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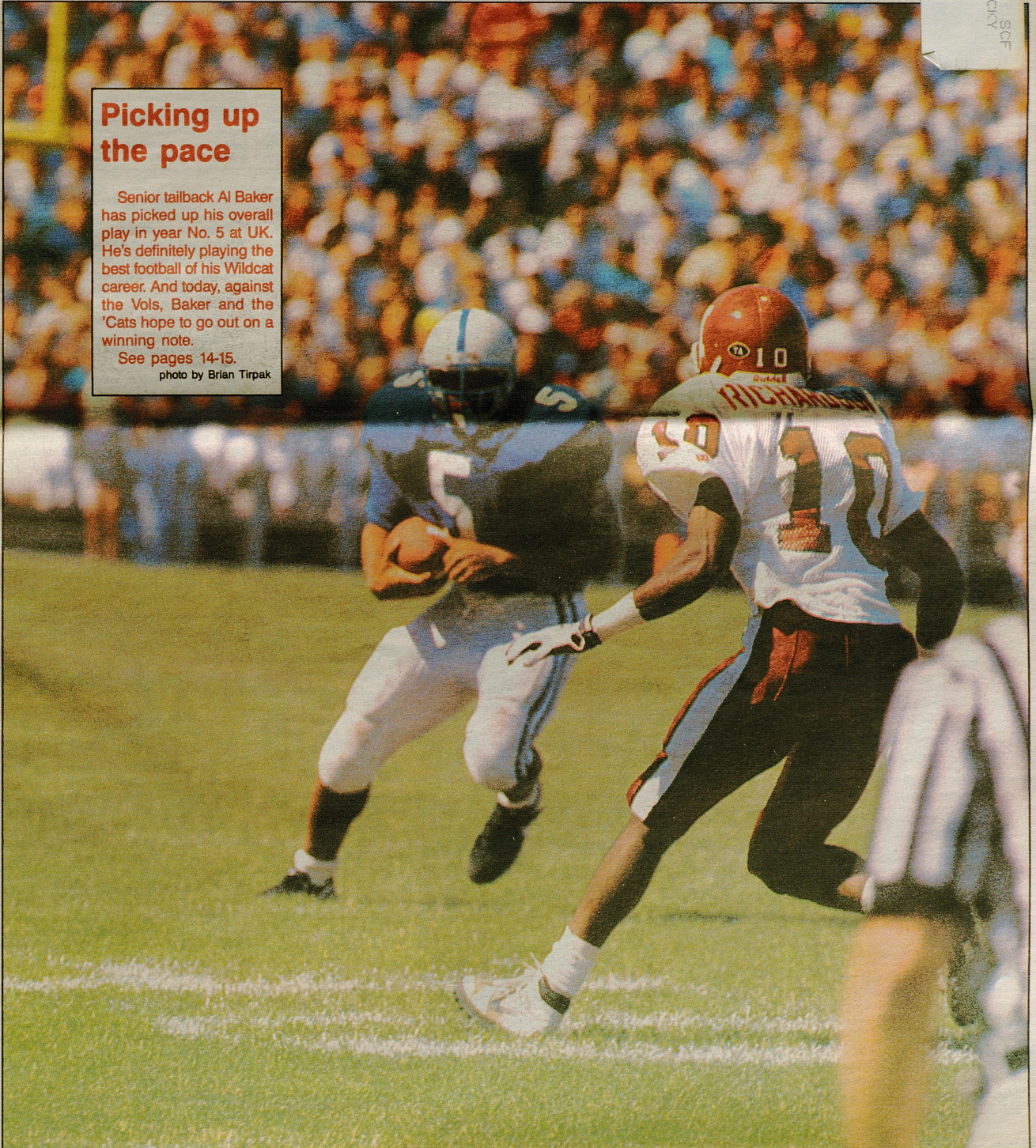
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Picking up the pace

Senior tailback Al Baker has picked up his overall play in year No. 5 at UK. He's definitely playing the best football of his Wildcat career. And today, against the Vols, Baker and the 'Cats hope to go out on a winning note.

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photo by Brian Tirpak



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'Potential' is key word for Kentucky signees

Pitino says four new players will form solid nucleus for future

by MIKE ESTEP

Kentucky wrapped up its early recruiting effort last week by signing a pair of 6-foot-3 shooting guards: Dale Brown of Gulf Coast Junior College and Chris Harrison of Tollesboro, and a pair of 6-9 frontcourt players: Andre Riddick of Brooklyn (N.Y.) Bishop Loughlin and Aminu Timberlake of Chicago (Ill.) De La Salle.

But the absence of a big-time center prospect—most notably 6-11 Cherokee Parks, who signed with Duke, or 6-11 Bubba Wilson, who signed with Mississippi State—and the fact that three of UK's four signees are raw talents led several national recruiting analysts to label UK's recruiting class a big disappointment.

Wildcat coach Rick Pitino, who has disputed the wisdom of the recruiting services before, disagreed with that assessment.

Though he conceded that as a group Brown, Harrison, Riddick and Timberlake may not be as polished as some of the other people that were on UK's wish list, Pitino said they fit specific needs and have outstanding potential.

"We're very excited with all four players," Pitino said. "They're going to form a good nucleus down the road."

Most of all, Pitino said, they wanted to play for Kentucky. He said there were prospective

Tollesboro's Chris Harrison, below, who averaged 32.7 points per game last year, was one of four players to sign with UK.

photo by Darlene Easterwood

■ KENTUCKY BASKETBALL SIGNEES

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Hometown (school)
Dale Brown	2G	6-3	200	18.0	6.0	Pascagoula, Miss. (Gulf Coast JC)
Chris Harrison	2G	6-3	165	32.7	9.0	Tollesboro (High)
Andre Riddick	C	6-9	190	14.0	12.0	New York, N.Y. (Bishop Loughlin)
Aminu Timberlake	F	6-9	190	12.0	8.0	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle)

■ THUMBNAIL SKETCHES

DALE BROWN

Will be a junior next season...Currently in his second season at Gulf Coast Junior College in Gulfport, Miss...Averaged 18 points, six rebounds and four assists per game as a freshman last season...Noted for his long-range shooting ability, Brown converted 51 percent from the field and 43.8 percent from three-point range last year.

CHRIS HARRISON

Became first verbal commitment when he decided to attend UK prior to his junior season last year...A 1st-team all-star last season after averaging 32.7 points, nine rebounds and seven assists per game...Carries a perfect 4.0 grade-point average, is ranked first in his class and was an academic all-state selection last year.

ANDRE RIDDICK

Averaged 14 points, 12 rebounds and eight blocks per game last year for Bishop Loughlin...Shot-blocking skills, ability to run the floor and large wingspan have been compared to Detroit Piston star John Salley...Honorable mention all-city by *New York Post*, 2nd-team all-Brooklyn/Queens by *New York Daily News and Newsday*.

AMINU TIMBERLAKE

Averaged 12 points eight rebounds and four assists per game last season for Chicago De La Salle High School...Quickness of a backcourt player and offensive moves of a small forward have him rated one of the top frontcourt players in the Midwest...Rated one of Chicago's top 10 players by *Windy City Roundball Review*.

recruits UK brought in for visits this year that either didn't fit into the Wildcat style of play or didn't get along with the current players. They were promptly crossed off the list.

"One of the most important things to me as a recruiter, as a coach, is that their desires match our desires," he said. "Andre Riddick came in right after his visit, before he left, and said, 'Coach, I want to come to Kentucky.' Dale Brown said, 'Coach, I want to come to Kentucky.' Harrison said, 'Coach, I want to come to Kentucky.'"

"I would rather take a player with maybe a little lesser of a name and maybe his talents are a little more raw than the other people, maybe not as polished, that want to come to Kentucky. That's important to me. The other people want to be, 'Well, I'm not sure. I don't know if you're on TV. (You're) out of the tournament.' We don't want that."

"Jamal Mashburn said, 'Coach, you're on probation, (but) I want to come to Kentucky.' And we're going to win with those players. It's important to me. It's important to everybody on our team."

Pitino said Brown, a noted long-range bomber who averaged 18 points per game last season at Gulf Coast and shot 43.8 percent from three-point range, was a top priority for the Wildcat staff because of his experience and maturity.

"If I had to look at all the recruits, Dale Brown would be No. 1 on our list right now, if we had to put them all together again, because he's a junior college player," Pitino said. Brown will be a junior next season with two years of eligibility at UK.

"We place him No. 1 because of the feelings of everyone that he could step in right away, play in front of 24,000 people, not be rattled and give us 18 points a game," Pitino added. "Very few freshmen can do that, no matter how talented

they may be. But he's a missing link there and he fits the puzzle very nicely."

Pitino said the other three players: Harrison, Riddick and Timberlake—who are undersized—at 165, 190 and 190 pounds, respectively—may not be immediate impact players in college, but should be by the time they finish their Wildcat careers.

"They have all the physical talents to be Kentucky basketball players," Pitino said. "The only thing they lack is a strength and conditioning program. And we didn't even take that as a knock or into consideration for not taking them in that area because we have the best facilities, the best training center, the best strength coach, I think, in the nation."

Riddick averaged 14 points, 12 rebounds and eight blocked shots last season. Timberlake averaged 12 points, eight rebounds and four assists. There were many players who had better statistics. There were many players who were rated higher by the services. But with a little experience in Pitino's system and a year or two with strength coach Rock Oliver, Pitino says opponents—and NBA scouts—better watch out for his 6-9, 190-pound bookends.

"One thing that we look at in recruiting is potential," Pitino said. "We want to bring in people—not everyone, that's part of it, too—that have pro potential. And we think both Riddick and Aminu Timberlake have pro potential. Any time you can run, get up and down the floor as is dictated by the way we play, shot-block, shoot the ball facing the basket and do the things these players are capable of doing, then you have yourself players with great potential."

"In our style of play, we're interested in quickness," Pitino said. "We're interested in being able to do things offensively as well as defensively. We need players who can shoot."

"To me, if you told me at the beginning of the year, before it all started, that we could have Aminu Timberlake and Andre Riddick, I would have been very excited by that."

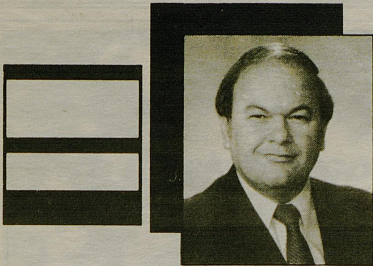
"And I'll guarantee you one thing here today, that both players will be (NBA) draft choices down the road. If they have the desire. And that's the only thing I can't say right now."

Critics have suggested that Harrison, despite his 32.7-point average that was among the best in Kentucky last season, has not been tested on the high school level because he plays at Tollesboro, a small, Class A-sized school. Pitino said he watched Harrison play at UK's summer camp and at the prestigious Nike/ABCD Camp in Princeton, N.J., however, and liked what he saw.

"Again, he's a young man that he's not going to play too much as a freshman because of the people we have," Pitino said. "And he needs a year of body-building. But I think he shoots with range. He handles the ball. He's

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OSCAR L. COMBS

CATS' PAUSE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

New Year's UK style: Out with football, in with hoops

This is the big one, a couple vacation days to celebrate Thanksgiving, the annual Kentucky-Tennessee football clash and then topped off with the opening of the Kentucky basketball season as the 'Cats play host to Pennsylvania Saturday night.

By the time everyone recovers from the turkey feasts, it will be time to hit the road to Knoxville and watch Bill Curry's first Kentucky team try to pin a monumental upset on the powerful Tennessee Vols and end the regular season on a positive note.

Such an upset would be a tremendous boost to Curry and his staff as they hit the road the next couple months and try to lure some blue-chip athletes to Lexington for the rebuilding of the UK program.

Despite Saturday's loss to Florida, Kentucky has made remarkable improvement on the playing field since the first few weeks of the season. A solid foundation is being built for the UK future and a couple excellent recruiting campaigns should have the Big Blue in line for a major jump in the SEC standings.

Over the years, Kentucky has enjoyed only limited success against the Vols on the gridiron, rarely upsetting the Vols and, to my memory, hasn't pulled a major upset when the Vols were truly great, as UT is this year.

Kentucky's most memorable recent wins were the victories in 1976 and 1977 when UK was generally favored and then in 1984 when Jerry Claiborne savored perhaps his finest SEC victory as a coach in Knoxville.

Disappointments have been many, several times when a bowl invitation was in the offing if UK could pull out a victory.

But because Kentucky means to Tennessee what it does, and vice-versa, the Wildcats more often than not have put up a strong fight.

This Saturday, Kentucky will be a decisive underdog according to the experts, but I can't forget what one Southern sportswriter told me several months ago. He said whatever you think of Curry, just remember that his teams *will* blow a game or two they should not lose, but they'll also win at least one game a year they have *absolutely* no business of winning.

Looking back over the 1990 schedule, I can't find that game which UK won that it shouldn't have. Precious time is running out, so maybe Saturday will be the day.

UK HOOPS WILL BE MORE EXCITING

Just a few hours after the conclusion of the Kentucky-Tennessee game, Rick Pitino's second UK squad will open the

season at Rupp Arena with the University of Pennsylvania.

At his first regular press conference last week, Pitino indicated that his starting lineup (subject to change, he added) would be Sean Woods, John Pelphrey, Jamal Mashburn, Deron Feldhaus and Reggie Hanson.

Mashburn has been the talk of the preseason and even Pitino, himself, has been freely boasting of Mashburn's great talent in recent weeks.

The major improvement of this team over last year will come in the form of a year's experience in learning the Pitino game plus having added depth on the bench where Pitino will feel more comfortable in substituting more often than perhaps a year ago.

Topping last year's 14-14 mark could be a bigger task than last season's club winning 14.

First of all, the SEC is much, much tougher this season than last winter. Secondly, Kentucky's December road

schedule is murder. No team in America is going to be very successful playing at such places as Cincinnati, Louisville, North Carolina and Indiana, then meeting Notre Dame in Indianapolis.

On the positive side, you'll see a team Saturday night which won't be as tentative as it was the first time it took the floor under Pitino last year. You won't see Pitino as tentative.

Everything is familiar. Everyone is loose, and you're going to see a team that is even more exciting than last year. And we all thought that was impossible.

It may not win more than 14 games, but it will be more exciting. Just wait and see.

CELEBRATION AT HALFTIME?

Since I'm often referring to the impossible, let's chat a minute about the unfortunate scheduling of the basketball team's opening game just a couple hours after the UK-UT football game...and a three-hour drive apart.

UK officials should have made sure to avoid just such a scheduling conflict, but they didn't. Let's hope this doesn't happen again, but perhaps they were thinking ahead of us.

Let's say Kentucky somehow upsets the mighty Orange. Wouldn't it be nice to bring the football team straight from the airport to Rupp Arena for a gigantic victory celebration at halftime of the opening basketball game?

I'll bet that's just what C.M. and his boys had in mind.

TRACKING MR. WEBBER

Kentucky signed four prepsters (see story on page 2) to national letters of intent last week, but Pitino says he isn't through recruiting just yet, even though he has run out of scholarships.

Junior Deron Feldhaus says he will pay his own way to school next season if UK can lure another big-time inside player to UK next spring.

Although Pitino is prohibited by NCAA rules from identifying who he is recruiting, it is a well known fact that the person is Chris Webber of Detroit (Mich.) Country Day High School, considered by many to be one of the nation's two top seniors.

Pitino said at his press conference that he would recruit only one other player this season.

Webber is scheduled to visit UK the weekend of Dec. 7-8. He reportedly has narrowed his choices to Michigan, Michigan State, Kentucky and Duke. He has already visited the two Michigan schools and will visit Duke after the first of the year.

Reports surfaced out of Michigan last week that he had changed his mind and would sign with Michigan State early, but that report turned out to be false.

The recruiting race has become very intense and rather rough between the two Big Ten schools and some people believe Webber might just choose a compromise. That's where UK's hopes lie.

If Webber is uncommitted by late January, look for UK to have a very good chance of landing him. By then, Webber will have had the opportunity to 1) visit UK and 2) to watch several UK games on television and see just how exciting the Pitino brand of basketball is.

He will also see that this team has some decent talent and, with the addition of just another player (like Webber, himself), this UK team could be inflicting some real damage on opponents in March (and April?) of 1992, Kentucky's first NCAA appearance in four years.

Time will tell.

UK FUND-RAISING BACK UP

There are some academicians and politicians who claim sports has nothing to do with university giving where money is concerned, but there was ample evidence to the contrary last week at the University of Kentucky.

Monetary commitments by alumni and friends of UK have been fairly consistent and progressive over the past 20 years, but the university experienced a phenomenal drop from \$7.1 million in 1987 to only \$3 million in 1988, then dropped to only \$2 million in 1989.

The great news this year is that the university's fund-raising efforts roared back to \$66 million and a record number of Fellows (450) were welcomed to the giving program.

What all this tells us is that the NCAA probation and the UK basketball mess had a far greater impact on the non-athletic

side of UK than some would have us believe.

We all wondered why ex-president David Roselle left UK in a hurry last December, just a few weeks after that \$2 million report was revealed. Perhaps now we know the answer.

And perhaps that's when the contributors decided to return. Of course, new faces in the athletics department may also have created some new-found excitement.

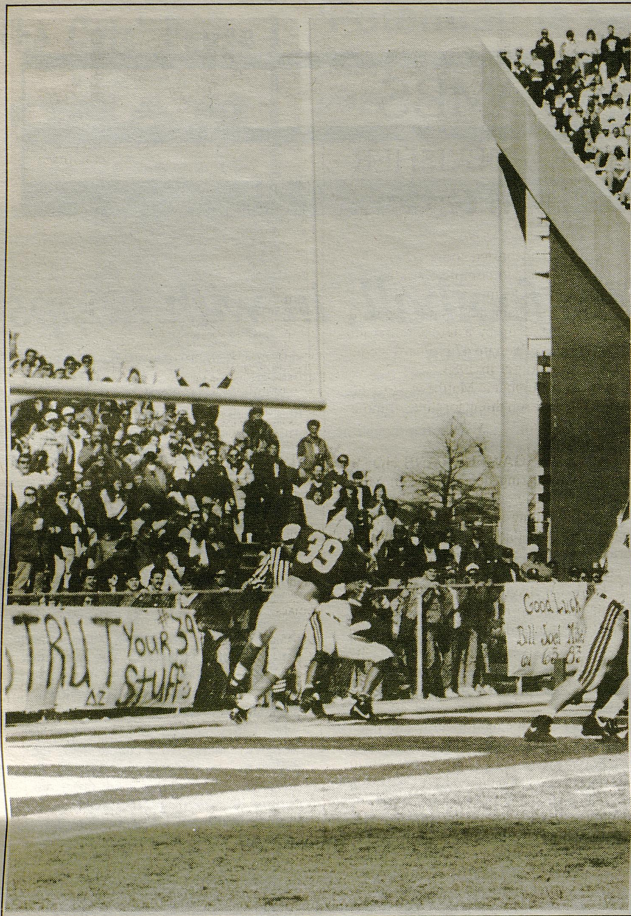
FIRST AND TENS:

•UK coach **Bill Curry** led the public charge last week in a statewide blood drive that involved another battle between Kentucky and Tennessee. The two states have the drive each year the two weeks before their annual football showdown. Kentucky was trailing by some 200 units when Curry stepped forward to lead the Kentucky charge. In a couple days, the deficit had been cut to less than 50. The drive ended earlier this week (after our printing deadline), and the winner will be honored at the UK-UT game Saturday. We'll pass along the results next week...

•UK basketball coach **Rick Pitino** says he would like for the SEC tournament to find a permanent home rather than rotating around the South as it has been. Proponents of moving the tourney around point out that it has more of a campus flair this way and promotes more excitement among students. One of the major reasons the tourney has not settled on a permanent home is because it hasn't been able to attract consistent sellouts at neutral sites like Birmingham, Atlanta and Orlando. Perhaps the test in Orlando wasn't completely fair, because UK was banned as a result of the NCAA probation. The tourney would never be a sellout in New Orleans and I doubt the nine remaining schools would ever allow the tourney to be played on a team's homecourt permanently, so you can count out the likes of Nashville, Lexington or Knoxville. With the addition of South Carolina and Arkansas, it's a safe bet an SEC tournament ticket will become a very hot commodity in the future. Then there will be a case for making Atlanta or Birmingham a permanent home...

•Ex-Wildcat **Rex Chapman** put together, perhaps, his best back-to-back basketball performances in his entire life last week for the Charlotte Hornets. Rex enjoyed just an exceptional game line in a loss at Boston Garden. But his playmaking and passing skills were never better and there wasn't a bad shot taken. A couple nights later, Rex exploded for 12 fourth-quarter points in leading Charlotte by Atlanta 119-109. He scored a total of 22 points, including seven in a row down the stretch. Chapman was 4-4 from three-point range and is one of the NBA leaders in that category this season...

•Former Wildcat **Sam Bowie** also had a big evening the same day as he scored 20 points and hauled down 21 rebounds in a 105-96 loss to the two-time defending NBA champion Detroit Pistons...



SAFETY FIRST: Kentucky senior bandit Jeff Brady (39) lowers the boom on Florida quarterback Shane Matthews in the Gator end zone to give the Wildcats an early 2-0 lead.

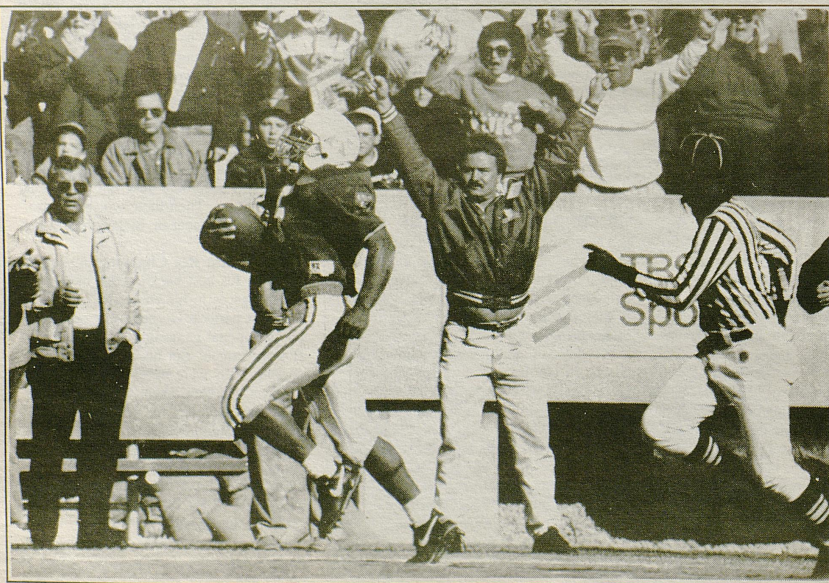
photo by Nick Nicholas



'SNEAKING' AROUND: Kentucky quarterback Freddie Maggard squirms his way through this pile of white-shirted Florida defenders to keep one of UK's scoring drives alive with this quarterback sneak.

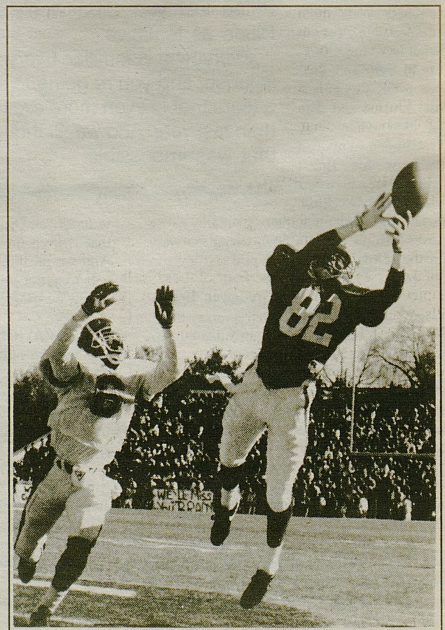
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FLORIDA 47, KENTUCKY 15



TOUCHDOWN, 'CATS: This sideline observer is a little premature, but he's right. UK's Al Baker chugs 73 yards toward paydirt after taking a screen pass from Freddie Maggard.

photo courtesy UK sports information department



MISSED IT BY THAT MUCH: John Bolden has this Freddie Maggard pass slip through his fingers as Gator corner Jimmy Spencer looks on.

photo by Nick Nicholas

UK is Gator bait, loses 47-15

Florida finishes atop SEC with 6-1 record; Curry's Wildcats couldn't shoot any holes in No. 6 Gators

by NICK NICHOLAS

Does Florida have a weakness? Kentucky coach Bill Curry would defy anyone to tell him differently, as his Wildcats couldn't find one, losing handily to the No. 6 club in the country, 47-15.

"There is nothing to say but that's obviously a vastly superior football team on the other side," Curry, whose team, with the 32-point defeat, falls to 4-6, 3-3 in the SEC, said. "They whipped us in every way you can whip somebody today. They deserve enormous credit for the quality of their football team. It's one of the best teams I've ever coached against."

Just put an "S" on their chests. Even kryptonite couldn't have subdued Steve Spurrier's Gators.

Where to begin? Shane Matthews and the offense? Or does Florida's strength come from its defense, No. 1 in the SEC and No. 2 in the country?

Curry praised the entire Gator unit, comparing them to last year's Miami club, last year's No. 1 club in the final polls. That team defeated Curry's Alabama team in last season's Sugar Bowl.

"They really don't have a flaw that you can pick on," Curry said. "I mean, they don't have a corner that you can just eat up. They don't have a weak area on their defense. Their pass protection is superb. Their running game is superb. The quarterback is great. Their wide receivers are great. Their coaching is great."

"We would have had to capitalize on our turnovers early, the ones we got, and not turned the ball over at all."

The win pushes the Gators' SEC record to 6-1, best in the SEC, 9-1 overall. NCAA sanctions, however, do not allow Florida to claim the SEC title nor a Sugar Bowl berth.

Kentucky closes out its first season under Curry at Tennessee this Saturday. Remember, Tennessee? The Vols are the only team to defeat Florida.. 45-3.

"That's our bowl game," senior bandit Jeff Brady said.

SHANE HOT AS A PISTOL

Matthews, Florida's young (only a sophomore) but talented quarterback, recorded more than just favorable numbers against a frustrated Wildcat secondary. He completed 20 of 37 passes for 303 yards. Four of those completions—two to wide receiver Ernie Mills—ended in the end zone.

Mills' first TD catch was a 16-yard reception on the initial play in the second quarter. Aided by free safety Will White's interception, Florida's early second-quarter score erased a 9-7 Kentucky lead. And Mills' TD snag ignited 37 consecutive Florida points.

"Kentucky really likes to blitz," Matthews said. "When they blitz, it leaves the speedy wide outs one-on-one and I just have to take my steps and throw the ball. They left the middle wide open and I just looked there at the right time."

Later in the same quarter, Matthews and Mills played Gator and 'Cat with hit Gary Willis. After knocking down a sure touchdown earlier, this time Willis was beaten by the Florida receiver on an out-pattern.

Mills' 19-yard TD pushed the Gators further ahead, 21-9.

Mills turned in a sparkling performance in the first half, catching eight passes for 136 yards and two touchdowns.

After Florida's defense held UK on downs, Matthews found a different victim.

Jeff Brady was his name. On first and 10 from the UK 21, Matthews sneaked a pass past Brady's coverage and into the hands of tight end Kirk Kirkpatrick to the Wildcat three.

That's all the incentive fullback Kelvin Randolph needed. He eluded three would-be tacklers before crossing the goal line.

Arden Czyzewski's successful PAT gave the visitors a commanding 28-9 lead with 1:23 until halftime. That score concluded an 87-yard, nine-play drive that took only 2:37.

Convincing as they were, the Gators were not through. Again limiting UK to a one-two-three-kick offense, Florida had enough time to tack on three more, a 30-yard field goal as the first half came to a close.

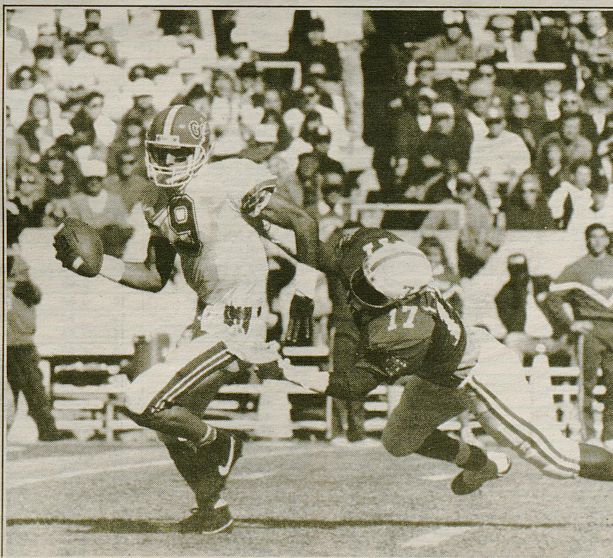
"I haven't seen that good of timing between a quarterback and a receiver in the pros," Willis said. "I don't know where I've seen it. They're really good. Their receivers and quarterback are in sync—the guy knows when they are breaking out and he has it right there."

Larry New's blitzing strategy that had worked in the game's early stages, was now being picked apart by Matthews.

Florida came out in the second half and didn't miss a beat. Matthews guided his club to a 37-9 lead on its first drive of the second half. His 24-yard scoring strike found Tre Everett, ahead of Willis' coverage. The only miscue was Czyzewski's botched extra point.

It was the third period and UK hopelessly trailed 37-9.

The final blow of this 37-point barrage came on a one-yard pass from Matthews to Kirpatrick early in the fourth period.



UK's Larry Jackson has his eyes (and hands) on Shane Matthews.

So, Florida had busted loose from a 9-7 first-quarter deficit to completely dominate an improving UK team.

Overall, Florida gained 537 yards, the third highest ever given up by a UK team. And, Kentucky hadn't given up 47 points since its 47-21 loss to Georgia in 1983.

Speaking of numbers, Matthews, for the sixth time this season threw for three or more touchdowns.

1ST QUARTER GAVE UK FANS HOPE

Kentucky's blitzing defense sacked Matthews for a 2-0 lead on the Gators' first drive of the game. Facing a second-and-40 situation on the UK 1—thanks to a Larry Jackson quarterback sack—Matthews was pinned in the end zone by Brady.

"I kind of disguised I was covering Kirkpatrick man-to-man," Brady said about the safety. "I noticed there were no backs in the backfield. I knew it was going to be a pass or a quarterback draw."

"When they came out with no backs it crossed my mind that I was going to make the sack. It was just a matter of me doing it."

But on the next series, Kentucky starting quarterback Freddie Maggard, throwing to tight end Rodney Jackson, was picked off by Gator Back Godfrey Myles. Catching Jackson's dropped pass, Myles outraced Maggard to the end zone for a 48-yard score.

Kentucky didn't fold, however, and needed only three plays to answer Florida's first score. On third-and-12 from the UK 27, Maggard tossed a screen to Al Baker. The senior tailback followed the path provided by Joel Mazzella and the rest of the line and raced 73 yards to put Kentucky ahead 9-7.

"I was making sure I caught the pass," Baker, who was held to 15 rushing yards, said. "I caught a lot of good blocks down the field. I just started running as fast as I could."

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	UK	FLORIDA				
First downs	18	32				
Rushes-yards	27-19	41-206				
Passing yards	326	337				
Attempts-completions-interceptions	44-29-3	41-22-1				
Total yards	345	537				
Return yards (does not include kickoffs)	0	83				
Punts-average	7-39.2	4-34.8				
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1				
Penalties-yards	3-30	10-95				
Possession time	29:34	30:26				
KENTUCKY	9	0	0	6	15	
VANDERBILT	7	24	6	10	—	47

KENTUCKY						
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TDS	LONG
Maggard	6	9	41	-32	0	8
Baker	9	22	7	15	0	9
Samuels	5	10	0	10	0	4
M. Thomas	4	20	0	20	0	14
Hockman	3	6	0	6	1	3
TOTALS	27	67	48	19	1	14

PASSING						
ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TDS	LONG	
Maggard	31	19	3	192	1	73
Hockman	13	10	0	134	0	36
TOTALS	44	29	3	326	1	73

PASS RECEIVING						
	NO	YDS	TDS	LONG		
Jackson	3	19	0	7		
Logan	3	126	0	36		
Baker	3	80	1	73		
Samuels	7	28	0	11		
Phillips	1	4	0	4		
Clark	3	41	0	20		
M. Thomas	3	17	0	11		
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TOTALS	29	326	1	73		

PUNTING						
	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG		
Hawk	6	259	43.2	55		
Maggard	1	15	15.0	15		
TOTALS	7	274	39.2	55		

FIELD GOALS						
	ATT	MADE	LONG			
TOTALS	—	—	—			

ALL RETURNS							
	PUNTS	KICKOFFS	INTS	NO	YDS	NO	YDS
Tolbert	—	—	4	68	—	—	—
Bolden	—	—	4	54	—	—	—
Willis	—	—	—	—	—	1	0
TOTALS	—	—	8	132	—	—	—

FLORIDA						
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TDS	LONG
Matthews	5	6	25	-19	0	4
Randolph	3	13	1	12	1	8
McClendon	13	93	0	93	0	30
Rhett	16	111	0	111	0	18
Wabersson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ackerman	1	3	0	3	0	3
TOTALS	41	226	26	200	1	30

PASSING						
ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TDS	LONG	
Matthews	37	20	1	303	4	38
Morris	4	2	0	34	0	29
TOTALS	41	22	1	337	4	38

PASS RECEIVING						
	NO	YDS	TDS	LONG		
Mills	8	136	2	20		
Kirkpatrick	5	84	1	38		
Barber	2	11	0	7		
McClendon	1	9	0	9		
Everett	2	38	1	24		
Sullivan	1	12	0	12		
Rhett	1	13	0	13		
Houston	1	29	0	29		
Duncan	1	5	0	5		
TOTALS	22	337	4	38		

PUNTING						
	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG		
Czyzewski	4	139	34.3	40		
TOTALS	4	139	34.3	40		

FIELD GOALS						
	ATT	MADE	LONG			
Czyzewski	2	2	40			
TOTALS	2	2	40			

ALL RETURNS							
	PUNTS	KICKOFFS	INTS	NO	YDS	NO	YDS
Houston	—	—	1	17	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	1	27	—	—	—
Barber	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Myles	5	22	—	—	—	—	—
Faulk	—	—	—	—	—	1	52
White	—	—	—	—	—	1	0
TOTALS	5	22	2	44	3	61	

'89 UK RESULTS (6-5)

Table of 1989 UK RESULTS (6-5) with columns for UK, Opponents, and score.

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



KENTUCKY DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

Split end: 25 Steve Phillips (6-2, 209, Sr) or 80 Phil Logan (6-2, 190, Sr). Left tackle: 71 Greg Lahr (6-5, 270, Jr), 74 Dean Wilks (6-3, 311, Sr). Left guard: 68 Todd Perry (6-4, 265, So.), 61 Bill Huletta (6-3, 262, Sr). Center: 53 Matt Branum (6-2, 261, So.), 64 David Parks (6-2, 247, Fr). Right guard: 63 Joel Mazzella (6-1, 265, Sr), 61 Bill Huletta (6-3, 262, Sr). Right tackle: 65 Chuck Bradley (6-5, 278, So.), 73 Jeff Weihe (6-4, 261, So). Tight end: 85 Rodney Jackson (6-2, 240, Sr), 81 Bobby Henderson (6-2, 245, Sr). Quarterback: 18 Freddie Maggard (6-2, 212, Jr), 19 Ryan Hockman (6-2, 195, So). Fullback: 44 Terry Samuels (6-2, 240, Fr), 5 Al Baker (5-11, 227, Sr). Tailback: 5 Al Baker (5-11, 227, Sr), 32 Mike Thomas (5-1, 205, Jr.). Flanker: 82 John Bolden (6-0, 175, Sr), 7 Neal Clark (5-9, 169, Jr). Placekicker: 21 Doug Pelfrey (5-11, 178, So.), 10 Don Rubin (5-9, 185, Jr).

DEFENSE

Strike: 42 Dean Wells (6-3, 230, So.), 59 Zane Beehn (6-4, 220, Fr). Defensive tackle: 98 Jerry Bell (6-3, 275, Jr), 78 Brad Shuford (6-3, 285, So). Nose guard: 48 Joey Couch (6-1, 250, Jr), 92 Jon Collins (5-10, 262, So). Defensive end: 56 Derrick Thomas (6-2, 227, Jr), 67 Jim Graves (6-6, 245, Jr). Mike linebacker: 40 Randy Holleran (6-1, 238, Sr), 45 Marty Moore (6-1, 235, Fr). Will linebacker: 84 Billy Swanson (6-0, 225, Sr), 46 Reggie Smith (6-3, 209, So). Bandit: 39 Jeff Brady (6-1, 228, Sr), 3 Duce Williams (6-0, 186, Fr). Rover: 17 Larry Jackson (5-11, 200, Jr), 26 Salim Shahid (6-3, 187, Fr). Hit: 2 Gary Willis (6-1, 177, Jr), 38 Don Robinson (6-3, 185, Fr). Free safety: 1 Brad Armstead (6-0, 179, So.), 20 Chris Tolbert (5-11, 182, Sr). Cornerback: 4 Sterling Ward (5-11, 174, So.), 24 Adrian Sherwood (5-11, 165, Fr). Punter: 13 Bill Hawk (6-0, 208, Jr), 18 Freddie Maggard (6-2, 212, Jr).

'90 UK SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Table of 1990 UK SCHEDULE/RESULTS with columns for UK/Date, Opponent, and score.

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



1990 UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY FOOTBALL ROSTER

1990 University of Kentucky Football Roster table with columns for No., Player, Pos., Ht., Wt., Class, Hometown (High School/JC), and other stats.

NOTE: Asterisk (*) indicate duplicate numbers. □ TOP chart. □ SOURCE: UK sports information department.

'89 UT RESULTS (11-1)

UT	Opponents	
17	COLORADO STATE	14
24	at UCLA	6
28	DUKE	6
21	AUBURN	14
17	GEORGIA	14
30	at ALABAMA (B'HAM)	47
45	at LSU	39
52	AKRON	9
33	OLE MISS	21
31	at KENTUCKY	10
17	VANDERBILT	10
31	Arkansas (Cotton Bowl)	27

☐ Home games in ALL CAPITALS



TENNESSEE DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

Tight end
83 Mark Adams (6-3, 241, Jr.)
89 Von Reeves (6-2, 234, Jr.)

Left tackle
70 Charles McRae (6-7, 291, Sr.)
75 Bernard Dafney (6-7, 300, Jr.)

Left guard
50 Tom Myslinski (6-2, 281, Jr.)
63 Rodney Gordon (5-11, 260, So.)

Center
51 John Fisher (6-4, 271, Jr.)
57 Brian Spivey (6-2, 264, So.)

Right guard
73 Doug Baird (6-3, 273, Sr.)
59 Mike Stowell (6-2, 275, So.)

Right tackle
78 Antone Davis (6-4, 310, Sr.)
65 Patrick Lenoir (6-5, 276, Jr.)

Split end
15 Carl Pickens (6-2, 201, So.)
80 Anthony Morgan (6-0, 194, Sr.)

Quarterback
8 Andy Kelly (6-3, 205, Jr.)
11 Lloyd Kerr (6-3, 213, Fr.)

Wing back
81 Alvin Harper (6-3, 204, Sr.)
1 Vince Moore (5-10, 203, Sr.)

Tailback
24 Tony Thompson (5-7, 181, Sr.)
3 Tracy Smith (5-9, 181, So.)

Fullback
42 Roland Poles (6-0, 241, Sr.)
47 Greg Amsler (6-2, 232, Sr.)

Placekicker
27 Greg Burke (6-1, 190, Sr.)
20 Joey Chapman (6-1, 169, Fr.)

DEFENSE

Left defensive end
93 Chris Mims (6-6, 233, Jr.)
99 Kacy Rodgers (6-3, 241, Jr.)

Left defensive tackle
74 Mark Moore (6-4, 271, Sr.)
40 Shazzon Bradley (6-4, 271, Jr.)

Right defensive tackle
53 Carey Bailey (6-0, 254, Jr.)
91 Tom Fuhler (6-5, 290, Jr.)

Right defensive end
58 Todd Kelly (6-4, 251, So.)
56 Chuck Smith (6-4, 234, Jr.)

Left linebacker
87 Darryl Hardy (6-3, 214, Jr.)
90 Lance Nelson (6-0, 221, Jr.)

Middle linebacker
45 Shon Walker (6-0, 211, Jr.)
41 Reggie Ingram (6-2, 232, Fr.)

Right linebacker
23 Earnest Fields (5-10, 228, Jr.)
33 Dewayne Dotson (6-2, 251, So.)

Left cornerback
25 Jeremy Lincoln (5-11, 181, Jr.)
6 J.J. McCleskey (5-8, 162, So.)

Right cornerback
22 Floyd Miley (5-10, 198, Jr.)
13 Dave Thomas (6-4, 205, Jr.)

Strong safety
36 Mark Fletcher (5-11, 196, Jr.)
5 Roderick Lewis (6-3, 201, Fr.)

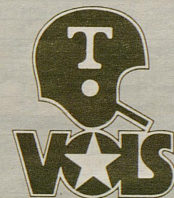
Free safety
18 Dale Carter (6-2, 185, Jr.)
21 Preston Warren (6-0, 194, Sr.)

Punter
20 Joey Chapman (6-1, 169, Fr.)
8 Andy Kelly (6-3, 205, Jr.)

'90 UT SCHEDULE/RESULTS

UT/Date	Opponent	
31	Colorado (Anaheim, Calif)	31
55	PACIFIC	7
40	at Mississippi State	7
56	TEXAS EL PASO	0
26	at Auburn	26
45	FLORIDA	3
6	ALABAMA	9
41	TEMPLE	20
29	NOTRE DAME	34
22	at Ole Miss (Memphis)	13
Nov. 24	Kentucky	
Dec. 1	at Vanderbilt	

☐ Home games in ALL CAPITALS



1990 TENNESSEE FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
1	Vince Moore	WR	5-10	203	Fr-3L	Memphis, Tenn.
2	Steve Matthews	QB	6-4	194	Fr-Sq.	Tullahoma, Tenn.
3	Tracy Smith	DB	5-9	181	So-Sq.	Jonesboro, Ga.
4	Craig Faulkner	WR	5-11	175	Fr-Sq.	Richmond, Ky.
5	Roderick Lewis	DB	6-3	201	Fr-Sq.	Mobile, Ala.
6	J.J. McCleskey	DB	5-8	162	So-1L	Knoxville, Tenn.
7	Jason Julian	WR	5-9	182	Jr-2L	Knoxville, Tenn.
8	Andy Kelly	QB	6-3	205	Jr-2L	Dayton, Tenn.
11	Lloyd Kerr	QB	6-3	213	Fr-Sq.	Bolingbrook, Ill.
12	Cory Fleming	WR	6-3	196	Fr-Sq.	Nashville, Tenn.
13	Dave Thomas	DB	6-4	205	Jr-JC	Miami, Fla.
15	Carl Pickens	WR	6-2	201	So-1L	Murphy, N.C.
16	Sterling Henton	QB	6-1	201	Sr-2L	Passaic, N.J.
17	Lee Wood	WR	6-0	183	Sr-1L	Richmond, Va.
18	Dale Carter	DB	6-2	185	Jr-JC	Oxford, Ga.
20	Joey Chapman	P	6-1	169	Fr-Sq.	Franklin, Tenn.
21	Preston Warren	DB	6-0	194	Sr-3L	Knoxville, Tenn.
22	Floyd Miley	DB	5-10	198	Jr-1L	Fl. Lauderdale, Fla.
23	Earnest Fields	LB	5-10	228	Jr-2L	Milan, Tenn.
24	Tony Thompson	RB	5-7	181	Sr-2L	Lake Wales, Fla.
25	Jeremy Lincoln	DB	5-11	181	Jr-2L	Toledo, Ohio
26	David Bennett	DB	6-0	190	So-1L	Germantown, Tenn.
27	Greg Burke	KS	6-1	190	Sr-1L	Key Biscayne, Fla.
28	Tavio Henson	RB	5-10	183	So-1L	Severn, Md.
29	Kenneth Campbell	RB	6-2	221	Fr-Sq.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
30	Marc Jones	RB	5-11	187	Sr-1L	Syracuse, N.Y.
33	Dewayne Dotson	LB	6-2	251	So-1L	Hendersonville, Tenn.
35	Clemons McCroskey	RB	6-0	235	So-1L	Shelbyville, Tenn.
36	Mark Fletcher	DB	5-11	196	Jr-2L	Cincinnati, Ohio
37	Mario Brunson	RB	6-1	230	Fr-Sq.	Portsmouth, Va.
38	Jeff Tullis	DT	6-1	234	So-1L	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
39	Kelly Days	DB	5-11	196	Sr-3L	Dayton, Ohio
40	Shazzon Bradley	DE	6-1	244	Jr-2L	Athens, Tenn.
41	Reggie Ingram	LB	6-2	232	Fr-Sq.	Memphis, Tenn.
42	Roland Poles	RB	6-0	241	Sr-3L	Caledonia, N.Y.
45	Shon Walker	LB	6-0	211	Jr-2L	College Park, Ga.
46	Eric Riffer	LB	6-3	233	Jr-Sq.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
47	Greg Amsler	RB	6-2	232	Sr-3L	Chatham, N.J.
48	J.J. Surlas	DT	6-3	254	So-Sq.	Mount Pleasant, Pa.
50	Tom Myslinski	OG	6-2	281	Jr-2L	Rome, N.Y.
51	John Fisher	C	6-4	271	Jr-2L	Milan, Tenn.
52	Craig Martin	C	6-2	220	Jr-Sq.	Newport, Tenn.
53	Carey Bailey	DT	6-0	254	Jr-1L	Morgantown, W.Va.
56	Chuck Smith	DE	6-4	234	Jr-JC	Athens, Ga.
57	Brian Spivey	C	6-2	264	So-1L	Jefferson City, Tenn.
58	Todd Kelly	DE	6-4	251	So-1L	Hampton, Va.
59	Mike Stowell	OG	6-2	275	So-1L	Meridian, Idaho
63	Rodney Gordon	C	5-11	260	So-Sq.	Toledo, Ohio
64	Mark Needham	DT	6-3	262	Jr-Sq.	Manchester, Mass.
65	Patrick Lenoir	OT	6-5	276	Jr-2L	Germantown, Tenn.
68	Larry Smith	OT	6-2	281	So-1L	Milan, Tenn.
70	Charles McRae	OT	6-7	291	Sr-3L	Clinton, Tenn.
71	Rex Hargrove	OG	6-3	263	Jr-Sq.	Union City, Tenn.
73	Doug Baird	OG	6-3	273	Sr-3L	Waverly, Tenn.
74	Mark Moore	DT	6-4	271	Sr-2L	Charleston, W.Va.
75	Bernard Dafney	OG	6-7	300	Jr-JC	Los Angeles, Calif.
76	Robert Todd	OT	6-5	264	So-Sq.	Germantown, Tenn.
77	Greg Gerardi	OT	6-7	300	Jr-JC	Irvine, Calif.
78	Antone Davis	OT	6-4	310	Sr-3L	Fort Valley, Ga.
80	Anthony Morgan	WR	6-0	194	Sr-2L	Cleveland, Ohio
81	Alvin Harper	WR	6-3	204	Sr-3L	Frostproof, Fla.
83	Mark Adams	TE	6-3	241	Jr-2L	Virginia Beach, Va.
85	Horace Morris	DE	6-2	221	So-HS	Miami, Fla.
86	Harlan Davis	WR	6-0	196	Sr-Sq.	Metairie, La.
87	Darryl Hardy	LB	6-3	214	Jr-2L	Cincinnati, Ohio
89	Von Reeves	TE	6-2	234	Jr-2L	Knoxville, Tenn.
90	Lance Nelson	LB	6-0	221	Jr-JC	Wichita, Kan.
91	Tom Fuhler	DT	6-5	290	Jr-JC	Crystal Lake, Ill.
93	Chris Mims	DE	6-6	233	Jr-JC	Los Angeles, Calif.
94	Willie Richards	LB	6-3	232	Jr-JC	Griffin, Ga.
98	Mike Rapljen	TE	6-5	246	Sr-2L	Cincinnati, Ohio
99	Kacy Rodgers	DE	6-3	241	Jr-2L	Humboldt, Tenn.

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KENTUCKY WILDCATS



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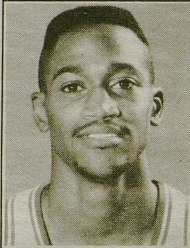
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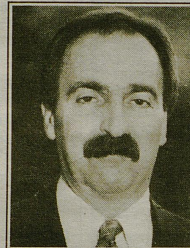


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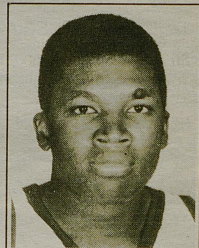
TALE OF THE TAPE

(based on last season)

KENTUCKY	PENNSYLVANIA
14-14	Overall record 12-14
10-8	Conference record 7-7
2427/88.8	Total points/Points per game 1837/70.7
2461/87.9	Total points allowed/Points allowed per game 1849/71.1
43.9	Field goal percentage 43.6
34.7	Three-point field goal percentage 34.6
73.0	Free throw percentage 69.1
996/35.6	Total rebounds/Rebounds per game 979/37.7
489	Assists 338
403	Turnovers 310
309	Steals 166



Fran Dunphy



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KENTUCKY ROSTER

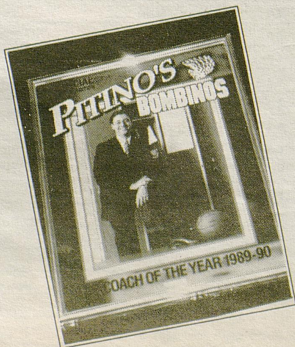
player	pos.	ht.	wt.	class	hometown (school)
Johnathon Davis	F	6-6	195	Sr.	Pensacola, Fla. (Pine Forest)
Reggie Hanson	F-C	6-7	200	Sr.	Somerset (Pulaski Co.)
Richie Farmer	G	6-0	175	Jr.	Manchester (Clay Co.)
Deron Feldhaus	F	6-7	200	Jr.	Maysville (Mason Co.)
John Polphey	G-F	6-7	180	Jr.	Paintsville (High)
Sean Woods	G	6-2	175	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Cathedral)
Todd Bearup*	G-F	6-5	210	Jr.	London (Laurel Co./Utah State)
Junior Braddy	G	6-3	190	So.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Middleburg)
Jeff Brassow	G-F	6-5	185	So.	Houston, Texas (Aliief-Elsik)
Gimel Martinez	C	6-9	205	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Senior)
Jamal Mashburn	F	6-8	230	Fr.	Bronx, N.Y. (Cardinal Hayes)
Henry Thomas	G	6-4	160	Fr.	Clarksville, Tenn. (High)
Jody Thomas	G	6-5	190	Fr.	Feds Creek (High)
Carlos Toomer	G	6-4	190	Fr.	Corinth, Miss. (High)

*Transfer Todd Bearup becomes eligible for the second semester

PENNSYLVANIA ROSTER

player	pos.	ht.	wt.	class	hometown (school)
Vince Curran	F	6-7	240	Jr.	Villanova, Pa. (St. Joseph's)
Ken Graf	G	6-1	165	So.	Dillsburg, Pa. (Northern)
Tyrone Gilliams	G	6-2	180	Sr.	Camden, N.J. (High)
Steve Wade	G	5-10	175	Fr.	Zanesville, Ohio (Fork Union)
Paul Chambers	G	5-10	165	So.	Newtown Square, Pa. (Episcopal)
Jeff Blount	F	6-6	195	Fr.	Dunwoody, Ga. (Marist School)
Bill Helm	F	6-5	195	Sr.	Lewistown, Pa. (Area)
Jerry Simon	G	6-6	180	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Marshall)
Dane Watts	G-F	6-5	180	Jr.	Frazer, Pa. (Conestoga)
Sean Dineen	F	6-7	225	Jr.	Covington (Catholic)
Paul McMahon	G	6-4	194	Jr.	West Haven, Conn. (High)
Scott Schewe	F	6-5	219	Sr.	Cheboygan, Mich. (Okemos)
Hassan Duncombe	C	6-7	250	Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Westinghouse)
Andrew Wise	C	6-9	205	Fr.	Leawood, Kan. (Blue Valley N)
Ray Marshall	C-F	6-7	245	Jr.	Virginia Beach, Va. (Green Run)

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Vols usually peaking before and after UK-UT game

Southern rival leads Wildcats 53-23-9

The Kentucky-Tennessee football series has been a trail of tears for the Wildcats and usually a late-season high note for the Volunteers, who always expect to defeat in-state rival Vanderbilt the following weekend en route to



Russell Rice

Cats' Pause Columnist

their annual bowl trip.

There have been exceptions, of course, in a UK-UT series that began in 1893 and stood 53-23-9 in favor of the Vols going into today's clash at Shields-Watkins Field in Knoxville, but Wildcat wins have been few and far between, especially in recent history.

Perhaps the most frustrating period for UK in its border battle with the Big Orange came during the Wildcats' most successful era, those glorious eight years (1946-53) when the late Paul "Bear" Bryant compiled a 60-23-5 record that included victories in three of four bowl games.

An inability to beat Gen. Robert E. Neyland's Tennessee teams was undoubtedly the most frustrating experience of Bryant's tenure at UK, and perhaps of his entire legendary coaching career.

Neyland coached a total of 21 years (1926-34, 36-40, 46-52) at Tennessee, compiling an overall record of 173-31-12, an amazing .846 winning percentage. He beat Kentucky 15 times in 21 games, with the other five ending in ties. In other words, no Wildcat team ever beat a Neyland-coached team.

When Bryant arrived at UK, the Wildcats' last win over the Vols was a 27-0 decision at Lexington in 1935, when Neyland was on active duty in the Philippines. Prior to that time, the Wildcats had not defeated the Vols since a 23-20 decision in Lexington 10 years earlier.

The first meeting between Neyland and Bryant was at Knoxville in 1946, Bryant's first year at UK. The game was a brilliant defensive duel for three quarters before UT's Walt Slater tucked a George Blanda punt under his arm and returned 54 yards for a touchdown. Charlie Mitchell kicked the extra point.

Thus, some 6,000 UK rooters, in a crowd of 40,000, went home to brood another year over a 7-0 defeat. The Vols then defeated Vanderbilt 7-6 at Nashville and lost to Rice 8-0 in the Orange Bowl, finishing with a 9-2 record.

On a muddy field before 24,000 homecoming fans in Lexington the following year, one of Neyland's worst Vol teams (a five-time loser) defeated the Wildcats 13-6 after recovering two of four UK fumbles in the first half.

The 'Cats scored on a spread formation pass from Blanda to "Boo" Farris to tie the score 6-6 at halftime, but Hal Littleford went off tackle for a 20-yard score with four seconds remaining to give UT a 13-7 win.

(Light a candle for Jack "Boo" Farris, who has died since the UK chapter of "Bear's Boys" held its reunion in Lexington last year.)

Kentucky finished 8-3, including a victory over Villanova in the first and only Great Lakes Bowl in frigid weather at Cleveland's Municipal Stadium. However humble, it was the first bowl appearance for a Wildcat team.

Tennessee closed the season with a win over Vanderbilt for a 5-5 record, preserving Neyland's record of never having a losing season at UT.

The Wildcats narrowly missed victory in 1948 when Bob Gain's field goal attempt from the 27 was wide of the mark. They never got beyond the 48 in the first half of that game and had three attacks fizzle in the second half. Their big opportunity came after Blanda punted 68



Paul Bear Bryant

yards and the exchange gave UK the ball on the UT 39. That set up Gain's field goal attempt. The game ended in a 0-0 tie.

In preparation for the 1949 game in Lexington, Bryant draped the goalposts in Tennessee orange and dressed his scrubs in orange jerseys. He took the varsity to the Circle M Farm, while Tennessee checked into a downtown hotel amidst blaring bands, parades, raucous alumni, and milling thousands.

The determined Wildcats, 8-1, needed a victory to keep conference and major bowl hopes alive, so they practiced in snow flurries on Thursday. The Vols did not scrimmage all week.

So much for securing a team in an isolated area away from all the pre-game hoopla, and for practicing their butts off, the Wildcats bowed 6-0 to an inferior opponent.

The Volunteers prevailed by dogging UK's All-America quarterback Babe Parilli as he had never been dogged before. They intercepted his first pass (along with three others later) and marched 35 yards in five plays, including a 15-yard roughing penalty, for the game's only score.

The Wildcats closed the season with a win over Miami and then lost to Santa Clara 21-13 in the Orange Bowl, their first major post-season appearance.

Tennessee defeated Vanderbilt to finish 7-2-1.

Tons of snow had to be swept from heavy tarpaulins protecting Shields-Watkins Field before the 1950 UK-UT game at Knoxville. The field was frozen, and the game was played in 16-degree weather. Parilli was smeared on the unyielding turf time after time. Throwing with near-frozen fingers, he completed 14 passes for 150 of the 1,734 yards he gained through the air that year.

Whenever the ball changed hands and UT took the offense, hand warmers were applied to his fingers so he could handle the ball normally for a couple of plays when UK got the ball. The bitter cold numbed his fingers, and he did not dare attempt many of the multiple fakes he ordinarily performed mechanically.

"The ground was like concrete," said Dr. Emery Clark of Carlisle, who was in town last weekend for ceremonies honoring the 1951 Sugar Bowl champions. "I couldn't tell if my feet were touching the ground. I knew I was walking, but that was all."

A Wildcat fumble midway into the second period led

Tons of snow had to be swept from heavy tarpaulins protecting Shields-Watkins Field before the 1950 UK-UT game at Knoxville. The field was frozen, and the game was played in 16-degree weather. Parilli was smeared on the unyielding turf time after time. Throwing with near-frozen fingers, he completed 14 passes for 150 of the 1,734 yards he gained through the air that year.

to a UT score. After Hank Lauricella's punt from the 35 hit the ground on the UK 40, the ball took a crazy bounce and hit UK's Pat James on the leg. Tennessee recovered. On fourth and 14, Hank Lauricella passed to Bert Rechichar, who stepped over the goal line after catching the ball on a snowbank on the one. UT won 7-0.

While the Wildcats, 10-1 and conference champions, went on to upset Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl, the Vols were 11-1 after defeating Texas in the Cotton Bowl.

The Vols beat the 'Cats 20-0 in 1951, the worst defeat suffered by a Bryant team up to that time. It also was the first time a Bryant-coached team had lost four games in one season.

An underdog UK team (5-3-1) got a measure of revenge the following year by tying heavily favored UT (7-1-0) 14-14 in Knoxville. While UK closed with a loss at Florida, Tennessee defeated Vanderbilt 43-0 and lost to Texas 16-0 in the Cotton Bowl.

With Neyland retired in 1953, Bryant and UK finally beat the Vols, who were coached by Harvey Robinson, in a fumble-ridden game at Lexington.

The Wildcats moved the ball to the UT 15 after the kickoff but lost it on a fumble. Tennessee—out of character—fumbled right back. Kentucky recovered on the 17. Steve Meilinger, now a retired U.S. deputy marshall living in Lexington, scored on three carries. Bob Hardy kicked the point.

Tennessee stopped UK drives to the 22 and 29, but then the Wildcats moved 68 yards on 10 ground plays, with Bradley Mills scoring from the five. Hardy's kick was blocked.

UT scored its first touchdown after recovering a UK fumble on the 25 and then scored after another Wildcat fumble to lead 14-13. The Wildcats marched 63 yards in 11 plays for a score, but UT went ahead again 21-20.

Kentucky's big break came when Harry Kirk crashed through on a Tennessee punt play and hit the ball, with Tommy Adkins recovering for UK. Three plays later, Hardy, who was knocked down by the crashing Vol line, pitched out to Ralph Paolone, who raced 22 yards for a score. Hardy's point made the final score 27-21 UK.

In his last game as UK coach, Bryant finally had beaten Tennessee.

JUST WHO WERE THOSE GUYS?

Yes, we do realize that in the photo accompanying this column last week, the Oklahoma Sugar Bowl captains were identified as the Wildcat captains. After apologizing, we explained to some of the members of that team here last weekend that the fellow who wrote the lines beneath that photo wasn't even born when UK recorded that great victory, which of course is no real excuse. A lot of people now living weren't born at that time, which makes us realize how long it has been since UK went to one, let alone three major bowls.

'C A T S C A N S

Sports briefs about University of Kentucky athletics

Kentucky's Kurt Johnson arrested on DUI charge

Flanker's status unknown for today's UK-UT game

TCP staff report

The question of whether Kentucky flanker Kurt Johnson's suspension would continue through the Tennessee game today in Knoxville hinged on how Johnson responded to certain internal disciplinary procedures as specified by Wildcat head football coach Bill

Curry.

Johnson, a sophomore from Paducah, pleaded not guilty in Fayette District Court on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol.

He was arrested at 12:25 a.m. on the Sunday morning after UK had defeated Vanderbilt 28-21 a few hours earlier at Commonwealth Stadium.

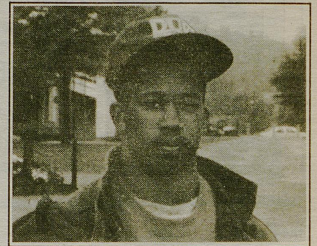
Curry suspended Johnson for the Florida game and said it also could include today's matchup with Tennessee in Knoxville.

Senior John Bolden started at flanker in

place of Johnson for the Florida game.

Police reports stated that a 1983 maroon Nissan in which Johnson was driving was stopped at 12:40 a.m. that Sunday on Euclid Avenue near the UK campus. Johnson failed field sobriety tests and refused to take a breathalyzer test and was charged with driving under the influence.

He was also charged with failure to illuminate headlamps, failure to wear a seat belt and for using an expired operator's permit. Johnson's learner's permit had expired on Sept. 22, 1989.



Wildcat flanker Kurt Johnson

Wildcat basketball games to appear on SportsChannel

Special to The Cats' Pause

CINCINNATI — Eleven University of Kentucky basketball games are on a schedule of 145 college basketball games—which also are highlighted by Xavier, Notre Dame and Louisville games, as well as appearances by Mid-American, Mid-Continent and Missouri Valley conferences—slated to air this winter on SportsChannel Cincinnati.

All Kentucky games shown will be tape-delayed.

SportsChannel Cincinnati will also air the "Rick Pitino Show" on a tape-delayed basis. Other college basketball highlight shows carried on the cable network are: Louisville (Denny Crum), Cincinnati (Bob Huggins), Notre Dame (Digger Phelps), UNLV (Jerry Tarkanian), Purdue (Gene Keady), DePaul (Joey Meyer) and Seton Hall (P.J. Carlisimo).

SportsChannel Cincinnati is a member of the SportsChannel America Network, with additional regional affiliates in New York, New England, Philadelphia, Florida, Cleveland, Chicago, Los Angeles and the Bay Area. The SportsChannels are co-owned by subsidiaries of Cablevision and NBC.



Out-of-state fans can catch "The Rick Pitino Show" on SportsChannel.

KENTUCKY GAMES ON SPORTSCHANNEL

Game date	Game	Air date/Time
Nov. 24	Pennsylvania at Kentucky	Nov. 25/2:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	UT-Chattanooga at Kentucky	Dec. 16/5:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	Western Kentucky vs. Kentucky (Freedom Hall)	Dec. 22/4 p.m.
Dec. 27	Eastern Kentucky at Kentucky	Dec. 29/4:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	Mississippi State at Kentucky	Jan. 9/TBA
Jan. 12	Kentucky at Tennessee	Jan. 12/TBA
Jan. 16	Kentucky at Ole Miss	Jan. 16/TBA
Jan. 19	Vanderbilt at Kentucky	Jan. 19/TBA
Jan. 23	Florida at Kentucky	Jan. 23/TBA
Feb. 23	Kentucky at Florida	Feb. 23/TBA
March 2	Auburn at Kentucky	March. 2/TBA

□SOURCE: SportsChannel

UK athletes form advisory committee

15-member committee will voice opinions on athletic policies

TCP staff report

A 15-member Student-Athletes Advisory Committee has been formed at the University of Kentucky to give students an opportunity to voice opinions on local, conference and national policies that might affect them.

The committee consists of one representative from each of UK's varsity sports, with the exception of football, which will have two representatives. Representatives were chosen by team vote.

"The face of intercollegiate athletics is changing daily," UK athletics director C.M. Newton said. "In achieving our goal of keeping the student-athlete at the heart of our program, it is essential that they have a voice in the issues we are facing. Ultimately, the decisions we administrators make will affect our student-athletes."

KENTUCKY STUDENT-ATHLETES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Paul Corum	baseball
Cathy Proctor	women's basketball
John Pelphrey	men's basketball
Greg Lahr, Steve Phillips	football
Tonya Gill	women's golf
Robbie Davis	men's golf
Donna Oeffinger	gymnastics
Brian Vance	rifle
Kellie Moran	women's swimming
Stewart Weaver	men's swimming
Antoinette Grech	women's tennis
Sammy Stinnett	men's tennis
Jennifer Kendall	women's track
Alan Thomas	men's track
Ann Hall	volleyball

WILDCAT NOTEBOOK:

BASEBALL SIGNEE

•University of Kentucky basketball coach Rick Pitino wasn't the only one around UK to announce signings of high school athletes last week.

Keith Madison's Bat 'Cats signed hometown product Eddie Brooks, a hard-hitting shortstop from Lexington Lafayette High School.

"The two things that make Eddie such a prize catch for us are his hitting and desire," Madison said. "He works extremely hard in an effort to keep improving. He's a good athlete and an outstanding baseball player who wants to keep getting better."

Kentucky won the recruiting battle for Brooks over several of college baseball's perennial national powers. Brooks also was recruited by Miami, Stanford, Indiana, Oklahoma and North Carolina.

He hit .350 as a sophomore on Lafayette's state championship team. During one stretch of the playoffs, he hit home runs in five straight at-bats.

Brooks was named Most Valuable Player after helping spark Lexington Dixie to a world series title in 1989.

Brooks hit .530 with 10 homers his junior year at Lafayette, then hit .538 for Lexington Dixie last summer.

NEED ASSISTANCE? CALL LAURA

•Laura Linder, All-America volleyball candidate at the University of Kentucky, became the 10th setter in the history of NCAA Division I to record more than 5,000 career assists.

The Muncie, Ind., native recorded her 5,021st assist recently, bypassing three-time All-America Wendi Rush of Stanford (5,003). Linder is second in the SEC in assists per game this season, is 14th nationally and has been ranked in the NCAA top 20 in that category each of her four years.

"In my seven-year tenure, Laura Linder has been the most significant player in the program," UK volleyball coach Kathy DeBoer said. "She has led us in so many different ways, but the most important has been her four years of consistent play at the quarter-back position."

She was honored as the Lady Kat volleyball squad closed its home season Saturday against Wyoming.

Kentucky locating the right pieces to Pitino's puzzle

New signees will more than just fill voids

Putting a jigsaw puzzle together requires patience, skill and planning. And the puzzle won't go together until every piece is in place.

Major college recruiting is the same way even though



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it can test a coach's patience and wreck his best plans. Still, all the parts have to fit before the team can win.

Rick Pitino has added four more pieces—guards Chris Harrison of Tollesboro and Dale Brown of Mississippi and forwards Aminu Timberlake of Chicago and Andre Riddick of New York—to the rebuilding job he has undertaken.

Kentucky didn't get the big-name recruits it sought. Cherokee Parks, the 6-foot-11 pivotman from California, went to Duke. Bubba Wilson, another 6-11 center, from Mississippi, will play for Mississippi State. Thomas Burroughs, a 6-8 forward, picked Virginia over UK. Shooting guards Tommy Kleinschmidt of Chicago and Luke Jackson of Beaumont, Texas, two of the nation's best, didn't pick Kentucky.

But that happens when you recruit players ranked among the nation's top 15 recruits. You roll the dice, hoping to strike it rich but sometimes walk away busted.

Kentucky, though, didn't really come up empty. Pitino recruited players to fit his system and ones that will mix well with his returning players.

Riddick and Timberlake, both listed at 6-9, are each 17-year-olds who run the court well. That's a must in Pitino's system and something that can't be taught.

Riddick is a great shot-blocker already and could be a defensive terror during his career. He needs weight and muscle. So does Timberlake. But if they'll work, strength coach Ray "Rock" Oliver will add the bulk.

Both also need to improve their offensive skills. Timberlake is probably more advanced than Riddick, but each needs work.

The good news, though, is that they will have time to improve those skills. They don't have to step in and play 30 minutes per game during the 1991-92 season.

Kentucky will have Jamal Mashburn, Gimel Martinez, Deron Feldhaus and John Pelphey back to educate Riddick and Timberlake daily.

Harrison, the state's leading scorer last year when he averaged 32 ppg., committed to Kentucky before the start of his junior year. It came at a time when Pitino's program needed a boost.

Remember Kentucky had just gone on NCAA probation and everyone wondered if Pitino could recruit. Harrison's confidence was a shot in the arm for UK's image.

Maybe he won't be a big impact player immediately. He may not be more than a consistent role player during his career. But he bleeds blue, loves Pitino and will accept a role. Never underestimate the importance of players like that on successful teams.

Brown is the one player that could have an impact next year. All reports indicate the junior college guard is a great shooter.

Pitino obviously trusted his assistants because he has never seen Brown play or practice. The 6-3 guard, however, must be a long-range bomber. His coach says 25-foot jump shots are within his range.

UK could have had Ricky Brunson of Salem, Mass., one of the nation's top-rated high school guards. Instead, the Wildcats took Brown despite his lack of a national reputation.

Pitino liked two things about Brown—his shot and attitude. Brown just had a certain charisma that seemed to

click with the other UK players.

Plus, Brown's maturity could make a difference next year. Pitino's vow is to have UK back in the NCAA Tournament when it comes off probation.

Privately, though, the Kentucky mentor has to be hoping for more. He doesn't want to just play in the tourney; he wants to contend for the national title.

Brown's experience should make it easier for him to provide the outside shooting UK would need to become more than just another NCAA team.

Don't forget Pitino has an ace in the hole in transfer Travis Ford. Any coach in America would welcome Ford, a part-time starter at Missouri last year as a freshman, with open arms.

He's a terrific point guard who makes others better with his passing and floor savvy. Ford is paying his own way to UK this year but will join the most recent signees on scholarship next year. So will current walk-on Jody Thompson, a 6-5 guard from Feds Creek, who should help UK this year.

Ford, like Brown, will have an impact next year and give UK quality and quantity in the backcourt.

Don't make the mistake, though, of judging Pitino's recruiting class solely on next year's contributions. Give Riddick and Timberlake a couple of years to mature and adjust.

Maybe then they'll be just as advanced as some players that are rated higher today.

Even next season, however, they will be needed pieces as Pitino moves closer to putting his puzzle together at Kentucky.

MAKING SACRIFICES

Coaches expect players to continually make sacrifices. Taking charges. Diving on the floor for loose balls. Passing up shots so an open teammate can make a better shot.

Those are sacrifices any real team player makes each basketball game. University of Kentucky forward Deron Feldhaus, though, is willing to make an even bigger sacrifice for the Wildcats.

The 6-foot-7 junior from Mason County would consider giving up his scholarship and paying his own way next year to give UK another scholarship to use for a center.

"I've never heard of anything like this," LSU coach Dale Brown said. "It's a nice gesture and not one very many players would even consider making."

Kentucky has six scholarships to offer for the 1991-92 season. However, they are all gone with the signing of 6-9 Andre Riddick of New York, 6-8 Aminu Timberlake of Chicago, 6-3 Chris Harrison of Tollesboro and 6-3 junior college guard Dale Brown of Gulf Coast Junior College in Gulfport, Miss.

Another scholarship goes to Missouri transfer Travis Ford, who is paying his way this year. One also has been promised to walk-on Jody Thompson next season.

That leaves UK without a scholarship in case a player as talented as 6-9 Chris Webber of Detroit, who says he won't commit until spring, decides to be a Wildcat.

"I certainly would consider giving up my scholarship to help the team," Feldhaus said. "I would do anything I could to help our team. Getting a big guy is a big key for us next year. I would give up my scholarship to help."

Obviously, Feldhaus bleeds blue. His father, Allen Feldhaus, lettered at UK from 1960-62. Mason County isn't much more than a three-point shot from Rupp Arena and Deron's dream always was to play at Kentucky.

"I'm just the type person who would do that because I know it would benefit the team," the UK junior said. "The only way we can have another scholarship is for somebody to do this."

Feldhaus isn't some part-time player thinking of walking away. He started 27 of 28 games last year and averaged 14.4 points and 6.7 rebounds per outing. Six times he scored more than 20 points in a game and five times he pulled off 10 or more rebounds.



Dale Brown, above, admires Deron Feldhaus' willingness to help the Wildcats.

Still, he didn't reject the idea of giving up his scholarship when Pitino discussed it with him.

"Sometimes you make a mistake recruiting a player and it is obvious," LSU's Dale Brown said. "But you almost need a jackhammer to hit him with to convince the kid he can't play. Once he gets that scholarship he doesn't want to give it up."

"Vanity won't let most players leave. For someone to offer to do what Feldhaus says he will is very unique. If it is clean, and I see no reason for it not to be, it is really nice."

The gesture would hit Feldhaus in the pocketbook. Actually, it would be his savings book that takes the hit of paying his own room, board and tuition.

"I have money saved in the bank I could use," Feldhaus said. "I could take out a student loan."

Pitino and Feldhaus don't have any formal agreement on what will happen if UK can sign another player. But it's obvious Feldhaus is ready to make the sacrifice.

The UK junior hasn't discussed the idea with his father or mother. "I'm 21 and big enough to make my own decisions," he said.

Former UK standout Larry Conley, now one of the nation's top college basketball analysts, understands Feldhaus' loyalty to Kentucky. Conley came to UK from Ashland and was on the "Rupp's Runts" squad that lost the 1966 NCAA title game to Texas-El Paso, now Texas Western.

Like the LSU coach, Conley has never heard of a player willing to sacrifice so much for his school.

"He is a terrific kid and player, just like his dad," Conley said. "This is certainly a noble gesture on his part but if I had a son on scholarship, I wouldn't want him taken off. It just doesn't seem right."

Maybe not to Conley. Maybe not to me. Maybe not to you, either. But it seems perfectly natural for Feldhaus.

As a kid, he pretended he was a UK basketball player. His greatest thrill was signing with Kentucky. He loves the people at UK and admires Pitino's motivational skills.

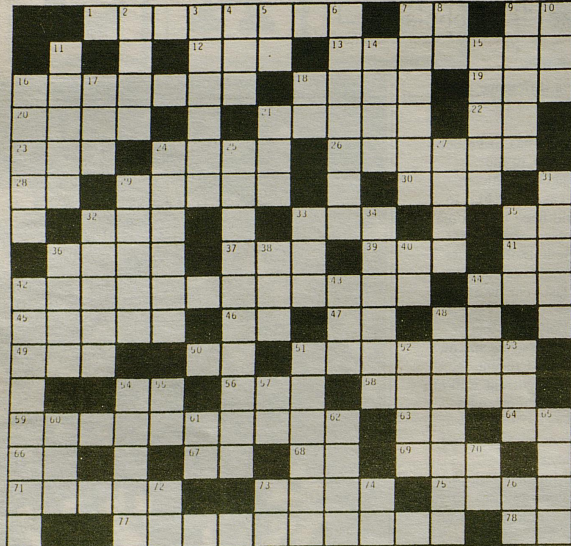
Feldhaus has already weighed the pros and cons of giving up his scholarship. The biggest drawback is the money it would cost him. The pluses are it would help the team and also endure him even more to UK fans.

Don't think for a minute that die-hard Big Blue fans would ever forget such a sacrifice. Sure, those fans appreciated Reggie Hanson staying at UK for his final two years when he

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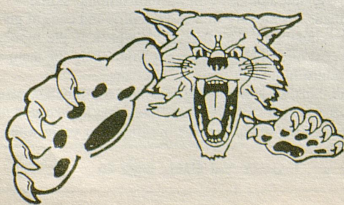
T C P CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Dan Krueckeberg



TOP CATS STATS

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 1250 yds. rushing came in '70s | 2 " over a new leaf" |
| 7 Initials of '60s RB with 21 rushing TDs | 3 Caught passes for 1508 yds. in late-'70s |
| 9 Initials of 54 Down | 4 Abbr. for "answer" |
| 12 Writing material | 5 Initials of Kestner with 82 receptions |
| 13 "The scouts" each play | 6 Had 48.5 passing pct. in '69-'71 |
| 16 and 14 Interceptions came in '70s | 7 Rushed for 25 TDs and passed for 14 |
| 18 Gloomy | 8 Initials of 42 Down |
| 19 Abbr. for a religious holiday | 9 Popular clothing in '80s |
| 20 Middle East country | 10 M. Fanuzzi rushed/passed for 26 |
| 21 Namesakes of 48 Down | 11 1st name of '60s Cat with 72 receptions |
| 22 Indefinite article | 14 Chris rushed for 1264 yds. |
| 23 Sob | 15 Squads |
| 24 Tender and painful | 16 Returned KOs for average of 21.2 yds. |
| 26 Shines | 17 Beam |
| 28 SEC state abbr. | 18 Initials of the 2648 yd. '80s ball-carrier |
| 29 Give praise to | 21 B. Leskovar had 5.1 yds. carry |
| 30 18 Down had 480 all-purpose | 24 rushing average was 8.9 yds. |
| 32 24 Down for 3835 yds. from scrimmage | 25 Rushed for 1699 yds. for '63-'65 Cats |
| 33 Tree type | 27 Fruit drinks |
| 35 was 75 of 76 in PATs | 28 Threw for 2082 yds. for '53-'55 Cats |
| 36 Mend a sock | 31 One from Sweden |
| 37 Auto food | 32 1st name of QB with 24 TDs passing in '80s |
| 39 "and downs" | 33 Question |
| 41 Abbr. for "Office of Education" | 34 Rushed for 19 TDs in '85-'88 |
| 42 Had 51.9 passing pct. for 4148 yds. | 35 Phillips caught passes for 935 yds. |
| 44 T. Hutchinson '60-'62 Cats with 94 receptions | 36 Masculine or feminine name |
| 45 12.2 yds. per punt return came in '79-'82 | 38 feminine name |
| 46 Initials of QB with 26 TD passes | 40 Letter addition |
| 47 Abbr. for "left tackle" | 42 Passed for 5564 yds. |
| 48 Big 8 state abbr. | 43 Sick |
| 49 Negative vote | 44 Traditional knowledge |
| 50 Initials of '58-'60 Cats Calvin with 23 TDs and 12 PATs | 48 Averaged 42.6 yds. per punt |
| 51 Including all entitled to attend | 51 UK coach |
| 54 Initials of 11 interceptions '80s Tony | 52 Locking feeling |
| 56 Roman num. for yrs. 11 Down led Cats in punting | 53 Time abbreviations |
| 58 Used to measure or draw a line | 54 Was top punter in the '80s |
| 59 '68-'70 - 9737 yds. punting came in | 55 ran for 29 TDs in the '80s |
| 63 had 5.4 yds. per carry at UK | 57 Type of card |
| 64 Initials of Steve; 16.1 yds. per reception | 60 Past |
| 66 Actor Marshall | 61 Initials of 45 Across |
| 67 Initials of lettermen Deggendorf or Douglass | 62 Fly high |
| 68 3rd and 4th of the five | 65 Rich coat material |
| 69 First name of 29 Down | 70 Initials of Babe, who threw for 50 TDs |
| 71 Marc ran for 11 TDs in mid-'80s | 72 Abbr. for an European country |
| 73 mate is DNA | 73 led '63-'65 Cats in passing |
| 75 "Once a time" | 74 Abbr. for "saint" |
| 77 Threw for 4514 yds. in '60s | 76 Abbr. for "overdraft" |
| 78 returned 41 KOs during the '70s | |



Last issue's solution



1990 UK FOOTBALL RADIO NETWORK AFFILIATES

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WCMI-FM.....Ashland	WHBN-AM.....Harrodsburg	WMOR-AM.....Morehead
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WOKH-FM.....Bardstown	WLLS-AM.....Hartford	WMSK-AM.....Morganfield
WCBL-AM.....Benton	WLLS-FM.....Hartford	WMSK-FM.....Morganfield
WCBL-FM.....Benton	WSGS-FM.....Hazard	WMST-AM.....Mount Sterling
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WMMG-AM.....Brandenburg	WKCB-AM.....Hindman	WNBS-AM.....Murray
WMMG-FM.....Brandenburg	WKCB-FM.....Hindman	WOMI-AM.....Owensboro
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WKYA-AM.....Central City	WHOP-FM.....Hopkinsville	WSIP-AM.....Paintsville
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WCPM-AM.....Cumberland	WVLK-AM.....Lexington	WDOC-AM.....Prestonsburg
WCYN-AM.....Cynthiana	WVLK-FM.....Lexington	WQHY-FM.....Prestonsburg
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The bigger the winner, the larger the bandwagon

A happy trail with the '90 Rebels

It's now obvious there was nothing wrong with Ole Miss fan support that a winning season couldn't cure. In recent years the theory was the Rebels had only a hard core following of 20,000 or 25,000. When the crowd



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Cats' Pause Columnist

exceeded that number it was because the visiting team brought their fans. But this year's late-season attendance figures serve to point out that college football is show business. If the show is good, \$18 isn't too much for a ticket to watch it. If the show is bad, half that amount is too much.

The Rebels' 1990 show is of Academy Award caliber. More than 10,000 Ole Miss fans followed their team to LSU and helped the Tigers chalk up the fourth largest crowd in Tiger Stadium history, over 79,000. Every ticket was sold for the Tennessee-Ole Miss game in Memphis. The closing outing against Mississippi State should draw one of that game's biggest crowds in recent years, despite the Bulldogs' miserable season.

It's not just Ole Miss that has seen a high level demand for tickets. Try to find a pair for a Florida game. There aren't any.

On the other hand, despite a high pre-season sale you'd have no trouble finding what you want at Georgia. There are also Alabama tickets available outside the stadium on game day. However, Kentucky fans have supported their team well under its new leadership. Vanderbilt has not been selling out, and the situation at Mississippi State reflects their lack of success. While Auburn fans have suffered a degree of disillusionment because the team hasn't performed up to expectations, there's a degree of loyalty to the Tigers which may be second to none in the SEC.

The great unknown in the equation is television. Will your team be on the tube this week? Have they changed the game time? Is your favorite school playing nobody Saturday while two somebodies are going against each other on TV?

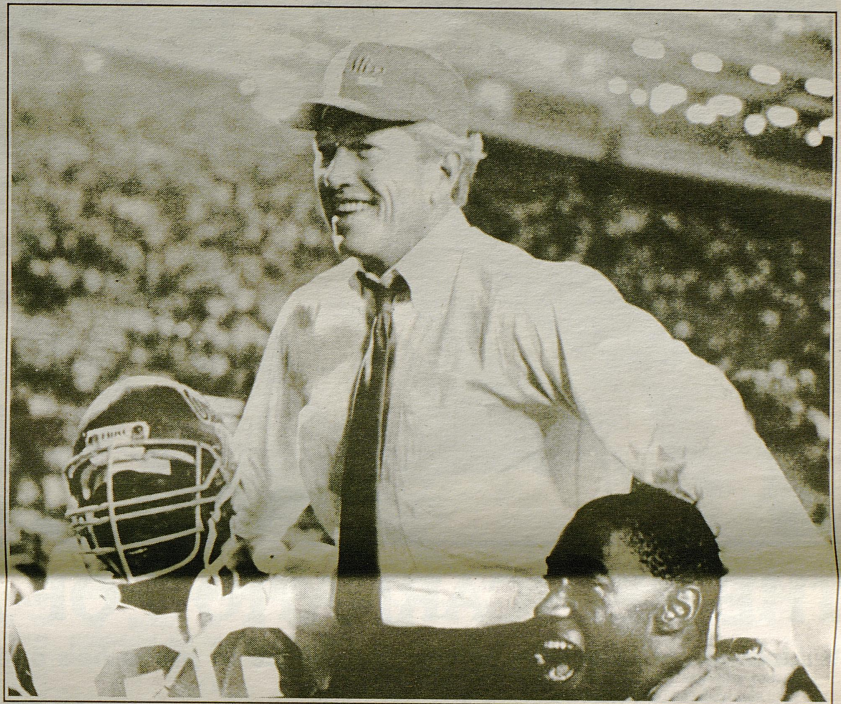
All these questions can be a factor or even "the" factor. There are basically two types of teams in the SEC. One type is the Auburns, Alabamas, Tennessees, Floridas and Georgias. They sell large amounts of season tickets before the first game is ever played. They're guaranteed a financially successful year regardless of the team's won-lost record.

On the other hand, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Vanderbilt, even Kentucky and LSU, are to one degree or another walkup schools. They have to have their people walk up and buy tickets the week of the game. Win and you sell seats. Lose and the fans find something else to do.

Rebel fans no longer have anything to do more important than going to an Ole Miss game. Not dove hunting, not playing golf, not watching Notre Dame against Penn State on TV. Ole Miss is winning again and that makes all the difference in the world.

NOT FOR BROADCAST

•Whatever happened to the theory that eliminating the kicking tee in college football would affect both the number of field goal attempts and the success rates? If you were a believer check out the SEC statistics through Oct. 27 of the current season. Every SEC team had played at least seven games. None had played more than eight. There had been 146 field goal attempts. Ninety-six had been successful, or 65 percent. Take out the bottom three kickers—**Brian Lee**, Ole Miss (3 for 11); **Robbie**



Ole Miss head coach Billy Brewer, because of the recent success his Rebels have had, is smiling ear-to-ear. And so, too, is the Rebel fan club, whose membership is growing and growing with each victory.

Chura, Vanderbilt (1 for 4); and **Chris Gardner**, Mississippi State (0 for 3), and you have SEC field goal specialists hitting on 91 of 129 or 71 percent. That's pretty darn good considering the number of attempts from 40 to 50 yards out. If the theory that eliminating the tee has had a severe negative effect, the statistics don't support it...

•There's another theory that only kickers win scoring titles. That also is not true. The last time a pure kicker was the SEC scoring champion was 1985 when **Carlos Reveiz** of Tennessee led the league with 102 points. The Vol expert had 24 field goals and 30 extra point. But in 1986 Georgia's **Lars Tate** was No. 1, also with 102 points, but gathered in 17 touchdowns. **Reggie Cobb** of Tennessee had 20 TD's in 1987 for a first-place total of 120 points. Then 1988 saw **Tim Worley** of Georgia finish first based on 18 touchdowns for 108 points. In 1989 **Siran Stacy** of Alabama also scored 18 touchdowns and his 108 points was good enough to top the league. The SEC's all-time leaders are **Jackie Parker** of Mississippi State, **Herschel Walker** of Georgia and **Cobb**. Parker tallied 16 TDs and 24 PATs in 1952 for 120 total. Walker scored 20 TDs in 1981 for a share of the all-time lead. Walker is the career scoring leader...

•Freshman split end **Andre Hastings** of Georgia, who caught five passes for 131 yards against Vanderbilt: "I knew I could get by the man who was covering me so I told Joe (quarterback **Joe Dupree**) just lay it out and put some air under it and I'll go get it..."

•Can't remember a year in which defense was as dominant as it is this season. Alabama, Auburn, Ole Miss and Florida are all outstanding defensively. But where is there a quarterback who's having an outstanding year? There isn't one. Running backs, yes. Quarterbacks,

no. In my book **Randy Baldwin** of Ole Miss and **Al Baker** of Kentucky are the pick of the running back litter, but **Harvey Williams** of LSU, **Tony Thompson** of Tennessee and **James Joseph** of Auburn are worthy of mention. Among the receivers **Todd Kinchen**, LSU, now hurt and out for the season; **Greg Taylor**, Auburn, and **Kirk Kirkpatrick** of Florida are the leaders. Tennessee has two good ones in **Carl Pickens** and **Alvin Harper** but neither has been dominant...

•The LSU game marked the third game in a row in which Ole Miss had been held scoreless in the second half...

•The University of Florida is sending monthly video tape shipments of Gator sporting events to U.S. Military units in Saudi Arabia...

•Prior to this year's 48-7 bashing by Florida, seven of the past 11 Auburn-Florida games had been decided by seven points or less...

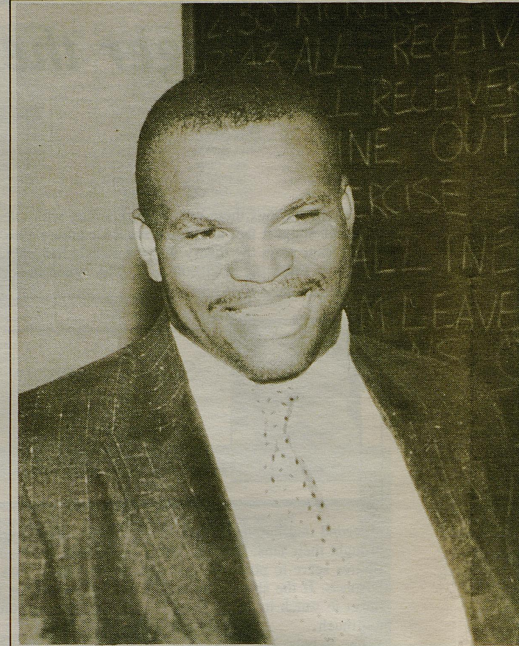
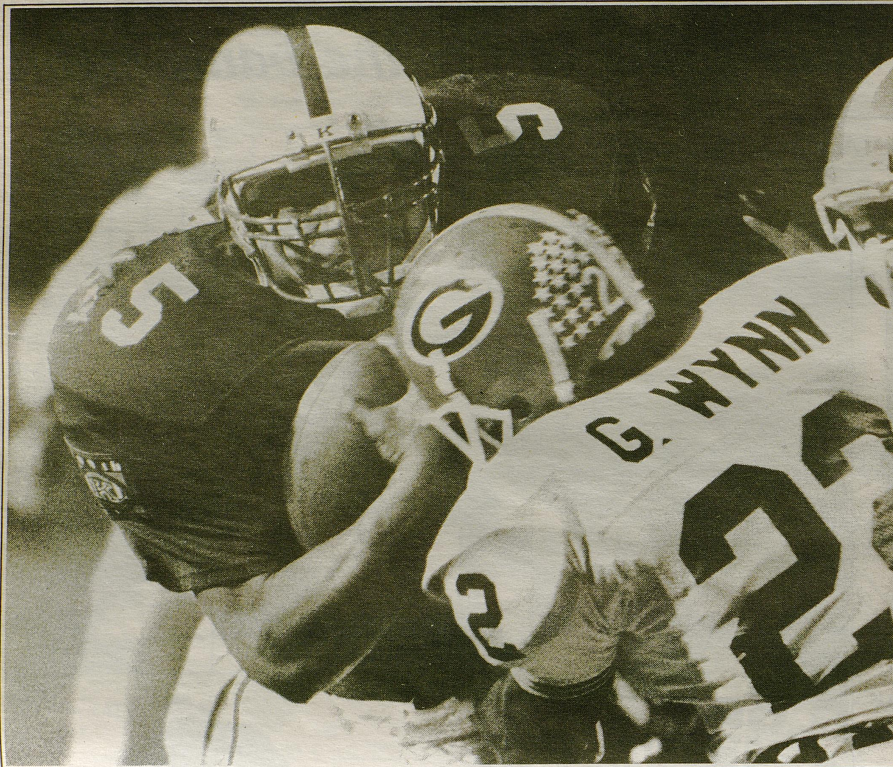
•Auburn's **Pat Dye** calls his team's season-ending stretch run of Florida, Georgia and Alabama "Amen Corner." You'll remember the original "Amen Corner" is holes 11, 12 and 13 at Augusta National, the holes that usually determine who wins the Masters Golf Tournament and who loses...

•**Wimp Sanderson** has been running two-a-days with his Alabama basketball practices. They work an hour at 6 a.m. and three hours at 3 p.m....

•Mississippi State played only one game on artificial turf this season, Tulane in New Orleans' Superdome...

•Unbelievable fact. Mississippi State has not played a

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(Left, clockwise) Big Al punished Georgia and George Wynn yards on 22 carries last month; hey, Al Baker, you said we find a picture of No. 5 smiling? Gotcha!; and Baker, here of Vandy tackler, says if he had it to do all over again he probably have picked another SEC school...besides Kentucky.

THE REINCARNATION OF AL BAKER

Wildcat senior tailback is getting the chance to prove he's one talented football player

The interview was over and Al Baker was about to take another ride on the rollercoaster.

Just where his next ride will stop no one knows.

As Baker prepared to open the door that led to the inner sanctum of the E.J. Nutter training center, he paused and said:

"I bet you don't have any pictures of me smiling to go with this story."

He then laughed and went on.

Yes, a bittersweet reminder from the lips of Al Baker about his star-crossed life as a Kentucky football player.

Baker, one of the most heralded running backs to come out of Kentucky, had committed himself this year to playing out his five-year career as a fullback.

No more tailback. No more runs. No more glamour.

Just a chip off the block, he was. And was content to be.

"I just wanted to get my blocks in," Baker said, quietly. "Coach (Bill) Curry also had told me that his fullback had been his second leading receiver when he was at Alabama."

"I told myself, if I can't get it on the ground I'll get it in the air. The more they threw to me the better I liked it."

But then tailback Mike Thomas came up injured in fall drills. Tailbacks Craig Walker and Tim Harris were soon to follow. Injuries had temporarily curtailed their effectiveness.

And here was Baker back at his old tailback position. It hadn't been his friend before. Would it be any different now?

But this time out a new Baker stepped front and center.

Suddenly transformed, he has become something of a sensation.

It all began with a 25-yard TD burst

against North Carolina.

But never in anybody's wildest dreams would have forecast his last three games (before Florida)—games that have propelled him from a possible tenth-round draft choice to as high as a second or first round pick.

He got 159 yards and one touchdown against LSU, and 133 and two touchdowns against Georgia.

Two weeks ago he got a tackle busting touchdown and 151 yards against Vanderbilt.

But it was how he got nine of those yards that seemed to signify the reincarnation of one Alvin Douglas Baker.

With the game tied 14-all, Baker hurdled over the left side, took Vandy free safety Aaron Smith head-on at the five and scored.

After the game Curry told the media that when the All-Star teams come out, Baker's star should be one of the brightest.

"I don't think there's a better back in the SEC," Curry said. "He should be candidate for any all-star team."

Baker takes the sudden media blitz the same way he takes tacklers an extra yard these days.

He refuses to get too high where praise is concerned. His rush to judgement will be put on hold as he rushes to 100-yard games.

Entering his Commonwealth Stadium finale Baker had rushed for 669 yards and scored 10 touchdowns, all but one on the ground. He ranks fifth in the SEC in rushing.

About the TD run against Vandy? Oh, it came after a mistake.

"I just knew I had to score on the run because I had made the wrong cut,"

by PANCHO EASTERWOOD

Baker said, with a hearty laugh.

"Coaches don't say anything if you make something positive out of a mistake. But if I would have got tackled there would have been a lot said."

Meet the new Al Baker

Baker's lips curled into a little smile as if to say yes, there is a new Al Baker. A more relaxed one. Moody Al was a thing of the past. He then returned to his significant run.

"I wasn't going to set myself up to be scolded," Al said. "I told myself this guy is not going to tackle me. I had to break through."

Baker also downplays any talk of suddenly turning what has been a rollercoaster ride into a NFL top draft choice.

After all, he remembers what happened last year to his old roomie, Alfred Rawls.

It's become like, hear no evil time for Al Baker. His ears are sealed at the moment.

"Yes, I've heard all the talk," Baker said. "But I don't like listening to it. Alfred was supposed to be picked high. But he wasn't even picked. He's going to school now. I think he's going to San Francisco soon."

Baker said he's not even thinking about the pros now as he approached his last college game against the Vols.

"I'm not going to get my hopes up. The pros will tell you anything now that you are playing well. But when you get down with them around draft time, well..."

Baker said he doesn't even see himself as a tailback despite his size (5-foot-11, 218 pounds), speed (4.53 for the 40) and strength (1,260 total lift).

"I have been at the bottom so I'm not going to get carried away with all the praise now," Baker said. "I'm just going to keep doing what I can to win. I don't see myself playing tailback in the pros. If I make it it will probably be at fullback...or on special teams."

Special teams? Say it isn't so, Al!

"I don't think I can run decent," Baker maintained. "But I think I can hit pretty good and I still like to hit people. I was a pretty good linebacker in high school."

Baker said he is more worried right now about getting a resume together for a job interview. He will graduate in December with a major in communications.

"I'm more worried about that (getting a job) than the NFL draft," Baker said.

The latter comment coming out of Al Baker is not by accident.

He credits two people. The one who lives upstairs and the one who is trying lift 'Cat football fortunes.

About the former, he says:

"I just told God to be with me," Baker said. "When I make a good play I thank him first. When I make a bad one, I still thank him."

As for the latter, he points in the direction of Curry.

Baker said Curry lifted his spirits, his talent and his confidence by praising him to the media.

Curry never failed to mention Baker when the season began. This got his big back's confidence rolling.

And there was no let up. Curry kept singing the praises of the Trigg County legend.

"When he first met me he said he didn't even remember me as the guy who dropped the pass against his team last year," Baker said.

"He said the only Al I remembered was the one who against him the year before on run at Commonwealth Stadium.

That one thing impressed Baker does.

"Here is a guy who was the c he didn't remember it," Baker he went on to say I shouldn't r it either."

Baker has made it a point to s Curry's doghouse. He said so haven't have told him the punish the hardest thing they ever did. up his mind never to be a bad

Although Baker has returned familiar tailback position he says prefers fullback.

"When Terry (Samuels) gets dage I could just see myself in th ing," Baker said. "Now, I'm n Terry is slow. But I think I coul of there quicker. You are right the line. The hole opens, you hit it

Baker said tailback requires that this man and that one... and then run.

"Most of the time I'm reading end and the pulling guard," Ba

Baker said he is happy with bination of Samuels-Baker o Samuels. Whichever comes fir

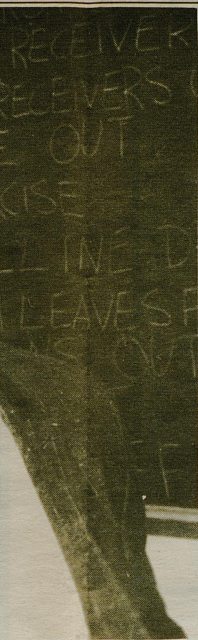
"It doesn't matter which play...tailback or fullback," Baker can do both. Terry sometimes ask to do on certain plays and some has to tell me."

Baker said there is a new thstiasm between the Baker-Sam and their offensive line.

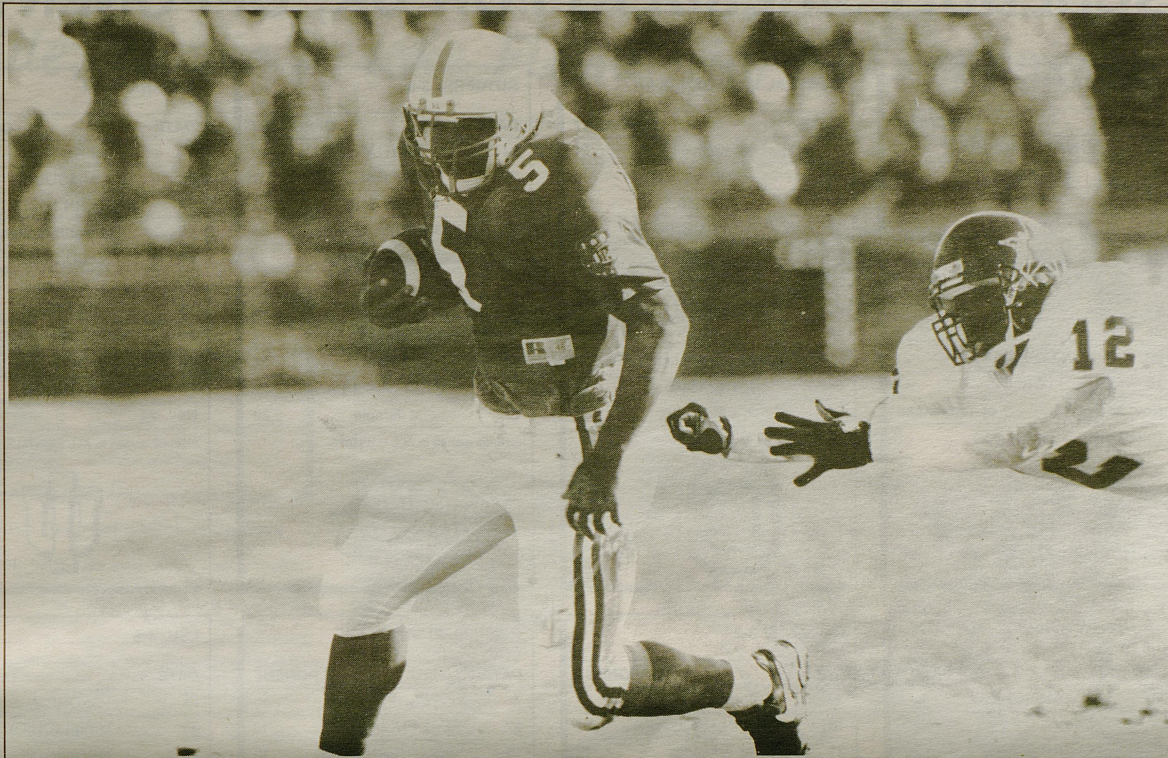
"Now, they know what I can do say, 'We're going to get you the you need,'" Baker said.

However, Baker, like Samuel about to splurge on the offensive says he can't afford to buy them like a watch or even a meal.

"I'm not gettin' big bucks," Bg "But I'll do what I can. If I'm tion I'll try to do something to s



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...preciate them."
... Baker's arrival on the UK campus five
... years ago was preceded by more hoopla
... than a man had the right to expect.
... A prep All-American, at Trigg County
... High, he was named *Atlanta Journal-
... Constitution* "Top Player in the South." He
... rushed for 5,350 yards in four years and
... 1,388 his senior year.
... He was quickly anointed as the next
... Herschel Walker, the All-American out of
... Georgia.
... It was an unfair comparison at best.
... At worst it was sheer lunacy.
... "I really didn't know him," Baker said.
... "I had heard of him but I didn't think I ran
... like him."
... Baker had been courted by just about
... ever college in the country. Name one and
... he had heard from them.
... He visited Florida, Georgia, Louisville,
... Ohio State and today's foe, Tennessee.
... But in the end he chose Kentucky.
... Any doubts?
... "Yeah, when they were 0-10-1," Baker
... said. "If I had it to do over I wouldn't be
... here," Baker said. "I don't know where I
... would have gone. Somewhere in the SEC
... perhaps. But not here."
... But the clock can not be turned back.
... And Al Baker's wild ride on the roller-
... coaster began.
... "I think all the headlines in high school
... and then coming to college hurt me a lit-
... tle," Baker said in recalling the transition.
... "I was hot stuff. I didn't think I could be
... tackled. But it hit me real quick. I was con-
... fident but I didn't give the people respect
... I should have. I think it hurt me in the
... long run."
... Injuries also hurt. They plagued him
... from the outset.
... He played in only two games as a
... freshman and was given a medical hard-
... ship after breaking an ankle against
... Cincinnati.
... His next year, his red-shirt year, was no
... great shakes, either. He had 107 yards
... rushing in 32 attempts after undergoing ar-
... throscopic knee surgery on his left knee

in June.
... "When I finally
... got to play we
... didn't do as well as
... I thought we
... would," Baker
... said. "I kind of
... hated it then."
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... him.
... "The coaches
... would tell me to do
... it one way and I'd
... do it my way,"
... Baker recalled.
... "Being hard-
... headed hurt me
... badly."
... Baker said this
... bit of stubbornness
... may have hindered
... his progress to play
... more. He said the
... coaches of Jerry
... Claiborne's regime
... had wanted to try
... him at fullback.
... But he balked.

**Al Baker on his second
touchdown run against Vanderbilt
two weeks ago:**

"I just knew I had to
score on the run
because I had made
the wrong cut.
Coaches don't say
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107 yards. Baker
was second fiddle
again.
It was Game 3
that Baker reached
the depths of
despair as a college
football player.
The foe was
Curry and a fine
Alabama team that
wound up in the
Sugar Bowl.
Down 6-0 mid-
way through the
second period,
Kentucky had mar-
ched from its own
29 to the 'Bama 11.
Two plays later,
on a third-and-12
from the Tide 13,
Kentucky quarter-
back Freddie Mag-
gard rolled right,
spotted Baker in
the corner of the
end zone, and hit
him with a strike in
the chest.
Baker dropped it. UK lost, 15-3.
"It wasn't so bad at first," Baker said in
recalling the dropped pass. "Until I got
home. Then my father called me. Now,
he's a retired school teacher and doesn't
care anything about football. But he tells
me I need to wear glasses."
It got worse. Baker picked up the local
newspaper the next day and was forced to
read, "Dropped Pass Loses the Game."
"I talked with the guy who wrote it,"
he said. "I said, 'Man, what what are you
doing?' He had wanted to interview me and
stuff. I said what are you talking about?"
The bottom dropped out for Baker. Mike
Thomas was quickly elevated to tailback
ahead of Baker. "I thought...well, excuse
my language," he said. "I had had it."
Baker said he felt he needed a con-
fidence booster after the 'Bama drop. He
likened his situation to a young kid fall-
ing off a horse the first time he rides.
"You don't just sit there," Baker said.
"You climb back on so you want be scared
the next time. The coaches kept me out and
I was mad. Later they said they should
have put me back in, but they didn't."
Baker had had enough. He was ready to
quit. But he talked it over with his parents
and decided to stick it out. Today, look-
ing back, Baker figures he might have been
okay if he had been given the ball enough.
As a runner, he thrived on carrying the
ball time and time again. But one good
play didn't necessarily mean he deserved
another. Or so he found out.
"It was kind of strange last year," Baker
said. "I'd have a good run, then I'd come
out." You can't get any momentum. You
couldn't get warm. I lost my confidence."
Baker said he never could visualize that
it was himself out there. Or any reasonable
facsimile. Doubting Al was no more. "I
said I'm not going to doubt Al Baker," he
said. "I told myself I was going to give it
one more try and if it works out, okay. If
not...well."
Baker then reached out and touched some-
one to retain his sense of priorities.
"I was not going to be a quitter," Baker
said. "I hung in there and I thank God.
Every time I go on the field I want him
to be with me, the team, the opposition and
with everyone else."
Another Lord, this one Byron, once
wrote that "Adversity is the first path to
truth." Al Baker said Byron knew what he
was talking about. "If I can deal with what
I have gone through, I can deal with the
rest in my life," Baker said. "I can find
the truth."
Actually Baker did not have to read Lord
Byron. He read Sir Walter Lewis, the UK
backfield coach.
"He shared some thoughts with me that
made me really think," Baker said. "He
said, 'Do what you can, Al, and make sure
you involve everybody. Don't just do it for
yourself. I started thinking like that and
everything started changing for me.'"

"I thought fullbacks were fat people or
whatever," Baker, said, laughing at his own
conclusions. "My football career just went
down, down and down."
Baker did play in all 11 games as a
tailback his sophomore year and was third
on the team in rushing with 373 yards.
Things looked somewhat brighter.
He also turned in a season-high 73
yards rushing against Southern Illinois and
had 61 against Alabama, then Curry's club.
Second fiddle
"I busted that one for 42 yards against
Alabama," Baker said. "That got me roll-
ing. I was prepared for my best year as a
junior. Instead it was my worst."
Baker started in the opener against In-
diana his junior season. He fumbled twice.
Alfred Rawls, his roommate, went for

SCHEDULES/RESULTS FOR UK, OPPONENTS

KENTUCKY: 4-6

DATE	OPPONENT	
20	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	17
8	at Rutgers	24
24	INDIANA	45
13	at North Carolina	16
29	at Ole Miss	35
17	MISSISSIPPI STATE	15
20	at LSU	30
26	GEORGIA	24
28	VANDERBILT	21
15	FLORIDA	47
Nov. 24	at Tennessee	


Home games in ALL CAPITALS



CENTRAL MICHIGAN: 8-2-1

DATE	OPPONENT	
17	at Kentucky	20
34	CINCINNATI	0
14	at Akron	14
17	BOWLING GREEN	0
31	MIAMI (OHIO)	7
42	at Kent State	0
20	WESTERN MICHIGAN	13
13	TOLEDO	12
16	at Eastern Michigan	12
3	BALL STATE	13
52	at Ohio	7

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



RUTGERS: 3-8

DATE	OPPONENT	
24	KENTUCKY	8
28	COLGATE	17
0	at Penn State	28
10	MICHIGAN STATE	34
14	at Boston College	19
21	at Pitt	45
0	at Syracuse	42
20	AKRON	17
31	at Army	35
3	WEST VIRGINIA	28
22	at Temple	29

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



INDIANA: 5-4-1

DATE	OPPONENT	
45	at Kentucky	24
58	MISSOURI	7
37	EASTERN MICHIGAN	6
42	at Northwestern	0
27	OHIO STATE	27
0	at Minnesota	12
19	MICHIGAN	45
20	at Michigan State	45
20	WISCONSIN	7
10	ILLINOIS	24
Nov. 24	at Purdue	


Home games in ALL CAPITALS



NORTH CAROLINA: 6-4-1

DATE	OPPONENT	
34	MIAMI (OHIO)	0
5	at South Carolina	27
48	CONNECTICUT	21
16	KENTUCKY	13
9	N.C. STATE	12
31	at Wake Forest	24
13	GEORGIA TECH	13
34	MARYLAND	10
3	at Clemson	20
10	VIRGINIA	24
24	at Duke	22

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



OLE MISS: 8-2

DATE	OPPONENT	
23	MEMPHIS STATE	21
10	AUBURN (JACKSON)	24
21	at Arkansas	17
31	TULANE	21
35	KENTUCKY	29
28	at Georgia	12
42	ARKANSAS STATE	13
14	at Vanderbilt	13
19	at LSU	10
13	TENNESSEE	22
Nov. 24	Mississippi State (Jackson)	

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



MISSISSIPPI STATE: 5-5

DATE	OPPONENT	
7	TENNESSEE	40
27	CAL-FULLERTON	13
13	SOUTHERN MISS	10
21	at Florida	34
15	at Kentucky	17
38	at Tulane	17
16	AUBURN	17
0	ALABAMA	22
27	at Memphis State	23
34	LSU	22
Nov. 24	Ole Miss (Jackson)	

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



LSU: 4-6

DATE	OPPONENT	
18	GEORGIA	13
35	MIAMI (OHIO)	7
21	at Vanderbilt	24
17	TEXAS A&M	8
8	at Florida	34
30	KENTUCKY	20
3	at Florida State	42
10	OLE MISS	19
3	at Alabama	24
22	at Mississippi State	34
Nov. 24	TULANE	

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



GEORGIA: 4-6

DATE	OPPONENT	
13	at LSU	18
18	SOUTHERN MISS	17
17	ALABAMA	16
19	EAST CAROLINA	15
3	at Clemson	34
12	OLE MISS	28
38	VANDERBILT	29
24	at Kentucky	26
7	Florida (Jacksonville)	38
10	at Auburn	33
Dec. 1	GEORGIA TECH	

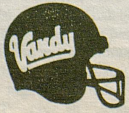
Home games in ALL CAPITALS



VANDERBILT: 1-8

DATE	OPPONENT	
7	at SMU	44
24	LSU	21
28	at Alabama	59
14	SYRACUSE	49
6	at Auburn	56
29	at Georgia	38
13	OLE MISS	14
21	at Kentucky	28
38	ARMY	42
Nov. 24	WAKE FOREST	
Dec. 1	TENNESSEE	


Home games in ALL CAPITALS



FLORIDA: 9-1

DATE	OPPONENT	
50	OKLAHOMA STATE	7
17	at Alabama	13
27	FURMAN	3
34	MISSISSIPPI STATE	21
34	LSU	8
3	at Tennessee	45
59	AKRON	0
48	AUBURN	7
38	Georgia (Jacksonville)	7
47	at Kentucky	15
Dec. 1	at Florida State	

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



TENNESSEE: 6-2-2

DATE	OPPONENT	
31	Colorado (Anaheim)	31
55	PACIFIC	7
40	at Mississippi State	7
56	UTEP	0
26	at Auburn	26
45	FLORIDA	3
6	ALABAMA	9
41	TEMPLE	20
29	NOTRE DAME	34
22	at Ole Miss	13
Nov. 24	KENTUCKY	
Dec. 1	at Vanderbilt	

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



'Ville, Howie to take Fiesta with SEC runner-up

Big payoff ruled over trip to Birmingham

With a record of 9-1-1, any major college football team these days certainly deserves a bowl invitation. We refer, of course, to former UK All-America end Howard Schnellenberger's Louisville Cardinals who will play



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

the Southeastern Conference runnerup in this year's Fiesta Bowl.

But the story behind the story in this case is U of L snubbing an oral agreement with the All-American bowl and reaching for a big bowl payout totaling \$2.5 million as opposed to \$600,000 for the All-American Bowl.

Certainly, one can't argue with Schnellenberger and U of L officials for going for bigger purse money in the controversial Fiesta Bowl, which recently made headlines with players at such schools as Virginia and Ole Miss refusing to play in the bowl because Arizona voters refused to approve a paid holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King.

However, money and exposure were the primary reasons for acceptance of the Fiesta Bowl invitation by a Cardinal team that didn't defeat a single team on its schedule this season with a winning record.

The Fiesta is a much more prestigious bowl, has a bigger payout and more television exposure than the All-American. The Copper Bowl, which is played in Tucson, Ariz., also was interested in matching the Cards with a Pac 10 team, but U of L immediately jumped at the Fiesta's invitation to play on national TV on New Year's Day.

It doesn't take a genius in geography to figure that Birmingham, Ala., is a whole lot closer to Louisville, Ky., than is Tempe, Ariz. So why then did Schnellenberger preach to his Louisville backers that he wanted his team to participate in a bowl within driving distance to the site of the school's first bowl trip since 1977?

"This is a major bowl opportunity," Louisville athletics director Bill Olsen said. "The others are mid-major. Based on the five that were considering us, we felt it would be in our best interest to stay close to home. But when you move from mid-major to major bowl, then it's a whole new ballgame. We have to do what's best for the program, players, university and the fans."

It will be interesting to see how many Cardinal fans make the trip to Tempe.

Forget the distance of travel and the matter of playing in a state whose voters chose not to create a paid holiday for Dr. King. Louisville simply fell victim to 1990's economics of college athletics.

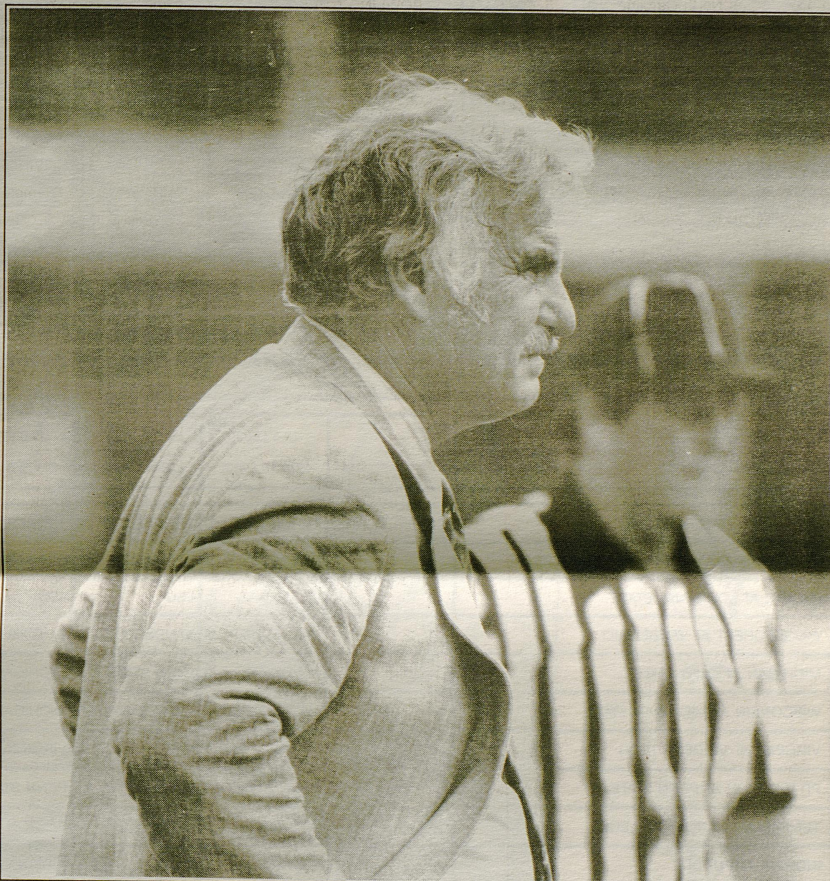
In the case of what is being called in some quarters the "Martin Luther King Bowl," politics and sports do mix and most of the decisions are based on pure economic value.

Those Cardinal fans who do make the trip to Tempe will enjoy being entertained at the Fiesta Bowl, while the Cardinal athletics program collects big money while enjoying prime television exposure and hopefully makes a good showing against its first big-time opponent of the season.

By the way, Louisville is scheduled to play Arizona State in Tempe just two years from now in September.

NATURALLY, ARTIFICIAL SURFACE IS TOO ROUGH

Alabama's 24-3 victory over LSU was the last game ever to be played on artificial turf at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa. Next year, the Crimson Tide will play all of its home games on a natural turf. The Bama officials hope this move will cut down on injuries as the



Former University of Kentucky football player and current Louisville Cardinal head coach Howard Schnellenberger will be facing the Southeastern Conference's runner-up in the Fiesta Bowl.

Tide lost three starters due to injuries on the artificial turf this season. Vanderbilt and Tennessee now are the only remaining two SEC schools with artificial turf. However, the Tide will continue to play some games at Birmingham's Legion Field, which has an artificial turf. The season finale against Tennessee will mark only the second time—Rutgers was the first—this season the Kentucky Wildcats have played a football game on artificial turf. However, the 'Cats have not fared well over the past several years on an artificial surface, going 2-9 since 1986. The victories were against Cincinnati ('86) and Vanderbilt ('89).

UK NOTEBOOK

•Former UK defensive back **Russell Hairston** was spotted along the UK sideline during the Vandy-Kentucky game. A member of UK's last bowl team ('84 Hall of Fame champs), Hairston currently is enrolled in UK's Law School...

•Also honored at the Vandy game was former UK running back **Alfred Rawls**, who received a tryout with the San Francisco 49ers' developmental squad, but failed to make the roster...

•Former UK tight end **Matt Lucas** also was back in town recently attending UK team physician **Dr. Mary Ireland's** athletic symposium, which demonstrated how

to rehabilitate knee injuries. Lucas, who suffered knee ligament damage during his final season (1986) as a Wildcat, currently is enrolled in Ohio University's sports administration program...

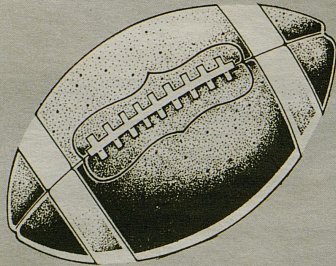
•A green dye was used on the Commonwealth Stadium turf for the first time against Vanderbilt. The Bermuda grass surface turns brown after the first frost of a season. UK once dyed the old Stoll Field turf blue for a game against Florida, but it didn't work out as the dye was transferred from the grass to the white pants worn by the Gators. The green grass of home worked well against Vandy...

•**Bill Hawk's** punt inside Vandy's one-yard line could do wonders for his confidence. Hawk, who has drawn the ire of UK coach **Bill Curry** on occasion because of punting inconsistency, said he has tried a new approach. "Everything has been dictated toward becoming a consistent punter this season," Hawk said, "but sometimes it's like the baseball player who tries to knock a home run everytime he's at the plate. He usually strikes out. In my case I'm trying to drive straight through the ball every time to keep my proper form. Every time I try to deviate I usually get off a bad punt..."

•For the first time in recent memory UK will not line

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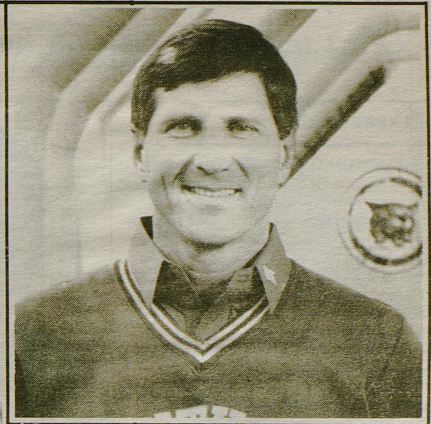
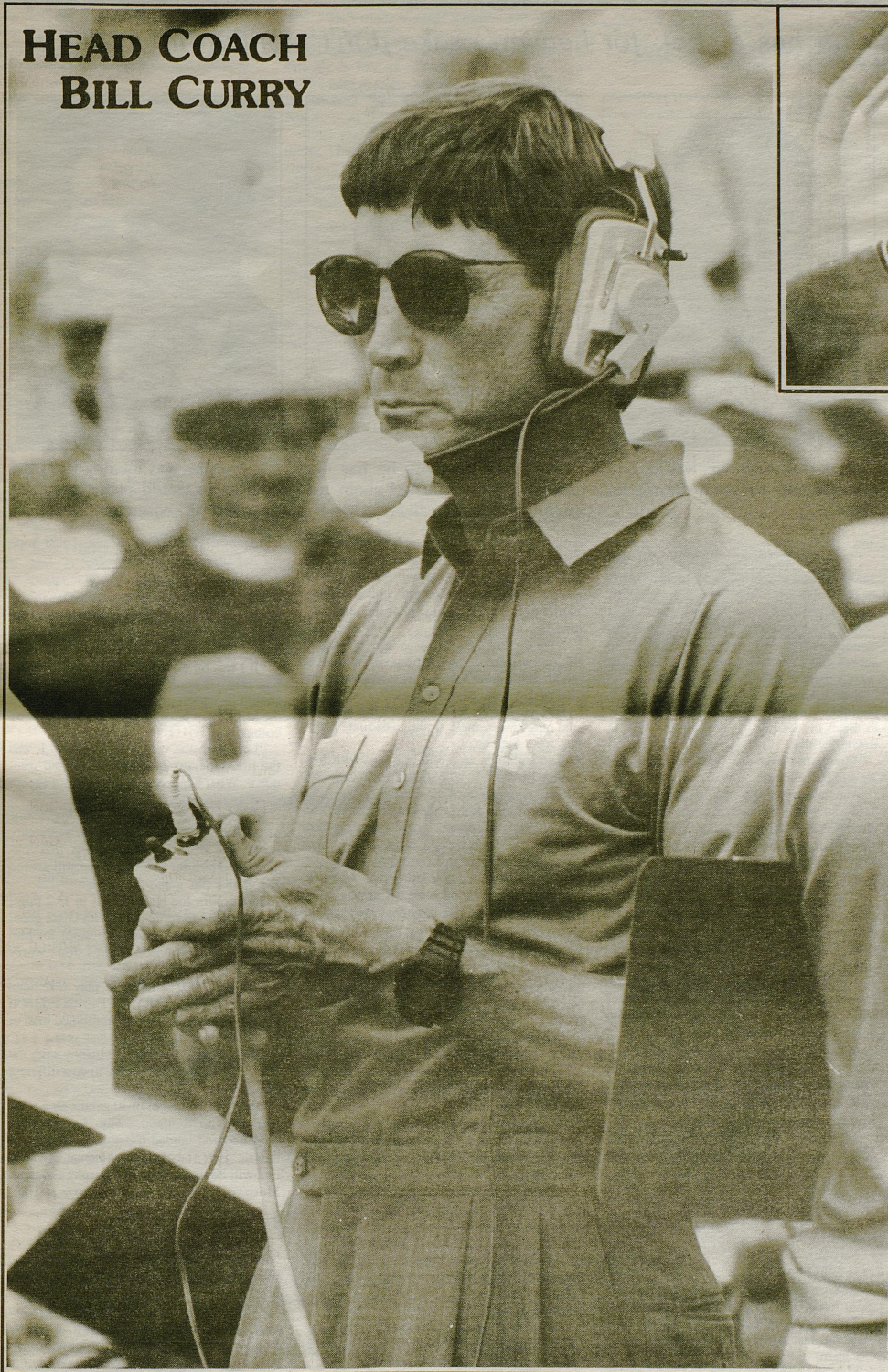
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LAST WEEK	20-5 (.800)	19-6 (.760)	19-6 (.760)	20-5 (.800)	21-4 (.840)	18-7 (.720)
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PITTSBURGH AT PENN STATE	PENN STATE 10	PENN STATE 19	PENN STATE 21	PENN STATE 20	PENN STATE 13	PENN STATE 8
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BASKETBALL: DELAWARE AT ALABAMA	ALABAMA 22	ALABAMA 20	ALABAMA 21	ALABAMA 16	ALABAMA 23	ALABAMA 20
BASKETBALL: TEXAS SOUTHERN AT AUBURN	AUBURN 10	AUBURN 12	AUBURN 14	AUBURN 11	AUBURN 16	AUBURN 7
BASKETBALL: FLORIDA AT SOUTH FLORIDA	FLORIDA 1	FLORIDA 3	FLORIDA 1	FLORIDA 9	FLORIDA 3	FLORIDA 2
BASKETBALL: LSU VS VILLANOVA (TIPOFF CLA.)	LSU 8	LSU 3	LSU 6	LSU 6	LSU 2	LSU 8

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OK, GUYS, JUST WHO IS THE FAVORITE?

Don't tell Hugh his club has a shot; for heaven's sake don't mention it to Wimp

by LARRY VAUGHT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Balance should be the key word in the Southeastern Conference basketball race this year.

"I can see us finishing two or three (in the standings) or finishing eighth or ninth," UK coach Rick Pitino said during the SEC Media Days held a couple of weeks ago.

"I think there will be a lot of balance," Tennessee coach Wade Houston said. "Almost every team should be improved. A lot of teams not picked in the top three will have a chance to be up there."

Alabama has been picked by most pre-season publications as the team to beat in the SEC. Mississippi coach Ed Murphy would vote the same way.

"I believe the University of Alabama will win the league," Murphy said. "They have great players that play great. Night after night they play better than anybody. If they don't have bad luck, they should really do well."

Georgia coach Hugh Durham agrees. "I would pick Alabama first and Alabama second," he said. "They are that good."

Pitino, though, hopes his team can be as big a factor as it was last year when it had a surprising 10-8 SEC slate and finished fourth.

"Last year we didn't have the depth to play our true style," the second-year UK coach said. "We just played on heart."

"Now we have some freshmen to share the minutes and we should play a lot better because we are not tired."

Last year forwards Reggie Hanson, John Pelphrey and Deron Feldhaus all played 34 minutes or more per game. That won't happen this year with the arrival of freshmen Gimel Martinez and Jamal Mashburn.

"There were times last year when you would have liked to come out for a blow (rest)," Pelphrey, a 6-foot-7 junior, said. "If you are as fatigued you make turnovers and look bad."

"Some of us played too much last year. At times I couldn't go as hard as I wanted. Having more depth will only make us better."

Pitino again heaped praise on Mashburn, his 6-8, 245-pound recruit from New York City.

"He is the best 17-year-old player I've ever seen," the UK coach said. "He reminds me of Charles Barkley. He handles the basketball away from the basket, posts up with that wide body, is unselfish and is a great passer."

Martinez and 6-3 freshman guard Carlos Toomer also have impressed the UK coach.

"Gimel knows how to press and run," Pitino said. "He has long arms and a good fallaway shot from the low post. Toomer has impressed us all. He can hit the three-point shot and get after you on defense."

That trio plus walk-on Jody Thompson, who should play at two guard, and redshirt freshman Henry Thomas gives Pitino more flexibility and depth.

"We just won't tire as much," the UK coach said. "Asking players to play the whole game and fast break was just too much physically. This way we'll still have our legs at the end of games and it will help us on the road."

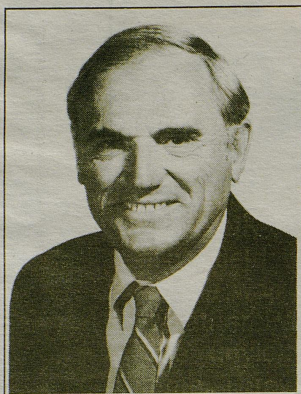
It also should help Pitino's plan to have UK back in the 1999 NCAA Tournament.

"Next year will be a nice blend of experience and athletic talent in our freshmen and sophomores," Pitino said. "That's when we can get back in the NCAA."

A brief glance at what other coaches had to say about their teams follows:

ALABAMA

No one studies the SEC basketball race more than veteran Tide coach Wimp Sanderson.



Sanderson says he would pick Georgia, LSU and Kentucky over his club...

son.

"I don't miss many (picks)," Sanderson said. "I know the league and study it. I saw basketball before you (the media) were born. If you listen to me, you'll have a good story."

SEC media members can always count on Sanderson for two things—a plaid sports jacket and a sad song about his team. He wasn't disappointing on either count.

Even though almost every pre-season publication has picked his team as the one to beat in the SEC, he did his best to downplay that.

"The three best are Georgia, LSU and Kentucky," Sanderson said.

Alabama went 12-6 in SEC play and 26-9 last year while advancing to the final 16 in the NCAA Tournament. Sanderson returns three starters and seven other lettermen and also has talented freshman guard James Robinson.

"Our team is not in the same league as last year," Sanderson said. "We lost three (Keith Askins, David Benoit and James Snyder) great defensive players. They kept us from losing."

"We don't have the defensive intensity, rebounding or shot-blocking we need. Our team could be better offensively but not near as good defensively."

Alabama will have Robinson, who was red-shirted last season after his college entrance exam was questioned, to add to its arsenal this year. He averaged 41 points per game for Murrah High in Jackson, Miss.

"He has the potential to be a good player one of these days," Sanderson said. "He does have potential."

"We require three things. One, play hard. He's learning. Two, play defense and he has a long way to go. Three, shot selection. He's okay there."

No one questions 6-9 junior Robert Horry or 6-8 Melvin Cheatum. The duo combined for 28.8 points and 12.9 rebounds last year. Also back is point guard Gary Waites.

Sanderson, though, worries high pre-season expectations will come back to haunt his team.

"I don't want Alabama to lose some games, play our butts off and have people write that we had a bad season," he said.

GEORGIA

Last year the Bulldogs claimed the SEC regular season championship with a 13-5 mark and they return four starters. However, the lost starter was Alec Kessler, who averaged 21 points and 10.4 rebounds a game. The only other SEC player to average 20 or more



Hugh Durham says he has the athletes, but is worried about his players putting the ball in the hoop...

points and at least 10 rebounds per game the last 10 years was Kenny Walker of Kentucky.

"I don't know how we will fill the gap in without Kessler," Georgia coach Hugh Durham said. "He put together big numbers and had a great season."

"We are talented as far as athletic skills. If you run relays or high jump, we would be good. But I don't know if we can shoot it in the basket enough to be good."

Durham has the best depth he's had at UGA and may have trouble finding adequate playing time for each.

The Bulldogs are solid at guard with 6-4 senior Rod Cole and 6-1 junior Litterial Green. Cole is a terrific defender who averaged 11 points last year while Green scored 17.5.

Marshall Wilson (12 ppg., 5.3 rpg.) and Neville Austin (6.2 ppg., 6.1 rpg.) are proven inside players and started last year.

The Georgia coach expects 6-11 Antonio Harvey to help along with 6-7 senior Lem Howard. Also back is 6-4 senior swingman Jody Patton.

VANDERBILT

Coach Eddie Fogler guided the Commodores to a 21-14 record and a National Invitational Tournament championship in his first season at Vandy last year.

"We are a veteran team now and will play an eight-man rotation a lot," Fogler said. "We play a tough early schedule but we have to get better because every team in our league will be better."

Vandy's top returning player is 6-2 senior guard Scott Draud of Crestview Hills, Ky. He averaged 15.6 points per game last year and was the most valuable player in the NIT.

"Draud is a proven veteran," Fogler said. "I think he's a better all-around player now."

Other starters back are 6-7 senior Steve Grant and 6-4 sophomore Kevin Anglin.

"I am a Kevin Anglin fan," the Vandy coach said. "He was our best defensive player and is a tough, aggressive winner who gets the job done."

"I felt last year Grant was our most consistent player. He shot 67 percent from the field and should be even better this year."

Vandy, which lost 107-70 (NIT) last week against Arkansas on ESPN, has been hampered by a series of pre-season injuries. Fred Benjamin, a 6-11 junior, recently underwent knee surgery. Dan Hall of Marshall County, Ky., is still recovering from a knee injury received last season.

"We are behind a little due to injury and illness," Fogler said. "There is not a team in America that is not a key injury away from



If Murphy was looking from the outside he would pick the Rebels near the SEC basement.

losing games it expects to win. I just hope we've had our injuries now."

MISSISSIPPI

The Rebels were a disappointing 13-17 overall and 8-10 in league play last year. Gone from that team is two-time All-America Gerald Glass.

"If I was on the outside looking in," Murphy said, "I couldn't help saying Ole Miss should be eighth or ninth and not a factor in the SEC. I can understand that and it doesn't bother me."

"Last year was very disappointing. It was the first time any program I have had went down. What happened last year is not acceptable and is going to change."

Murphy hopes 6-3 senior Tim Jumper, one of the SEC's best freshmen three years ago, is finally over a knee injury that has hampered him for two years. He still scored 11.8 points per game last year.

Sophomore Joe Harville put in 13.2 ppg., and will need to score more with Glass gone.

"It just makes it more important for him to score," Murphy said, "but I don't worry about Joe."

Ole Miss also will try to play 6-11 Sean Murphy at forward and 6-11 Patrick Eddie at center. The two averaged a combined total of 13 points and 12 rebounds last year.

"If it doesn't work out," Murphy said, "it will be a problem. We'll have to go a different direction."

Ole Miss won eight of 10 games on a summer trip to Finland. The Rebels even recruited and landed 6-3 Juha Luhtanen on the trip. He's one of six freshmen at Ole Miss that will be trying to learn Murphy's system. Murphy is now in his fifth season at UM.

TENNESSEE

Second-year coach Houston likes the work habits and closeness of his Volunteers, who were 16-14 overall and 10-8 in league play last year.

"I don't know how many we will win but they are fun to coach," Houston, a former Louisville assistant, said. "I think this team will be able to score points but we've got to work harder on the defensive end."

The team's top gun is 6-5 sophomore Allan Houston, the coach's son. He can play either guard or shooting forward and averaged 20.3 points and 2.9 rebounds per game last year.

"He has gotten stronger and is showing more leadership," the coach said. "He is a hard worker and there is no reason for him not to keep getting better."

The squad will rely on 6-3 senior guard

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Greg Bell for leadership. He is the team's most experienced player and averaged 16.6 points last year.

"Experience is so important in this league," Houston said.

Inside, the Vols must replace Ian Lockhart, their top rebounder who is now playing in the NBA.

Houston hopes 6-9 junior Michael Curry, 6-8 senior Ronnie Reese, 6-7 sophomore Carlos Groves, 6-8 freshman Daryl Milson and 6-9 freshman Ronnie Robinson can fill the void.

"Milton and Reese are our two best athletes," he said. "If we press, those two will be on the floor."

FLORIDA

The Gators won just seven times last year after coach Norm Sloan was dismissed before the season started and replaced by Don DeVoe.

Now former Kansas State coach Lon Kruger is running the team.

"Our players are making a sincere effort to be good but they have a lot of work to do," Kruger, who took K-State to four straight NCAA tournaments, said.

He does have 6-7 Livingston Chatman back. Chatman, one of the SEC's best inside players, quit the team last year in a dispute with DeVoe.

"He had surgery in April and is playing well," Kruger said. "He has a lot of offensive skills and is certainly a guy we need to have an outstanding year to be competitive."

The same goes for 6-7 senior Dwayne Davis, who averaged 12.3 points and 8.5 rebounds per game last year.

Other returning starters are guard Renaldo Garcia (11.6 ppg.), forward Stacy Poole (10 ppg.) and guard Hossie Grimsley (5.9 ppg.).

"We have a good nucleus of talent but we don't have much size or depth," Kruger said. "We've got to stay healthy and out of foul trouble."

Kruger wants to use pressure defense and fast break offense, a total change from what DeVoe installed last season.

"It will take time and a faster pace could wear on them," Kruger said. "That's the way we want to do it long term but if we can't this year, we'll change course."

LOUISIANA STATE

Dale Brown sang a sad song for the SEC media.

"We lost 60 points, 19 rebounds, 12 assists and five steals per game from last year," he said. "We lost the most lettermen (five), have the fewest lettermen returning (six), have the fewest returning starters (two) and the fewest seniors (two)."

But the Tigers, 23-9 last year, also have 7-1 center Shaquille O'Neal, one of the nation's premier players, and a talented supporting cast.

O'Neal averaged 13.9 points and 12 rebounds last year while sharing duty inside with Stanley Roberts, an academic casualty now playing in Europe.

"He'll have more space to work inside," Brown said. "He can handle about anything and I think he'll be more comfortable roaming the post by himself."

Transfer Mike Hansen, appointed team captain along with O'Neal, will try and replace All-America guard Chris Jackson, who defected to the NBA.

Hansen scored 40 points against LSU while at Tennessee-Martin and averaged 20 points per game his freshman year before transferring.

"He's a smart, hard-nosed guard," Brown

said. "He's made himself a player and is a good leader."

LSU will press more this year to compensate for its loss of offensive power.

"We have to really concentrate on defense," Brown said. "But at least we aren't picked No. 1."

"Last year I didn't know how to handle things. I had never been Goliath. I was always David. I added to the preseason hype and added tension to a young team. It won't happen again."

MISSISSIPPI STATE

"Five years ago I was scared we wouldn't win a game," Mississippi State coach Richard Williams said. "Now I'm scared we won't win enough."

The Bulldogs, 26-14 overall and 7-11 in conference play last year, return all five starters and are expected to improve on last year's eighth-place finish.

"I'm not sure how we can do that," Williams said. "For us to go to fourth, four teams have to be worse and I can't think of four getting worse."

Still, he readily admits this should be his best team because of forwards Cameron Burns and Greg Carter. The 6-5 Burns averaged 18.2 points and 7.3 rebounds last year. He's a career 63 percent shooter. Carter, a 6-6 senior, contributed 13 points and 6.8 rebounds.

"If we lose Burns or Carter, then we have no chance to be competitive," Williams said. "They have to play a lot of minutes for us to compete."

Other returning starters are Doug Hartford (11.5 ppg.), Todd Merritt (8.1 ppg., 6.7 rebs) and Tony Watts (11.7 ppg.).

Williams hopes 5-9 Orien Watson, a transfer from Memphis State, provides needed defense and penetration at point guard. He also feels 6-6 freshman Nate Morris could contribute.

"We feel Morris was the best high school player in Mississippi last year," Williams said. "He didn't get a lot of national publicity but he's a good athlete and outstanding student."

AUBURN

The War Eagles were a pleasant surprise under new coach Tommy Joe Eagles last year. They finished 13-18 overall and 8-10 in conference play.

"Last year was the most satisfying I've had," Eagles said. "It was a very successful year and laid a foundation for the future."

With nine lettermen and four starters returning, Auburn should be almost a carbon copy of last year's team.

Sophomore Ronnie Battle (17 ppg.) and Reggie Gallon (9.8 ppg.) return. Battle led Auburn in scoring last year and scored in double figures in 26 of 31 games.

"Ronnie really came to the front at the end of last year," Eagles said. "He provided vital outside scoring but needs to pick up his defense this year."

Zane Arnold (8.2 ppg., 6.5 rebounds per game) and Chris Brandt (11.7 ppg, 6.5 rpg.) return inside.

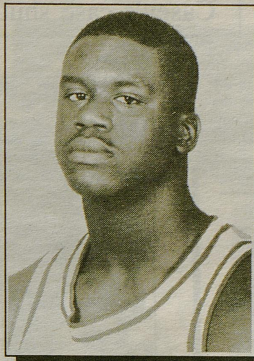
Brandt, a power forward, was in double figures in 21 of 31 games.

"He was our hardest working player," Eagles said. "Because of his willingness to play hard, he had an outstanding year."

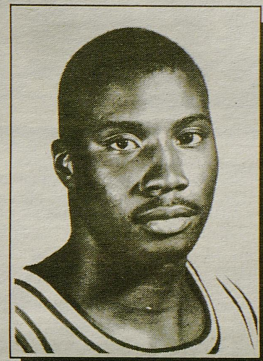
Auburn could get a boost if 6-5 sophomore Robert McKie is fully recovered from a knee injury.

"He can be a dominant inside force," Eagles said. "He's big enough and strong enough to be an outstanding rebounder"

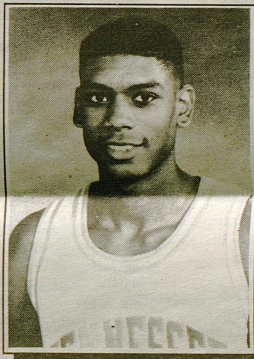
SEC STARS TO WATCH FOR IN '90-91



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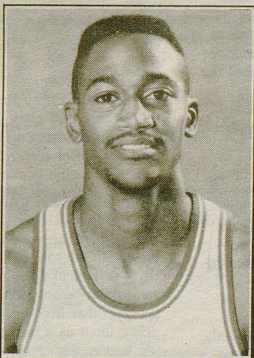
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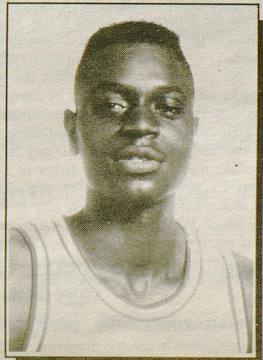
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Guilty or not guilty? The NCAA makes its decision

Casey's case shut; why not reopen UK's?

Easily the busiest group in college basketball in the days leading to the opening of another season was the NCAA's Committee on Infractions. In addition to wrestling with a plea bargain from UNLV which hoped to



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Cats' Pause Columnist

alter its ban from the NCAA Tournament, the judge and jury of intercollegiate sports reached (at long last) conclusions in the cases of Illinois and Missouri. Both were banned from this year's tourney and hit with several other recruiting limitations which should assure both programs will, at the very least, do some limping in the years ahead.

What I found most interesting about the Illinois case was the fact the committee decided, based on the findings delivered to it by the NCAA's Enforcement Staff, there was not enough evidence to convict coach **Lou Henson's** program on the most serious allegations in this case. You'll recall that among the original charges were suggestions that Illini assistant **Jimmy Collins** had promised **Deon Thomas**, a Chicago recruit, something like \$80,000 plus a vehicle if he'd play in Champaign. Also it was contended that Illinois had offered current Notre Dame star **LaPhonso Ellis** \$5,000 for his signature. In the case of Thomas there was even a tape recording made by Iowa assistant coach **Bruce Pearl**.

As the history of these investigations reveals all too often the Committee on Infractions has served as little more than a rubber stamp to the Enforcement Staff's findings, regardless of any proof to the contrary offered by the school being investigated. This time that didn't happen.

I'd like to be encouraged and suggest that maybe there's been enough pressure exerted on the committee that it now understands the necessity of a more orderly legal approach in these hearings, and perhaps that is the case. But as a long-time NCAA watcher, I'm cautious.

Chuck Smrt of the Enforcement Staff, obviously stunned by the committee's decision not to accept carte blanche his findings, said: "Just because the committee didn't convict the Illini on those charges didn't mean the school wasn't guilty."

I found that amusing. But, then, having to deal with the element of fairness in these hearings had to be a real culture shock to Smrt and his fellow investigators...

SHOULD UK STILL BE ON PROBATION?

Also, away from the ball, what are we to make of the financial settlement reached between Emery Air Freight and former Kentucky assistant coach **Dwane Casey**? It seems to me this was a case without gray areas, yet the settlement, which Casey said would keep him financially comfortable for a long time, allowed for no blame.

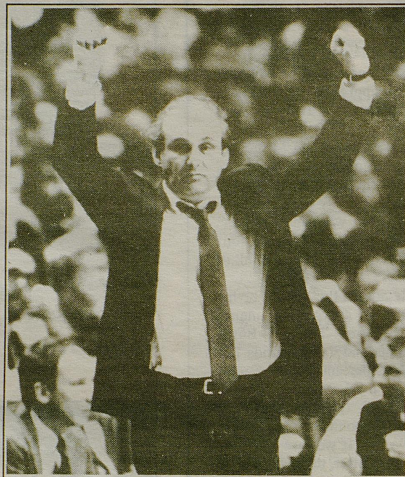
Thus we are left to ponder forever the question of whether or not Casey was guilty or innocent. Certainly the fact that Emery agreed to a settlement, and apparently a big financial settlement, would seem to suggest that Casey was not guilty of putting money in the envelope and mailing it to **Claud Mills**, father of Los Angeles prep star **Chris Mills**.

And if that's the situation then why is Kentucky still on probation? Why hasn't the NCAA reopened the case to see if there was some miscarriage of justice here because, after all, the Casey incident was a cornerstone of the entire investigation/conviction wasn't it?

Strange.

HOOP MAGAZINES HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE

Once again this fall the magazine racks are



Rollie has 'em angry in Philly...



...in Chapel Hill, Dean is blowing smoke.

cluttered with regional and national college basketball publications, giving the purchasing public, nearly, an infinite choice of reading material.

My vote as the best national annual goes to the *Sporting News*, a repeat of the last two or three years. Not only does the *Sporting News College Yearbook* give you all the nuts and bolts stuff, but has bookended it with a wide variety of readable feature matter. By far this book continues to be the best product out of the *Sporting News* stable.

Not far behind is *Dick Vitale's College Basketball Yearbook*. Editor **Doug Weese** has put together an impressive volume which has improved a bit in each of the years of its publication.

Lexington, Ky.-based Host Communications is a new player in this market and its first issue, *On the Road to the Final Four*, shows promise. Sadly, *Street & Smith's Basketball Yearbook*, once the undisputed king of these publications, continues along without change. Oh, there's more color, but the entire magazine is one unbroken string of previews. I'd like to see some features sprinkled in...

Among the regional publications, none are more detailed than *Barry Jacobs' ACC Yearbook*. I promise this edition will give you more information about the league than anyone with a real life can possibly absorb. The amount of research and work which Jacobs' puts into the magazine is absolutely incredible...

STEVE FISHER LANDS A BIG 'UN

There was a big, sigh of relief in Ann Arbor, Mich., when Chicago schoolboy whiz **Juwan Howard** cast his collegiate lot with Michigan. It's not really a surprise that the Wolverines would land a big name like Howard, nor will it be any greater shock if **Steve Fisher** signs several other high profile performers. Michigan has a lot going for it as a basketball school and one other very big bonus: Fisher can offer instant playing time. Keep an eye on the parade...

WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE SMOKING, DEAN?

I'm told that North Carolina coach **Dean Smith** has been downplaying the quality of his current freshman class, already being called one of the best ever. Smith, after some research, points to the past and how many highly touted schoolboys coming in haven't gotten that much better.

Well, that begs the question if he didn't expect these guys to get any better why did he offer them a basketball scholarship in the first place. A cloud of smoke in Chapel Hill, I suspect...

BAD NEWS IN PHILLY

Another blow was dealt to those diehard Big 5 fans in Philadelphia when Villanova coach **Rollie Massimino** said he doubted that the Wildcats could continue playing the other four city schools (LaSalle, St. Joseph's, Temple and Penn) every year. The addition of Miami to the Big East means two more league games and although everyone expects the legislation to be repealed, as of now teams will be permitted to play fewer games starting next year. Predictably, Villanova and Massimino were raked pretty good for the announcement, but it does come down to a numbers game and the age of innocence in college basketball is long gone. That the Big 5 and doubleheaders in the Palestra are a victim is regrettable, but, unfortunately, also unavoidable...

MILBURN DRYSDALE, OLSON & FRIEDER

Sign of the times in Arizona: **Lute Olson**, highly successful coach at Arizona and **Bill Frieder**, the man starting to make noise at Arizona State, are currently appearing in a television commercial for a bank. I wonder how **Steve Patterson**, the man Frieder replaced at ASU, feels about that turn of events?...

NOT TO JINX MICHIGAN STATE, BUT...

Michigan State, my pick to win it all this year, must have two things happen in order to reach Indianapolis: **Matt Steigenga** must step up his game about two or three notches and big **Mike Peplowski** must get healthy enough to be a factor on both ends of the court. If that happens **Jud Heathcote's** team has more answers than any of the other contenders...

HEY, GUYS, IT GETS LONELY IN DETROIT...

A few years ago I complained to Southern Mississippi coach **M.K. Turk** that the various leagues and coaches went on all these junkets to New York to romance the television people, but none of them ever visited me in Detroit. He promised to be the first. Then his team won the NIT and he told me that a trip to Detroit probably wasn't necessary at that point. Now that his team may be one of the developing stories of this winter, I don't suppose he'll ever make it to Detroit...

...BUT IT DOESN'T COMPARE TO HATTIESBURG!

...but I might have to find Hattiesburg, Miss (home to Southern Mississippi). Other than Georgetown coach **John Thompson**, who once headquartered his team there when the Final Four was in New Orleans, I don't know of anyone who has found Hattiesburg, Miss.

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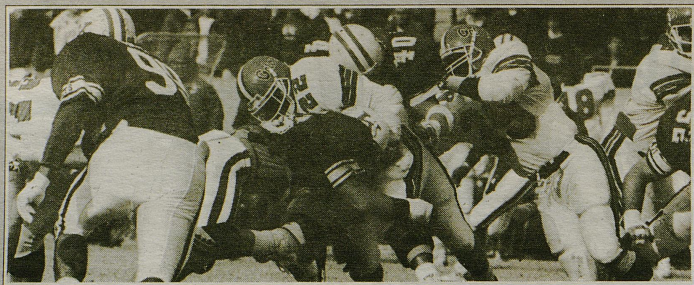
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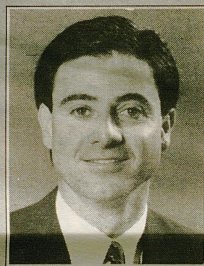


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BILL CURRY




RICK PITINO

You can't touch Nevada Las Vegas' Tark the Shark

Tarkanian has an .827 winning percentage

Jerry Tarkanian, of Nevada at Las Vegas, and Dean Smith, of North Carolina, for the fifth straight year lead college basketball's "Top Twenty Coaches."

The erudite Smith, neat and proper as a classroom



Scoop Hudgins

Cats' Pause Columnist

professor and known as "Coach" in all of Carolina, has won more games, 688, than any other active Division 1 coach while the rough and always ready "Tark the Shark" wins the highest percentage of games, .826.

Tarkanian is winning at a rate challenging the highest percentage in recorded history of NCAA major colleges. His 565 wins and 119 losses for .826 is within one percentage point of the all-time record of .827 (410 wins, 86 losses) by Clair Bee, coach at Rider College and Long Island University, 1929-51.

Smith is now No. 6 on the all-time victory totals list.

His 688 just passed John Wooden's 677, earned at Indiana State and UCLA. He approaches the 724 of Ray Meyer, all at DePaul. Kentucky's Adolph Rupp is the all-time winner, 875 games, all at Kentucky, 1931-73.

■ **Eddie Sutton returns to the Top Twenty after a year off from Kentucky. He has returned to his alma mater, Oklahoma State, with a record of 430-164 for .724, at ninth place.**

John Cheney of Temple is second to Tarkanian in percentage at .777 on 417 wins and 120 losses. Then after Smith's .772 come John Thompson of Georgetown on 423-142 for .749, and Denny Crum of Louisville on 463-156 for .748, to round out the first five.

Eddie Sutton returns to the Top Twenty after a year off from Kentucky. He has returned to his alma mater, Oklahoma State, with a record of 430-164 for .724, at ninth place.

Pete Carrill, a Lafayette graduate coaching at Princeton, is the only absolutely new man to climb into the Top Twenty. Pete played for Butch vanBreda Kolff and helped coach, then succeeded him at Lafayette. At Princeton now, Carrill is 408-228 for .642 and 16th of the 20.

The restless vanBreda Kolff, a Princeton grad coaching at Hoffstra, in his second stint has moved more than any

coach in the game today. He also coached college ball at Lafayette twice, at Princeton and New Orleans, compiling a record of 430-211 for .671 and No. 12 on the honor roll. He also coached four NBA, one ABA and one women's pro teams.

St. John's Lou Carnesecca nudges Indiana's Bobby Knight for sixth place, .7289 to .7288, on a record of 484-180 vs. 532-198. Don Haskins, an Oklahoma State man coaching at Texas Western for 29 years, has won 563 and lost 243 for .699 and ninth place, while Lefty Driesell, a Duke grad now at James Madison, is 560-257 for .689.

Lou Henson at Illinois heads the second 10 on 556-257 for .689. The Illini have been barred from post-season play and put under three years probation, after an NCAA investigation uncovered "significant violations."

Norm Stewart, a Missouri grad coaching at his alma mater, is 13th on the list, and Gene Bartow at Alabama-Birmingham is 14th on 536-279 for .658.

Hugh Durham, a Florida State grad coaching at Georgia, is 448-243 for .648 and 15th. He has coached both Georgia and his alma mater to Final Four berths.

Tom Young, a Maryland man now at Old Dominion, rates 17th on 510-310 for .621. Eldon Miller at Northern Iowa is 18th on 469-292 for .616. The 19th rated man, Glenn Wilkes of Stetson, has coached the most seasons, 33, for a record of 512-389 and .568. Bill Foster at Northwestern has 445-338 and .561 to round out the 20.

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LARRY VAUGHT

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could have transferred in the wake of NCAA sanctions and probation, but that was nothing compared to the place in their hearts they would have for Feldhaus.

"The Kentucky people probably would consider me special," Feldhaus said. "That's just how they are. I would still consider myself as being on scholarship. Sure, it would cost me some money but I really can't see anything negative about the move."

Feldhaus may never have to commit to paying his own way. UK probably won't get Webber away from Michigan or Michigan State. Even if it does sign Webber or

TODD HALLUM

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up one starter from Tennessee for the season finale against the Vols. The only Tennessee native on UK's squad this season is freshman noseguard **John Merkle**, who is from Memphis...

•For the second consecutive year, UK will play the Vols after Thanksgiving...

•Former UK quarterback **Bill Ransdell** is working at a car dealership in Winchester and undecided about returning to Italy, where he played in a new European league last year...

•Unless the UK-UT game is picked up by a national cable network or possibly CBS, the contest will be shown on a pay-per-view basis for most of Kentucky. Host Communications (Video Seat) would handle the production.



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STAN TORGERSON

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tie since a 21-21 standoff with Auburn in the eighth game of the 1975 season. That's 166 consecutive games...

•**John Kasay Sr.**, Georgia's strength and conditioning coach, was an offensive guard for **Vince Dooley's** first team at Georgia in 1964. **John Kasay, Jr.**, the Bulldogs' senior placekicker, was a member of Vince Dooley's last Bulldog team in 1988...

•Question to **Bill Curry** about UK's final play touchdown against Ole Miss: "Some people call the last points a 'ceremonial touchdown.'" Curry's answer: "If you give up, they're called ceremonial touchdowns. When you never give up, every touchdown counts the same."

THE LAST WORD

NFL Commissioner **Paul Tagliabue** talking about a possible college football playoff:

"I know it's going to have an impact on us. In some respects (the colleges) are professional sports. No doubt about it."

someone else, another player may quit or transfer.

"Often these things work out," Brown said. "Several years at LSU we've been in the same situation. I've never asked a guy to leave or run anyone off. It just works out and I bet it will at Kentucky, too."

"I would be surprised if he had to give up his scholarship. Loyalty and devotion to causes are not very clear anymore. This is a wonderful compliment to this young man's love for a school and team."

Amen.

However, it also seems a bit ironic that Feldhaus spent time at the Southeastern Conference Media Days on this

subject. Instead of basking in the limelight of last year's superb season or talking about his goals for this year, he explained why he would consider giving up his scholarship.

That's a true sacrifice and one few players at Kentucky or anywhere else would make.

"Me and Coach Pitino are real close," Feldhaus said. "I would do anything for him because I know he would do the same for me."

"This really isn't that big a deal because it may never even happen. But if it would help out team, I would do it."

And it would be the ultimate sacrifice any player could make.

FLORIDA 47, UK 15

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Would Kentucky surprise the Gators?

For 15 minutes it appeared the answer might be "yes." "(UK) people were having dreams," Baker said. "I even had one. We were all determined we were going to win. Especially when we got those two points."

"We just made some mistakes (in the first half, three interceptions and a Baker fumble) and they capitalized on them."

And UK didn't capitalize when it had the opportunity. A Willis interception gave Kentucky a first down at the Florida 27. But a personal foul against the hosts halted the brief celebration. Now UK faced a second-and-29 call.

After a Mike Thomas 14-yard gain, Maggard turned the ball over when he was picked off by White.

Moments later with Florida leading 14-9, Brady dropped a Matthews interception near the line of scrimmage. Brady said afterwards he was fighting off a Gator tackle and never saw the screen.

From there it was all downhill for the Kentucky cause.

"I thought we had 'em," Willis said. "Our coverages were mixing them (UF) up pretty good and confusing them. When I picked off that pass we had 'em confused; (Matthews) had no idea what coverage we were in."

"Then...I don't know if it was from their press box or what. It was like their pressbox knew what we were doing. He (Matthews) would come up to the line and check out of whatever he was in. He knew when we were in man and when we were in a combination defense. He knew who was in man and went to him. That's what happened when I got beat on the touchdown."

PHYSICAL GAME

The 'Cats suffered more than the usual bumps and bruises. Senior linebacker Randy Holleran suffered a subluxation of the left shoulder and was forced out of the game in the first half. However, he was able to come back. Unofficially, Holleran had five tackles, which, unless game films prove otherwise, will end his consecutive double-digit—which ironically started in his first start, against Florida—a streak at 21.

Other UK injuries include: Dean Wells, left knee sprain; Bobby Henderson, left ankle sprain, Larry Jackson, concussion; Darryl Conn, knee sprain; and Jerry Bell, concussion.

Maggard, although not injured, was sacked four times. He finished with 19 completions on 31 attempts and was intercepted three times.

Brady differed, saying the game was not as physical as it appeared. The senior bandit noted the Gators killed the 'Cats with precision.

"They weren't really a great hard-hitting football team," Brady said. "But they executed perfectly. If I had to describe Florida's offense: it was precision, precise to the point, their patterns and passing attack was on target today."

"But all in all it really wasn't a 'head knocking' game."

HOCKMAN GETS HIS CHANCE

Backup quarterback Ryan Hockman came in for Maggard early in the fourth period and directed the 'Cats to a touchdown on his first series, leading the offense 87 yards on 11 plays.

During the drive, the sophomore quarterback completed six of seven passes. The key play came when Hockman hooked up with receiver Phil Logan for 36 yards.

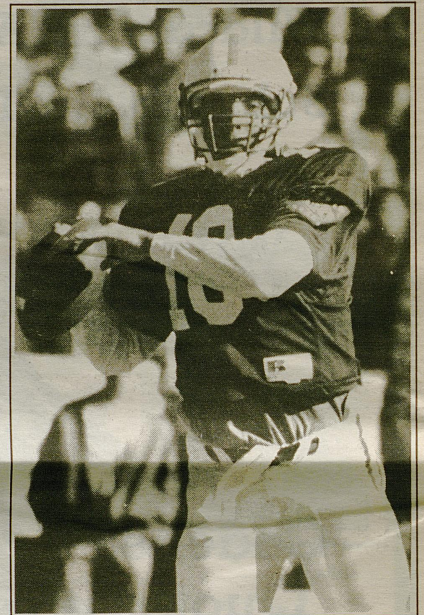
On third-and-goal from the one, Hockman snuck over the goal line, making the score 44-15.

Next, Hockman's two-point conversion pass to Thomas failed.

Florida closed out the scoring with a 50-yard field goal midway through the final period.

Hockman hit on 10 of 13 passes for 134 yards.

"I was encouraged by the courageous play of Ryan Hockman at the end," Curry said. "He stood in the pocket and delivered."



Quarterback Freddie Maggard was sacked four times by Gator defenders.

FLORIDA-KENTUCKY NOTES

•Kentucky, although it can't have an overall winning record, can have a plus-.500 SEC season with a win over Tennessee.

•Florida racked up more first downs, 32, than any other opponent in UK history.

•When **Gary Willis** intercepted **Shane Matthews'** pass in the first quarter, it marked UK's first interception since **Jeff Brady** grabbed one in the season opener. Overall, UK only has two interceptions for the season.

•In the locker room after the game, head coach **Bill Curry** told his team that "everybody in the world gets embarrassed." He also said, "Our day will come. And it will."

•Incredible as it sounds, UK controlled the ball for 11:04 in the first quarter. For the game, Florida won the battle of possession, but just barely, 30:26 to 29:34.

•**Freddie Maggard** and **Ryan Hockman** combined for 326 passing yards, fourth best in school history.

•**Phil Logan** finished with a team-high 128 yards receiving. He's now No. 5 on the all-time UK receiving list with 77 career catches. This season he has caught 31 passes for 495 yards, the most yardage since **Felix "The Cat" Wilson** was credited with 534 yards in '79.

•The night before the contest, Curry took his team to a Lexington theatre to see *Rocky V*.

•While praising Hockman for his efforts in reserve duty, Curry also gave high marks to **Neal Clark**, the diminutive receiver. He caught three passes for 40 yards.

•The contest marked the final home game for 16 seniors. Juniors **Greg Hunt** and **Daniel Lee** also played their last game. Both Hunt and Lee will bypass their last season of eligibility.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

One Year Ago

✓ Tennessee intercepted three UK passes, with linebacker Shon Walker returning the third 18 yards for a touchdown, as the Vols defeated the Wildcats 31-10 at Commonwealth Stadium.

The Wildcats, 5-5 entering the game against a Vol team that was 8-1 and bound for the Cotton Bowl, played right with the heavily favored visitors and even led the nation's No. 8 ranked team the better part of three quarters.

Despite Chuck Webb's 122 yards rushing in the first half, when the Vols outgained the Wildcats 246-156, UK was up 10-9 at the half.

Successive interceptions started the second half. UT's David Walker tipped a Freddie Maggard pass into the hands of Vol safety Carl Pickens. Tennessee gave the ball right back, a toss by Andy Kelly finding UK safe-

ty Ron Robinson. Taking over at the 48, UK picked up a first down at the UT 42. Two plays later, at third-and-three on the 35, Andy Murray was stopped for a two-yard gain. On fourth down, Alfred Rawls was thrown for a six-yard loss.

The Vols marched 61 yards in 12 plays for the go-ahead score and never looked back. Webb finished with 145 yards on 27 carries. Kelly hit 16 of 33 for 210 yards, one TD, and an interception.

✓ Kristi Cushenberry scored 21 points and earned Most Valuable Player honors in leading UK to a 102-84 victory over Missouri as the Lady Kats won their 11th straight invitational tournament in Memorial Coliseum.

The sophomore guard had a two-night total of 33 points, five rebounds, five assists and four steals. Selected to the all-tournament team along with Cushenberry were team-

mates Vanessa Foster-Sutton and Tracey Davis, Missouri's Lisa Sanbothe and Evansville's Amy Humphries.

10 Years Ago

✓ The UK Athletics board, meeting behind closed doors for one hour and five minutes, for the first time in four years decided not to give head football coach Fran Curci a new five-year contract. Shortly after UK's 21-0 win over North Carolina in the 1986 Peach Bowl, the board voted to award Curci a new five-year contract. Each year thereafter, the board had always voted to extend the contract another year, thus providing Curci with a five-year contract, for all practical terms.

✓ Sam Bowie poured in 30 points and grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds as he led the Blue team to an 87-82 win over the Whites before 5,000 fans packed into the Marshall

County High School gym. It was the first game played in the new gym.

Bowie hit 17 of 26 field goal attempts, many of them coming from outside. His support came from Bret Bearup, who hit seven of 10 shots while scoring 16 points and getting 10 rebounds, and Dirk Minniefield, who scored 12 points and handed out four assists. Frosh guard Jim Master scored 10 points and also had four assists. Melvin Turpin and Fred Cowan scored 20 points each for the White team.

20 Years Ago

✓ Michigan rallied to within six points but UK came back to win its home basketball opener 104-93. Mike Casey scored 25 points. Tom Payne hit eight of 11 shots and sparked UK late with 17 points. Kent Hollenbeck had 16, Mark Soderberg 10.

WILDCAT QUIZ

Vols and 'Cats

- Tennessee leads its football series with UK by what margin?
a) 50-26-9
b) 51-25-9
c) 52-24-9
d) 53-23-9
- True or False? UK does not have a Tennessee native on its roster this season?
- Which current UK assistant played quarterback for the Vols?
a) Walter Lewis
b) Rick Smith
c) Steve Bird
d) Daryl Dickey
- Who won the first meeting between UK and UT?
- Who is UT's defensive coordinator?
a) Charlie Cole
b) Larry Marmie
c) Larry Laceywell
d) Phillip Fulmer
- UK's Bill Curry has winning record as head coach against the Vols?
- True or False? The battle for the beer barrel is the largest running series in UK history?
- Going into the current season, Tennessee has won 20 consecutive games in the month of November. Who was the last team to defeat the Vols in November?
a) Florida
b) Alabama
c) Kentucky

- Georgia
- What position did UT coach Johnny Majors play at UT?
a) Defensive back
b) Halfback
c) Quarterback
d) Wide receiver
- The UT running back who rushed for 145 yards against UK last season was which of the following?
a) Chuck Webb
b) Reggie Cobb
c) Tony Thompson
d) Alvin Harper



Answers

1. 53-23-9
2. False (John Merte, Memphis)
3. Daryl Dickey
4. UK (56-0)
5. Larry Laceywell
6. True (5-4-1)
7. True (86 years)
8. Kentucky (17-12 in '84)
9. Halfback
10. Chuck Webb

RECRUITS HAVE POTENTIAL

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got long, rangy arms. He goes to the basket extremely well. And I think he'll fit in very well with the way we play."

Pitino said he can understand why Parks, Wilson, Tommy Kleinschmidt and some of the other highly-regarded high school seniors UK was recruiting chose other schools.

"With Cherokee Parks, we went from not being able to talk to him, not being one of his top seven schools, to going down to one of his final two schools," Pitino said. "So I think we made up great ground. It's going to be a while, another year or two—back on TV, getting back into the NCAA tournament—before Kentucky can take these so-called marquee-name players and be able to get them."

In the meantime, Pitino said, he'll take these stars of the future and work them into what is already shaping up as a pretty good Wildcat squad.

"We've got a pretty good basketball team this year," Pitino said. "We really like it on paper. I don't mind the fact that Riddick and Timberlake need a year of weight-training development because I've got (Deron) Feldhaus and (John) Pelphrey. I don't want a so-called All-American coming in and taking Pelphrey's and Feldhaus' place. Those two young men need playing time. I don't want to see them have a lot of playing time as sophomores and juniors and then very little as seniors."

"So I've got a nice situation next year. I've got people coming in to learn the system and develop physically while the seniors get their playing time."

NOTES

• Though the Wildcats have no more scholarships available, Pitino said he and his staff are still recruiting.

Asked if he planned to sign anyone else during the early signing period, which ended Nov. 21, or in the late signing period, which begins in April, Pitino said, "We are recruiting one other person."

Because of NCAA rules, which do not allow coaches to mention prospective recruits by name until they have signed a letter-of-intent, all Pitino could say was that the player "loves Dianna Ross."

Musical tastes aside, that player is Chris Webber, the 6-9 Birmingham, Mich., star generally considered the top senior prospect available this season. Webber, who plays for Country Day High School in Detroit, has narrowed his choices to Michigan State, Michigan, Kentucky and Duke.

In a published report last week, Webber's high school coach, Kurt Keener, said the player came close to signing with Michigan State during the early signing period "just to end all of the hassle."

Keener said Webber will honor an earlier statement and wait until April to sign, however, because, "he just hasn't made up his mind. He doesn't want to rush it."

Webber has already visited Michigan State and Michigan. He is scheduled to visit UK the weekend of Dec. 7-8 (when the 'Cats entertain Kansas at Rupp Arena)...

• With the recent additions of Arkansas and South Carolina to the Southeastern Conference, league officials have decided to cut the league schedule back from the current 18-game schedule to 16 games next season.

Pitino applauded the move to reduce the schedule, but, after watching Arkansas thrash Vanderbilt 107-70 on TV in the first game of the preseason NIT, joked that the league could have opened its expansion with someone other than the Hogs.

"When you look at Arkansas last night," Pitino said, "you'd say to yourself that they were out of their mind for admitting them. They're that good."

Pitino said Kentucky is already looking to fill the two games opened up by the SEC cut-back. He said UK is currently negotiating to play Ohio State in Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum, and added he would like to make a trip to the East Coast with the other game...

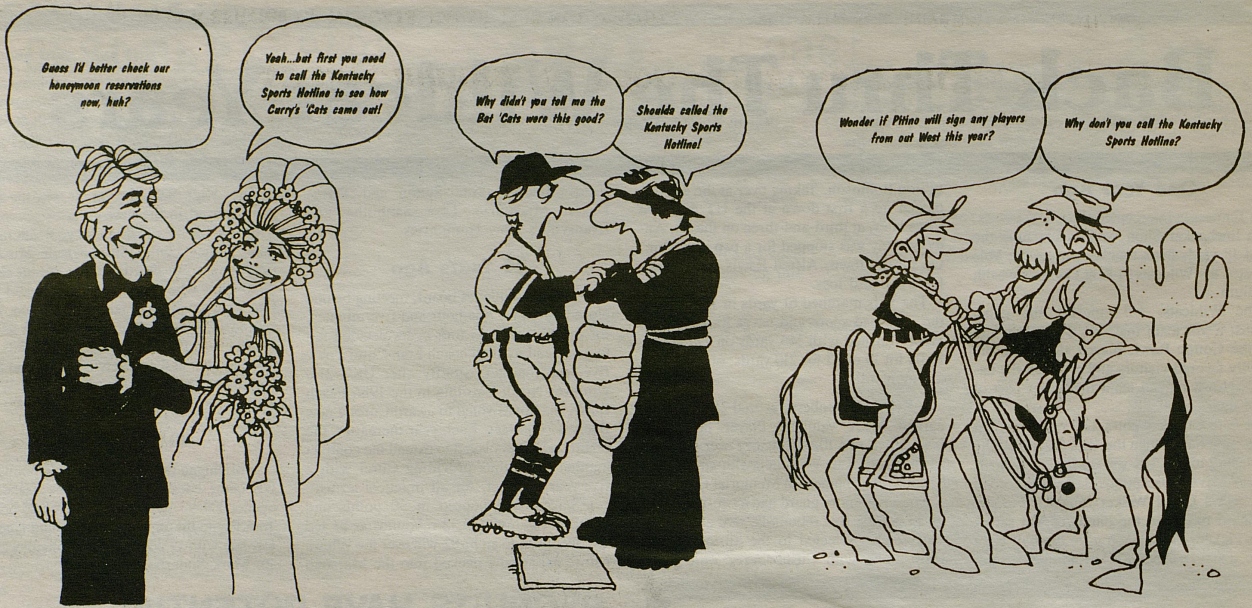
• Last season, Pitino complained about the playing floor at Rupp Arena, citing dead spots and an unimaginative paint job. He thought the problems had been ironed out during the off season...until he showed up for practice at Rupp Oct. 26.

"In the world where we're making millions and millions of dollars from television in basketball, we can't come up with a decent floor in the greatest state in the world for college basketball," Pitino said last week.

"It really is ludicrous for us to have a floor with dead spots," he continued. "It's ludicrous for us to have anything second-rate. Kentucky stands for excellence. We should not have a second-rate floor. Rupp Arena is a beautiful place. It's managed extremely well. Everybody is great. The floor stinks. The printing stinks on it."

How bad is the paint job, coach?
"(The Rupp Arena logo at midcourt) looks like my son Chrissie went down and painted it," he said. "It's as generic as they come."

"There is no excuse for the generic printing of 'Rupp Arena,'" he said, "and right now Adolph is very upset about it."



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