back with a basket. Somebody else had a real nice dunk and three-point play, then Vandy got another basket. There was enthusiasm out there but they just kept coming back and they had their fans behind them. You can't say enough about the way they played."

(On starting for the first time this year): "I was keyed up. It helps to know you are going to be in there playing earlier but I did not approach the game any differently. When they introduced the starting lineups, I did not know where I was supposed to go. I had to ask somebody."

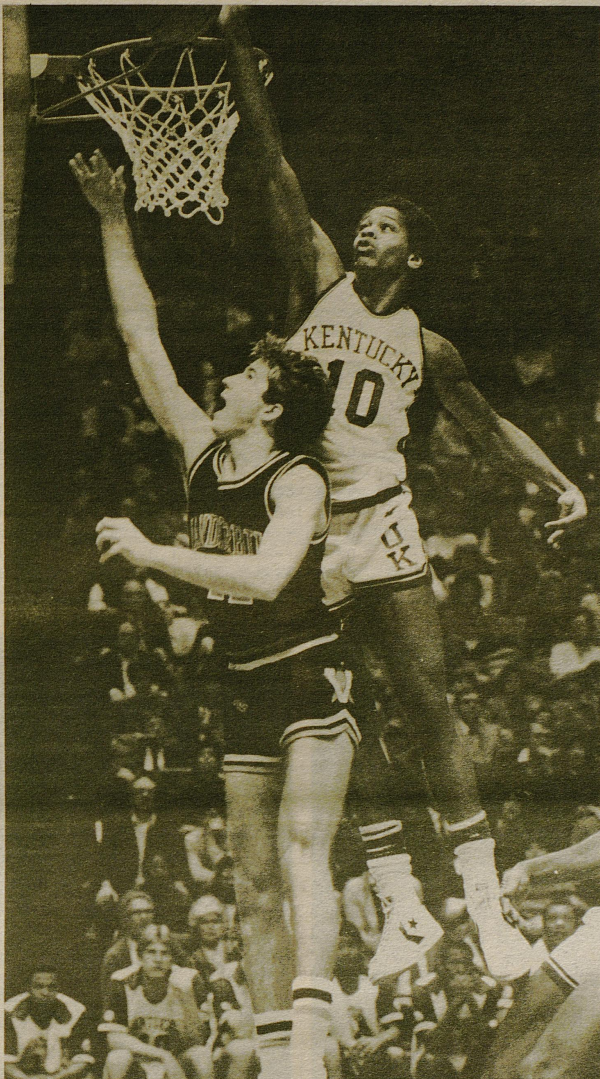
"They (Vandy) played the press really well. We made some bad decisions at the end. But I don't think we had more than ten turnovers (actually eight), which is very good."

**Turpin: High Scorer**

Melvin Turpin - "They were moving the ball around very well. Somebody would try to help out on defense and they would get the ball around before we got there. It is always hard to win on the road."

"When I take my first shot, I can almost tell if I am going to be on. Today, after the first one, I felt just like I did against LSU (when he scored 35 points on 15-7 shooting). When I took my first shot, I was off balance but I made it so I knew it was going to be a good night."

"In the second half, they were sending everyone to the boards. It was hard to find someone to block out. They have some guys who are really quick and can get up."



BLOCKED... James Blackmon blocked a Vandy shot in Rupp last month.

**Playing Against UK Has Its Aftereffects**

By winning at Vanderbilt last Monday night, Auburn not only managed to keep track with Kentucky in the Southeastern Conference race but the Eagles managed to do something few teams have done this year.

They won their next game after playing Kentucky. Auburn became only the fourth team (of the first 12 UK played) to win their next game and only the third to win their next SEC game.

It's no secret that opponents in the SEC get mentally fired up for Kentucky. Coaches and players around the league admit as much while virtually every school sets a season attendance mark when the Cats visit.

The danger of that is that a team can't get psyched back up for its next game. Auburn Coach Sonny Smith said that was his worry after his team left Lexington and headed to Nash-

ville. "Everybody gets higher for UK than any other team. It's no trouble getting a team up for Kentucky. You could get someone out of a coma to play Kentucky," said Smith.

"But it makes for a difficult situation when you play the second game of the road trip."

Perhaps it is only coincidence but the numbers bear out the worries expressed by Smith. And some of the losses handed teams after playing UK would have to be called major upsets, such as Vandy winning at Auburn.

Here is what the team that played UK did following Kentucky's first 12 SEC games:

- (1) Ole Miss lost at home to Vandy
- (2) LSU lost at Tennessee
- (3) Alabama lost at Vandy
- (4) Miss. State beat Tennessee at home
- (5) Auburn lost at home to Vandy
- (6) Florida lost at Tennessee
- (7) Vandy beat South

Carolina in a non-conference game (8) Georgia lost at Vandy (9) Tennessee lost at Ole Miss (10) Alabama won at home against Vandy (11) Miss. State lost at Tennessee (12) Auburn won at Vandy.

Auburn also became the first team to win the second-game of a road swing when UK was the first game. If it is true that teams are flat after playing UK, the benefactor has often been Vandy. Teams usually visit Nashville after Lexington.

**Newton Says Vandy Fell Short At Line**

The following quotes were made by Vanderbilt Head Coach C.M. Newton after his team lost to Kentucky 58-54:

"I think there's a very simple explanation of the loss and that is that we couldn't hit our free throws. It wasn't just one or two players but the whole team. Nobody every tried to miss a free throw, though."

"We are an excellent free throw shooting team but we just couldn't get 'em down. If we hit our free throws we are going to be very, very happy but instead it's a very, very disappointing loss."

"We really believed that if we did our thing and did it well, we could win



the game. I thought we did what we felt we had to do to win that game, which was to make Kentucky play a half court game. We felt like we needed to get to the free throw line and to keep them off the line. John Bostick (assistant head coach) did an excellent job of preparing us."

"Jeff Turner came up with some big, big plays down the stretch as did (Phil) Cox and Jeff Gary."

**Dale Brown Finds Magic Off Bench**

LSU Coach Dale D. Brown dusted off the bench and found his own magic potion when the Tigers edged Ole Miss in Oxford. Viewing virtually all of the 1984 SEC action from the bench, LSU's Steffond Johnson, who likes to be called "Baby Magic," supplanted the injured Leonard Mitchell in the Tiger lineup against Ole Miss and responded by setting personal records of points scored (20), rebounds (15), steals (5), field goal percentage (9 of 10 for 90%), and minutes in four SEC games prior to Sunday's game. played only 14 minutes in four SEC games prior to Sunday's game.

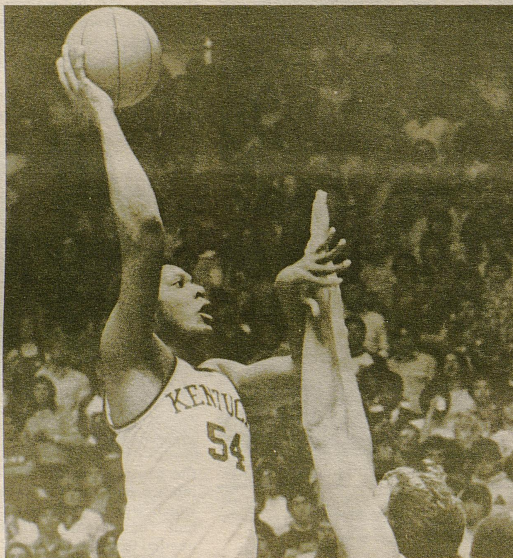


## On The Road To Nashville

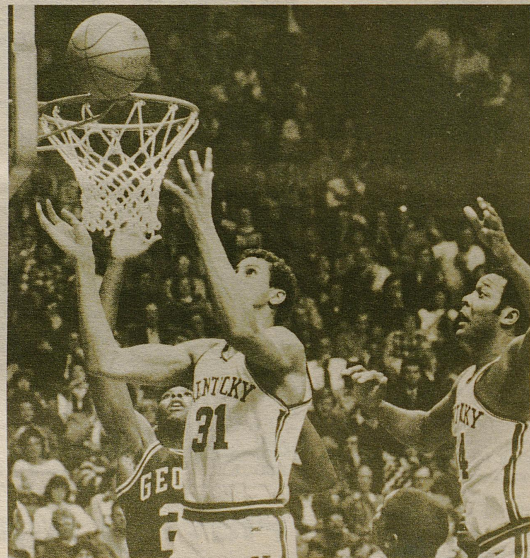
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### Wildcats' Statistics Vs. Georgia

PLAYER	GAMES	FG-FGA	PCT.	FT-FTA	PCT.	REB-AVE.	PF	PTS	AVE.	A	TO	MIN	- AVE
Sam Bowie	5	29-53	54.7	13-15	86.6	44- 8.8	13	71	14.2	1	6	170	34
Melvin Turpin	7	29-46	63.0	8- 9	88.8	41- 5.8	18	66	9.4	2	11	119	17
Jim Master	7	32-67	47.7	29-31	93.5	7- 1.0	18	93	13.2	22	17	238	34
Dicky Beal	7	5-11	45.4	2- 3	66.7	4- 0.5	2	12	1.7	7	8	55	8
Bret Bearup	5	1- 7	14.0	4- 7	51.1	5- 1.0	6	6	1.2	1	3	44	9
Tom Heitz	6	2- 4	50.0	8-10	80.0	11- 1.8	3	12	2.0	0	4	40	7
Troy McKinley	4	0- 1	----	0- 0	----	2- 0.5	1	0	0.0	0	0	20	5
Kenny Walker	3	13-21	61.9	5- 6	83.3	21- 7.0	11	31	10.3	5	7	75	25
Roger Harden	3	3-11	27.2	4- 5	80.0	3- 1.0	4	10	3.3	10	2	35	12
Winston Bennett	1	1- 5	20.0	2- 2	100.0	4- 4.0	0	4	4.0	3	0	20	20
James Blackmon	1	2- 2	100.0	0- 0	----	1- 1.0	1	4	4.0	2	0	9	9
Paul Andrews	1	0- 1	----	0- 0	----	1- 1.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	2
LeRoy Byrd	1	0- 0	----	0- 0	----	1- 1.0	0	0	0.0	0	1	1	1



Turpin Owns Vol Defense



Bowie Tops In Boards

### Wildcats' Statistics Vs. Tennessee

PLAYER	GAMES	FG-FGA	PCT.	FT-FTA	PCT.	REB-AVE.	PF	PTS	AVE.	A	TO	MIN	- AVE
Sam Bowie	5	26-53	49.7	25-32	78.1	40- 8.0	9	73	14.6	12	14	165	33
Melvin Turpin	7	56-82	68.2	20-27	74.0	44- 6.2	16	132	18.8	6	12	204	29
Jim Master	7	18-51	35.2	14-17	82.3	8- 1.1	13	50	7.1	18	11	181	26
Dicky Beal	6	12-23	52.1	2- 4	50.0	7- 1.1	12	26	4.3	14	7	90	15
Bret Bearup	4	3- 5	60.0	2- 2	100.0	4- 1.0	2	8	2.0	0	1	36	9
Tom Heitz	5	0- 1	----	3- 9	33.3	3- 0.6	5	3	0.6	0	2	26	5
Troy McKinley	3	2- 3	66.7	0- 0	----	0- ---	0	4	1.3	0	0	7	2
Kenny Walker	3	17-23	65.3	8- 9	88.8	17- 5.6	5	42	14.0	3	4	83	28
Roger Harden	3	2- 5	40.0	0- 0	----	3- 1.0	8	4	1.3	13	7	53	18
Winston Bennett	1	3- 3	100.0	8-10	80.0	6- 6.0	1	14	14.0	0	2	18	18
James Blackmon	1	1- 2	50.0	0- 0	----	0- ---	2	2	2.0	0	0	5	5
LeRoy Byrd	1	0- 0	----	0- 1	----	0- ---	1	0	0.0	2	0	3	3



# VIEWPOINT

## Letters To The Editor

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### Comparisons

Dear Sirs:

I accept the challenge that Mr. McCoy mentioned in his letter published in the February 11, 1984 issue of *The Cats' Pause*.

A real Kentucky Wildcat fan not only wishes the best for our Kentucky team, but most importantly has a deep respect for the coaching staff and for the team win or lose. A real Kentucky Wildcat fan even has respect for negative individuals like Mr. McCoy who do express their comments.

Kentucky is known nationally to have the best basketball program in the country, has the best supported program, and has the record for season attendance over any school in the country. The last four SEC road trip games have been played before record-breaking attendance crowds for the home school.

Kentucky is second to UCLA in the number of NCAA championships. Not even Adolph Rupp could top that record that UCLA owns, but I have no doubt that Kentucky will claim that honor some day also.

After Wooden retired, look at UCLA's progress. How many coaches have they had who tried to measure up to Wooden's achievements while at UCLA.

Now, compare that with Joe B. Hall's achievements at Kentucky since Rupp retired.

A 11½ year record of 276-85, a 75.9% winning percentage and by the end of the 1983 season Hall can claim an average of 22.7 wins per season compared to Rupp's average of 21.5 victories a season over a 41-season span which made him the winningest collegiate basketball coach of all time.

In the SEC, no school or coach while at that school can top either Joe B. Hall or Kentucky's achievements in games won, career records, etc.

A university doesn't fire a coach for any of the above facts because his team has lost three games in the 1984 season. I don't agree with some of Joe B. Hall's decisions in his coaching duties at Kentucky but I respect him 100% just as I feel his teams respect him as their coach.

When every team in the country is out to BEAT Kentucky to try and take away a piece of the pie that Kentucky has so honestly and rightfully earned because of their record (with even the talent on our current team), I don't feel we would have a 17-3 record if Kentucky's players didn't respect their coach as even the Kentucky fans and Mr. McCoy should.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Reynolds

### Pressure

Dear Sirs:

I was reading my *TCP* today and read about all the people putting down Joe B. Hall and I think Joe B. Hall is the best coach in the U.S.A.

I think if they will work on the all court press they will win the NCAA in 1984.

Thank You,

Tom Crawford  
Chicago, IL

P.S. I watched the Alabama game on TV all they need to work on is the press. If they let Joe Hall go they won't win anything.

### Class Cats

Dear Sirs:

There are some things which bother me as I read a few of the comments from some of your readers - so many, in fact, that I'm not sure where to start. But here goes:

First: When comparing teams, what are you doing? You're really comparing a lot of people's opinions. The fact that KY has so many All-Americans seems to support the reality that there's very little that separates an All-American from a lot of other players. With so many really good players across our nation, who's to say player "A" is that much better than player "B"? "A" might have all the numbers in his corner (points scored, rebounds, assists etc.), but player "B" might really be the catalyst which keeps his teammates going game after game via his personal relationships.

Also, when you're an All-American, you tend to put more pressure on yourself - sometimes more than intelligence dictates.

Second: Although I enjoy tremendously the success that UK has experienced in basketball, I realize that a lot of the credit (and blame) must go to the fans. Credit for being the best "sixth man" in the nation is well deserved by UK's fans. However, that "sixth man" has had a tendency to overlook a lot of the intricacies involved in dealing with teenagers thrust into the nation's center court of basketball. UK's young men are just as human as the rest of us. Yet they are expected to push all of their feelings aside and perform for the rest of us somewhat like department store mannequins--always doing what's expected of them. Forget all of the following: the affect all the games and practices have on grades (UK cagers

have an excellent academic record - better than most other schools' players); injuries are just as likely to occur to them as anyone (the excellent training program is offset by the caliber of play they experience), maybe so; an "All-American" is much more prone to berate himself if he fails in even the smallest area of endeavor--and he eats, sleeps and drinks this attitude 24 hours a day, despite what is generally said.

Third: People need to recall from their own childhood (if the complainers really ever left it) how it felt when every thing began going their way when against a better opponent. The adrenaline lift you receive from such an occurrence can be the edge you need to take you past your adversary. And remember: a lot of the players on other teams were very close to attaining that coveted "All-American" status.

Championship-caliber play boils down to a matter of inches, seconds, ounces and a lot of other very small items. That doesn't have much room for mistakes.

One thing that we must remember is that we all want to associate with a winner. And when your team is winning the way you want them to, then by association, you are a winner. Likewise, by the same rationale, if your team is a "loser", then you too, are a loser. Well, that attitude doesn't wash with me. And I don't think it does with a lot of other UK fans. Those disgruntled "fans" who write in to newspapers and criticize a team or person because of their poor performance are really saying this: "You are making me look bad." As the popular commercial goes: "Bull".

I enjoy UK sports and really enjoyed seeing the UK-IU game in person this year. I'd like to leave the ball team's players and coaches with this last thought: No matter what your overall record, you're winners in my book because of the way you conduct yourselves on and off the court. You're a class act. And for that, I thank you.

Sincerely,

Steve Henthorn  
Hazard, KY

### Smooth Sailing

Dear Sirs:

I'm a big Cat fan from way back. I live and die with the great Kentucky team. The three losses this year have really hurt, but the 17-3 is a great record for all you Joe B. haters this guy gets all the pressure and still wins. The players respect Joe. The only ones that don't are the ones that leave. Transfers and they don't usually amount to much. So much for small talk. Let's get down to business. Kentucky's season started last week in

Rupp against Auburn. We can put Charles Barkley in his place. Sam is coming along and should stop him. Bennett and Walker can handle Person. A big blowout is what we needed. Then came Florida. The guards need to penetrate more to loosen up the defenses sagging on KY. Then they will hit their jumpers. KY should and will take this years SEC tournament. Get the top seed in the mid-east. Make it to Rupp Arena when there is smooth sailing to North Carolina in the finals at Seattle. KY by 5.

Sincerely,

Kent Culp  
Bowling Green, KY

### "The Cats"

Dear Sirs:

I would like to submit this poem to *The Cats' Pause*.

"The Cats"

They're number one in Kentucky,  
And also in the U.S.  
I think you know who I'm talking about,

They're the Wildcats, Oh yes,

With Bowie, and Turpin and don't forget Walker,

How can they not win,  
They're totally awesome among other things,

This fine, young, group of men.

With Joe B. Hall as their head coach,

They're surely in the lead,  
When they beat the U of L Cardinals

They certainly did a good deed.

Good luck to the Cats in '84 and many years to come.

Sincerely,

Laura Stratman  
Louisville, KY

### Support Needed

Dear Sirs:

Since it first opened its doors, Coach Hall has expressed on several occasions his hopes that Rupp Arena would become as much a home to the Wildcats as Memorial Coliseum. Except for a handful of games, that hope is still unfulfilled in our estimation.

For a place whose seating capacity is 23,000 plus, Rupp Arena sure can be a quiet place. We seem to have the

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## Viewpoint

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misconception that it is the team's responsibility to ignite the crowd. It's the other way around people!

The team has enough to concern themselves with against an opponent without the additional responsibility of firing up their fans.

No one would doubt the lift a supportive crowd can give to a team. But it shouldn't require a spectacular play to evoke it. The support should already be there.

Kentucky fans are the finest in the nation but we're a little slow in showing our enthusiasm.

As good as teams are now across the nation and in the SEC, the Cats have to be up for every game. Surely we can do our part to help them reach an emotional peak by being as vocal as we can be. And not just for the LSU's or Indiana's, but against all opponents. As good as this team is, they deserve the most that we can offer. Then, Rupp Arena can truly be called "home". Let's hear some noise!

Sincerely,

The Block Family  
Fishersville, KY

## Thoroughbreds

Dear Sirs:

Coach Joe Hall's critics in the February 4 TCP remind me of a story Eddie Arcaro used to tell.

A trainer once gave him elaborate pre-race instructions, something like, "I want you to break on top, lay about fifth down the backstretch, move up to third at the quarter pole, take the lead in the stretch, and win by about two lengths."

Unfortunately the horse dragged its feet all the way and wound up an also-ran. The trainer bawled out Arcaro, "Didn't I tell you to break on top, lay third in the backstretch..." "What?" Arcaro exclaimed, "And leave the horse?"

Sometimes I wonder why Coach Hall hasn't quit. He's done it all—an NCAA title, SEC championships, Coach of the Year, more wins per season than Adolph Rupp. This in spite of the fact that it isn't 1948 any more and the SEC isn't a doormat any more.

So who needs the "Fans" he has to put up with—who want the Wildcats to blow out every opponent 20-0 in the first five minutes of every game and finish every season unbeaten and NCAA champions, and who have the gall to say HE puts pressure on his players.

To those who wonder why Kentucky can't win the NCAA when it has so many high school All-Americans, I'd ask them if they always bet last year's champion two-year-old in the KY Derby—and blame the trainer if it loses.

To those who wonder why Coach Hall doesn't play so-and-so (pick a name) more often, I can think of a couple of reasons. Illness, for instance. No one gets through a Kentucky winter without some kind of bug. Or so-and-so could be suspended for breaking training.

I like the way ex-Wildcats turn out to be solid citizens who don't include drug use and rape among their pastimes. Of course such game-of-life

cliches don't cut any ice with the true blue fans, do they?

I hope Coach Hall's critics will write **The Cats' Pause** again and let us know where they're coaching so that the rest of us can judge their coaching skills for ourselves. Unless, of course, the truth is that they dribble beer down their shirt fronts better than they ever dribbled basketballs in their lives.

Sincerely,

Angela Stockton  
Biloxi, MS

## Take A Look

Dear Sirs:

I'm tired of hearing all the so-called "Big Blue Fans" in Western KY, wanting Hall fired after UK losses a game.

Why don't people get on Ray Meyer or Terry Holland. Both coaches have had teams in the top five with All-Americans playing for them in the past or now, and they haven't won the NCAA yet.

UK hasn't had a first string All-American since Kyle Macy, but we all know in our hearts UK has 13 All-Americans. You have to be a great player and person to play for the Blue and White of UK.

I wish Coach Hall and the rest of the team the best, best of luck the rest of the year and hope to repeat the '77-78 season with another NCAA crown for the state of Kentucky.

Big Blue Fan,

Gregg Wurth  
Princeton, KY

## Coaching Critic

Dear Sirs:

If Kentucky is going to win a national championship, they have to get a better coach. So far this season the real reason Kentucky has lost is because they weren't coached well enough. Also, responding to "Equal Time" it says that Hall should be #1 on the coaches poll. Hall is not a good coach, his record deceives you, he has great talent, probably the best talent in the country, and with this talent he shouldn't get beat as bad as in the 82-63 Auburn game. I admit no team will go unbeaten, but there is no way Kentucky can get beat as bad as in the Auburn game with as much talent as they got. Hall didn't coach them well, so they won't play well.

Someone who'd like to see another championship in Lexington,

David Toman  
Dewitt, NY

## ET Phone.....

Dear Sirs:

Does anybody know Al McGuire's phone number?

Sincerely,

Chris Lyons  
2210 Eastern Ave  
Covington, KY 41014

## Knock It Off

Dear Sirs:

I have just finished reading the **Viewpoint** column in the 2-4-84 edition of **The Cats' Pause** and the so called Kentucky fans are at it again. They want Coach Hall fired; they criticize the players; gripe about losing to teams with one or two High School All-Americans, etc. To me these people are nothing more than front runners and don't deserve to call themselves Kentucky fans.

Where were they when the Cats were unbeaten? Hall was a great coach then. Who unfairly labeled them one of the greatest teams of all time? How many of these people have ever even played basketball or know the intricacies that go into the game. These are the same people who worship basketball players as though they were some kind of Gods. These are 18-23-year-old men who are very easily led into believing that they are invincible. Then comes reality such as Florida and Auburn. Just because they dominated in high school doesn't mean a thing in college. Then the front runners start bad mouthing the players, coaches, program, etc. and this helps nothing.

Mr. Dick Johnson of New Orleans says "If Hall doesn't win the NCAA he should be fired." They really need this type of fan. Why doesn't he root for Tulane and see what losing is really like. Mr. Tolman Hacker writes that Hall only wins because he has great talent. I feel safe to say Mr. Hacker couldn't coach the team as well as Hall. If he could, he would be Head Coach at some major university. He also says "How many NCAA's has he won?" Well, how many has Dean Smith won (1), or Ray Meyer (0) or Lefty Dreisell (0). How many has Mr. Hacker won? NCAA Championships don't prove a good coach. It takes a number of variables to win the NCAA, including luck.

Just once I would like to enjoy a season where the players are left alone (minus all the hype) and are able to concentrate on basketball. Then they may be able to do what they are capable of.

To sum everything up, I say, leave the team alone; stop putting so much pressure on these kids; and when the time does come when Kentucky wins another NCAA Championship, you

frontrunners, ie, Mr. Hacker and Mr. Johnson, stay silent because the University of Kentucky can do without you.

Sincerely,

Rick Duncan  
Oak Ridge, TN

## Real Fans Needed

Dear Sirs:

This is a reply to the letter written by Vernon Coy, Mataive, LA in the February 11 issue of **The Cats' Pause**.

Mr. Coy, I know you think you're perfect in every way and that you never had a hard, bad, or exhausting day at work. So, you wouldn't understand that while you're perfect the rest of us are just human. Even Joe B. Hall.

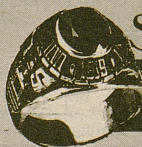
Joe Hall is one of the best head coaches KY or anyone else has ever had or ever will. He hasn't done a miserable job, it's the team. They can't always play great and win. NO ONE is capable of that, not even you Mr. Perfect. Joe Hall can only coach or teach them, he can't make them do it. It isn't his fault.

And as for our KY heritage and primitive coaching techniques, I consider that an insult to all Kentuckians. Because if you were from KY you would have our strong pride which means we are proud of the team if we win or lose, because they do all they can to make us proud. And as far as the coaching techniques go, they're not as primitive as the ones Alabama and LSU have to offer. The only reason Alabama even beat KY was because as I said before everyone has had times and the team is only human.

I also remember the remarks about KY's unfortunate fans, but we aren't unfortunate. We should be proud because KY is one of the top basketball teams in the country and we shouldn't be unpacking because we're going to be in Seattle, you just wait and see. When Jim Master gets back to his game and plays the way he is capable, I dare you to dare the guards to shoot. And one more thing before I go, we have the head coach who can use the talent we have, but there is one thing KY has that they don't need and that is a so called KY fan like yourself.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Elliott (14 years old)  
Bell County, KY

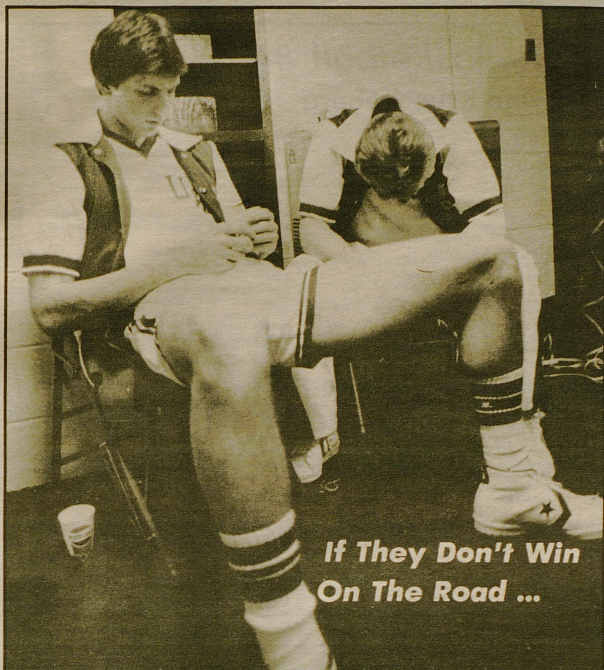


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**If They Don't Win On The Road ...**

## Will The Cats Stay Home?

With two regular season SEC road games and the Southeastern Conference tournament in Nashville still awaiting Kentucky, the Cats may have to win on the road to stay at home.

While winning the SEC title is UK's first priority, there has to be other considerations on the backburner. Rupp Arena will host the second round of the NCAA Mideast Regional. The Cats certainly want to finish the year seeded high enough by the NCAA computer rankings to possibly wind up at home (which would require advancing past round one).

**"We Have To Play Our Own Games On The Road, Fast Breaking And Good Defense."**

Winning the SEC regular season may not guarantee UK would be in the Mideast but certainly would enhance the chance. Winning the SEC and the SEC tournament may give the NCAA no choice but to leave UK at home.

"We have to be greedy right now," says UK sophomore Kenny Walker. "We have to want everything. We have to win the SEC outright, then win the SEC tournament."

"It would mean a whole lot for us to play in Rupp. Anytime we play in Rupp Arena, it is a big plus for us."

To get back home in the end, Kentucky must win on the road along the way. Each loss drops UK in the rankings, possibly decreasing their chances of staying home.

"We can't lose anymore to stay at home. If we do, the NCAA can put us anywhere they want," says Walker.

On the other hand, past history shows Rupp Arena has not been that kind to Kentucky in tournaments. Since Rupp Arena opened in 1976, UK has lost 11 times at home. Three came in postseason tournaments, two others in the UKIT.

UK hosted the NIT in 1979, the

NCAA in 1980. The Cats lost in the first round in both, to Clemson and Duke, respectively. In '82, UK hosted the SEC tournament. Kentucky lost in the finals to Alabama.

Tom Heitz, a fifth-year senior who has played on four teams that were in the NCAA, says being at home is a luxury but certainly not a necessity.

"We don't have to get in the Mideast," says Heitz. "This team is unique. The postseason will hold something special for us. My freshmen year, we saw what the homecourt advantage did. That will not play a big

factor."

The best way UK can help itself is simply by winning. To do that, they will have to play better on the road.

Last year, UK won the SEC by being the only league team with a winning road record (5-4). Auburn, UK's toughest challenger for the '84 crown, already is assured of a winning road record in the league.

Unlike Auburn, UK is undefeated at home. However, the Cats were only 3-3 on the road entering Sunday's game at Vanderbilt. That included one string of three straight road losses at Auburn, Florida and Alabama.

"We have to forget those games and keep our mind on the future," says freshman Winston Bennett. "We have to keep our confidence and faith up."

"There is no doubt every team in the SEC is tough. We have to do the things that got us where we are."

Certainly, no other SEC teams face the same problems on the road UK does. For every school, for every crowd, Kentucky is THE team. Yet, they have to live with that.

"The fans are rowdy, the teams want us bad," says senior guard Dicky

Beal. "We are fired up but they are on a different level."

Often, it is not a case of Kentucky playing poorly on the road as it is a case of opponents playing very well.

"SEC teams are always ready to play Kentucky," says Walker.

"People get up for us and sometimes they may play ten or 12 points over their head. So we have to play even harder and be in the right frame of mind."

Bennett, a newcomer to the SEC travels, says "mainly, the problem on the road is that the other team is fired up. They have a big crowd behind them that gives them motivation. So we have to come into the game highly motivated. We know they will do their best to knock us off."

The key to winning on the road? Don't worry about the crowd and play your own game.

"We have to play our own game on

the road, which is fast breaking and good defense," says Heitz. "We have the crowd and home team spirit to fight but we can't worry about crowd intimidation."

Walker says you have to confidently battle adversity. "You have to play with confidence on the road. You have to be aware of what is going on and stick to your gameplan. We have to get out running and playing our game."

If Kentucky does that, and keeps winning, all else should take care of itself.

"We have to put things together now and win the rest of the games," says Walker. "We have our goals set. We just have to achieve them by playing one game at a time."

A true test will come this weekend. Kentucky plays at Georgia on Saturday, at Tennessee on Monday. UK lost at both places a year ago.

## Quarterback Tony Lanham Quits UK Football Team

Tony Lanham, the heralded prep quarterback who was a freshman redshirt at Kentucky last season, has quit the Kentucky football team.

Lanham was quoted as saying he was unhappy at Kentucky because of possible lack of playing time in the future and that he and the UK coaching staff had differences in philosophies.

At Southern High in Louisville, Lanham hit 145 of 252 passes for 2,200 yards and 26 touchdowns as a senior. He was chosen all-state and picked all-south by the Orlando Sentinel.

Lanham had knee problems his junior year and that made some of the college recruiters somewhat skeptical. Kentucky, however, did decide to recruit Lanham and in the end, he chose the Cats over Eastern Kentucky and Nevada-Las Vegas.

According to reports, Lanham will transfer to a school out West, with the possibility he may attend a junior college.

Lanham's dad Tom is a former coach who was once an assistant at UK under John Ray.

Tony had a good fall practice when he first arrived at UK and impressed the UK staff. However, Kentucky had senior Randy Jenkins returning at quarterback and redshirt Bill Ransdell

also back. So the UK staff decided to redshirt Lanham.

Ransdell's strong play the past season may have had something to do with Lanham's decision. Ransdell will



be a sophomore next season. Kentucky also has two other freshmen quarterbacks - Tim Jones and Kevin Dooley. Both were also impressive in drills last year. Kentucky also recently signed Bill Allen, a blue-chip prospect from Morgan County High.

Through it all, Lanham apparently could see little future for him as a Wildcat.

## Nashville Boasts Tourney Sellout

For the first time since the renewal of the Southeastern Conference Tournament in 1979, the event is a complete sellout. The tickets to the tournament, to be held March 7-10 in Vanderbilt's Memorial Gymnasium in Nashville, Tenn., were sold by the ten member institutions of the SEC. The 1985 SEC Tournament will return to Birmingham which was the site of the 1979-80-81-83 event. In 1982, the nine-game tournament was played at Rupp Arena in Lexington, KY.

## Alabama-Auburn

Sports Productions, Inc., will televise the Saturday, March 3 contest

between Alabama and Auburn, according to SPI executive Russ Potts. Originally slated for a 7:30 tip-off, the game, to be played at Auburn, will now start at 2:07 CST. Earlier that same afternoon, NBC will televise the Kentucky-LSU game from Lexington on national TV. Throughout the year the final regular season SEC game to be televised by Sports Productions was listed as a "Wild Card" entry.

## SEC Wins Over 70 Percent Outside

Florida's victory over St. Leo, the final regular season non-league game, improved the SEC's overall non-conference record to 66-26 for the year, good for a winning percentage of .717. The Gators of Norm Sloan won by a 95-61 score against St. Leo.



## SEC Basketball Tournament

The annual Southeastern Conference basketball tournament, renewed in 1979 after a 26-year discontinuance, is scheduled for March 7-10, 1984 in Nashville. As in the past five years, the tournament will decide the SEC representative to the NCAA tournament. The SEC champion is decided by the regular season 18-game round-robin schedule.

The tournament goes to Vanderbilt's Memorial Gymnasium after being played in the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center in 1983. Record attendance figures were set in 1982 in Lexington's Rupp Arena as the SEC drew the largest post-season crowds in the nation. The semifinals (Alabama vs. Tennessee and Ole Miss vs. Kentucky) drew 21,688, then the final (Alabama vs. Kentucky) drew 21,981.

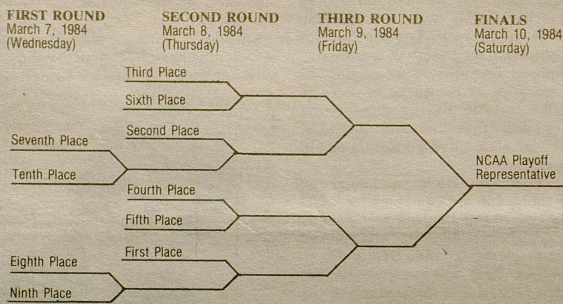
The tournament features nine games in five sessions. Pairings are based on the final regular season conference standings. The teams are seeded by their order of finish with the bottom four teams playing the first day to determine which two teams join the other six to form an eight team bracket leading to the finals. All ten teams are in action by the second day.

Action opens Wednesday evening, March 7, with two games. Winners advance to the second round on Thursday, March 8, which features four games, two afternoon and two evening. Winners advance to the semifinal session Friday evening March 9, then these winners meet in the final game Saturday March 10.

The basketball tournament was the first championship event of the 51-year-old Southeastern Conference. It began as a continuance of tournament play in which all SEC members participated while members of the S.I.A.A. (1921-33) and of the Southern Conference (1924-32). The first two were played in Atlanta, as had been the S.I.A.A. and Southern tournaments, with Kentucky winning in 1933 and Alabama in '34. No tournament was held in 1935, but it was renewed in '36. It was held in Knoxville in 1936 and '37, then in Baton Rouge in '38, Knoxville again in '39 and '40, before moving to Louisville for 1941-52.

The 1979 renewal was in Birmingham with Tennessee taking the title. In 1980 LSU won the crown, Ole Miss in 1981, Alabama in 1982, and Georgia in 1983. During the 24 years of the SEC Tournament there have been only eight champions. Kentucky has dominated winning 13 titles; Tennessee has captured four championships, Alabama two, while Vanderbilt, Georgia Tech, LSU, Ole Miss, and Georgia have taken top honors once.

Pairings for the 1984 SEC basketball tournament are listed below:



## SEC Race Is Still On

The following is the remaining schedule for the SEC teams as the league race boils down to the final two weeks:

**Alabama** (Away - 3) Miss. State, Feb. 26; Florida, March 1; Auburn, March 3.

**Auburn** (Home - 2) Miss. State, March 1; Alabama, March 3. (Away - 2) LSU, Feb. 25; Ole Miss, Feb. 27.

**Florida** (Home - 2) Alabama, March 1; Miss. State, March 3. (Away - 2) Ole Miss, Feb. 24; LSU, Feb. 27.

**Georgia** (Home - 2) Kentucky Feb. 25; Vandy, Feb. 27. (Away - 1) Tennessee, March 4.

**Kentucky** (Home - 2) Ole Miss, March 1; LSU, March 3. (Away - 2) Georgia, Feb. 25; Tennessee, Feb. 27.

**LSU** (Home - 2) Auburn, Feb. 25; Florida, Feb. 27. (Away - 2) Vandy, March 1; Kentucky, March 3.

**Ole Miss** (Home - 2) Florida, Feb. 24; Auburn, Feb. 27. (Away - 2) Kentucky, March 1; Vandy, March 3.

**Mississippi State** (Home - 1) Alabama, Feb. 26. (Away - 2) Auburn, March 1; Florida, March 3.

**Tennessee** (Home - 3) Vandy, Feb. 25; Kentucky, Feb. 27; Georgia, March 4.

**Vanderbilt** (Home - 2) LSU, March 1; Ole Miss, March 3. (Away - 2) Tennessee, Feb. 25; Georgia, Feb. 27.

### A View From Below

## UK's Twin Towers Can Be Awesome

Kentucky's Twin Towers - 7-1 Sam Bowie and 6-11 Melvin Turpin - have certainly received more than their share of publicity this year. While perhaps not in awe of the Towers, at least two SEC freshmen admit seeing was believing.

When Kentucky handed Tennessee a 93-74 setback in Rupp Arena on Jan. 30, it was the first time Volunteer freshmen Tony White and John Snodgrass had seen the Towers and Kentucky in person.

"It's one thing to see them on TV," said White, "but it's another to get out there with two 7-footers and play

against them." Snodgrass, a gangly 6-11 center himself, said "I was honored to play against a team like Kentucky, but I wasn't going to be intimidated by them.

"Still it was a great thrill because I first saw Bowie on TV when I was in the eighth grade."

Of course, the rookie pair will get their second chance to go against the Twin Towers and Kentucky this Monday night, when the Cats play in Knoxville. Most of the nation can also see that game, which will be televised on ESPN starting at 8:05.

## Cats' Basketball '84

By Dan Krueckeberg

### ACROSS

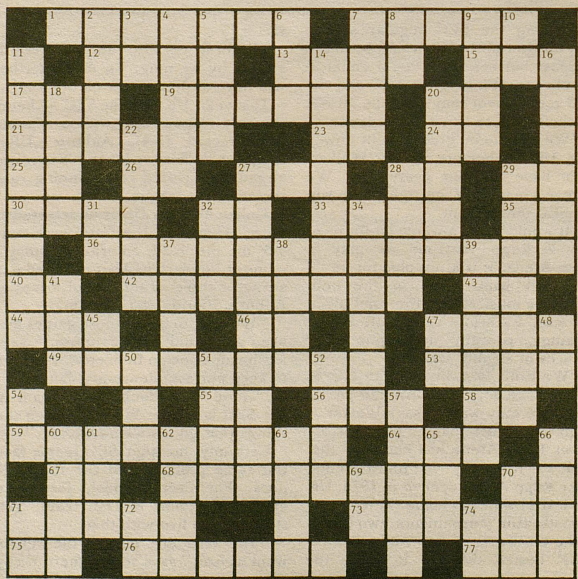
- Game starters
- Eric scored big vs. Cats in first meeting
- Big \_\_\_\_\_ for Cats could be 4/2/84
- Not on land
- Abbr. for a time zone
- Coach Lemons of Oklahoma City
- Celebrated birthday on day before fiasco at Cincinnati
- Former Cat Jim \_\_\_\_\_ middle of '69-'71
- An Indiana contribution
- Street abbr.
- Abbr. for "battalion"
- Initials of Rick of '78 Champs
- Game requirement
- Roman numeral for 50 Down
- Abbr. for "general practitioner"
- Feared person
- Initials of a Laurel County grad
- Low talks as if they have the only \_\_\_\_\_ towers
- 2nd and 3rd vowel
- A real gem for the Cats
- Abbr. for "Isle of Wight"
- Some folks talk of eventual show-down with them
- Initials of 'Bama's Richardson
- Long time
- Abbr. for state housing the Dukes, Patriots and Indians of ECAC South
- Russian name
- Cats travel to \_\_\_\_\_ for 2/19 game
- The Cats have the most \_\_\_\_\_ fans in the country
- Abbr. for state housing the Jaguars, Blazers and Hornets
- Abbr. for a European country
- Abbr. for state housing the Panthers, Cyclones and Bulldogs
- Site of Cats' last conference road game
- Brewer and the '78 Hogs; beaten by Cats 64-59 in semis
- Roman numeral for # of times coach Hall has been SEC Coach-of-the-Year
- Fastbreak type
- Initials of a '66 Cat All-American
- Mollusk
- "Clog up the \_\_\_\_\_"
- Initials of Embry of the '60s
- Cats must venture to \_\_\_\_\_ for big network game
- Speck

### DOWN

- First round NCAA tourney games begin on the \_\_\_\_\_ of March
- Initials of a Cat freshman
- The tournament, the NIT, starts March 14th
- While a few \_\_\_\_\_ a repeat of '83, most feel the NCAA tourney could be like '78
- Unhappy
- Timely religious season
- NC
- Purdue guard Steve
- Abbr. for a coach in the Top 20
- Opponents' respect for him grows daily
- Even out-of-staters feel Cats are headed here
- Celebrated his birthday in December victory over the Boiler-makers
- "\_\_\_\_\_ the boards"
- Tabble
- It has been a real \_\_\_\_\_ to see Sam after the long layoff
- Site of the SEC tournament
- Masculine names
- Opponent in game at 76 Across
- Initials of Volunteer Jones
- Blocks \_\_\_\_\_ game
- Crawford County High grad now maturing as a Cat
- School subject
- Could play in NCAA's vs. team he originally committed to - DePaul
- Named to UKIT All-Tourney team
- Cats \_\_\_\_\_ the UKIT with ease
- Continent abbr.
- Abbr. for "on or about"
- Initials of former ND star Adrian
- Cats are after NCAA title # \_\_\_\_\_
- Bearcat stall was boring and in \_\_\_\_\_
- Claim on another's property
- Initials of '60s star Tommy
- Former Providence star DiGregorio
- Will Sam top his \_\_\_\_\_ rebounds per game as a sophomore?
- Eggs
- Unit of force
- Debt
- Abbr. for "Oxford English Dictionary"
- "Bear"
- Former Cat T. Parker
- Abbr. for a Middle East group
- Abbr. for a collegiate class
- Abbr. for a Big Ten state
- Initials of the UKIT's MVP Durrant

### Last Week's Solution

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# The NCAA News



# Basketball Statistics

[Through games of February 13]

## Men's Division I individual leaders

SCORING						
CL	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG	
1. Joe Jakubick	Akron	22	239	168	646	29.4
2. Devin Durrant	Brigham Young	20	210	164	584	29.2
3. Wayman Tisdale	Oklahoma	20	206	112	644	28.0
4. Lewis Jackson	Alabama State	25	231	149	611	27.8
5. Alfredrick Hughes	Loyola (Ill.)	22	240	104	584	26.5
6. Joe Dumars	McNeese State	23	214	182	610	26.5
7. Napoleon Johnson	Grambling State	21	206	135	547	26.0
8. Michael Cage	San Diego St.	22	205	139	549	25.0
9. Leon Wood	Cal St. Fullerton	24	203	183	589	24.5
10. Barry Stevens	Iowa State	21	201	98	500	23.8
11. Steve Britt	Iona	23	220	102	542	23.6
12. Brett Crawford	U.S. Int'l	22	231	78	540	23.5
13. Willie Jackson	Centenary	23	212	113	537	23.3
14. Butch Graves	Yale	20	186	93	465	23.3
15. Al McClain	New Hampshire	20	188	82	458	22.9
16. Regan Truesdale	Citadel	22	189	124	502	22.8
17. Derrick Gervin	Texas-San Antonio	21	186	107	479	22.8
18. Charlie Bradley	South Florida	21	194	86	474	22.6
19. Sam Mitchell	Mercer	19	168	92	428	22.5
20. John Newman	Richmond	20	182	115	487	22.1
21. Carlos Yates	George Mason	19	156	115	419	22.1
22. John Stockton	Gonzaga	22	195	92	482	21.9
23. Tim McRoberts	Butler	22	177	123	477	21.7
24. Tim Cain	Manhattan	22	200	75	475	21.6
25. Chris Mullin	St. John's (N.Y.)	19	146	118	410	21.6
26. Tom Sewell	Lamar	21	186	81	453	21.6
27. Mark Haisel	Northeastern	22	194	86	474	21.5
28. Roosevelt Chapman	Dayton	21	178	93	449	21.4
30. James Jackson	West Texas State	20	176	117	469	21.4
31. Joe Binion	N.C. A&T	22	176	116	468	21.3
32. Sam Norton	Texas-Arlington	23	209	71	489	21.3
33. Terry Catledge	South Alabama	22	172	123	467	21.2
34. John Williams	Indiana State	22	187	91	465	21.1
35. Steve Harris	Tulsa	22	189	87	465	21.1
36. Tim Dillon	Northern Illinois	20	176	70	422	21.1
37. Ken Epperson	Toledo	21	177	88	442	21.0
38. Michael Young	Houston	24	223	105	501	20.9
39. Clyde Vaughan	Pittsburgh	21	165	105	435	20.9
40. Randy Kraayenbrink	Northern Iowa	20	172	109	453	20.6
41. Mark Acres	Oral Roberts	22	186	81	453	20.6
42. Chuck Person	Auburn	20	183	64	430	20.5
43. Del Curry	Virginia Tech	20	172	65	409	20.5
44. Aaron Brandon	Alcorn State	23	214	42	470	20.4
45. Xavier McDaniel	Wichita State	21	172	84	428	20.4
46. John Battle	Rutgers	18	146	72	364	20.2
47. Alton Lee Gipson	Florida State	20	170	63	403	20.2
48. Joe Carrabino	Harvard	19	147	88	382	20.1
49. Lorenzo Charles	N.C. State	21	187	128	502	20.1
50. John Harris	New Orleans	21	178	82	418	19.9

ASSISTS					
CL	G	NO	AVG		
1. Craig Lathan	Ill.-Chicago	22	210	9.5	
2. Barry Tarkenton	Nev.-Las Vegas	22	208	9.5	
3. Reid Gattis	Houston	24	208	8.7	
4. Tony William	Florida State	17	134	7.9	
5. Shawn Teague	Boston U.	20	157	7.9	
6. Andre Lafleur	Northeastern	22	168	7.6	
7. Jan Pannell	Oklahoma	23	169	7.3	
8. Carl Smith	Massachusetts	20	146	7.3	
9. Mike Freeman	Alabama State	22	160	7.3	
10. Eric Richardson	Alabama	21	152	7.2	

REBOUNDING					
CL	G	NO	AVG		
1. Akeem Olatunju	Houston	24	344	14.3	
2. Xavier McDaniel	Wichita State	21	289	13.8	
3. Donald Newman	Ark.-Little Rock	19	252	13.3	
4. Carey Scoury	Long Island	20	260	13.0	
5. Michael Cage	San Diego St.	22	280	12.7	
6. Mike Brown	George Washington	21	259	12.3	
7. Jeff Cross	Maine	20	245	12.3	
8. Brett Applegate	Brigham Young	20	243	12.2	
9. Robert Sanders	Mississippi Val.	21	255	12.1	

FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE					
CL	G	FG	FGA	PCT	
1. Derek Boldon	Central Michigan	21	105	156	67.3
2. Napoleon Johnson	Grambling State	21	206	317	65.0
3. Pat Ewing	Georgetown	23	149	231	64.5
4. Horace Neysmith	Massachusetts	20	102	159	64.2
5. Akeem Olatunju	Houston	24	156	244	63.9
6. Charles Barkley	Auburn	18	95	149	63.8
7. Bobby Lee Hurt	Alabama	22	116	182	63.7
8. John Revelli	Stanford	24	135	212	63.7
9. Chad Tucker	Butler	22	124	195	63.6
10. Bob Thornton	Cal-Irvine	22	115	181	63.5
11. Mike Toomer	Florida A&M	21	120	189	63.5
12. Melvin Turpin	Kentucky	22	138	218	63.3
13. Brian Burke	Dartmouth	20	144	228	63.2
14. Bruce Vanley	Tulsa	22	116	184	63.0
15. Ed Gatchings	Nev.-Las Vegas	22	135	215	62.8
16. John Stockton	Gonzaga	22	195	311	62.7
17. Ed Pinckney	Villanova	21	113	181	62.4
18. Joe Kleine	Arkansas	23	157	252	62.3
19. Jay Gast	Toledo	21	105	169	62.1
20. Ernie Floyd	Holy Cross	25	143	231	61.9
21. Albert Thomas	Centenary	20	130	210	61.9
22. Dave Hoppen	Nebraska	21	151	244	61.9
23. Terry Catledge	South Alabama	22	172	278	61.9
24. Joe Williams	Alabama State	22	126	204	61.8
25. Mike Smeek	Canisius	21	114	185	61.6
26. Bernard Thompson	Fresno State	23	144	235	61.3
27. Steve Alford	Indiana	21	113	185	61.1
28. Larry Davis	Southern Methodist	25	171	280	61.1

FREE-THROW PERCENTAGE					
CL	G	FT	FTA	PCT	
1. Anthony Boggs	SW Missouri St.	16	38	83	92.1
2. Steve Alford	Indiana	21	90	98	91.8
3. Chris Mullin	St. John's (N.Y.)	19	118	130	90.8
4. Bob Ferry	Harvard	18	68	75	90.7
5. Willie White	Tenn.-Chattanooga	22	99	110	90.0
6. Joe Carrabino	Harvard	19	88	98	89.8
7. Ransom Eaves	Seton Hall	21	58	65	89.2
8. Chris Beasley	Arizona State	21	77	87	89.5
9. Carl Armato	Northern Illinois	20	59	67	88.1
10. Carl Golston	Loyola (Ill.)	22	107	122	87.7
11. Ricky Stokes	Virginia	21	65	75	86.7
12. Sam Potter	Oral Roberts	22	64	74	86.5
13. Tod Murphy	Cal-Irvine	20	83	96	86.5
14. Jeff Turner	Vanderbilt	22	63	73	86.3
15. Lewis Jackson	Alabama State	22	149	173	86.1
16. Mitt Wagner	Louisville	24	80	93	86.0
17. Jeff Gromos	Fairfield	22	65	76	85.5
17. Arne Duncan	Harvard	20	65	76	85.5
19. Michael McKenny	Illinois State	22	70	82	85.4
19. Kendall Walling	West Texas State	22	70	82	85.4
21. Vince Washington	Utah State	22	98	115	85.2
22. Paul Anderson	Dartmouth	20	86	101	85.1
23. Don Redden	Louisiana State	20	63	74	85.1
23. Edwin Green	Massachusetts	20	63	74	85.1
25. James Tandy	East Tennessee	20	47	56	84.1
26. Mike Poisha	Lehigh	21	68	80	85.0
27. Scott Skiles	Michigan State	20	79	93	84.9
28. Joe Jakubick	Akron	22	168	198	84.8

## Team leaders

SCORING OFFENSE					
G	W-L	PTS	AVG		
1. Oklahoma	23	20-3	2075	90.2	
2. Tulsa	22	20-2	1974	89.7	
3. Alabama St.	22	17-5	1942	88.3	
4. Nev.-Las Vegas	23	22-1	2019	87.8	
5. Ill.-Chicago	22	16-6	1862	84.6	
6. Oral Roberts	22	15-7	1809	82.2	
7. Brigham Young	20	19-7	1623	81.2	
8. Syracuse	20	15-5	1618	80.9	
9. Northeastern	22	19-3	1775	80.7	
10. North Carolina	25	21-1	1765	80.2	
11. St. Francis (Pa.)	20	10-10	1603	80.2	
12. Cal-Irvine	22	14-8	1758	79.9	
13. Alcorn St.	23	15-8	1637	79.8	
14. Iona	23	18-5	1834	79.7	
15. South Alabama	22	17-5	1747	79.4	
16. Boston Col.	23	15-8	1825	79.3	

SCORING DEFENSE					
G	W-L	PTS	AVG		
1. Princeton	18	12-6	887	49.3	
2. Notre Dame	23	15-8	1260	54.8	
3. Fresno St.	23	16-7	1273	55.3	
4. Va. Commonwealth	22	19-3	1218	55.4	
5. Tulane	21	14-7	1164	55.4	
6. Oregon St.	21	16-5	1172	55.8	
7. Illinois	21	19-2	1174	55.9	
8. Houston Baptist	24	18-6	1343	56.0	
9. Northwestern	21	9-12	1169	56.6	
10. Washington	21	17-4	1198	57.1	
11. Kentucky	22	19-3	1256	57.1	
12. Wyoming	22	13-9	1273	57.9	
13. Memphis St.	21	18-3	1217	58.0	
14. James Madison	21	10-11	1223	58.2	
15. Texas Tech	21	13-9	1226	58.3	
16. Bucknell	21	18-3	1228	58.3	

SCORING MARGIN					
OFF	DEF	MAR			
1. Georgetown	77.8	58.9	18.9		
2. Oklahoma	90.2	72.6	17.7		
3. North Carolina	80.2	63.0	17.3		
4. Nev.-Las Vegas	87.8	71.1	16.7		
5. Tulsa	89.7	74.6	15.1		
6. Lamar	78.0	63.0	15.0		
7. Virginia Tech	79.0	64.2	14.8		
8. Houston	78.3	64.2	14.1		
9. Tenn.-Chattanooga	77.5	63.9	13.7		
10. Illinois	69.3	55.9	13.4		
11. Illinois St.	75.5	62.2	13.3		
12. Bucknell	70.9	58.5	12.4		
13. Kentucky	69.1	57.1	12.0		
13. Marshall	82.0	70.0	12.0		
13. Montana	71.6	59.6	12.0		
16. St. Joseph's (Pa.)	74.3	63.4	11.3		
17. SW Louisiana	75.9	65.8	11.1		
18. Fresno St.	66.3	55.3	10.9		

FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE					
CL	FG	FGA	PCT		
1. North Carolina	681	1240	54.9		
2. Arkansas	625	1140	54.8		
3. Nev.-Las Vegas	822	1500	54.8		
4. Toledo	579	1058	54.7		
5. Navy	728	1334	54.6		
6. Oregon	567	1047	54.2		
7. Houston Baptist	607	1121	54.1		
8. Maryland	627	1158	54.1		
9. Tulsa	760	1404	54.1		
10. Stanford	658	1217	54.1		
11. SMU	793	1468	54.0		
12. Florida St.	627	1168	53.7		
13. Iona	719	1340	53.7		
14. Indiana	531	990	53.6		
15. Villanova	568	1068	53.2		
16. St. John's (N.Y.)	583	1060	53.1		

FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE DEFENSE					
CL	FG	FGA	PCT		
1. Georgetown	504	1278	39.4		
2. Kentucky	483	1225	40.2		
3. Memphis St.	479	1187	40.4		
4. Southern-B.R.	554	1354	40.9		
5. Virginia Tech	486	1169	41.6		
6. Illinois St.	533	1278	41.7		
7. St. Joseph's (Pa.)	489	1172	41.7		
8. Montana	544	1300	41.8		
9. Bucknell	498	1190	41.8		
10. Houston	609	1500	41.9		
11. UTEP	519	1226	42.3		
12. Marist	571	1347	42.4		
13. Washington	428	1009	42.4		
14. Ohio	476	1116	42.7		
15. Bobone-Cookman	595	1387	42.9		
16. DePaul	425	989	43.0		

FREE-THROW PERCENTAGE					
CL	FT	FTA	PCT		
1. Harvard	354	435	81.4		
2. North Carolina	403	514	78.4		
3. Evansville	372	483	77.0		
4. Fairfield	413	537	76.9		
5. Dartmouth	244	318	76.7		
6. Stetson	361	471	76.6		
7. Illinois St.	383	501	76.4		
8. Michigan St.	318	416	76.4		
9. Ohio State	348	457	76.1		
10. Army	394	520	75.8		
11. Syracuse	442	584	75.6		
12. St. Louis	325	431	75.4		
13. Western Caro.	383	511	75.0		

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# From The Heart

Patients at the Cooper Drive Veterans Hospital were surprised on Valentines Day as Kentucky Head Football Coach Jerry Claiborne and some of his players made appearances at the facility throughout the day.

The visiting began early afternoon when the first wave of Wildcats and their coach split into two groups in order to visit more patients.

Claiborne's group consisted of defensive guard David Thompson and offensive guard Jim Vorderbruggen. The group was accompanied by nurse Mary Baiste, (the mother of prep standout and UK signee Ron Mack), V.A. Public Relations employee Linda Cranfill and several photographers.

The group headed for the sixth floor, which houses patients in the surgical unit of the hospital.

On the way to the sixth-floor, the elevator stopped and a young couple began to get on. After seeing the elevator was already crowded the couple stepped back, but not before the young man saw Jerry Claiborne's smiling face.

"That's, that's Jerry Claiborne," the man stuttered. The elevator doors began to shut, but not before Jerry offered a greeting.

Once on the sixth floor, the Claiborne entourage visited room to room, greeting and talking to patients.

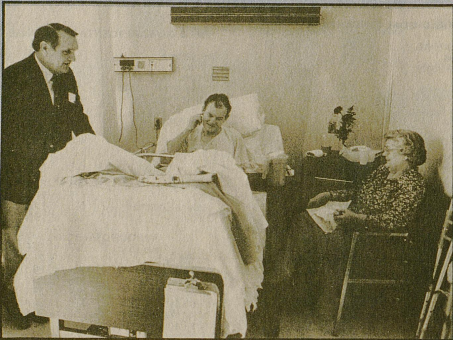
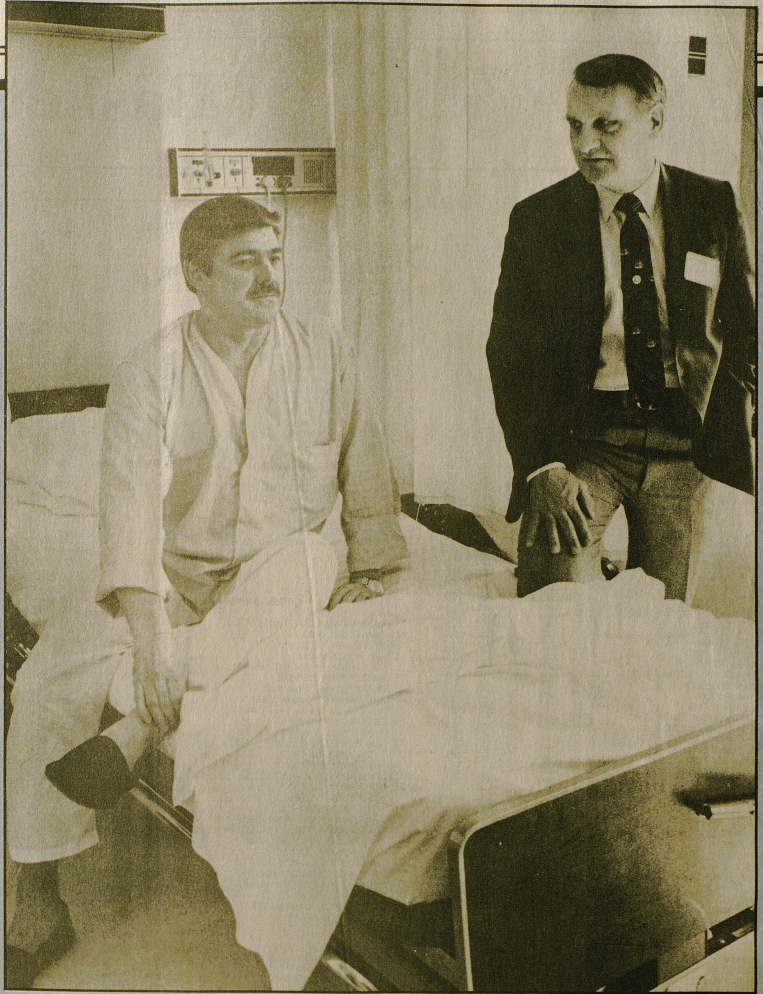
Most of the patients appeared thrilled by the presence of the Kentucky coach and players. Now they had the opportunity to meet the man responsible for the program they seem to hold in such high regard.

Many can see the stadium from their room windows. However, very few said they ever attended an actual ballgame.

However, that didn't stop them from showing their loyalty to the Big Blue or chatting with the coach that has brought the team to recent success.

Claiborne's visit was the third of its kind since becoming the Wildcat coach.

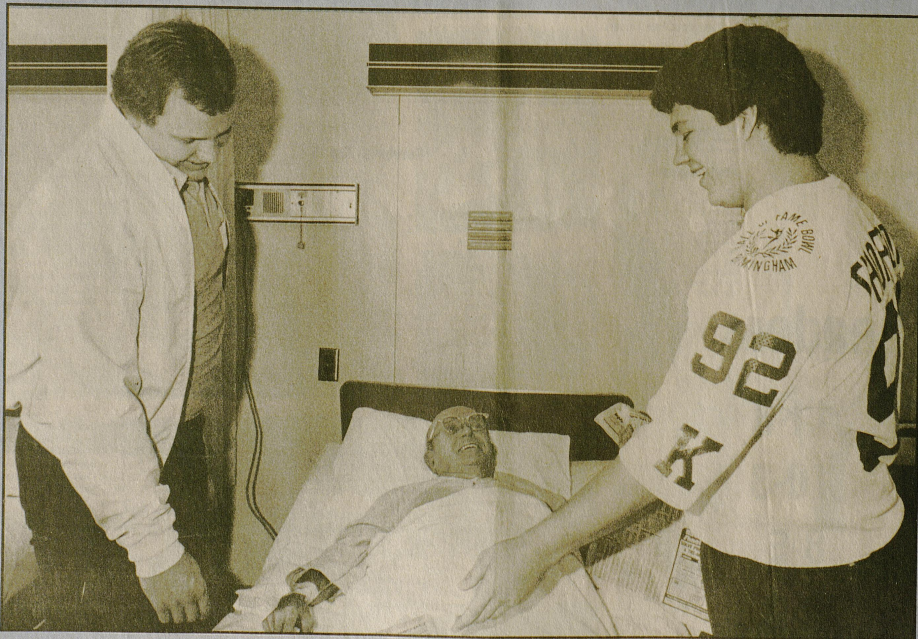
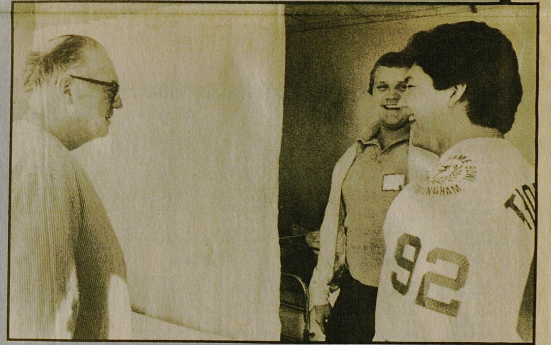
The visit was part of the Eleventh Annual Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Day, which is a special V.A program on Valentines day, with the goal of bringing the community to the patients.







ABOVE RIGHT: Coach Claiborne talks with Paul Adams in the Lexington V.A. Hospital on Valentines Day. ABOVE LEFT: Robert and Alberta Kanatzar enjoy the head coach's company. LEFT: Part of Claiborne's entourage make their way through the halls of the hospital. RIGHT: Wildcats Jim Vorderbruggen (C) and Dave Thompson share a laugh with patient Ben Adams. BELOW: "I'm Thompson, too," said UK defensive guard Dave Thompson (R) as he and Jim Vorderbruggen greeted Burnley Thompson.



*Photos By Burt Ladd*



### SEC Team Stats thru Feb. 13

Standings				Scoring				Scoring Defense			
School	SEC	Pct.	Overall Pct.	School	Gms	Pts	Avg.	School	Gms	Pts	Avg.
Kentucky	10-3	.769	19-3 .864	LSU	21	1596	76.0	Kentucky	22	1256	57.1
Auburn	9-3	.750	15-6 .714	Alabama	22	1661	75.5	Miss. State	22	1293	58.8
LSU	8-4	.667	15-6 .714	Auburn	21	1582	75.3	Tennessee	25	1561	62.4
Alabama	8-5	.615	15-7 .682	Georgia	22	1587	72.1	Florida	21	1358	64.7
Florida	7-5	.583	12-9 .571	Kentucky	22	1520	69.1	Georgia	22	1436	65.3
Georgia	6-7	.462	14-8 .636	Florida	21	1451	69.1	Vanderbilt	22	1450	65.9
Vanderbilt	6-7	.462	11-11 .500	Vanderbilt	22	1486	67.5	Ole Miss	21	1416	67.4
Tennessee	5-8	.385	14-11 .560	Tennessee	25	1633	65.3	Alabama	22	1495	67.9
Ole Miss	5-10	.347	7-14 .333	Ole Miss	21	1551	73.9	Auburn	21	1470	70.0
Miss. State	2-11	.154	7-15 .318	Miss. State	22	1211	55.0	LSU	21	1489	70.9

Rebounds				Field Goals				Free Throws			
School	SEC	REB	Avg.	School	FGM	FGA	Pct.	School	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Auburn	21	805	38.4	Kentucky	578	1107	52.2	Alabama	267	456	76.1
LSU	21	793	37.8	Auburn	630	1217	51.8	Miss. State	269	368	73.1
Kentucky	22	761	34.6	Alabama	647	1257	51.5	Georgia	299	410	72.9
Alabama	22	738	33.5	Georgia	644	1259	51.2	Vanderbilt	320	441	72.6
Florida	21	696	33.1	Tennessee	642	1289	49.8	Kentucky	364	513	71.0
Vanderbilt	22	701	32.1	Florida	577	1160	49.7	Tennessee	349	503	69.4
Georgia	22	706	32.1	LSU	603	1284	47.0	Auburn	322	470	68.5
Tennessee	25	746	29.8	Vanderbilt	583	1247	46.8	Ole Miss	275	411	66.9
Ole Miss	21	583	27.9	Miss. State	471	1020	45.8	LSU	390	596	65.4
Miss. State	22	578	26.3	Ole Miss	488	1125	43.4	Florida	297	456	65.1

Opponents' Rebounds				Opponents' Field Goals				Opponents' Free Throws			
School	SEC	REB	Avg.	School	FGM	FGA	Pct.	School	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Miss. State	22	607	27.6	Kentucky	493	1225	40.2	Florida	232	346	67.1
Auburn	21	617	29.4	Vanderbilt	559	1186	47.1	LSU	377	553	68.2
Tennessee	25	743	29.7	LSU	556	1179	47.2	Kentucky	270	385	68.4
Kentucky	22	656	29.8	Auburn	601	1217	47.2	Miss. State	255	372	68.5
Georgia	22	670	30.5	Tennessee	604	1262	47.9	Auburn	268	388	69.1
Alabama	22	680	30.9	Georgia	582	1197	48.6	Georgia	272	397	68.4
Florida	21	665	31.7	Florida	563	1156	48.7	Vanderbilt	332	473	70.2
Vanderbilt	22	744	33.8	Alabama	609	1246	48.9	Ole Miss	332	468	70.9
Ole Miss	21	727	34.6	Miss. State	519	1031	50.3	Alabama	279	393	71.0
LSU	21	780	37.1	Ole Miss	542	1047	51.8	Tennessee	353	495	71.3

Rebound Margin		Scoring Margin		FG% Differential	
School	Avg.	School	Avg.	School	Avg.
Auburn	+9.0	Kentucky	+12.0	Kentucky	+12.2
Kentucky	+4.8	Alabama	+7.6	Auburn	+4.1
Alabama	+2.6	Georgia	+6.8	Alabama	+2.6
Georgia	+1.6	Auburn	+5.3	Georgia	+2.6
Florida	-1.4	LSU	+5.1	Tennessee	+1.9
LSU	+0.7	Florida	+4.4	Florida	+1.0
Tennessee	+0.1	Tennessee	+2.9	LSU	-0.2
Miss. State	-1.3	Vanderbilt	+1.6	Vanderbilt	-0.3
Vanderbilt	-1.7	Miss. State	+1.8	Miss. State	-4.5
Ole Miss	-6.8	Ole Miss	-7.8	Ole Miss	-8.4

### SEC Individual Stats thru Feb. 13

Scoring - Top 20				
Player, School	Gms	FG	FT	Pts Avg.
Gluck Person, Aub.	21	183	64	430 20.5
Vern Fleming, Ga.	22	178	56	421 19.1
Buck Johnson, Ala.	22	156	101	413 18.8
Eric Laird, Miss.	21	131	95	357 17.0
Jeff Turner, Vandy	22	148	63	359 16.3
Ronnie Williams, Fla.	19	107	91	305 16.1
Terry Williams, Ala.	22	150	32	332 15.1
Bobby Lee Hurt, Ala.	22	116	99	331 15.0
James Banks, Ga.	22	128	72	328 14.9
Melvin Turpin, Ky.	22	138	46	322 14.6

Field Goal % - Top 15							
Player, School	FGM	FGA	Pct.	Player, School	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Charles Barkley, Aub.	95	149	63.8	Jeff Turner, Vandy	63	73	86.3
Bobby Lee Hurt, Ala.	116	182	63.7	Don Pedden, LSU	63	74	85.1
Melvin Turpin, Ky.	138	218	63.3	Jim Master, Ky.	50	60	83.3
Joe Ward, Ga.	71	113	62.8	Kelvin Hildreth, MSU	110	137	80.3
Eugene McDowell, Fla.	100	168	59.5	Derrick Taylor, LSU	80	100	80.0
Ronnie Williams, Fla.	107	184	58.2	Eric Richardson, Ala.	48	60	80.0
Kenny Walker, Ky.	120	208	57.7	Phil Cox, Vandy	67	84	79.8
Greg Turner, Aub.	90	160	56.3	Tyrone Beaman, Tenn.	63	79	79.7
Ice Reynolds, LSU	118	216	54.6	Eric Laird, Miss.	95	120	79.1
Sam Bowie, Ky.	80	147	54.4	Melvin Turpin, Ky.	46	59	78.0
Terry Williams, Ala.	150	276	54.3	Chuck Person, Aub.	64	84	76.2
Chuck Person, Aub.	183	337	54.3	Buck Johnson, Ala.	101	133	75.9
Fred Jenkins, Tenn.	103	192	53.6	Charles Barkley, Aub.	70	94	74.5
Brett Burrow, Vandy	75	142	52.8	Vern Fleming, Ga.	65	88	73.9
Gerald Crosby, Ga.	100	191	52.4	Bobby Lee Hurt, Ala.	99	135	73.3

Rebounds - Top 15							
Player, School	Gms	REB	Avg.	Player, School	Gms	No.	Avg.
Charles Barkley, Aub.	18	166	9.3	Eric Richardson, Ala.	21	152	7.2
Bobby Lee Hurt, Ala.	22	201	9.1	Paul Daniels, Aub.	20	101	5.1
Ronnie Williams, Fla.	19	171	9.0	Roger Harden, Ky.	22	94	4.3
Eugene McDowell, Fla.	21	185	8.8	Tyrone Beaman, Tenn.	25	106	4.2
Chuck Person, Aub.	21	180	8.6	Gerald Crosby, Ga.	22	90	4.0
Sam Bowie, Ky.	22	182	8.3	Vernon Delancy, Fla.	21	83	4.0
Buck Johnson, Ala.	22	180	8.2	Al McLimney, Vandy	22	79	3.6
Ice Reynolds, LSU	21	168	8.0	John Tudor, LSU	21	73	3.5
Leonard Mitchell, LSU	20	159	7.9	Derrick Taylor, LSU	21	72	3.4
Jeff Turner, Vandy	22	160	7.3	Vern Fleming, Ga.	22	72	3.3
Willie Burton, Tenn.	25	171	6.8	Dicky Beal, Ky.	18	56	3.1
Melvin Turpin, Ky.	22	142	6.5	Butch Pierre, MSU	22	67	3.0
Kenny Walker, Ky.	22	134	6.1	Ken Harvey, MSU	22	59	2.7
Richard Corhan, Ga.	22	133	6.1				
Kelvin Hildreth, MSU	22	129	5.9				

Individual Superlatives				
Most Points		Most Rebounds		
36 - Chuck Person, Auburn vs. Villanova	18 - Chuck Person, Auburn vs. Miss. State			
35 - Melvin Turpin, Kentucky vs. LSU	18 - Sam Bowie, Kentucky vs. Houston			
34 - Eric Laird, Ole Miss vs. Kentucky	18 - Eugene McDowell, Florida vs. Georgia			
31 - James Banks, Georgia vs. Western Kentucky	18 - Ronnie Williams, Florida vs. St. Leo			
31 - Vern Fleming, Georgia vs. Vanderbilt	17 - Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama vs. Tennessee			
30 - Buck Johnson, Alabama vs. LSU	17 - Charles Barkley, Auburn vs. LSU			
30 - Phil Cox, Vanderbilt vs. Alabama	16 - Leonard Mitchell, LSU vs. Washington			

Most Field Goals		Most Free Throws	
15 - Melvin Turpin, Kentucky vs. LSU	14 - Derrick Taylor, LSU vs. Tennessee		
14 - Vern Fleming, Georgia vs. Vanderbilt	12 - Chuck Person, Auburn vs. Villanova		
14 - Phil Cox, Vanderbilt vs. Alabama	12 - Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama vs. Michigan State		
12 - Vern Fleming, Georgia vs. Western Kentucky	12 - Buck Johnson, Alabama vs. Missouri State		
12 - Vern Fleming, Georgia vs. Middle Tennessee			
12 - Eric Laird, Ole Miss vs. Kentucky			
12 - Ice Reynolds, LSU vs. North Carolina			

Most Assists	
15 - Eric Richardson, Alabama vs. Kentucky	
11 - Eric Richardson, Auburn vs. Ga. & Vandy	
11 - Roger Harden, Kentucky vs. Tennessee	
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# League Leaders

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**Auburn 10-3**

**LSU 8-5**

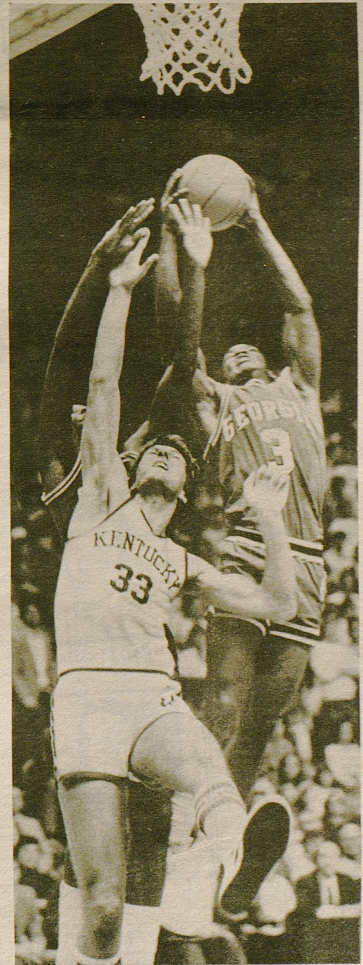
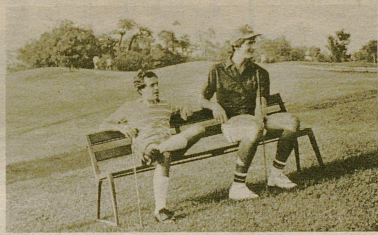
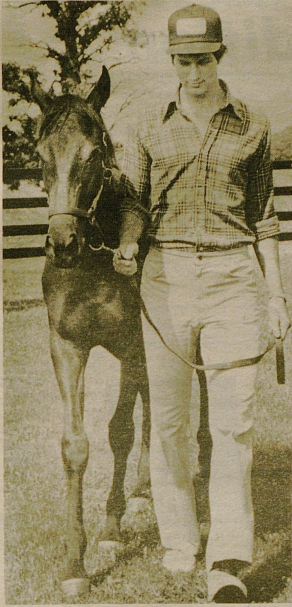
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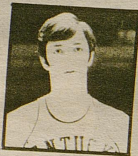
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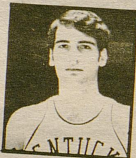


# The Big Blue Tradition

## UK Stars Of The Past



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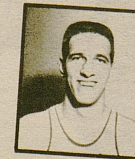
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### A Rich Kentucky Tradition

#### ALL-SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE (59 Players Chosen 107 Times)

Ellis Johnson (G) .....	1933	Cliff Hagan (C) .....	1952, '54
Forest Sale (C) .....	1933	Bill Evans (G-F) .....	1955
John DeMaisey (F) .....	1933, '34	Bob Burrow (C) .....	1955, '56
Bill Davis (G) .....	1934	Johnny Cox (F) .....	1957, '58, '59
Leroy Edwards (C) .....	1935	Vernon Hatton (G) .....	1958
Dave Lawrence (F) .....	1935	Don Mills (C) .....	1960
Ralph Carlisle (F) .....	1936, '37	Bill Lickert (F-G) .....	1959, '60, '61
Warfield Donohue (G) .....	1937	Larry Pursiful (G) .....	1962
Bernie Opper (G) .....	1938, '39	Cotton Nash (C-F) .....	1962, '63, '64
Layton Rouse (G) .....	1940	Ted Deeken (F) .....	1964
Lee Huber (G) .....	1941	Tommy Kron (G) .....	1965, '66
James King (C) .....	1941	Pat Riley (F) .....	1965, '66
Marvin Akers (F) .....	1941, '43	Thad Jaracz (C-F) .....	1966
Ermal Allen (F) .....	1942	Larry Conley (F) .....	1966
Melvin Brewer (C) .....	1943	Louie Dampier (G) .....	1965, '66, '67
Bob Brannum (C) .....	1944	Mike Casey (G) .....	1968, '69, '71
Jack Parkinson (G) .....	1944, '45, '46	Dan Issei (C) .....	1968, '69, '70
Jack Tingle (F) .....	1944, '45, '46, '47	Mike Pratt (F) .....	1969, '70
Kenton Campbell (C) .....	1945	Larry Steele (F) .....	1971
Ralph Beard (G) .....	1946, '47, '48, '49	Tom Parker (F) .....	1971, '72
Wallace Jones (F) .....	1946, '47, '48, '49	Tom Payne (C) .....	1971
Joe Holland (F) .....	1947	Jim Andrews (C) .....	1972, '73
Alex Groza (C) .....	1948, '49	Kevin Grevey (F) .....	1973, '74, '75
Kenny Rollins (G) .....	1947, '48	Jack Givens (F) .....	1976, '77, '78
Jim Line (F) .....	1950	Rick Robey (F) .....	1977, '78
Bill Spivey (C) .....	1950, '51	Kyle Macy (G) .....	1978, '79, '80
Walt Hirsch (F) .....	1951	Sam Bowie (C) .....	1980, '81
Shelby Linville (F) .....	1951, '52	Derrick Hord (F) .....	1982
Bobby Watson (G) .....	1951, '52	Melvin Turpin (C) .....	1983
Frank Ramsey (G) .....	1951, '52, '54		

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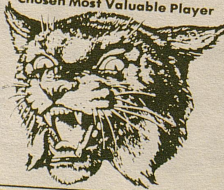
*Alex Groza (C) .....	1948, '49	Pat Riley (F) .....	1966
Bill Spivey (C) .....	1951	Louie Dampier (G) .....	1966
Shelby Linville (F) .....	1951	Kevin Grevey (F) .....	1975
Vernon Hatton (G) .....	1958	*Jack Givens (F) .....	1978
Johnny Cox (F) .....	1958	Rick Robey (F) .....	1978

#### \* Chosen Most Valuable Player

#### (REGIONAL)

Larry Pursiful (G) .....	1962	Mike Casey (G) .....	1968
*Alex Groza (C) .....	1948, '49	Dan Issei (C) .....	1968, '69, '70
Bill Spivey (C) .....	1951	Jim Andrews (C) .....	1972, '73
Bob Burrow (C) .....	1955, '56	Mike Flynn (G) .....	1975
Gayle Rose .....	1955	Jimmy Dan Conner (G) .....	1975
Vernon Hatton (G) .....	1958	Jack Givens (F) .....	1977, '78
Johnny Cox (F) .....	1957, '58, '59	Mike Phillips (C) .....	1978
Bill Lickert (F) .....	1961	*Kyle Macy (G) .....	1978
Cotton Nash (C-F) .....	1962	Fred Cowan (F) .....	1980
*Pat Riley (F) .....	1966	Melvin Turpin (C) .....	1983
Louie Dampier (G) .....	1966	Jim Master (G) .....	1983

#### \* Chosen Most Valuable Player





# 'Sky-Walker' Adding Weapon

It looks as though Kentucky sophomore forward Kenny Walker has added a new weapon to his arsenal. As the season has progressed, the "Sky-Walker" has been taking more and more outside jumpers from the wings.

Not only is Walker taking those shots, he is making them.

The SEC Freshman of the Year last season and one of the league's best players this year, Walker has previously scored most of his points with jumpers in the 10-12 foot range, on lob or off the fast break. Most of those jumpers, however, came after Walker posted up low on his man or flashed to the middle of a zone. Most often, he took the ball with his back to the basket and turned to score.

Lately, Walker has been operating on the wings, facing the basket. He has been hitting the 13-17 foot jumper. Walker says he wants to give the Cats what is needed and the outside jumper has been the answer.

"With our guards in a slump and people saying we can't shoot, someone has to do it," Walker said after a recent game. "I know I can hit that and I feel comfortable taking it. It is about time I take that and I will continue to if teams sag."

Walker says he could have hit the

shot before but now feels more relaxed and confident shooting it.

"After last year, I looked at films and evaluated my mistakes. You learn from that. Now you will see a new Kenny Walker. I will put that shot up at every opportunity. Coach has kind of hinted that I have the green light. He says that when the ball goes to the weakside, I should step up quickly and be ready to take that shot. You never know if you are hot until you try."

After 22 UK games, Walker was averaging 13.4 points a game and hitting 57.7 percent. Those percentages are even higher in SEC play, where his numbers are 15.1 points while hitting 62.1 percent. He has scored double figures in all but one SEC game and hit at least 50 percent from the field in all league games, after 12 games.

UK Associate Coach Leonard Hamilton, surely the all-time leading tourist of Walker's hometown of Roberta, GA, says the jumper was something Walker was always capable of hitting. In high school, Hamilton says, Walker used many of the same moves he does now and only reverted to the jumper when needed.

"In high school, Kenny's coach (Clyde Zachery) allowed him to take what the defense gave him, inside or

outside," says Hamilton.

"Inside, he was so explosive and quick to the basket. He would spring up and get a shot, even in a crowd. He still does that effectively. Against a zone, he would flash to the middle, leap high and get the ball and put it in much like he does now. When the defense shut that down, he went out on the wing."

Hamilton is not the least bit surprised at Walker's range outside and says it should continue to improve.

"He is a good outside shooter," says Hamilton. "He will also keep improving. As he develops, you will find Kenny is a well-rounded player."

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Auburn star Charles Barkley is one of many who feel Walker is the best player on the sixth-ranked Cats. Barkley said just that after playing against UK twice.

Reporter David Climer of the Nashville Banner said the same after UK downed Tennessee 93-74 earlier this year. Climer wrote that UK's publicized Twin Towers of Sam Bowie and Melvin Turpin are certainly dominating, but it is Walker that makes the Cats go.

Here are some excerpts from the story, headlined "The Force Is With Cats, 'Sky' Walker":

"As destructive as those two (Bowie and Turpin) may be, they merely set the table for the main course.

"If your broker sold stock on basketball talent, you would be well-advised to load up on Sky Walker Corp.

"Kenny "Sky" Walker has the kind of upside potential that would make any portfolio look good. As John Houseman might say, he makes baskets the old-fashioned way... he earns them.

"Just how good is Walker? Nobody will really know until sometime this summer, when his talents should be showcased as part of the U.S. Olympic team. Next season, he'll seize center stage in Rupp Arena, regardless of how many more prep All-Americans Joe B. Hall imports.

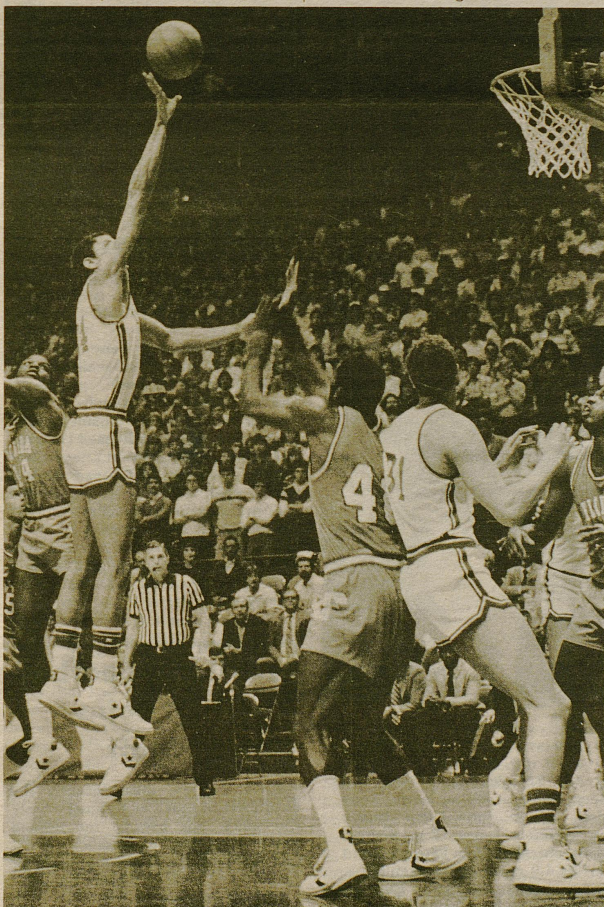
"Thus, a legend will be born. But this legend has already begun to make believers while operating between Bowie and Turpin."

Walker scored 21 points against the Vols. In the second half, he had three spectacular dunks which could make any highlight reel.

Climer wrote "If Naismith had ever envisioned it, he would've moved the rim up to, say, 15 feet.

Of the dunks, Walker was quoted as saying "anytime I go up, I try to shatter the backboard or break the rim. That's what I aim for. I want to dunk it that hard.

"When I get the dunk, I'm looking for the 360 or the 780, or whatever. I'm just thinking I'll make it, no matter what it is."



**TWO MORE FOR SKY...** Kenny Walker goes up for two of his ten points against Florida. Walker has been shooting more shots from the outside, trying to pick up the slack when the guards are not shooting well.

## Another Freshman Star Shines

Alabama's Terry Coner, averaging just 11 minutes playing time per game, is slowly developing into another budding freshman star in the Southeastern Conference. Tennessee's representatives in the SEC, Vanderbilt and Tennessee, can attest to his improved play of late. Against the Commodores, Coner played an integral part in the victory, scoring 13

points, a season high until he struck for 20 against the Volunteers in Knoxville. Coner's sterling showing sparked the Tide to its first win at Tennessee since 1978. A heralded first year player from Phillips High in Birmingham, Coner is just another freshman exerting himself during the SEC stretch drive.

## Check Out The Record Vern

Georgia senior guard Vern Fleming is closing in on Dominique Wilkins' school record of 1,688 points. With five regular season games to go plus the SEC Tournament and possible NCAA action, Fleming, needing just 84 points to tie the mark, seems a cinch bet to

eclipse Wilkins' mark. Fleming, also known for his defensive excellence, needs but 10 steals to set yet another school record, most steals, currently held by Terry Fair at 194. Fleming holds the Georgia record for most all-time assists with 369.

### SEC Basketball Champions

Year	School	Conf.	Final Record	Coach	Year	School	Conf.	Final Record	Coach
1933	Kentucky	5-0	23-3	Adolph Rupp	1961	Miss. St.	11-3	19-6	Babe McCarthy
1934	Alabama	13-2	16-2	Henry Crisp	1962	Kentucky	13-1	24-1	Babe McCarthy
1935	LSU	12-0	14-1	H. Rabenhorst	1963	Miss. St.	13-1	23-3	Adolph Rupp
1936	Kentucky	11-0	19-2	Adolph Rupp	1964	Kentucky	12-2	22-6	Babe McCarthy
1937	Tennessee	8-4	15-6	Blair Guillon	1965	Kentucky	11-3	21-6	Adolph Rupp
1938	Kentucky	5-3	17-5	Adolph Rupp	1966	Vanderbilt	15-1	24-4	Roy Skinner
1939	Ga. Tech.	9-2	18-2	Roy Mundorf	1967	Kentucky	15-1	32-2	Adolph Rupp
1940	Kentucky	5-2	16-4	Adolph Rupp	1968	Tennessee	15-3	21-7	Ray Meares
1941	Kentucky	4-4	15-6	Adolph Rupp	1969	Kentucky	15-3	22-5	Adolph Rupp
1942	Tennessee	8-3	17-5	John Mauer	1970	Kentucky	16-2	23-5	Adolph Rupp
1943	Kentucky	6-2	19-6	Adolph Rupp	1971	Kentucky	17-1	26-2	Adolph Rupp
1944	Kentucky	6-3	14-4	John Mauer	1972	Tennessee	16-2	22-4	Adolph Rupp
1945	Kentucky	0-0	19-2	Adolph Rupp	1973	Kentucky	14-4	21-7	Adolph Rupp
1946	Kentucky	4-1	22-4	Adolph Rupp	1974	Tennessee	14-4	19-6	Ray Meares
1947	Kentucky	6-0	28-2	Adolph Rupp	1975	Kentucky	14-4	25-6	Joe Hall
1948	Kentucky	11-0	34-3	Adolph Rupp	1976	Vanderbilt	15-3	23-3	Roy Skinner
1949	Kentucky	9-0	36-3	Adolph Rupp	1977	Alabama	15-3	22-4	C. M. Newton
1950	Kentucky	13-0	32-2	Adolph Rupp	1978	Kentucky	15-3	25-5	Joe Hall
1951	Kentucky	11-2	25-5	Adolph Rupp	1979	Alabama	15-3	22-5	C. M. Newton
1952	Kentucky	14-0	32-2	Adolph Rupp	1980	Tennessee	15-2	22-6	Ray Meares
1953	Kentucky	14-0	29-3	Adolph Rupp	1981	Kentucky	16-2	26-4	Joe Hall
1954	LSU	13-0	25-2	H. Rabenhorst	1982	Kentucky	15-2	22-8	Joe Hall
1955	Kentucky	14-0	25-0	Adolph Rupp	1983	Kentucky	15-5	20-10	Don DeVoe
1956	LSU	14-0	21-5	H. Rabenhorst	1984	Kentucky	13-5	23-8	Joe B. Hall
1957	Kentucky	12-2	23-3	Adolph Rupp					
1958	Alabama	14-0	21-3	Johnny Dee					
1959	Kentucky	12-2	23-5	Adolph Rupp					
1960	Miss. St.	13-1	24-1	Babe McCarthy					
	Auburn	12-2	19-3	Joe Eaves					

NOTE: From 1933 through 1950 the Southeastern Conference basketball championship was determined by a tournament, except for 1935. Since 1951, when the round-robin schedule was introduced, the title has been decided by percentage of wins on the designated schedule. From 1951 through 1964 the round-robin consisted of 14 games; in 1965 and 1966 it was 16 games, and since 1967, 18 games. The SEC Tournament was renewed in 1979, with the winner representing the conference in the NCAA tournament. The SEC championship is still determined by the regular 18-game schedule.



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## Grid Team Reaps Academic Honors

Defensive back Gordon Jackson and defensive guard Keith Martin posted perfect (4.0) grade point averages for the recently completed fall semester to lead a total of 23 University of Kentucky football players with grade point averages of 3.0 or better.

Jackson, a senior from Etowah, TN, is majoring in vocational industrial education with a goal of teaching electronics. A starter last season, he has one year of eligibility remaining.

Martin, a senior from Owensboro, is a three-time All-SEC Academic team member with a major in accounting and firm feelers from at least two major firms.

Senior linebacker and defensive captain Scott Schroeder of Satellite Beach, FL, who along with senior guard and offensive captain Ron Bojalad of DuBois, PA, and Martin was named to the SEC All-Academic squad, had a 3.75 gpa in accounting.

Continuing in the business vein with solid 3.5 averages are senior defensive end Johnnie Jones of Marion, IN, who plans to enter sales and marketing, and junior center Ken Petrowiak of Grafton, WI, honorable mention All-Academic; and freshman receiver Cornell Burbage of Lexington with a 3.36.

Freshman defensive end Doug Davis, a son of former UK and Minnesota Vikings offensive tackle Doug Davis of Miami, FL, posted a 3.29 in social work.

Tied at 3.25 each were senior defensive guard Glenn Amerson of Satellite Beach, FL, who plans a career

in business and marketing, and freshman tight end Matt Lucas of Baltimore, OH, who will specialize in advertising.

Posting 3.2 gpa's were senior linebacker D.J. Wallace of Davenport, IA, a business administration major, and sophomore defensive end and punt return specialist Brian Williams

of Middlesboro, an accounting major.

Junior safety Gary Sexton of Norwood, OH (3.13), honorable mention All-Academic, plans to teach social studies; freshman offensive back Mark Logan of Lexington (3.12) is a political science major, while freshman QB Tim Jones posted a 3.0 in electrical engineering.



**WILDCAT FOOTBALL HONORS GROUP...** Among University of Kentucky football players earning grade point averages of 3.0 or better, along with other honors, are, left to right, front row, Brian Williams, Joe Phillips, Cornell Burbage, Scott Schroeder (All-SEC Academic Team) and Tim Jones; second row, Mark Paslick, Glenn Amerson, Brian Davis, Tony Czack, D.J. Wallace, Gary Sexton, Gordon Jackson, Jerry Klein, James Reichwein and Mike Whitaker; back row, Johnnie Jones, Tom Richey, Russel Hairston, Keith Martin (face partially obscured), Ken Petrowiak and Jerry Klein. Jackson and Martin made perfect 4.0 grade points standings. Schroeder and Martin made All-SEC Academic, along with Ron Bojalad. Named All-SEC Academic honorable mentions were Petrowiak, Reichwein and Sexton. (Not pictured are Bojalad, Kerry Baird, David Thompson and Matt Lucas. (Photo By UK Photo Services).

Other players with 3.0 standings are:

Junior receiver Joe Phillips of Franklin, business; offensive tackle Tom Richey of Mentor, OH, business; senior guard David Thompson of Louisville, business; sophomore QB Mike Whitaker of Hyden, social work.

Senior defensive back Kerry Baird, also a social work major, is in training with the Michigan Panthers of the USFL.

Junior linebacker Tony Czack of Parma, OH business; senior center Jerry Klein of Elmsere, public relations; senior defensive back Mark Paslick of Louisville, business, and junior defensive back Russell Hairston of Lanham, MO, political science.

Jerry Claiborne, UK head football coach, said "We are proud of the academic accomplishments of our entire squad and especially of these young men who made a 'B' average or better. We want all of our players striving for academic excellence, receiving their degrees and becoming contributing members of our society."

## Ex-Wildcat Football Assistant Joins Gators' Staff

Larry Kirksey, most recently the head football coach at Kentucky State University, has become the second former University of Kentucky assistant to join the coaching staff of Charley Pell and the Florida Gators.

Kirksey coached at Kentucky from 1977-1982. A native of Harlan and a graduate of Eastern Kentucky Uni-

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# Growing Up And Going Back To School

**WINSTON ON FIRE:** Winston Bennett, whose percentage from the field had actually dropped to single digits at one point, has slowly made the uphill climb to respectability. Winston had his accuracy over 46 percent and was hitting 54.7 percent in the SEC prior to the Vandy game. The 6-7 forward also had hit 17 of his last 20 shots heading into Vandy. One reason for the improvements in that Winston is so aggressive he had to learn to tone down his game a little. Whereas before he was picking up charging fouls rushing the basket, now he is pulling up and hitting a short jumper. "I've picked up a lot of offensive fouls and now I am pulling up for the jumper more," says the freshman from Louisville. "It is keeping me out of foul trouble some, which helps. The coaches had been pointing that out to me"...Kentucky has had few games like the Florida contest this year, where it was 40 minutes of tenseness from a score standpoint. The teams virtually exchanged baskets the entire



Don DeVoe

way, with no lead larger than six points. UK wins have usually been lopsided, their losses almost the same. Sam Bowie said such a game "was good for us. The only other game like this was Illinois. Fortunately, we won both. It may not be good for coaches, who get a lot of gray hairs after these kind. But it makes the younger players grow up quicker. We had James Blackmon playing a crucial role and he came through with flying colors." Okay, James, was this a good game for a newcomer to the college wars? Was it a growing-up experience? "These kind of games get me ready to play," said James. "I get my confidence playing in that kind of situation. It makes me a better player." James had 17 minutes and three key field goals. Joe Hall said the only thing he feels that had been keeping his team from playing to its fullest potential has been the inability to handle a press recently. UK showed poise against the press earlier against teams like Louisville. In its first 18 games, UK had more than 20 turnovers twice. In the four games prior to Vandy, UK was over 20 three times. The press killed UK at Alabama and seems to have become a mental block lately. Hall calls it "press psychosis." He says the feeling of panic has "gotten contagious," pointing out his team "is not poised" against the press. UK works against the press in

practice, then does not carry out the press offense in games. UK must solve the situation if they plan to beat teams like Georgetown and Carolina during the road.

**BACK TO SCHOOL:** Despite hitting just one of four down the stretch against Florida at the foul line, Dicky Beal is still one of the most improved free throw shooters I've seen. For two years, Dicky shot under 60 percent from the line and admits now he used to be scared to death at the line. This year, he has been hitting just under 80 percent and says he awaits the challenge of shooting at the line during crucial situations. He had hit some key ones this year before the misses vs.

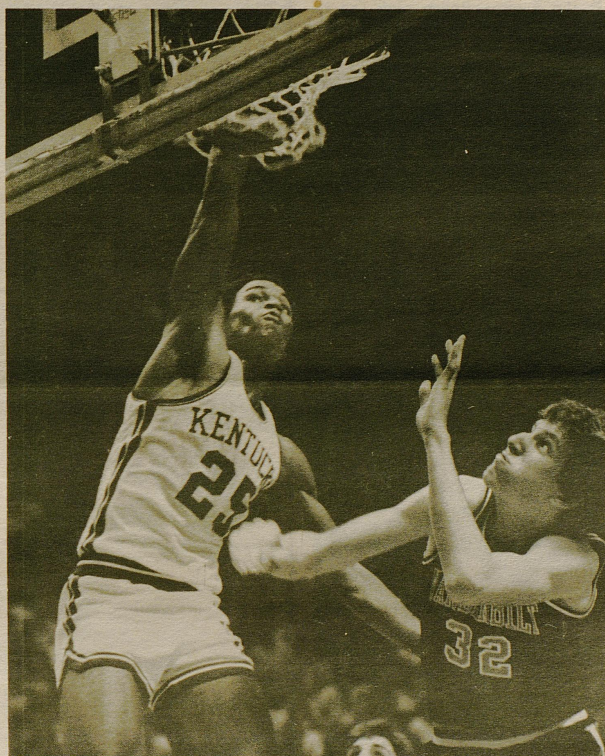
"I have to keep mentally ready on the bench, then go in and do the best I can," he says. "I can't get down when I am not playing. I have to be ready



Gene Abell

Associate Editor

anytime coach calls on me." That is easier said than done and I'm sure James has had his ups-and-downs. But what a talent! I have no doubt J.B.



WHAM, BAM, SLAM, . . . Winston Bennett makes sure these two points stay in the record book. Bennett's field goal percentage is on the climb.

Florida. After that game, Dicky said "I have to go back to school on those. Being a senior and a guard, I am supposed to hit those shots." Nevertheless, Dicky is an example of how confidence and extra practice time can help one's free throw shooting. A lesson is to be learned here for UK frosh James Blackmon. The super-talented Blackmon has every ingredient needed, but he must improve his foul shooting as his career goes on and he is playing during crucial times. . . Speaking of James, I like the look he has in his eyes now. It's just a hunch but James may be ready to turn it on. He would not be human if he had not had trouble adjusting to his situation this year. He's a deluxe talent who has had to adjust his game to coming off the bench, with the usual confidence lag a frosh goes through. It has not been easy but, at least from my viewpoint, he looks eager to explode.

can be a "super" before he graduates.

**TO THE GATOR'S AID:** SEC teams are quickly learning just how good this Florida team is. I wonder if the Gators were playing in a league such as the Big Ten or ACC, how much more recognition would they be getting? Florida is the first team I've seen this year come into Rupp Arena and not 'crack' at any point during the game. Florida's 12-9 overall record is deceiving because in nonconference play, the Gators did not have a healthy Ronnie Williams or Vernon Delancey. Joe Hall says he thinks Florida is one of the 20 best teams in the country but points out that "they got off to such a rough start, people are not looking at them." SEC teams have found out the hard way. . . From the hard to believe category: UK hit 16 of 21 shots in the second half against Florida and two of those missed shots were put back in by Sam Bowie. That means UK had 19

possessions when they shot the ball before turning the ball over or going to the foul line and scored on 16 of those. And still UK outscored Florida only 35-31. . . Tennessee Coach Don DeVoe has played his younger players over seniors often this year in hopes of finding the right combination and obviously building for the future. One of those frosh he is counting on down the road is pencil-thin John Snodgrass from Chattanooga. The UK press guide list Snodgrass at 190 pounds, which may be dripping wet. DeVoe says Snodgrass must get bigger but points out "we put him on a weight program and we've fed him all he can eat, and he hasn't gained an ounce. All we can do is keep it up and hope." DeVoe says Snodgrass "was the weakest academically, of all our freshmen the last quarter, he should be the strongest. He just got lazy. Maybe that's why he can't gain weight."

**CATS TAKING IT EASY:** After last Monday's win over Florida, Joe B.



Joe B. Hall

gave his troops two of the next three days off, with a short workout on Wednesday. With four games in the last eight days of the regular season Hall feels it is more important that his team get rest and be refreshed than it is they work on conditioning and fundamentals. It figures the eight-day stretch will keep them in condition, that the fundamentals won't leave with a couple of days rest. "I talked to some horse people (about what thoroughbreds do before a big race) and they said it would be better to rest," quipped Hall. . . Dicky Beal's recent resurgence back to form left Hall with a decision to make. Should he change his starting lineup this late or should he leave things as they are, with Beal being a catalyst off the bench. "I don't know," Hall said three days before the Vandy game. "He deserves to start and I hope it (whatever Hall chooses to do) does not effect him in a negative way. It certainly would have been nice if we had a sound Dicky all year and could have the club grow together. It is hard to bring in a new starter and re-mold the character of a club. There is a concern of shaking up the team. But I will if that is needed. It is something we have to decide". . . I don't know if this stat means anything but in nine non-conference games, Kentucky shot 104 more free throws than their opponents while in the first 12 SEC games, UK shot just 14 more (Continued On Page 22)



## Williams Named USA Today "Player Of The Week"

Florida senior forward Ronnie Williams, climbing weekly in the SEC statistical charts, was voted USA Today's SEC "Player of the Week" after a scintillating three-game performance. Williams scored 25, 23 and 22 points against St. Leo, Vanderbilt and Kentucky. In the St. Leo game, Williams also grabbed 18 rebounds, tying him for the best single-game effort in the SEC this year.

## Barkley Continues His Domination

Auburn's Charles Barkley, injured for most of the pre-conference schedule and hardly 100% for the early part

of SEC action, continues his dominating presence on the court, topping the SEC in both rebounding (9.3 per game) and field goal shooting (63.8%) while also ranking among the leaders in scoring (14.4 per game) and free throw percentage (74.5%).

When the 1984 Olympic Games are mentioned, Barkley's name is frequently associated with the event. Indiana coach Bobby Knight, who will serve as the United States coach this summer, said recently about Barkley, "When I want a screen set, Charles Barkley is the type of guy I want setting it. When those Russians come over here, I want them to know they've been hit."

Another coach who is a fan of Barkley's is LSU's Dale D. Brown, whose Tigers played against Barkley and North Carolina's Michael Jordan on the same weekend. When asked if he thought Jordan was the best player in the country, Brown remarked he didn't think he was any better than Barkley.



EVIL EYE... Kenny Walker keeps a close watch on an opposing player during a recent contest.

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## University Of Kentucky Statistics (After 23 Games)

Player	Overall: 20-3		Home: 12-0		Away: 7-3		Neutral: 1-0		SEC: 11-3	
	G-CS	Field Goals	Free Throws	Rebounds	PF-D	A	TO	S	Points	
Malvin TURPIN	23-23 (C) 14-14	149-233-63.9 95-147-64.6	46-59-78.0 18-22-81.8	147-6.4 94-6.7	58-1 38-1	20 11	38 21	16 5	344-15.0 208-14.9	
Kenny WALKER	23-23 (C) 14-14	124-213-58.2 86-137-62.8	56-80-70.0 34-46-73.9	138-6.0 83-5.9	55-1 38-1	27 16	33 23	18 10	304-13.2 206-14.7	
Jim MASTER	22-22 (C) 13-13	84-195-43.1 51-117-43.6	52-64-81.2 32-38-84.2	39-1.8 28-2.2	34-0 21-0	61 32	32 9	9 10	220-10.0 134-10.3	
Sam BOWIE	23-23 (C) 14-14	83-155-53.5 53-98-54.1	56-79-70.9 39-52-75.0	191-8.3 115-8.2	61-3 39-2	43 23	54 18	15 10	222-9.7 145-10.4	
Winston BENNETT	23-0 (C) 14-0	48-104-46.2 35-64-54.7	73-101-72.3 42-55-76.4	90-3.9 52-3.7	72-4 45-3	20 11	45 26	10 5	169-7.3 112-8.0	
Dicky BEAL	19-1 (C) 11-1	22-35-62.9 17-29-58.6	46-62-74.2 26-39-66.7	19-1.0 13-1.2	22-0 16-0	59 39	23 19	5 6	90-4.7 60-5.5	
James BLACKMON	23-2 (C) 14-1	41-88-46.6 20-54-37.0	20-38-52.6 7-17-41.2	36-1.6 27-1.9	45-0 26-0	52 36	39 22	12 7	102-4.4 50-3.6	
Roger HARDEN	22-21 (C) 13-13	24-66-36.4 12-46-26.1	5-6-83.3 5-6-83.3	31-1.4 21-1.6	47-0 29-0	94 62	53 35	15 10	53-2.4 29-2.2	
Tom HEITZ	17-0 (C) 13-0	10-16-62.5 7-12-58.3	10-16-62.5 9-14-64.3	14-0.8 14-1.1	9-0 8-0	0 0	3 2	3 1	30-1.8 23-1.8	
Bret BEARUP	17-0 (C) 12-0	8-23-34.8 3-10-30.0	9-14-64.3 5-6-83.3	24-1.4 12-1.0	13-0 12-0	4 2	7 2	2 1	25-1.5 11-0.9	
Troy MCKINLEY	8-0 (C) 4-0	4-8-50.0 1-3-33.3	0-0-0.0 0-0-0.0	5-0.6 2-0.5	1-0 1-0	3 0	1 0	0 0	8-1.0 2-0.5	
Paul ANDREWS	13-0 (C) 7-0	5-11-45.5 3-8-37.5	1-2-50.0 0-0-0.0	4-0.3 2-0.3	4-0 1-0	5 0	1 0	0 0	11-0.8 6-0.9	
Leroy BYRD	3-0 (C) 3-0	0-0-0.0 0-0-0.0	0-1-0.0 0-1-0.0	1-0.3 1-0.3	1-0 1-0	3 3	0 0	0 0	0-0.0 0-0.0	
TEAM				49						
KENTUCKY	23	602-1147-52.5	374-525-71.2	789-34.3	423-9	391	346	107	1578-68.6	
(C) 14		383-727-52.7	217-296-73.3	498-35.6	275-7	243	227	57	983-70.2	
OPPONENTS	23	516-1275-40.5	278-412-67.5	679-29.5	498-25	282	317	147	1310-57.0	
(C) 14		336-793-42.4	194-287-67.6	417-29.8	299-11	179	175	93	864-61.7	

Rebound Margin +4.8 Scoring Margin +11.6

Deadball Rebounds: UK-54, Opp-67

MINUTES PLAYED: Master 715-32.5, Walker 744-32.3, Turpin 709-30.8, Bowie 627-27.3, Bennett 455-19.8, Harden 422-19.2, Blackmon 386-16.8, Beal 278-14.6, Bearup 119-7.0, Andrews 57-4.4, Heitz 58-3.4, McKinley 26-3.2, Byrd 5-1.7

BLOCKED SHOTS: Bowie 45, Turpin 40, Walker 17, Bennett 7, Blackmon 5, Bearup 2, Beal 1, Heitz 1, Master 1, UK-119, Opp-37

HIGH SCORING GAMES: Turpin 35 (LSU-A), Master 23 (Kansas, Walker 22 (LSU-A), Bowie 20 (Miss.-State-A), Beal 17 (Auburn-H), Bennett 17 (Alabama-H and Auburn-H), Blackmon 15 (Miss.-A), Heitz 8 (Vanderbilt-H), Bearup 7 (Wyoming), Harden 6 (Four Times), Andrews 4 (Florida-A), McKinley 4 (Wyoming)

### SEASON HIGHS AND LOWS

	Team	Opponents
<b>Most Points</b>	Kentucky 96-LSU (A)	80-LSU (A)
<b>Fewest Points</b>	24-Cincinnati	11-Cincinnati
<b>Most Field Goals Made</b>	34-Brigham Young	31-Auburn
<b>Fewest Field Goals Made</b>	10-Cincinnati	5-Cincinnati
<b>Most Field Goals Attempted</b>	63-Purdue	75-Houston
<b>Fewest Field Goals Attempted</b>	19-Cincinnati	12-Cincinnati
<b>Highest Field Goal %</b>	66.3-Florida (H)	51.1-Florida (A)
<b>Lowest Field Goal %</b>	39.6-Louisville	26.9-Vanderbilt (H)
<b>Most Free Throws Made</b>	32-LSU (A)	24-LSU (A)
<b>Fewest Free Throws Made</b>	4-Cincinnati	1-Cincinnati
<b>Most Free Throws Att.</b>	43-LSU (A)	38-LSU (A)
<b>Fewest Free Throws Att.</b>	7-Florida (A) and Alabama (A)	2-Cincinnati
<b>Highest Free Throw %</b>	90.9 (10-11)-Georgia (H)	84.6 (11-13)-Florida (H)
<b>Lowest Free Throw %</b>	41.7 (5-12)-Florida (H)	40.0 (2-5)-Louisville
<b>Most Rebounds</b>	51-Houston	41-Louisville, Auburn (A), and Vanderbilt (H)
<b>Fewest Rebounds</b>	11-Cincinnati	9-Cincinnati
<b>Most Fouls</b>	29-LSU (A)	32-LSU (A)
<b>Fewest Fouls</b>	4-Cincinnati	10-Cincinnati
<b>Most Assists</b>	24-Brigham Young	17-Alabama (A) and Florida (H)
<b>Most Turnovers</b>	24-Auburn (A), Houston, and Miss.-State (A)	24-Indiana
<b>Fewest Turnovers</b>	2-Cincinnati	4-Illinois and Vanderbilt (A)
<b>Most Steals</b>	12-Louisville	12-Purdue, Houston, and Alabama
<b>Most Blocked Shots</b>	10-Vanderbilt (H)	6-Houston
<b>Largest Scoring Margin</b>	34-Brigham Young	19-Auburn (A)
<b>Largest Rebound Margin</b>	24-Mississippi State (A)	10-Indiana
<b>Individual Highs</b>		
<b>Points</b>	35-Turpin vs. LSU (A)	34-Laird (Miss.-A)
<b>Field Goals Made</b>	15-Turpin vs. LSU (A)	13-Durrant (Brigham Young)
<b>Field Goals Attempted</b>	17-Turpin vs. Purdue and LSU (A)	24-Brown (Wyoming) and Durrant (Brigham Young)
<b>Free Throws Made</b>	11-Bennett vs. Auburn (H)	10-Laird (Miss.-A)
<b>Free Throws Att.</b>	15-Bennett vs. Vanderbilt (H)	12-Laird (Miss.-A)
<b>Rebounds</b>	18-Bowie vs. Houston	13-Applegate (Brigham Young)
<b>Assists</b>	11-Harden vs. Tennessee (H) and Beal vs. Florida-H	15-Richardson (Ala.-A)
<b>Steals</b>	5-Harden vs. Tennessee (H)	5-Bullock (Purdue)
<b>Blocked Shots</b>	6-Turpin vs. Purdue	5-Olajuwon (Houston)



Kentucky Survives

# Gators Fall One Shot Short

Florida 65										
PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN		
Ronnie Williams	7-12	8-9	7	2	22	1	4	35		
Vernon Delancey	1-2	1-2	1	2	3	9	3	40		
Eugene McDowell	4-12	0-0	12	2	8	1	4	34		
Andrew Moten	7-17	0-0	3	4	14	0	0	33		
Darryl Gresham	4-13	2-2	3	5	14	3	0	35		
Joe Lawrence	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	12		
Randall Leath	2-3	0-0	2	2	4	0	0	11		
Team Rebounds										
TOTALS	27-64	11-13	29	17	65	17	11	200		

Kentucky 67										
PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN		
Sam Bowie	5-7	2-4	11	5	12	2	5	30		
Melvin Turpin	7-11	1-1	4	0	15	1	2	31		
Jim Master	3-7	0-1	2	0	6	2	3	24		
Roger Harden	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	4		
James Blackmon	3-4	0-0	1	3	6	1	1	17		
Dicky Beal	4-5	2-4	1	2	10	11	1	35		
Winston Bennett	4-4	0-0	5	3	8	1	3	23		
Team Rebounds										
TOTALS	31-47	5-12	29	14	67	21	21	200		

TEAM	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN
FLORIDA	27	11	29	17	65	17	11	200
KENTUCKY	31	5	29	14	67	21	21	200

ATTENDANCE: 23,809  
 TECHNICAL FOULS: Coach Sloan, Coach Hall  
 OFFICIALS: C. Vacca, D. Ford, D. Woolridge

### Almost A Tie

An Andrew Moten jumper from the top of the key in the final seconds rimmed off the goal and allowed Kentucky to escape with a 67-65 homecourt win over Florida.

Thanks to Kentucky's inability to hit key free throws down the stretch (four straight misses in the final 47 seconds) Florida came within a whisker of pulling into a second place tie with the Cats in the Southeastern Conference race.

Instead, Kentucky managed to stay a half-game up on Auburn. With the win, the Cats went 10-3 in the league and 19-3 overall. Florida, the surprise of the league, came into the game 7-4 and one win away from its' best SEC start since 1968-69. Florida's 12 overall wins, against nine losses, is already just one short of last year's total.

It was this same Florida team which swamped the Cats 68-57 in Gainesville earlier this year. The Gators have not beat the Cats twice in one season since the 1966-67 campaign.

Win in Rupp Arena? To the surprise of 23,809, Florida almost did so. The Gators have never won in Rupp and UK has lost but one SEC regular season game there since 1980. UK almost became the fourth Top 20 victim of Florida.

### Close Encounter

While the score may indicate Kentucky did not play well, the game did not necessarily back up that theory. Fact is that Florida is playing very well and were up to the task, giving UK it's biggest scare in Rupp this season.

The Gators used their exceptional quickness and inside passing ability to bother the Cats. Outside, Florida's trio of freshmen guards stayed hot enough to keep UK from packing inside against a veteran frontline.

The game was close and tense all the way. There were 11 ties, nine in the first half. Florida led as often as UK, leading over one 13-minute span in the middle of the game. Kentucky's biggest lead was five, Florida's biggest lead was six.

Some key team stats? Kentucky shot an excellent 66 percent from the floor on 31 of 47, thanks mostly to a spectacular 76.2 percent (16 of 21) in the second half. They needed all of that, despite Florida hitting just 42 percent.

The rebound totals were even, after

UK trailed by four at the half. However, Florida managed to get off 17 more shots than UK. A major reason for that was that Kentucky continued to have turnover problems. UK committed 21, making it three out of the last four games with at least 20. Florida made just 11.

### Individual Standouts

UK guard Dicky Beal had his second straight strong game. Coming off the bench but still playing 35 minutes, Beal dished out 11 assists. He also scored ten points, missed just one shot and made several crucial plays. He

was UK's best solution to the Gator press, evidenced by only one turnover.

Melvin Turpin had 15 points but just four boards. Sam Bowie had a solid 12 and 11, Kenny Walker a quiet ten and three. Winston Bennett did not miss a shot with eight points off the bench. James Blackmon was also solid off the pine, with six points and just one turnover in 17 minutes.

Ronnie Williams powered his way to a game-high 22 points, almost seven over his average. He was the only Gator starter to hit half his shots but not the only one to play well. Frosh guard Moten was hot the first half, backcourt classmate Darryl Gresham

the second half. Both scored 14 points. Eugene McDowell was chairman of the boards with 12 retrieves, while Vernon Delancey snaked his way inside for nine assists.

### Gators Surge Early

Kentucky turned the ball over three quick times, McDowell had two slams, Florida led 10-4 and Beal was in for Roger Harden. UK regrouped behind ten early points by Turpin and took the lead at 16-14. The teams virtually traded baskets. Moten found the touch against a collapsing UK man-to-man. He scored ten of 12 Florida points and the Gators led 30-26, with 3:23 left in the half.

Florida dared UK to shoot outside and UK seldom took advantage. Bowie made a follow shot. Then, when Bowie missed the second of two free throws, Bennett followed the miss in and UK led 31-30. After Gresham answered for Florida, a bizarre situation followed.

Bowie was fouled and required stitches in the lip. At the same time, UF Coach Norm Sloan was called for a technical. UK Coach Joe Hall tried to bring in Jim Master to shoot the technical. However, Master had just left the game. A near-ten minute discussion followed. When all was done, Beal hit one of two technicals. Gresham hit a baseline jumper and Florida led 34-32 at the half. UK was outshooting Florida but was hampered by 12 turnovers.

### The Rebounding Was "Remarkable"

Florida Coach Norm Sloan made the following comments after his team lost to Kentucky by two points last Monday:

"I thought our basketball team played about as good a game as we can play but there were a couple of breakdowns late in the game that hurt us. We let it get away from us. In a game like this, one mistake can mean the difference.

"I am proud of the way we played. I am disappointed, very much so, that we didn't win. We battled hard and our freshmen played well.

"The fact we outrebounded UK in view of the fact they shot 84 percent in the second half and 69 for the game is really remarkable."

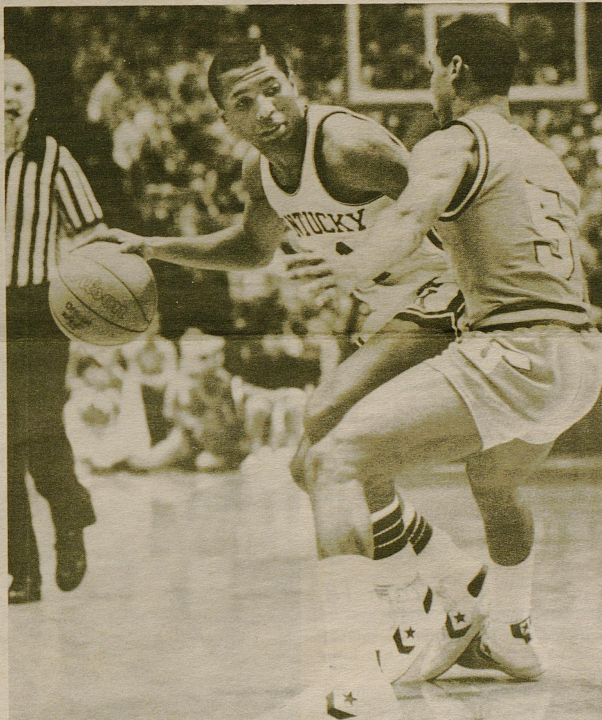
### A 'T' For Joe B.

With UK trailing by one and holding possession, Hall was whistled for a technical. Florida took a 41-37 lead. Gresham scored five straight Gator field goals and they maintained the lead.

Beal then went to work. He swished two jumpers from the top of the key, the second after his own steal, and UK led 49-47. Beal then fed Blackmon on the break for a layup. Moments later, Bennett fed Turpin with a perfect lob pass. Melvin slammed, converted a three-point play and UK led 54-49.

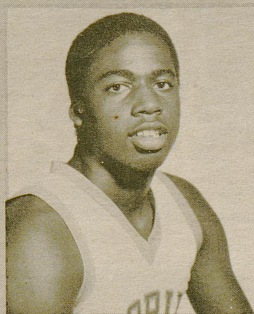
Florida refused to quit. Two charging calls on UK and a three-point play by Williams evened matters at 58, with 6:32 left. Two short jumpers by Turpin were sandwiched around a Delancey foul shot and UK led by three.

Williams cut it to one. UK then sloppily broke the press but at the finish, Bowie made a perfect pass to Blackmon for a layup. At the other (Continued On Next Page)

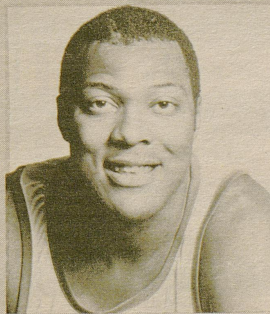


DO YOU MIND?... Dicky Beal attempts to maneuver around Florida's Andrew Moten. It was Beal's second straight "strong" game.

### The High Scorers:



Williams 22 pts.



Turpin 15 pts.



## Survival

From 21

end, Blackmon picked up a loose ball rebound in the corner, fed Beal, who in turn handed back to Blackmon for a layup. UK led 66-61, at 1:44.

Florida was forced to foul. Beal hit the first at 47 seconds. However, he then missed three straight in a matter of 25 seconds. At 13 seconds, Williams cut it to 67-65 with a bank shot from the top of the key. Master was fouled at eight seconds.

His string of 18 consecutive made foul shots ended and Florida had last life. The rebound by Williams was passed to Moten, who streaked downcourt and shot over Beal. The ball rolled to the left of the rim and the horn sounded. UK had pulled it out.

### Hall's Comments

Kentucky Coach Joe B. Hall made the following comments after his team

defeated Florida 67-65:

"We did a better job on the boards in the second half and cut out their second shots. We shot the ball better in the second half. Seventy-eight percent will win a lot of games. I thought our free throw shooting down the stretch kept the heat on us.

"Twenty-one turnovers at home is just too many. It bothers me the way we turned the ball over tonight.

"Beal again had a real fine game. Melvin shot 7 of 11 from the floor. Our shooting was just good.

"Florida is an excellent team. They have great quickness and their quickness was a problem for us tonight.

"I would say that our biggest concern right now is our turnovers and the fact that Florida got 17 more shots from the field than we did. That really bothers me."

## Abell

From 19

than the opposition... Does the SEC get fair consideration in the national ranking. UK has been ranked high all year while LSU was near the bottom of the top 20 last week. Auburn, first place in the SEC, lost to UK by 20 points and dropped out. "That is unfair," Hall said. "It was probably because of the margin but the score did not indicate how the game went. They deserve in the Top 20."

**FROM THE STAT DEPARTMENT:** Sam Bowie said his role was different this year and although his offense has done a complete turnaround since the season opened, the big fellow's shot totals indicate the change in roles. When Sam played as a sophomore in 1980-81, he averaged taking 12.7 shots a game. This year, that figure is 6.6 shots a game. Sam has taken ten or more shots only three times this year, with a high of 12 in the Auburn loss. He was still averaging 9.7 ppg after 22 games. It used to be

Sam was UK's offense, now he is just a part of it. That makes for a better and more balanced UK team... After scoring in double figures in three of UK's first six games, Kenny Walker scored 10 points or more in 15 of the next 16 going into Vandy... When ahead at the half, UK has a record of 12-1. When trailing at the half, UK is 6-2. When tied at the half, UK is 1-0... When Melvin Turpin hit five of 12 shots against Auburn, it broke a string of 19 straight games in which Melvin had made at least half his shots... After 22 games, only two UK opponents (Illinois and Florida) had hit over 50 percent from the field and each one was a missed shot away from under 50 percent. Meanwhile, ten of UK's first 22 opponents have hit under 40 percent of their field goals. This team plays better defense than sometimes given credit for... This year will mark the 10th time Joe Hall has won 20 games as Kentucky coach.

## Ex-Wildcat

From 18

versity, Kirksey was the receiver coach under Wildcat head mentor Fran Curci. He also served as an assistant at Eastern and at Miami University before joining the Kentucky staff.

At Florida, Kirksey will coach the running backs. He replaces Vince Kendrick, who had been at Florida since 1974. Kirksey will also be

re-united with Dan Coughlin, another former Curci assistant who has been with Florida for two years.

When Curci was dismissed from the Kentucky job, Kirksey was hired as an assistant at Kansas University. He was at Kansas one year before being hired to take over a faltering Kentucky State program last year.

### All-Time SEC Basketball Team (Selected in 1974 by special panel for Orlando Sentinel)

First Team			
Player, School	Ht.	Last Year	Votes
Bob Pettit, LSU	6-9	1953-54	40
Pete Maravich, LSU	6-5	1969-70	37
Ralph Beard, Kentucky	5-11	1948-49	35
Bailey Howell, Miss. State	6-7	1958-59	35
Cliff Hagan, Kentucky	6-4	1953-54	31
Second Team			
Frank Ramsey, Kentucky	6-3	1953-54	29
Dan Issel, Kentucky	6-8	1969-70	27
Alex Groza, Kentucky	6-7	1948-49	20
Clyde Lee, Vanderbilt	6-10	1965-66	19
Wah Wah Jones, Kentucky	6-4	1948-49	13
Third Team			
Louie Dampier, Kentucky	6-0	1966-67	12
Cotton Nash, Kentucky	6-5	1963-64	11
Bonnie Graham, Ole Miss	6-3	1937-38	8
Donnie Kessinger, Ole Miss	6-3	1963-64	7
Roger Kaiser, Georgia Tech	6-1	1960-61	7
John Mengelt, Auburn	6-1	1970-71	7
Coach: Adolph Rupp, Kentucky (1930-72)			

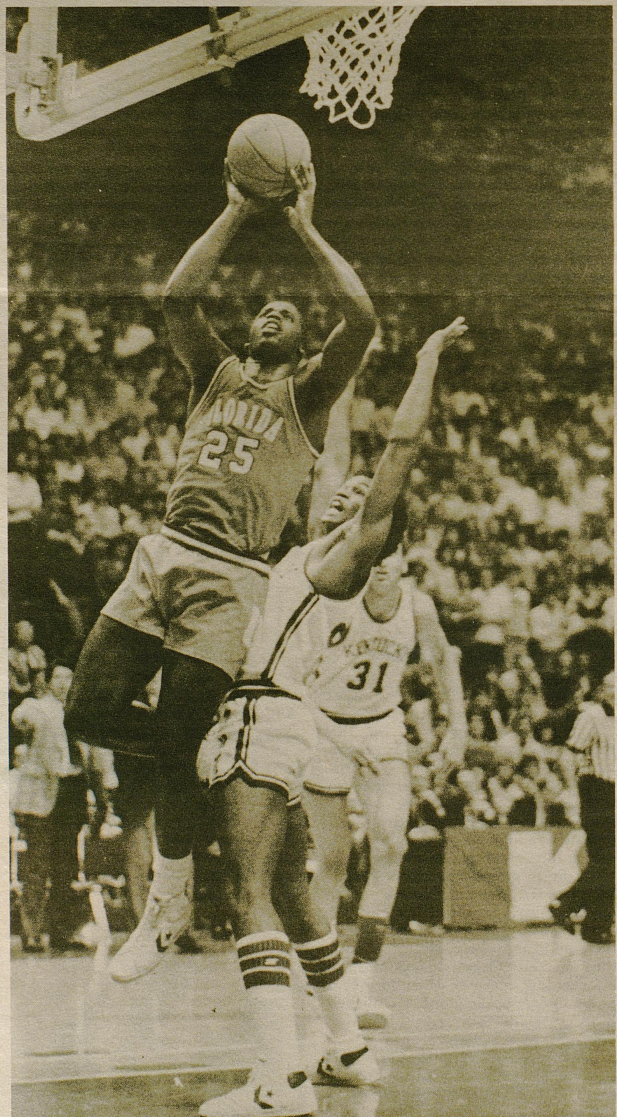
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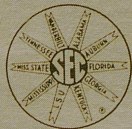





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AN EASY BUCKET... Florida's Ronnie Williams scores two of his 22 points against UK in Rupp Arena.



## Cats' Pause Board Of Experts (And Armchair Quarterbacks)

						Reader's Choice
SEASON TO DATE	Oscar Combs 213-59	Gene Abell 209-63	Ken Dyke 211-61	Burt Ladd 192-80	Will Mansfield 213-59	
KENTUCKY AT GEORGIA	GEORGIA 1	KENTUCKY 2	KENTUCKY 5	KENTUCKY 1	KENTUCKY 3	
KENTUCKY AT TENNESSEE	KENTUCKY 3	KENTUCKY 4	KENTUCKY 4	KENTUCKY 8	KENTUCKY 1	
FLORIDA AT OLE MISS	FLORIDA 2	FLORIDA 4	FLORIDA 5	FLORIDA 6	FLORIDA 7	
AUBURN AT LSU	LSU 1	LSU 1	LSU 1	AUBURN 1	LSU 3	
VANDY AT TENNESSEE	TENN 4	TENN 3	TENN 1	TENN 4	TENN 10	
ALABAMA AT MISSISSIPPI ST	ALABAMA 4	ALABAMA 6	ALABAMA 4	ALABAMA 5	ALABAMA 7	
AUBURN AT OLE MISS	AUBURN 3	AUBURN 7	AUBURN 6	AUBURN 9	AUBURN 7	
FLORIDA AT LSU	LSU 4	LSU 5	LSU 1	LSU 2	LSU 6	
VANDERBILT AT GEORGIA	GEORGIA 8	GEORGIA 6	GEORGIA 2	GEORGIA 11	GEORGIA 10	
AUSTIN PEAY AT EASTERN KY	AUSTIN P 1	EASTERN 2	AUSTIN P 4	AUSTIN P 4	EASTERN 1	
MURRAY ST AT MOREHEAD ST	MOREHEAD 8	MOREHEAD 2	MOREHEAD 2	MOREHEAD 7	MOREHEAD 2	
UAB AT WESTERN KY	WESTERN 1	WESTERN 4	WESTERN 2	UAB 4	UAB 7	
ARKANSAS AT HOUSTON	HOUSTON 3	HOUSTON 5	HOUSTON 4	HOUSTON 3	HOUSTON 3	
GEORGETOWN AT BOSTON COL	G-TOWN 1	G-TOWN 4	G-TOWN 4	G-TOWN 3	G-TOWN 3	
NORTH CAROLINA AT CLEMSON	NC 5	NC 3	NC 3	CLEMSON 1	NC 9	
LOUISVILLE AT DEPAUL	DEPAUL 3	DEPAUL 4	DEPAUL 2	DEPAUL 8	DEPAUL 5	
GEORGIA TECH AT DUKE	DUKE 2	DUKE 1	DUKE 1	GA TECH 1	DUKE 5	
ILLINOIS AT PURDUE	PURDUE 1	PURDUE 3	PURDUE 1	ILLINOIS 2	PURDUE 2	
MICHIGAN ST AT INDIANA	INDIANA 3	INDIANA 3	INDIANA 1	MICH ST 4	INDIANA 5	
IOWA AT MINNESOTA	MINN 2	MINN 3	MINN 4	IOWA 3	MINN 7	
KANSAS AT KANSAS ST	KANSAS ST 1	KANSAS ST 1	KANSAS 1	KANSAS 1	KANSAS ST 1	
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WAKE FOREST AT MARYLAND	MARYLAND 2	WAKE 1	WAKE 3	WAKE 3	MARYLAND 1	
MICHIGAN AT OHIO ST	OHIO ST 1	OHIO ST 3	OHIO ST 2	MICHIGAN 2	OHIO ST 3	
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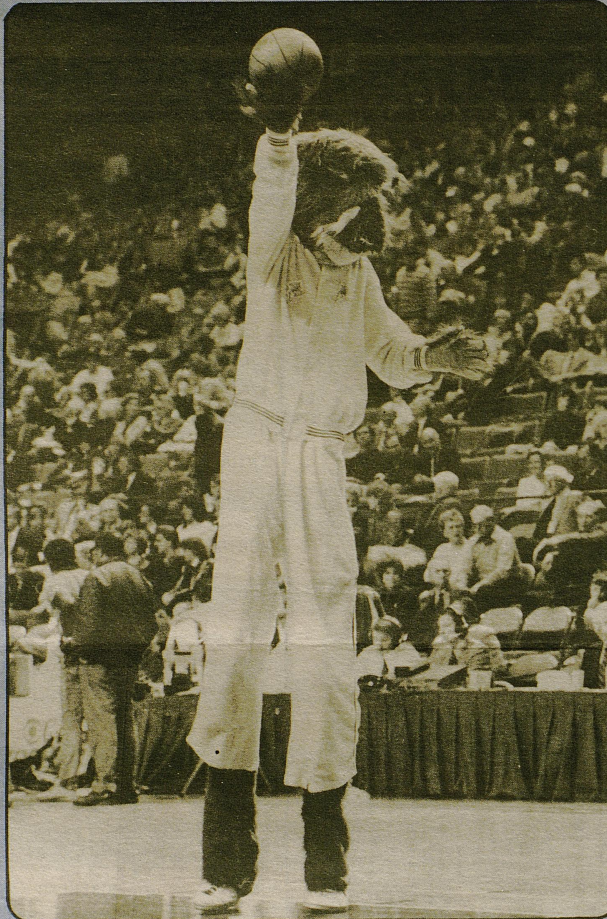
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