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### PAYBACK TIME

Junior point guard Sean Woods, pictured, turned in the performance of his college career, scoring 25 points, dishing out eight assists and coming up with three steals, all game-high totals, as No. 25 Kentucky blew out Kansas 88-71 last Saturday night at Rupp Arena.

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## SEC BASKETBALL EARLY-SIGNING PERIOD RESULTS

## ■ALABAMA (3)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	*Class	Hometown (School)	'89-90 averages
Jason Caffey	F	6-8	220	Fr.	Mobile, Ala. (Davidson)	20.0 ppg., 9.7 rpg.
Bryan Passink	G	6-4	170	Fr.	Savannah, Ga. (Benedictine Military)	27.3 ppg., 5.8 rpg.
Russell Walters	F	6-9	220	Fr.	Laurel, Miss. (Northeast Jones)	24.0 ppg., 11.0 rpg.

## ■ARKANSAS (2)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	*Class	Hometown (School)	'89-90 averages
John Carter	C	6-10	N/A	Fr.	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Star Spencer)	N/A
Robert Shepherd	G	6-0	N/A	Jr.	Ft. Smith, Ark. (Westark CC)	N/A

## ■AUBURN (3)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	*Class	Hometown (School)	'89-90 averages
Rodney Dent	C	6-10	210	Jr.	Edison, Ga. (Odessa [Texas] College)	13.8 ppg., 8.1 rpg., 3.0 bpg.
Willie Jones	F	6-7	265	Fr.	Sylacauga, Ala. (B.B. Comer)	26.9 ppg., 14.0 rpg., 3.0 bpg.
Aubrey Wiley	F	6-6	245	Jr.	Brantley, Ala. (Patrick Henry JC)	18.5 ppg., 9.1 rpg., 4.0 apg.

## ■FLORIDA (2)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	*Class	Hometown (School)	'89-90 averages
Dan Cross	G	6-3	N/A	Fr.	Carbondale, Ill. (High)	20.0 ppg., 6.5 rpg., 3.0 apg.
Andrew DeClercq	C	6-10	N/A	Fr.	Clearwater, Fla. (Countryside)	15.0 ppg., 12.0 rpg., 3.2 bpg.

## ■GEORGIA (3)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	*Class	Hometown (School)	'89-90 averages
Dathon Brown	F	6-6	215	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Douglass)	16.0 ppg., 10.0 rpg.
Mike Green	F	6-9	220	Jr.	Ft. Myers, Fla. (Polk CC)	18.0 ppg., 11.0 rpg.
Steve Jones	G-F	6-5	190	Fr.	Lithonia, Ga. (High)	15.0 ppg., 8.0 rpg.

## ■KENTUCKY (4)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	*Class	Hometown (School)	'89-90 averages
Dale Brown	G	6-3	200	Jr.	Pascagoula, Miss. (Gulf Coast JC)	18.0 ppg., 6.0 rpg., 4.0 apg.
Chris Harrison	G	6-3	165	Fr.	Tollesboro, Ky. (High)	32.7 ppg., 9.0 rpg., 7.0 apg.
Andre Riddick	C	6-9	190	Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Bishop Loughlin)	14.0 ppg., 12.0 rpg., 8.0 bpg.
Aminu Timberlake	F	6-9	190	Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle)	12.0 ppg., 8.0 rpg., 4.0 apg.

## ■LSU (3)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	*Class	Hometown (School)	'89-90 averages
Doug Annison	F-G	6-5	N/A	Fr.	Baton Rouge, La. (Sullivan Catholic)	29.0 ppg., 17.0 rpg.
Clarence Ceasar	F	6-7	N/A	Fr.	Iowa, La. (High)	24.9 ppg., 12.3 rpg., 5.0 apg.
David Mascia	G	6-4	N/A	Fr.	Lynbrook, N.Y. (High)	29.7 ppg., 11.0 rpg.

## ■OLE MISS (0)

## ■MISSISSIPPI STATE (5)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	*Class	Hometown (School)	'89-90 average
Greg Anderson	F	6-6	210	Fr.	Albany, Ga. (Westover)	14.0 ppg., 7.0 apg.
George Brooks	F	6-8	200	Fr.	Lafayette, Ala. (High)	18.0 ppg., 11.0 rpg.
Chuck Evans	G	5-11	185	Jr.	College Park, Ga. (Odessa [Texas] College)	**5.1 ppg., 6.9 apg.
Jay Walton	F-C	6-7	235	Fr.	Pascagoula, Miss. (High)	7.0 ppg., 6.0 rpg.
Bubba Wilson	C	6-11	220	Fr.	Wiggins, Miss. (Stone Co.)	23.5 ppg., 12.5 rpg., 4.3 bpg.

## ■SOUTH CAROLINA (0)

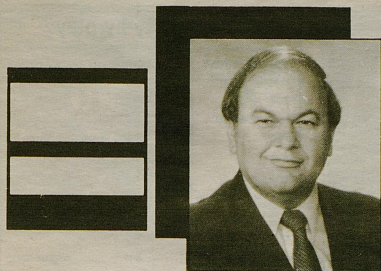
## ■TENNESSEE (3)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	*Class	Hometown (School)	'89-90 averages
Chris Brand	G	6-2	185	Fr.	Bloomington, Ind. (South)	10.9 ppg., 5.1 apg.
Jermaine Brown	G	6-4	210	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. (Fairdale)	15.3 ppg., 7.9 rpg., 1.8 bpg.
Shun Sheffield	C-F	6-10	215	Fr.	Albany, Ga. (Westover)	15.0 bpg., 10.0 rpg., 4.0 bpg.

## ■VANDERBILT (3)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	*Class	Hometown (School)	'89-90 averages
Malik Evans	F	6-8	210	Fr.	Houston, Texas (Willowridge)	12.9 ppg., 12.6 rpg., 4.0 bpg.
Ronnie McMahan	G	6-4	165	Fr.	Athens, Tenn. (McMinn Co.)	16.3 ppg., 1.1 bpg., 2.1 spg.
Chris Woods	C	6-10	220	Fr.	St. Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell North)	12.0 ppg., 7.0 rpg.

TCP chart  
 SOURCE:SEC sports information office  
 NOTE: (\*) represents players' class as of next season  
NOTE: (\*\*) Evans played at Old Dominion last year, where these averages were amassed, before transferring to Odessa College for this season



## OSCAR L. COMBS

CATS' PAUSE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

# Maybe this Kentucky team can win 20 games

Just four games into the season and Rick Pitino's second Kentucky squad has already equalled the number (four) of non-conference victories achieved by his first team of a year ago.

What this means is that Kentucky has the makings of a better than average basketball team, one that is likely to enjoy a winning season and one which has the opportunity to win perhaps even 18 or so victories.

The prospects of a 20-win season border on the "mission-impossible" list. For UK to have any such chance, the Wildcats most likely would have to upset either Indiana or Louisville on the road, plus go at least 12-6 in the SEC. Neither is likely to happen, but one must not count this team out. Certainly not at this stage.

Of course, it's one thing to win at Rupp Arena and yet another to win on the road. In this regard, one has to give the 'Cats credit for withstanding a hostile environment at Cincinnati and overcoming an away-from-home situation in Indianapolis against Notre Dame.

Neither of those teams are of Top 25 caliber, but they were and are big-time foes, teams that are very tough to beat away from your home court.

Saturday night was a good example of what a home court can do for a team. Kentucky downed a decent Kansas team, but it did not come easily.

Had this game been played in Lawrence, Kan., the outcome could well have been in reverse. At the same time, Kansas obviously would not have beaten UK by 55 at Rupp Arena last season.

### BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS...

By the time you read this, the UK battle with North Carolina will be history and the 'Cats will be preparing for a Saturday afternoon date with University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Most likely, UK will be trying to rebound from the Cats' first loss of the year in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Most experts would have been excited about five or more December victories for UK, given that UK was set for road contests against Cincinnati, Notre Dame, North Carolina, Indiana, Louisville and a Freedom Hall contest against Western Kentucky.

The way things now stack up, look for the 'Cats to win seven December contests with a remote possibility of eight.

I don't believe UK has any chance of beating Indiana in Bloomington. It is clinic time every season when UK meets Bob Knight's Hoosiers. No team in America sets more picks (stationary or moving) and no club has brickhouse picks like the Hoosiers. An IU pick is made to take a freight train.

Most bruises to basketball players go away in a couple or three days. When you play IU, the bruises will still be felt on New Year's Eve. Kentucky's young players will truly experience a lesson or two.

Kentucky's best shot for an upset victory on the road this month will be after Christmas when UK travels to Freedom Hall to match up with Denny Crum's Cardinals.

The Cards are struggling right now, but a team can do a lot of growing up in a couple weeks. Kentucky will probably be a slight underdog with the homecourt being the difference.

UK usually plays very well in Freedom Hall, but this time it will be with some 20,000 U of L fans and a couple hundred UK followers.

Sandwiched around the UTC, IU and U of L contests will be games against Western Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky. Western doesn't have the manpower to match up with UK, and neither does Eastern, but ECU's Mike Pollio has a year up on Western's Ralph Willard in rebuilding those schools.

Eastern will be fired up coming into Rupp Arena for the first time and Kentucky had better be prepared for this one.

As it stands now, look for UK to be 7-3 when the SEC rolls around in early January. Add to that the kind of SEC record you think Kentucky will have and then you'll have a pretty good idea how the 'Cats will stack up at the season's end.

It's still a shame Reggie Hanson won't have the opportunity afforded the likes of Oklahoma State's Eddie Sutton, Syracuse's LeRon Ellis and Arizona's Chris Mills next March.

### MORE PITINO, WILLIAMS STUFF

The Kentucky crowd Saturday was one of the Wildcats' best homecourt weapons in Rupp Arena memory. Without question, the loudest and most vocal crowds in the history of Rupp Arena were the Kansas and last year's LSU crowds.

It should come as no surprise that both crowds were fueled to emotional pitches by comments and actions resulting from the coaches involved in both games, namely, UK's Pitino along with LSU coach Dale Brown and Kansas coach Roy Williams.

The more I think about the actions of the trio, I'm reminded of the early days of pro wrestling back in eastern Kentucky. Every night the wrestling card came to town, there were always the good guys and then the bad guys. They hated each other, spit in each other's face, dared one another to even look nasty.

Why, you would have thought the opposing wrestlers wouldn't be caught dead at their manager's funeral. It was all a game to get folks to fork across big bucks for those ringside seats and to believe all the action in the ring was for real.

Well, most of us know wrestling is all show, but many of those mountain folks didn't and one night, when they discovered they had been hoaxed into spending their hard-earned dollars on a rigged deal, well, they sent the wrestlers racing out of town with not even the shirts on their back.

It happened one night when the good guy supposedly got popped across the chest with a folding chair by the bad guy. Blood began squirting all over the place. The paying folks were up in arms, little did they know all that gory blood was nothing but watered-down ketchup.

Off-duty police (who went along with the scheme because they picked up some moonlighting dollars on the side) gingerly packed the good guy out of the gym on a stretcher. Officials announced the wrestler was seriously hurt, but promised he would return to get revenge in two weeks.

Well, some of the fans became so enraged as they left the gymnasium they decided to hang around and do something with this naughty, bad guy. About 12 to 15 burly, bearded guys in their early 30s headed for the back entrance where wrestling officials were loading up their gear and preparing to head out of town.

All of a sudden, the mountain boys spotted two guys leaving the gym through a back door. The pair was laughing, had their arms around each other and boasted of what a great performance the night's event had been.

They were just about to open the door of a van when the good ole' mountain boys recognized one as the bad guy and the other as the good guy who showed absolutely no effects of any injury.

To say the least, the two wrestlers were never spotted on the streets of Hazard again. As far as I know the wrestlers escaped, unharmed. The country boys were, perhaps, a little too slow on the feet to catch the wrestlers, but the message certainly was well received.

When I see all these college coaches putting on sideline shows and then acting the way they do, I wonder if, perhaps, sometime in the past, they may have been pro wrestlers.

No one enjoys an excited coach on the sidelines more than me. For a coach to show excitement is a sign of his intense involvement in the game. It's great motivation for the players, the fans and even the television audience. But there is a limit.

For coaches to go at one another's throat anywhere except on the court leaves a bit to be desired for me. Too often, I believe they're just trying to hype up the fans, which I guessed worked against Kansas last Saturday, like Dale Brown does at LSU, etc.

But if coaches really hate each other the way they sometimes claim, they shouldn't be praising the other's character, charm and etc. after the game and the next day. When they do, I'm reminded of the night in Hazard when two wrestlers learned what can happen when country boys are deceived.

I guess that is why I loved the old Rupp-Mears fueds, the Joe B. Hall-Bobby Knight duels and the Norm Sloan-Dean Smith confrontations. The hate was real, not imagined and there weren't any back-slapping congratulations after the game. Fans also knew they weren't being

tricked into watching a staged sideshow.

### SORRY TO SEE YOU GO, TOMMY

Just when Kentucky football fans were beginning to enjoy the exciting offensive philosophy of young Tommy Bowden, the son of Florida State coaching great Bobby Bowden goes off and accepts the offensive coordinator's job at Auburn University.

While this is a blow to Curry's rebuilding project, it should only be a temporary one. One cannot blame Tommy for accepting the golden opportunity. It's no secret Tommy wants to be a head coach in the near future and that will probably happen a lot quicker when you're the No. 1 assistant on Auburn's staff rather than Kentucky's at this time.

Tommy was generous in his praise of the current UK staff and what he expects of future Kentucky football teams. Tommy said Auburn today is where Kentucky will be in a couple or three years.

I believe him, and for that, Tommy will be able to look at Kentucky in three and four years and take a little bow for having had a role in rebuilding the UK program.

For now, Curry will now add the task of finding an offensive coordinator to those demanding hours of high school recruiting.

Rumors are flying that two prominent names could be on his list. Mentioned almost hourly are the names of ex-Vanderbilt head coach Watson Brown and Vandy assistant Steve Sloan. Either would be a worthy successor to Bowden.

While Auburn coach Pat Dye was very fortunate to land Bowden, the selection did not meet unanimous approval in Tigerland since there was some strong support from backs of Pat Sullivan.

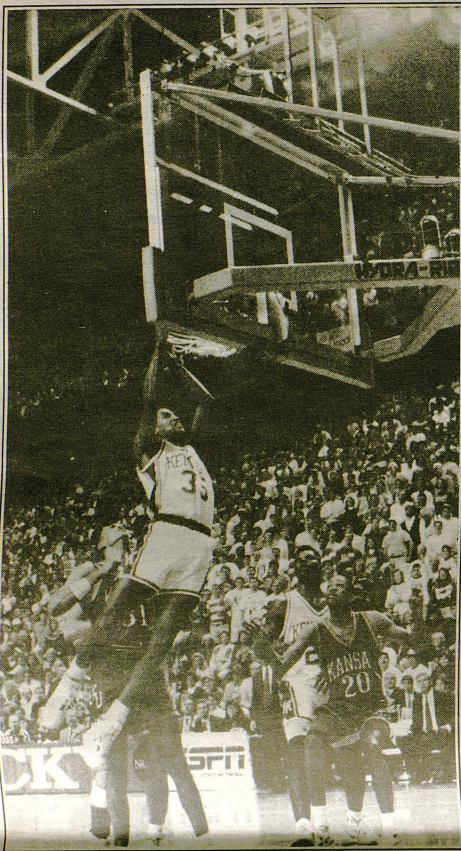
One has to think the decision came down to Dye's admiration of the job Bowden did with the UK offense this past season. As the season wore on, UK's offense was one of the most exciting in the SEC.

### HITS AND MISSES

• It was great to see many of the members of the 1976-77 Wildcat team in attendance for the UK-Kansas game Saturday. UK officials brought the players back as part of a celebration of the 15th anniversary of Rupp Arena. They were introduced before the game...

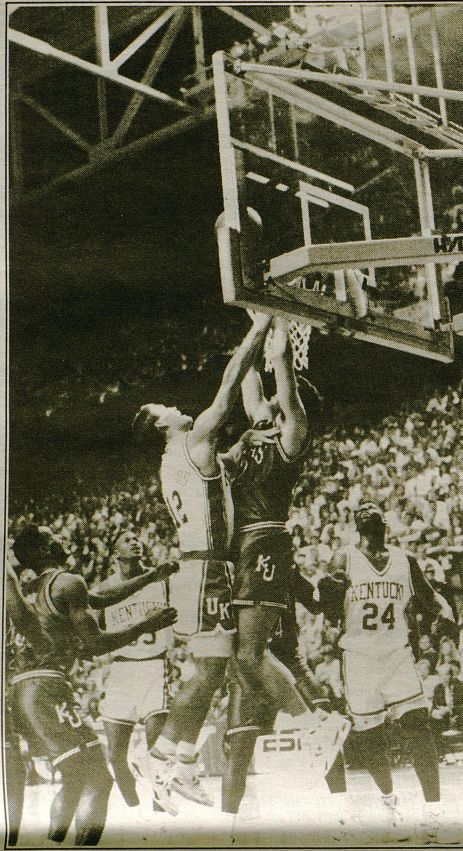
• Also there as a guest of UK athletics director C. M. Newton was former Tennessee coaching great Ray Mears, perhaps the most despised coaching adversary until LSU's Dale Brown came along. Of all the coaches the late, great Adolph Rupp faced during his four-plus decades at UK, two stand alone in this category. Rupp's genuine dislike for Mears was matched only by the appearance of former Marquette coach Al McGuire. Mears turned the Big Orange program into a successful one and is one of the reason why other SEC schools

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**SLAM-BAM:** Reggie Hanson scores two of his 15 points the easy, high-percentage way.

photo by Thun Drummond



**GO FOR THREE:** Deron Feldhaus gets this layup, then a free throw, for an old-fashioned three.

photo by Thun Drummond

## KENTUCKY 88, KANSAS 71



**SWEET REVENGE:** UK's student section, part of the 24,175 that ranks as the seventh-largest crowd at Rupp

Arena, remembers last season's 150-95 KU win and gives the Jayhawks the appropriate welcome.

photo by Thun Drummond

### UK-Kansas play-by-play

TIME	KENTUCKY	SCORE	KANSAS
16:42		0-2	Randall 13 ft.
15:23	Woods 14 ft.	2-2	
15:00		2-5	Jamison layup, FT
14:48		2-7	Jordan layup
14:34		2-9	Jamison dunk
13:41	Hanson layup	4-9	
13:22	Mashburn 5 ft. follow	6-9	
14:30	Farmer 6 ft.	8-9	
13:39		8-11	Wagner layup
12:37	Woods 7 ft.	10-11	
12:23		10-13	Wagner layup follow
12:12	Hanson FT, FT	12-13	
11:45	Feldhaus dunk	14-13	
11:04		14-15	Tunstall 17 ft.
10:55	Pelphrey 23 ft.	17-15	
9:55	Woods 9 ft.	19-15	
9:09	Feldhaus 4 ft., FT	22-15	
8:15		22-17	Randall 12 ft.
7:47		22-19	Richey 18 ft.
7:27	Hanson dunk	24-19	
7:02	Hanson 8 ft.	26-19	
6:20	Brassow 10 ft. follow	28-19	
6:11	Woods FT, FTA	29-19	
6:03		29-21	Randall FT, FT
5:53	Woods 15 ft.	31-21	
5:12	Woods FT, FT	33-21	
4:45	Woods layup	35-21	
4:34		35-24	Brown 24 ft.
4:24	Mashburn layup follow	37-24	
4:04		37-26	Tunstall layup
3:46		37-28	Brown layup
3:22	Feldhaus layup follow	39-28	
2:39		39-30	Woodbury 18 ft.
2:30	Hanson FT, FTA	40-30	
1:54	Woods layup, FTA	42-30	
1:34	Martinez layup	44-30	
1:07		44-32	Tunstall FT, FT
0:55	Hanson FT, FT	46-32	
0:28		46-34	Jamison layup

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19:49		46-37	Brown 22 ft.
19:16	Woods layup	48-37	
19:02	Mashburn layup	50-37	
18:49		50-39	Randall layup
18:45	Woods 7 ft.	52-39	
18:31		52-41	Maddox 6 ft.
18:17		52-43	Randall layup
18:02	Mashburn layup	54-43	
16:26		54-46	Brown 21 ft.
15:49		54-49	Scott layup follow, FT
15:12	Brassow 22 ft.	57-49	
15:03		57-52	Jordan 21 ft.
14:24		57-54	Wagner layup
14:10	Hanson (goaltending)	59-54	
13:29	Pelphrey 9 ft.	61-54	
12:58		61-56	Jamison layup follow
12:41	Pelphrey layup	63-56	
11:40		63-58	Jamison dunk
11:18		63-60	Jamison layup
10:42		63-62	Maddox layup
10:18	Mashburn 8 ft.	65-62	
9:46	Mashburn follow layup	67-62	
9:11	Woods layup	69-62	
8:42	Woods 6 ft.	71-62	
8:00	Woods layup	73-62	
6:32	Mashburn FT, FTA	74-62	
5:49	Mashburn 15 ft.	76-62	
4:12	Pelphrey layup, FT	79-62	
3:35	Feldhaus 20 ft.	82-72	
3:08		82-63	Jamison FT, FTA
3:04		82-65	Jamison layup
2:39		82-66	Randall FTA, FT
1:54	Hanson layup	84-66	
1:11	Pelphrey FT, FT	86-66	
1:00		86-67	Randall FTA, FT
0:32		86-69	Jordan layup
0:10		86-71	Scott 16 ft.
0:02	Brassow layup	88-71	

### FINAL 88-71

□ TDP chart

KANSAS

VS UK

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by

Nick Nicholas



What a difference one season can make. Dec. 9, 1989: Kansas 150, Kentucky 95. Dec. 8, 1990: Kentucky 88, Kansas 71. UK had to wait 365 days, but it countered with a 72-point swing. Did this 17-point conquest make up for last year's 55-point setback?

"Oh yeah, oh yeah, oh yeah," Sean Woods, the game's offensive hero, said. "Without a doubt."

More importantly last Saturday, before a spine-tingling atmosphere at Rupp Arena, what a difference 7:32 proved to make.

With 10:42 left in the game: UK 63, Kansas 62.

With 3:08 remaining: UK 82, Kansas still spinning its wheels at 62.

Rick Pitino's 4-0 Wildcats used a 19-0 spree to help ease the pain of last year's loss in Lawrence, Kan., with an 88-71 victory.

Pitino called a timeout after Mike Maddox's picked and rolled his way to a layup bringing Kansas to within one, erasing an eight-point halftime lead by the hosts.

"I told them to relax at that point," Pitino, who had just watched his team commit three straight turnovers to fuel a 6-0 KU run, said. "I was pretty hard on 'em at halftime because (he told his players) 'You've got a lot of spectacular individual performances but you can't count on that. You've got to start playing better.' The one thing you're going to have is you're always going to have your defense no matter what you do on offense."

"I told them at halftime that Kansas will have their run. I said, 'Defuse their run and create your run.' We wanted to make this a ping-pong matchup up and down the floor. We did a good job in transition of finding the open people on the ball—which is the best post defender—and the movement and the changing positions of our interior people. They kept changing, playing high, playing low, fronting. They bought time in the low post while we had great pressure on the ball."

While Reggie Hanson and Jamal Mashburn were shutting down Mark Randall (2 points) and Kansas' inside attack, along with an effective Wildcat press, Woods took charge on the offensive end in the second half.

Woods scored a career-high 25 points (11 of 15 from the field), mainly penetrating through KU's defensive pressure. Woods was the "ping" in Pitino's 19-0 "ping-pong" scheme.

"Things are just coming to me because I'm playing loose," Woods said afterward. "I'm doing what Sean Woods is capable of doing instead of playing tight."

Following the Wildcat timeout, Mashburn served two field goals to UK's cause. Next, Woods each time increased the roar generated from the 24,175 fans with a fast-break layup, a six-foot running banker and another penetrating score inside. As quick as Woods can drive to the hoop, Kentucky had moved in front, 73-62.

Walking violations on Randall and Terry Brown continued to shut down the KU offensive surge. Mashburn added a free throw and a nice fake that resulted in 15-footer, making the count to 76-62.

Randall then missed two shots inside. And on Kentucky's end, John Pelphrey glided to the hoop from the left baseline for a layup and was fouled by Maddox. The junior's three-point play increased the margin to 17 (79-62) as well as the crowd's enthusiasm. Deron Feldhaus capped off the run with a

FAST BREAKS

by TCP ASSOCIATE EDITOR MIKE ESTEP

THREE THREES? PLEASE!

Believe it or not, UK took just 16 three-pointers for the game, and made only three, the low-water mark for the Rick Pitino era. That was because Kansas coach Roy Williams' defensive strategy revolved around stopping UK's perimeter game. Take away the perimeter, Williams' reasoning went, and make point guard Sean Woods beat you on the offensive end. Of course, that's just about what happened. While KU was stopping the threes, Woods was working his magic among the trees. The junior jolted the Jayhawks with his ceaseless drives to the basket, hitting 11 of 15 shots for a career-high 25 points, dishing out a game-high eight assists.

"I grabbed him there at the end and told him we made a decision that he would be the one who would have to beat us," Williams said. "By golly, he did."

"You feel like no one can stop you," said Woods, who also had six rebounds and a game-high three steals. "You just keep on going."

IS THIS REALLY KANSAS, TOTO?

Yes, Dorothy, for most of the game it was Kansas. The Kansas that was 3-1 entering the game. The Kansas that was shooting 50.8 percent from the field, 47.5 percent from three-point range. And it was that Kansas that took an early first-half lead, then roared back to cut a 14-point deficit to just one, at 63-62, with 10:42 left.

After Pitino called timeout at the 10:38 mark, however, it was a different Kansas. One that would not score for the next 7:34. One that would follow the Yellow Brick Road (missing 11 consecutive shots) and commit a cornfield full of turnovers during that stretch. It was the Kansas that succumbed to a 19-0 UK run, and the one that ultimately fell to 3-2 on the year.

What caused the turnaround? "Two things," Williams said. "One was that we lost our poise. But I'm also one of those guys who thinks you have to give credit to the other team, too. Their pressure, they really picked it up to a notch?"

"Rick called timeout (prior to the run). I'm sure he'd like to bottle up that speech. They came out and looked more intense. They smelled blood there a couple of times and knocked in some big shots. At the same time, we were not doing a good job of taking care of the basketball and were not getting good shots ourselves."

Rick Pitino bottling up that speech? Let's see: Rick Pitino Car Washes. Bravo Pitino (restaurant). Rick Pitino souvenir basketballs. Rick Pitino golf clubs. Those are working out pretty well.

Rick Pitino timeout speeches? You never know.

BYE-BYE, BIRDIES

With the 88-71 victory in the books, the UK-KU series is now

officially over. The series, which stands at 17-3 in UK's favor, will not be renewed, primarily because UK would benefit much more from playing a team from a large metropolitan area—preferably from the East—that would help in recruiting.

Still, Williams hates to see the rivalry die. "I would like this series to continue but I understand Rick's reasons," he said.

"If we would have played this game Aug. 1 there would have been 24,000 people here. And if we would have played it Aug. 1 in Lawrence, Kan., there would be 15,800 there. The tradition the two schools have and the interest, it's hard to find somebody to match that. And I've been at a pretty good place, too!"

That place, of course, was as an assistant to Dean Smith at North Carolina. By the way, UK's series with UNC is scheduled to end this season as well, for the same reasons.

FREE SHOTS

•UK, undefeated on the season (prior to last Monday's game at UNC) and sure to move up from No. 25 spot in the Associated Press poll, went to 4-0 for the first time since Eddie Sutton's top-ranked 'Cats reeled off 10 straight wins to open the 1987-88 season...

•Speaking of Carolina, the Kansas win brought UK even with the Tar Heels once again on the all-time college basketball win list. Prior to the contest in Chapel Hill, both clubs had 1483 wins. UK, of course, continues to lead over UNC in winning percentage by a wide margin...

•The crowd of 24,175 was the seventh-largest to see UK play in Rupp Arena. One of those fans, Somerset's Charles Stephenson, was the 5 millionth person to see UK play in Rupp...

•Also in attendance were eight members of coach Joe B. Hall's 1976-77 team, the first to play in Rupp. Honored prior to tipoff were Tim Stephens, Kyle Macy, Dwane Casey, Merion Haskins, James Lee, Jay Shidler, LaVon Williams and Rick Robey...

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Table with columns: KANSAS (3-2), Fg, 3-pt, Ft, Reb., P, T, A, To, Blk, S, Min. Rows for individual players and totals.

Total FG%: 29-66, 43.9% 1st half: 14-31, 45.2% 2nd half: 15-35, 42.9% Total 3-pt FG%: 4-13, 30.8% 1st half: 1-4, 25.0% 2nd half: 3-9, 33.3% Total FT%: 9-15, 60.0% 1st half: 5-6, 83.3% 2nd half: 4-9, 44.4%

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Table with columns: KENTUCKY (4-0), Fg, 3-pt, Ft, Reb., P, T, A, To, Blk, S, Min. Rows for individual players and totals.

Total FG%: 36-69, 52.2% 1st half: 19-39, 48.7% 2nd half: 17-30, 56.7% Total 3-pt FG%: 3-6, 50.0% 1st half: 1-3, 33.3% 2nd half: 2-3, 66.7% Total FT%: 13-18, 72.2% 1st half: 9-13, 69.2% 2nd half: 4-5, 80.0%

Officials: Don Shea, David Dodge, Gary Marcum Technical fouls: none Attendance: 24,175

Table with columns: Scores by halves, 1st 2nd OT Final. Rows for KANSAS and KENTUCKY.

GIVE KENTUCKY CREDIT

a three-pointner.

"Give Kentucky credit," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "I think for what they did from the 10-minute mark down to the three-minute mark, they didn't shut us out but we didn't score many. Their defensive intensity picked up, and at the same time we got a little more careless with the basketball. We ran just about every offensive set we could run trying to find something to slow the tide down and we couldn't."

Williams indicated his game plan was to let Woods try and clip the 'Hawks. The Kansas staff noticed in Kentucky's earlier games that Woods liked to penetrate and dish the ball to UK's three-point shooters.

Instead, Woods fouled up Kansas (defender Adonis Jordan picked up three fouls) by driving the distance. "We tried some other people on him," Williams added. "One time he just blew right by us and laid it in. We wanted to make sure and keep him out at 10 or 12 feet. Sean is a good kid and really likes to get the ball to those other guys. Tonight he was able to take it himself."

Besides Woods' 25, four other Wildcats scored 10 or more points. Hanson and Mashburn combined for 12 of 20 from the field, scoring 15 points apiece. Pelphrey and Feldhaus added 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Alonzo Jamison led the Jayhawks, 3-2, with 14 points. Brown scored 11 points but was limited to a three-of-nine showing from the three-point arc. He came into the contest hitting 51 percent from beyond 19'9" (19 of 37). He did, however, continue his streak of

three or more treys, now at five games.

An emotional UK squad opened the contest. Maybe a little too emotional.

The 'Cats found themselves trailing 9-2 when Jamison got free for a slam with 14:34 left in the first half.

UK eased the hometown faithful with an 8-2 run. Kentucky's four field goals all came inside, with the longest coming on a Richie Farmer six-footer.

A Farmer-to-Jeff Brassow-to-Feldhaus fast-break dunk gave Kentucky its first lead, 14-13. Kansas last led 15-14 when guard Sean Tunstall drilled a 17-foot baseline jumper.

A 21-6 UK run, triggered by Pelphrey's 23-foot trey, put the 'Cats ahead, 35-21 with 4:45 left. In that stretch, Woods scored the last seven points. "I just went out there and played to the best of my ability. I was just loose and things were happening for me."

SCORE ONE FOR HANSON'S D

After its win over Notre Dame, Kentucky had a week to prepare for Kansas. Notwithstanding the revenge factor which had surfaced all week, the Wildcat staff obviously had enough hours to diagram X's and O's to counter Jayhawk tendencies.

Then again, Pitino didn't sleep too well, "You have no idea how difficult it was,"

Pitino said about guarding the husky Randall. "I've watched films and I haven't slept. I've had nightmares watching Randall post up."

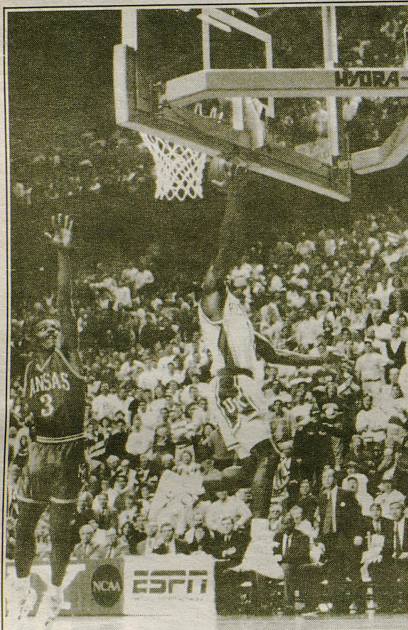
But Hanson and Mashburn, with their respective backs against the proverbial baseline, slowed down KU's motion offense.

Pitino said Hanson's performance was the best individual defense he's ever coached. "Even Vegas last year in the Dodge NIT could not guard that young man (Randall) in the low post," Pitino said. "And I think they (UNLV) are the best defensive team in the country."

The senior's defense also contributed to UK being able to claim 28 defensive rebounds. Overall, UK was only outrebounded 41-39. Mashburn led Kentucky with eight boards and Hanson, Woods and Brassow each had six. Randall had a game-high nine rebounds.

It had been a year, but Kentucky finally got the date it had been waiting for. Said Brassow: "It's one of the best feelings I've ever felt in my life."

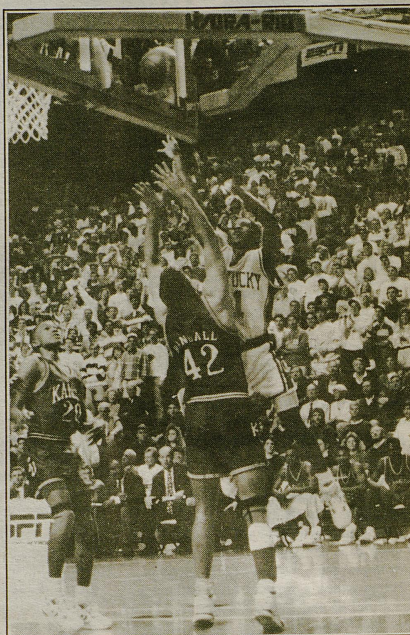
# UK GUARD TAKES KANSAS TO THE WOODS' SHED



Kansas coach Roy Williams said that after watching film of UK's earlier games he decided to take the three-point shot away from the 'Cat offense and make guard Sean Woods (11) beat his Jayhawks. That's exactly what happened, as Woods respond-



ed with a career-high 25 points on 11-of-15 shooting from the field and six rebounds to go along with game-high totals of eight assists and three steals. LEFT: Woods streaks past KU's Terry Brown for a this finger roll.



MIDDLE: Woods penetrates this Jayhawk crowd for another bucket. RIGHT: Woods, just 6-foot-2, challenges 6-9 Kansas big man Mark Randall, and, as he did most of the night, comes out on top.

## HONORING PAST HEROES

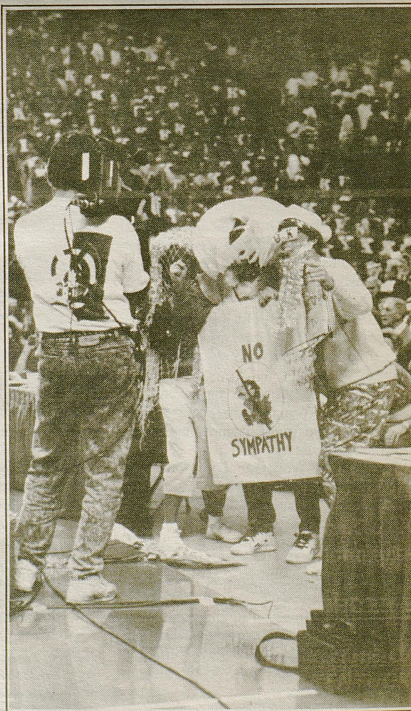


Eight members of former coach Joe B. Hall's 1976-77 Kentucky club, the first to play in Rupp Arena, were honored prior to tipoff of the Kansas contest.

Left to right, the former Wildcats are: guard Tim Stephens, guard Kyle Macy, guard Dwane Casey, forward Merion Haskins, forward James Lee, guard Jay Shidler, forward-center LaVon Williams and forward James Lee.

Casey, who of course also was an assistant coach at UK under former coach Eddie Sutton before running into trouble with Emery Air Freight and the NCAA, received the largest ovation of the eight players.

## NO SYMPATHY



These rabid UK fans, hogging it up for the cameras of ESPN, gave Kansas no sympathy. Neither did Rick Pitino's Wildcats, avenging last season's 55-point loss 88-71.

# WILLIAMS WISHES KU-UK SERIES WOULD CONTINUE

## Head Jayhawk says enthusiastic Rupp Arena crowd takes back seat to no one

COMPILED BY TCP STAFF

Here are quotes from Roy Williams and Rick Pitino after UK's 88-71 win over Kansas last Saturday at Rupp Arena:

**Media: Coach, you kinda had a flat tire when the score was 63-62.**

**Roy Williams:** I told the kids, everybody talks about last year's team...when the score was 63-62 I told the kids I couldn't have been any more prouder of that team than any group I've been involved with. To play in this atmosphere—a great college basketball atmosphere—and to have it 63-62 and to be playing with the poise they were playing with, I just thought that that was outstanding.

But give Kentucky credit...

**Media: Early in the ballgame your team missed many easy layups. After breaking out to an early lead your team didn't handle the ball too well.**

**Williams:** No we didn't. We sort of got caught up in what I call a frenzy. We're going up and down (the court) so fast that we'd lose our poise, lose our touch on the ball. We missed seven layups on the break in the first half, either on the break or against their press.

Our idea was to try and attack their press, take it to the basket and get some layups. And if we didn't get a layup then we wanted to try and make them play a little bit on defense, try to see if we could control the tempo a little bit unless we got a great one. We didn't do a very good job of it and Kentucky did.

Again, I thought Sean Woods was just outstanding. Reggie Hanson hurt us. Jamal Mashburn is going to be a heckuva player. You can just go down the line. They've got good kids and they played their tails off.

**Media: There is more media coverage here tonight than at most NCAA tournament games, which is some indication of what the general public thinks of the KU-Kentucky game.**

**Williams:** I said this earlier, I would like this series to continue but I understand Rick's reasons. We're in a conference where we only have 14 conference games. They have 18 conference games. It doesn't allow him the flexibility that he wants to be able to recruit a young man and say 'We'll come back in your area....'

**Media: Your kids appeared to really hustle, especially at the beginning of the second half. You must have seen some things out there tonight to encourage you the rest of the season?**

**Williams:** I saw a lot of things that encouraged me. We just lost our poise during a seven-minute stretch and turned it over. Seven minutes seems like an eternity to me. Against a team like Kentucky here in this atmosphere, the way they are playing, you can't do that and have a chance to win the game.

I was proud of our kids. I thought we were still playing extremely hard at the end. I just didn't help 'em out very much as a coach.

**Media: Talk about Kentucky's press in the first half.**

**Williams:** We turned it over 14 or 15 times. At halftime I didn't see an official total but that's what our managers had us for. We had worked against the press, but still, we couldn't simulate against the kind of pressure they put on us. With a press like that you know you're going to turn it over, but you're also going to get some easy ones. It's a trade off. We got some easy ones but we didn't make 'em.

We'd go down the court, on three straight possessions we missed three straight layups. That just gets them more enthused because it gets them in the atmosphere they want.

They (UK) are hard-nosed kids. A kid like Richie Farmer who loses 25 pounds, he loves the game of basketball. Those are good kids. Their pressure hurt us.

**Media: What adjustments did you make at halftime?**

**Williams:** Basically, we talked about having to do a better job on the backboards. I thought they hurt us on the backboards in the first half and a couple of flurries in the second half, too. We had to get back quicker, but at the same time we've got to take care of, if we don't get the great shots we want let's take some time and run our offense. In the first half we didn't run many of our plays and we weren't very poised. During the first 10 minutes of the second half we did run our stuff. I thought we were fairly effective with it. A 10-minute stretch (as Kansas had) can't win you the basketball game. A seven-minute stretch like they put on us can surely lose it for you if you're not careful.

**Media: Terry Brown didn't seem to help out.**

**Williams:** He didn't have a real good night. They did an excellent job getting out and getting a hand in Terry's face. Terry can really shoot the basketball. For us to be an effective team we've got to get good nights out of Terry Brown and Mark Randall, our two biggest scorers. We'd like to think we're a team that can hurt you in many different ways. We didn't hurt Kentucky in many different ways tonight.

**Media: Was Mark Randall slowed down by his injury in this game?**

**Williams:** No. Even if I did (think that) I wouldn't say that. That would take away from what they (UK) were able to do. I really don't believe he was at all.

**Media: You said you wanted to let Woods beat your team. But, that didn't mean for the UK guard to penetrate like he did.**

**Williams:** That was bad terminology (on Williams' part); I wanted Woods to be the one to try and beat us, I didn't want him to be the one to beat us. But he did.

I've seen tapes of their three games and what he loves to do is to penetrate and then pitch out to the three-point shooters. In most of the games he hadn't gone all the way to the basket. What we wanted to do was to sort of contain him and keep him in front of us. Then, when he gets to that 10- to 12-foot range, then we've got to stop him.

Adonis (Jordan) getting three fouls bothered him. And we tried some other people on him. One time he just blew right by us and laid it in. We wanted to make sure and keep him out at 10 or 12 feet.

Sean is a good kid and really likes to get the ball to those other guys. Tonight he was able to take it himself.

**Media: Comment about the Rupp Arena crowd.**

**Williams:** I've been in some pretty good places to play college basketball and this one takes a backseat to nobody. I love our fans at Allen Fieldhouse; they're incredibly loud. That's what it was (like) tonight. That's what college basketball should be about—the band is playing; the cheerleaders are dancing; the crowd is going crazy, even if they are screaming at the coach. That's all right, too.

It's a great atmosphere to play in. I think Rick enjoys coaching here and those kids enjoy playing in this atmosphere. We have the same type of atmosphere back at Allen Fieldhouse, but we weren't playing there tonight.

### RICK PITINO'S COMMENTS

Pitino's opening comments:

**Rick Pitino:** We had to make a decision

this week, a very important decision, how to play Kansas. They are one of the best passing teams, executing teams in the country. They get super position and Randall is one of the best post-up people.

If we played the defense like we did against Cincinnati, where we doubled-down and X cut, or even at Notre Dame to a certain degree, then their three-point shooters, namely Brown who was shooting 53 percent, would have big nights. So we worked very hard this week on post defense and bodying cutters. And, Reggie and Mashburn, I told them in all the years I've coached that that's the best defense I've ever seen from any individual—Reggie Hanson. Mashburn was almost second because you have no idea how difficult it is to defend (Kansas)...

That was the best individual defensive performance I've ever seen.

Sean Woods gave us spectacular offense because when you play against a Kansas or a Carolina—they are big denial teams—you've got to put it on the floor and create things. Sean did that.

This year I wanted to play mostly man-to-man just for a learning experience so we can build into the future. I never expected us to play this well, this early defensively. Tonight, a very good team shot 43.9 (percent). Turn it around on offense, the way we're executing we shoot 52.2 and that's going three-for-16 from three-point range. So I can't be any more pleased with this basketball team.

I'm kind of taken back by all this, with the way they are playing. I just can't say enough for Reggie Hanson... Reggie had to stay out of foul trouble. He had to discipline himself to jump at the right times to stay out of foul

trouble, and that's not easy.

**Media: Is it putting it too strong to say that Sean had a redemption tonight?**

**Pitino:** I didn't think he needed a redemption tonight. We're a team, we don't look at individuals. Sean, in a couple of games went out there thinking of scoring. Tonight he really didn't think about scoring. He knew they were going to overplay him, and he could drive by his man and not have any help defense. He really focused on the scouting report tonight and took what the defense gave him, rather than making up his mind beforehand.

**Media: Talk about what John Pelphrey does for your team.**

**Pitino:** Well, John Pelphrey is a mini Larry Bird. I don't mean to ever compare him with the stature of Larry Bird. But all the things you see Larry Bird do for a basketball team John Pelphrey does for Kentucky. If you look at stats, I've said this, when you've got the best passer on the floor when in trouble go to John Pelphrey. I told them that in the huddle. So he's special, special basketball player. I wish I had three or four more like him.

**Media: Talk about your offense.**


**Pitino:** We were mostly a motion team where we make a lot of passes. The way Kansas and Carolina play that get way up in their triangle and totally over-play. What that does—it makes it difficult to enter but allows you to dribble by a man without any help. So we told them to create movement.

Anytime I told Sean, John Pelphrey or Reggie 'go take 'em' we've got confidence in them and their ability.

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# KENTUCKY WILDCATS



VS



# UT-CHATTANOOGA MOOCS

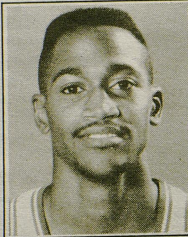
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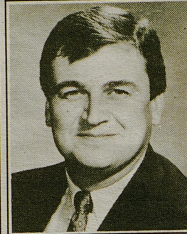


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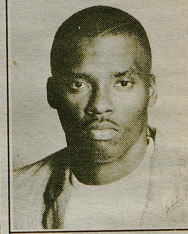
### TALE OF THE TAPE

(through games of Dec. 8)

KENTUCKY	UT-CHATTANOOGA
4-0	Overall record 4-2
0-0	Conference record 0-0
346/86.5	Total points/Points per game 486/81.0
294/73.5	Total points allowed/Points allowed per game 438/73.0
49.2	Field goal percentage 44.8
36.5	Three-point field goal percentage 30.1
71.9	Free throw percentage 56.1
147/36.8	Total rebounds/Rebounds per game 251/41.8
71	Assists N/A
71	Turnovers N/A
28	Steals N/A



Mack McCarthy



Derrick Kirce

### 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 Pelphrey	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 (Alief-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)
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\*Transfer Todd Bearup becomes eligible for the second semester

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player	pos.	ht.	wt.	class	hometown
Tyrone Enoch	G	5-10	160	Sr.	Harvey, Ill.
Derrick Kirce	F	6-6	225	Sr.	Sarasota, Fla.
Eric Spivey	G	5-10	165	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga.
Mark Lawrence	G	6-2	185	So.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Tee Jay Jackson	G	6-1	195	Jr.	Bowling Rock, Ill.
Keith Nelson	F-C	6-7	215	Jr.	Louisville, Ky.
Patrick Sheppard	G	6-4	195	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.
Larry Stewart	G	6-3	185	Jr.	South Holland, Ill.
LeVert Threats	F	6-6	195	Jr.	Milwaukee, Wis.
Bart Redden	F	6-5	200	So.	Baton Rouge, La.
Maceo Williams	C	6-8	205	So.	Atlanta, Ga.
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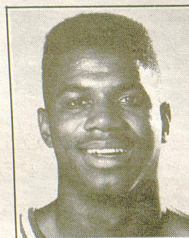


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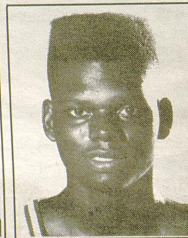
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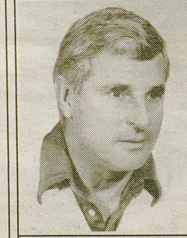


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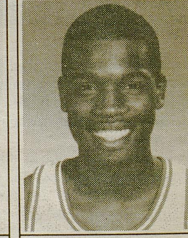
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Calbert Cheaney

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Lyndon Jones	G	6-2	196	Sr.	Marion, Ind. (High)
Greg Graham	G	6-4	169	So.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Warren Central)
Chris Reynolds	G	6-1	181	So.	Peoria, Ill. (Central)
Damon Bailey	G	6-3	192	Fr.	Heltonville, Ind. (Bedford-N. Lawrence)
Jamal Meeks	G	6-0	194	Jr.	Freeport, Ill. (High)
Matt Novor	F	6-8	225	So.	Chesterton, Ind. (High)
Pat Knight	F	6-6	190	Fr.	Bloomington, Ind. (North)
Todd Leary	G	6-3	193	So.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Lawrence North)
Eric Anderson	F-C	6-9	229	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (St. Francis deSales)
Pat Graham	G	6-5	204	So.	Floyds Knob, Ind. (Floyd Central)
Calbert Cheaney	F-G	6-6	204	So.	Evansville, Ind. (Harrison)
Chris Lawson	C-F	6-9	245	So.	Bloomington, Ind. (South)



# Here's my Christmas list; I'm checking it twice...

...to see who's been naughty or nice

We sat on Santa's lap in the Fayette Mall and had just got into the "P's" on our early shopping list for Rick Pitino, the entrepreneur who all UK fans love to love, when old Mr. Claus yelled, "Timeout."



Russell Rice

Cats' Pause Columnist

"But, Santa," we pleaded, "We must have a 'Pitino's Parking Lots' chain to complement his Car Care Centers, a 'Pitino Pizza Parlor' to go along with his Bravo Pitino restaurant, and a 'Pitino Profit Sharing Plan' and a 'Pitino's Payroll Systems'.

"That's enough," Santa said firmly. "Get on with your list, and make it BRIEF!"

"Okay."

Ralph Hacker, lottery exec—A "Pitino Parlor Game."

Jon Mirilovich, Hacker's UK Football TV sidekick—A peck of "Pitino Pep Pills."

Cawood Ledford—A "Pitino Party Pack" to be opened when *The Legend* hangs up the mike midway of the next century.

Jerry Tipton, *Lexington Herald-Leader* basketball beat writer—A "Pitino Peace Pipe."

Larry Vaught, *Danville Messenger* sports editor and *TCP* columnist—A "Pitino Painting Kit" and continued exalted status as the coach's fair-haired newspaperman.

Oscar Combs—A "Pitino Pardon" that would qualify him for a seat on the UK team plane along with Hacker, Ledford and other members of the Host-Pitino media crew.

"Enough, I said enough!" Santa exhorted. "Now you're stepping on sacred Guccis."

"Okay, okay!"

Bill Curry, football coach—A crew of blind officials for a big UK game in Commonwealth Stadium. Forget it, you gave him that last Christmas.

Jerry Claiborne, fund raiser—A million-dollar donor for the proposed new indoor field house. Hey! How about Jerry giving a mil and let's name the facility after him?

Charles Wethington, UK President—An open records rule that would apply to voting on such sensitive athletic issues as division and scheduling of the 12-team Southeastern Conference.

Gov. Wallace Wilkinson—A permanent spot alongside Hacker and Mirilovich in the UK TV booth when his term expires.

Joanne Pitino, wife and mother—A Kentucky Colonel commission.

Bill Keightley, UK basketball equipment manager—Whatever happened to that "Mr. Wildcat" moniker that you brought him several years ago?

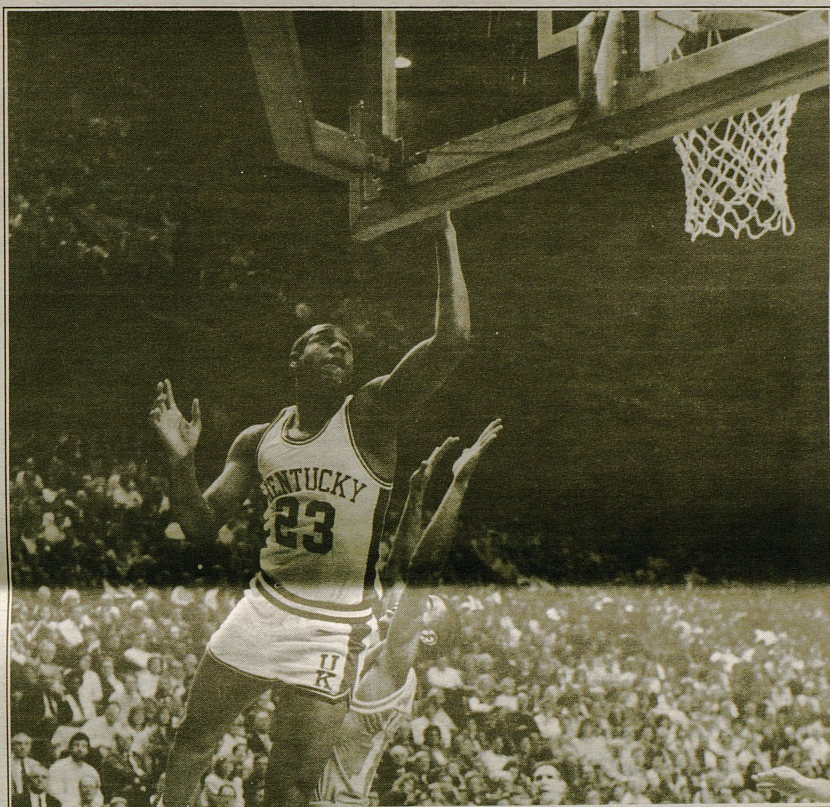
Van Florence, Committee of 101 president—A beeper and walkie-talkie for the other ear.

Happy "Feel This Muscle" Chandler—A few more cronies to help him to his seat in the UK football press box.

Joey Howard, UK football publicist and an Ole Miss grad—A Rebel win in the Gator Bowl.

Kenny Rice, *Lexington WTQ-TV Sports*—Many more successful Muscular Dystrophy telethons in memory of his grandfather and my uncle, the late James Rice of Garrett, Ky.

Alan Cutler, *Lexington WLEX-TV Sports*—An Armani suit and a pair of Gucci shoes.



Christmas greetings to former University of Kentucky Wildcat Eric Manuel.

John Clay, *Lexington Herald-Leader* football beat-writer—A trip with UK to a bowl game. (We could make this a multiple gift).

Frank Cusumono, *Lexington WLEX-TV Sports*—A "Best of Dave Baker" *Cherries and Raspberries* tape.

Dave Baker, *Lexington WKYT-TV Sports*—A "Best of Frank Cusumono" *Sports Impossible* tape.

John McGill, *Lexington Herald-Leader* columnist—A set of Valvano-Vitale earplugs. (Bet you have a big demand for these items, Santa).

Eddie Sutton, former Wildcat basketball coach now at Oklahoma State—A "Tark the Shark" NCAA supreme starter kit.

Rob Bromley, *Lexington WKYT-TV Sports*—A move back upstairs during Wildcat game telecasts.

Joe B. Hall, former UK coach turned banker—Good health and good fishing.

Sean Sutton, former UK point guard now at Oklahoma State—A yo-yo shaped like a basketball.

LeRon Ellis, former Wildcat now at Syracuse—A crying towel.

Chris Mills, former Wildcat now at Arizona—A successful pro career (soon?).

Eric Manuel, former Wildcat now at Oklahoma City—Christmas greetings from all persons involved in the infamous ACT test, and from all the kind hearts and gentle people at the NCAA and NAIA.

Dwanc Casey, a tape of his thunderous reception during introduction of the 1976-77 UK team members at last Saturday's Kansas-UK game.

Dr. David Roselle, former UK president—A sacrificial lambskin coat died Kentucky blue.

Bob Hensley, *WTQ-TV* investigative reporter—A merciful end to the NCAA-UK business.

Gene DeFilippo, UK associate athletics director/external—An increase in ticket prices.

Wildcat Fans—No increase in ticket prices.

C. M. Newton, athletics director—Bragging rights.

The K-Men's Association—A fair and equitable ticket-distribution policy.

Roy Williams, Kansas coach—A Billy Tubbs P.R. manual.

Bernadette Locke, UK volunteer assistant basketball coach—Spots on the Johnny Carson, David Letterman, Arsenio Hall, Oprah Winfrey and Phil Donahue shows.

Louisville football coach Howard Schnellenberger—Recognition by UK as one of its very own.

Louisville basketball coach Denny Crum—A new "share the wealth" plan.

Cardinal basketball fan(at)ics—Stones to throw in glass houses.

Wildcat basketball fan(at)ics—No more glass houses. WHAS-Radio—A long and successful marriage this time around with UK.

Mike and Nick of *TCP*—A tolerance medal with one star.

Doris Rice, wife—A medal with 40 stars. "Your time is up," Santa said. "You can ask for one more gift. What do you want me to bring you?"

"How about a 'Pitino Party Pooper Kit'?"

# 'C A T S C A N S

Sports briefs about University of Kentucky athletics

## On the recruiting front...Webber cancels official visit to Kentucky

### TCP STAFF REPORT

Chris Webber, a 6-foot-9 power forward at Detroit Country Day School, canceled a scheduled official visit to UK last weekend, passing up the UK-Kansas game in favor of the Duke-Michigan game at Duke.

Although Wildcat coach Rick Pitino and staff were planning for a visit by Webber, UK reportedly was not even the second choice that weekend of the youngster who is generally considered among the nation's top three prospects.

Webber had also been considering making an official visit to the University of Detroit, which played that same day against Michigan State, another school on his list.

"Those two games were a little more appealing than the Kentucky-Kansas game to Chris," Country Day coach Kurt Keener said.

"They are a little more personally appealing because they involve other teams he is considering."

Webber reportedly has narrowed his list to Michigan State, Michigan, Duke and UK.

Keener said the cancellation of Webber's visit to UK was not an indication that the player was not interested in Rick Pitino's Wildcats.

However, the coach conceded that UK could "potentially" have to continue its recruiting effort without having Webber make an official visit to campus.

Pitino said the Wildcats, who have filled their scholarship quota, are recruiting one other high school senior this year. Deron Feldhaus has agreed to forfeit his scholarship and walk on next year should either prospect sign.

## ...Estill County strong-armed QB gives Curry verbal commitment

### TCP STAFF REPORT

Jeremy Niece, a 6-foot-6, 215-pound All-State quarterback from Estill County, has verbally committed to sign a football grant with the University of Kentucky on Feb. 6, the national signing date.

During this past season, Niece threw for 2,039 yards and 20 touchdowns, bringing his career passing total to 5,776 yards. He also ran for 556 yards and 10 TDs this season.

Niece is the second high school senior to commit to UK for next season, following Dan Hicks, running back and receiver from Yates Creek High School who also said he will sign with UK.

"I just like the coaching staff and their new style of offense," Niece said of UK.

Although Tennessee, Florida, Penn State

and Illinois also had indicated interest in Niece, he visited only the University of Kentucky campus.

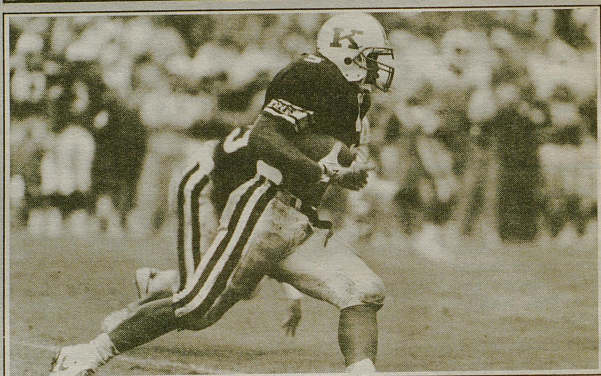
"I've wanted to go there since I was a little boy," he said.

Recruiting analyst Tom Lemming two months ago rated Niece as the fifth best quarterback prospect in the nation.

Niece realizes he will face tough competition at UK, which has a quarterback stable that includes returning veterans and sometimes starters Freddie Maggard (a junior this season), Brad Smith (sophomore) and Ryan Hockman (sophomore), along with red-shirt freshmen Pookie Jones and Mike Kinney.

"I'm just going to wait a little bit and see what happens," Niece said.

### FINISHING ON A POSITIVE NOTE



Al Baker was one of three Wildcats to earn second team honors.

## Four 'Cats named to All-SEC teams

### UK RELEASE

Kentucky linebacker Randy Holleran of McKeesport, Pa., was named last week to the *Associated Press* All-Southeastern Conference first team. Holleran, a 6-1, 238-pound senior, was the lone player from UK selected to the All-SEC first team. Three Wildcats—tight end Rodney Jackson, offensive guard Joel Mazzella and tailback Al Baker were named to the All-SEC second team.

Two years ago, Holleran was named to this same All-SEC first team after the 1988 season. Reconstructive knee surgery forced Holleran to the sideline for his entire junior campaign (1989). But according to Holleran, the long road back to the All-SEC first team was worth the wait.

"I'm really excited about the selection," said Holleran, who is completing his degree in communications this spring. "I've certainly worked hard for (All-SEC). After the knee surgery, I just didn't know if I was capable of making the team again. I'm certainly grateful for the opportunity to compete again and grateful to my teammates."

"Being named to the team makes you feel good about yourself. It basically says that all the hard work—the blood and sweat—finally paid off."

Holleran, who also was named Academic All-SEC three weeks ago, led the SEC in tackles up until the last weekend and finished with 174 for the 1990 season, which tied

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## WILDCAT NOTEBOOK

### MORE FOOTBALL RECRUITING

•Scheduled to visit UK in January is **John McClain**, a 6-2, 212-pound tailback who rushed for 2,452 yards on 198 attempts last year at Cartersville High School in Georgia.

Rated as high as No. 3 among the nation's tailback prospects, McClain also has made commitments to visit Colorado and South Carolina. Georgia and Nebraska may be the other two visits.

McClain was academically ineligible his junior season. He rushed for 1,510 yards and 22 TDs as a sophomore and 1,346 yards as a freshman.

McClain has been described as a good receiver and a powerful and elusive runner. He has 4.6 speed in the 40, which is adequate in a back with his maneuverability.

**Mike Earwood**, coach at Cartersville High, said McClain's core grades are "in line" but the player has not yet met the standardized test requirements for freshman eligibility.

Earwood feels McClain likes UK because

a lot of coaches and players in Georgia are familiar with **Bill Curry**.

"We have the utmost respect for him and how he treats his players," Earwood said. "And second, **Walter Lewis** is a very genuine recruiter and I think John liked that."

### STILL IN CHARGE

**Art Still**, a 6-foot-7, 250-pound former UK All-America defensive end who had an excellent pro career with the Kansas City Chiefs and Buffalo Bills, is a volunteer physical education teacher at a grade school in Kansas City, Mo., every Monday.

Still told of a second-grader who recently didn't want to play soccer by the rules, tackling the ball with both hands and trying to get it out of play when it came his way.

He also slugged other youngsters who didn't go along with him, then started swinging at a teacher who intervened.

Still simply hoisted the boy onto his shoulder and carried him off the field like a

log.

"Times have changed since I was growing up." Still told the *Associated Press*, "Man, if I hit a teacher..."

And why does Still, a main cog in Kentucky's 10-1, 6-0 SEC slate in 1977, bother with the project?

"I figure I can torture myself one day a week," he replied.

### MORE BASKETBALL RECRUITING

•The Wildcats had a week off in between games with Notre Dame Dec. 1 and last Saturday's battle with Kansas, but that doesn't mean that **Rick Pitino** and his staff were taking it easy. In addition to preparing for the Jayhawks, Pitino and his staff were out looking at high school juniors.

Following the 98-90 victory over Notre Dame in the Big Four Classic, assistant coaches **Tubby Smith** and **Herb Sendek** were

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## Kentucky basketball returns to AP poll

### TCP STAFF REPORT

After victories over Pennsylvania, Cincinnati and Notre Dame in their first three outings of the season, UK's basketball team was selected on the bottom rung of the *Associated Press* Top 25 poll.

It was the first time UK had been ranked since the final poll of the 1987-88 season. The Wildcats were No. 1 for three weeks during that season.

"Being on (NCAA) probation, you don't have too much to look forward to," Wildcat coach Rick Pitino said in a news release.

"To the players in our program who have been through so much and worked so hard, this is very rewarding."

The Wildcats are serving the second year of a two-year probation that prohibits post-season play.

The last time Kentucky was in the polls was at the end of the 1987-88 season (No. 6).

# Kentucky's Chris Tolbert is one of the lucky ones

Was able to walk away from alcohol, drugs

No University of Kentucky football player values his religion more than Chris Tolbert. The senior defensive back used to keep a scripture written on a towel tucked inside his football pants. He reads the Bible daily.



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

"My mother has always told me to keep the Lord first, which I have," Tolbert said. "But I had not really given my one-on-one relationship to him. Finally I did that this summer and rededicated my life to him."

The 5-foot-11, 182-pound Wildcat, though, knows how easy it is to be tempted or misled. He found that out his sophomore year in high school at Pensacola, Fla.

"That was the only year I could have strayed away from what my mother taught me and done something else with my life," Tolbert, a starter since late in his freshman year, said. "I was involved with alcohol, drugs and stuff."

"In a way I was glad I did because I experienced it and nothing bad happened. But I was strong enough to walk away. Not everybody is. Some of my friends weren't and they are still at home. That's the difference in walking away."

Because he did walk away Tolbert became a vital part of UK's defense for four years. Now, like most college players, he dreams of one day playing in the National Football League.

"Every senior thinks of the possibility of taking his career to the next level," Tolbert, who plans to graduate in May, said. "If you play football this long, you ought to feel like you want to get paid for it. But you also have to be realistic and just hope to get drafted so you have a chance to make it."

Rick Smith, who coaches UK's defensive backs, thinks Tolbert could make it in the NFL because of his physical tools, versatility and intelligence.

"I know some players not as good as Chris that are playing in the NFL," Smith said. "Chris' intelligence will really help him."

"He may play cornerback in the NFL, but then he could move to safety and play a few more years. Chris is a physical player. He's the type who could go inside and survive."

"He could play cornerback three or four years, learn the system and make an easy transition to safety. And being able to return kicks will help his chances, too."

## WILDCAT FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Juan Thomas of Ashland is one of the state's premier high school football players and is one player Bill Curry would love to have wearing the blue and white next season.

The 6-4, 230-pound Thomas has all the physical tools to be a big-time college player. He runs the 40-yard dash in 4.7 seconds and played a variety of positions for Ashland, which won the Class AAA state title.

"Juan is not a great sprinter," Ashland coach Vic Marsh said. "He won't outrun people. He just runs over them. If he was any faster, he couldn't have played high school football. It would have been unfair."

Many schools are recruiting Thomas, who averaged more than 10 yards per carry at running back and earned All-State honors at defensive end.

"He is just a tremendous athlete," Marsh said. "He played receiver until his junior year but rushed for more than 1,600 yards this season. We had two other kids over 1,000 yards, too. If we just featured him at tailback, no telling how many yards he could have gained."

Thomas may not play college football. Many project him to be a first-round pick in the 1991 major league baseball draft.

If Thomas does go to college, he wants to play both sports. Former UK coach Jerry Claiborne would have had none of that. Curry, though, has made it clear that Thomas could play baseball at UK. And Keith Madison, UK's baseball coach, would love to have Thomas each spring.

"Some people say he is a better baseball player than football player," Mark Maynard, sports editor of the *Daily Independent* in Ashland, said. "But I have trouble believing that. He's the best high school football player I've seen."

Thomas has had to overcome personal adversity to become a standout athlete. His story is one Curry would love to tell the next four years.

"Juan came up the hard way," Marsh said. "If ever a kid just walked away and became a bum without one person criticizing him it would have been Juan."

"But he overcame a lot. When the church doors are open, he's there now. If he is out and there is alcohol or drugs around, he's gone. He will have none of that. He's just a special kid that a lot of colleges would love to have."

## MOVING TO THE ROUND BALL SPORT

Any positive exposure is welcomed by a school on NCAA probation. Just ask Kentucky coach Rick Pitino what having his Wildcats ranked 25th in the *Associated Press* poll meant.

"For a school on probation any accolade is nice," Pitino said. "I didn't expect it (the ranking) or think too much about it."

Perhaps Pitino knows Kentucky may not be as good as it is ranked. One has to wonder about the record now that Cincinnati has lost to Miami of Ohio and Notre Dame has fallen to Butler.

Still, the national publicity UK received from making the *AP* poll for the first time since the end of the 1987-88 season can't hurt.

Neither can the praise ABC-TV analyst Jim Valvano heaped on UK during the win over Notre Dame in the Big Four Classic. Valvano, the former North Carolina State coach, predicted UK would challenge for the NCAA title in two years and would be one of the teams of the 1990s.

"I think the same thing or I would not be here," Pitino

said. "I think we will be one of the powers of the '90s. "We are building this program the right way. We don't want only the foundation strong. We don't want the house to crumble. If you lay the right foundation, the house will be strong."

The ranking and praise by Valvano and others, though, has raised expectations for UK fans. Pitino stressed all preseason that 16 wins was a lofty goal for this team.

And logic was on his side. UK's schedule is more difficult this year and the Wildcats were 14-14 last year. Winning two straight games away from Rupp Arena, however, has fans expecting another miracle season.

"Kentucky will always have pressure," Pitino said. "It is what you make of that pressure. If it isn't fun, you shouldn't come to Kentucky."

Already some in New York wish he was back coaching the New York Knicks, who recently fired former head coach Stu Jackson, a former assistant on Pitino's Knicks' staff.

"New York is behind me," Pitino said. "It was a fun two years, but it is behind me."

Instead, he's just concentrating on his three-year plan of getting Kentucky into the 1992 NCAA Tournament when the Wildcats go off probation.

Pitino says it takes four things—talent, execution, playing hard and team chemistry—to have a successful program.

"Systems don't win, players win," Pitino said. "If Paul Westhead had great players (with the Denver Nuggets), his system would win."

"It is a matter of talent, execution and playing hard. The fourth thing is chemistry. We are getting better each game. Our talent still has to get better but our other three things have gotten better."

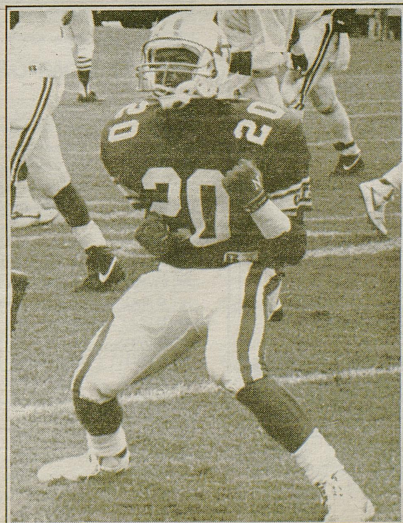
Pitino and his staff are busy now looking at the nation's top junior players. Pitino has had two successful recruiting years and would still like to add 6-foot-9 Chris Webber of Detroit to this year's class.

One thing Pitino does want to do is schedule games in areas where recruits are from if possible. That's one reason UK won't play Kansas and North Carolina again any time soon.

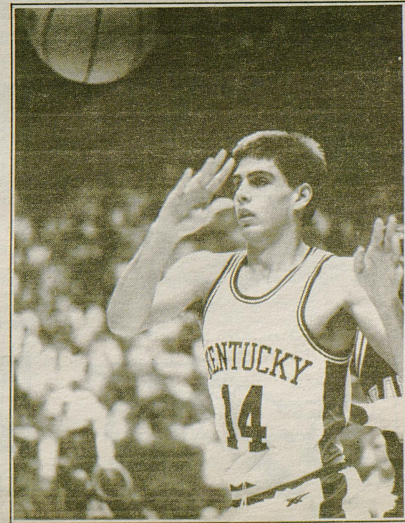
UK will have 16 Southeastern Conference games next year. The 'Cats will also play Louisville, Notre Dame and Indiana annually. That leaves nine games.

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## Chris Tolbert wants a chance at the pros

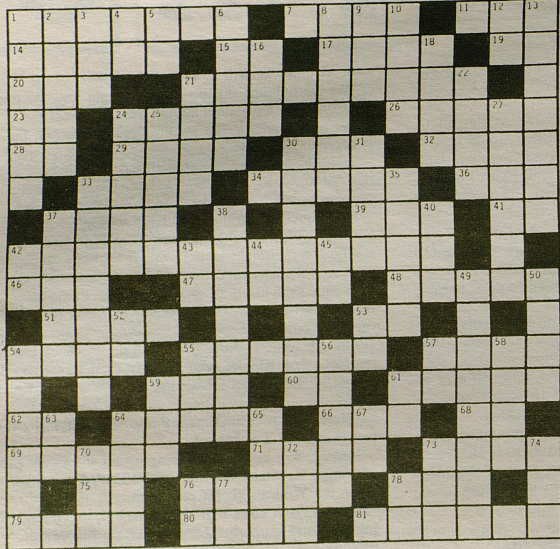


## Jeff Brassow has a corner named after him?



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By Dan Krueckeberg



COLLEGIATE HOOP STARS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

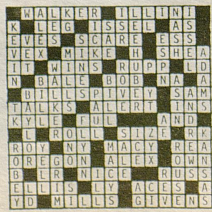
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- 7 Rhode Island standout Leslie \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 First name of 48 Across
- 12 Big scorer Harold of USC
- 15 Initials of 31 Down
- 17 U. \_\_\_\_\_
- 19 Initials of \_\_\_\_\_ Across
- 20 Abbr. for "Independent Grocer's Assoc."
- 21 \_\_\_\_\_ team is the Hoyas
- 23 Abbr. for a football position
- 24 Bowling term
- 26 Sum
- 28 Abbr. for baseball's "round-tripper"
- 29 Not there
- 30 Assist
- 32 Strong wind
- 33 Temple's star guard Macon
- 34 LSU's big, big guy
- 36 Snake
- 37 Fill the glass
- 39 "Thank \_\_\_\_\_"
- 41 Initials of actor Nolte
- 42 Could be premier guard in the nation
- 46 V. Alexander plays for coach Johnny \_\_\_\_\_ at Iowa State
- 47 "Bama's \_\_\_\_\_ include Cheatum & Horry
- 48 Massachusetts' scoring machine
- 51 Stars Luc and \_\_\_\_\_ school is New Mexico
- 53 Initials of big scorer Shorter of Pitt
- 54 Bread types
- 55 Awards
- 57 Farm building
- 59 First name of 13 Down
- 60 Question response
- 61 N.C. State's coach
- 62 Initials of Syracuse superstar Billy \_\_\_\_\_
- 64 Namesakes of big scoring Longhorn Wright \_\_\_\_\_
- 66 Wise bird?
- 68 Initials of musician Clapton
- 69 Irish star LaPhonso \_\_\_\_\_
- 71 Grab \_\_\_\_\_
- 73 Writing materials
- 75 Initials of Providence's guard Murdock \_\_\_\_\_
- 76 Namesakes of Stanford's big redhead \_\_\_\_\_
- 78 Circle portion
- 79 Observes \_\_\_\_\_
- 80 Stringed instrument
- 81 Guard litterer \_\_\_\_\_ team is Georgia

DOWN

- 1 Steve \_\_\_\_\_ scoring leads Michigan State
- 2 Super quick big man Doug Smith is a \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Santa \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Initials of tennis star Evert
- 5 Comparative suffix
- 6 Pack away \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Battle of Auburn
- 9 3 to the Romans
- 10 Penny
- 12 Bradford Smith \_\_\_\_\_ a star Cardinal
- 13 Junior forward at UCLA
- 16 Payable
- 18 Eager
- 21 Randall of the Jayhawks
- 22 Pierce with a knife
- 24 Under-rated scorer/rebounder Vandiver of Colorado
- 25 Ohio State strongboy Carter
- 27 First name of 21 Across
- 30 Eric of the Hoosiers
- 31 6-8 big-scorer Todd \_\_\_\_\_ team is the Razorbacks
- 33 Rodney \_\_\_\_\_ team is the Wolfpack
- 35 Weaving machines
- 37 Very active Memphis State guard Elliot
- 39 Mizou's one-on-one superstar Peeler
- 43 Has guard Rice & super fr. Montross
- 44 Boxing abbr.
- 45 Like \_\_\_\_\_
- 46 Initials of comedian Adams
- 47 Initials of all-around star Slater of Wyoming
- 49 Multi-talented Weatherspoon of So. Miss. Cavaliers
- 50 Desires \_\_\_\_\_
- 52 Initials of scoring machine Stith of the Cavaliers
- 53 Initials of Houston standout Byron \_\_\_\_\_
- 54 Larry Johnson and Greg Anthony
- 55 Garden implement
- 56 Arizona's top flight big man Sean \_\_\_\_\_
- 57 Initials of Okla. St. standout Houston \_\_\_\_\_
- 58 The Fox of the Tar Heels
- 59 "\_\_\_\_\_ and don't's"
- 61 Initials of Duke's Christian \_\_\_\_\_
- 63 Abbr. for "on-line"
- 64 Namesakes of Buckeyes superstar Jackson \_\_\_\_\_
- 65 Cameron Burns is a \_\_\_\_\_ for Miss. St.
- 67 U.S.
- 70 One of nation's best at guard; Arkansas' Mayberry
- 72 Short for unit of electrical current
- 73 Anger
- 74 Distress signal
- 75 Initials of '60s youngster Allan \_\_\_\_\_

Last issue's solution



UK RADIO NETWORK AFFILIATES

WANY-FM, 106.3	Albany	WFSR-AM, 970	Harlan	WMKF-FM, 92.7	Middlesboro
WCMI-AM, 1340	Ashland	WTUK-FM, 105.1	Harlan	WKYM-FM, 101.7	Monticello
WCMI-FM, 92.7	Ashland	WHBN-AM, 1420	Harrodsburg	WMOR-AM, 1330	Morehead
WYWF-FM, 93.5	Barbourville	WHBN-FM, 99.3	Harrodsburg	WMOR-FM, 92.1	Morehead
WOKH-FM, 96.7	Bardonia	WLLS-AM, 1600	Hartford	WMSK-AM, 1550	Morganfield
WCBL-AM, 1290	Benton	WLLS-FM, 106.3	Hartford	WMSK-FM, 95.3	Morganfield
WCBL-FM, 102.3	Benton	WCKM-AM, 1160	Hawesville	WMST-AM, 1150	Mt. Sterling
WBGN-AM, 1340	Bowling Green	WCKM-FM, 102.9	Hawesville	WMST-FM, 105.5	Mt. Sterling
WMMG-AM, 1140	Brandenburg	WGSF-FM, 101.1	Hazard	WNBS-AM, 1340	Murray
WMMG-FM, 93.5	Brandenburg	WSON-AM, 860	Henderson/Evansville	WOMI-AM, 1490	Owensboro
WKQF-FM, 103.9	Cambellsville	WKCB-AM, 1340	Hindman	WKCA-FM, 107.1	Owingsville
WKYA-AM, 101.9	Central City	WKCB-FM, 107.1	Hindman	WPAD-AM, 1560	Paducah
WSAI-AM, 1360	Cincinnati, Ohio	WHOP-AM, 1230	Hopkinsville	WSIP-AM, 1490	Paintsville
WAIN-AM, 1270	Columbia	WHOP-FM, 98.7	Hopkinsville	WSIP-FM, 98.9	Paintsville
WAIN-FM, 93.5	Columbia	WEKG-AM, 810	Jackson	WPKE-AM, 1240	Pikeville
WCTF-AM, 880	Corbin	WJNS-FM, 97.7	Jackson	WDHR-FM, 102.1	Pikeville
WCCT-FM, 107.0	Corbin	WJNS-FM, 104.9	Jamestown	WDOC-AM, 1310	Prestonsburg
WCYN-AM, 1400	Cynthiana	WRNZ-FM, 105.1	Lancaster	WQHY-FM, 95.5	Prestonsburg
WCYN-FM, 102.3	Cynthiana	WLSK-FM, 100.9	Lebanon/Springfield	WPKY-AM, 1580	Princeton
WHIR-AM, 1240	Danville	WKHG-AM, 104.9	Leitchfield	WPKY-FM, 104.9	Princeton
WMGE-FM, 107.1	Danville	WVLM-AM, 590	Lexington	WHRZ-FM, 97.7	Providence
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WFKN-AM, 1220	Franklin	WWXL-FM, 103.1	Manchester	WTCW-AM, 920	Whitesburg
WKZT-AM, 1270	Fulton	WNGO-AM, 1320	Mayfield	WXKQ-FM, 103.9	Whitesburg
WVOV-FM, 105.7	Glasgow	WXID-FM, 94.7	Mayfield	WYMC-AM, 1430	Wickliffe
WUGO-FM, 102.5	Grayson	WFTM-AM, 1240	Maysville	WEZJ-AM, 1540	Williamsburg
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WHIC-FM, 94.3	Hardinsburg	WMKAM, 560	Middlesboro		

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UK BASKETBALL TV NETWORK

Bowling Green	WBKOTV	Hopkinsville	TV-43	SportsChannel Chicago	cable
Campbellsville	WGRB-TV	Hurricane, W.Va.	WVAHTV	SportsChannel Cincinnati	cable
Cincinnati, Ohio	WSTR-TV	Lexington	WKYFTV	SportsChannel Florida	cable
Evansville, Ind.	WTVWTV	Louisville	WAVE-TV	SportsChannel Los Angeles	cable
Harrogate, Tenn.	W19AN	Paducah	WPST-TV	SportsChannel Ohio	cable
Hazard	WYMTV	Washington, D.C.	WNVTV	SportsChannel San Francisco	cable

□SOURCE: Sports Communications

UK TV NETWORK SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Broadcast Time
Dec. 15 (Sat.)	UT-CHATTANOOGA	RUPP ARENA	Live/1:30 p.m.
Dec. 21 (Fri.)	Western Kentucky	Freedom Hall	Live/8 p.m.
Dec. 27 (Thur.)	EASTERN KENTUCKY	RUPP ARENA	Live/8 p.m.
Jan. 9 (Wed.)	MISSISSIPPI STATE	RUPP ARENA	Delayed/10:30 p.m.
Jan. 12 (Sat.)	at Tennessee	Knoxville	Delayed/10:30 p.m.
Jan. 16 (Wed.)	at Ole Miss	Oxford	Delayed/10:30 p.m.
Jan. 19 (Sat.)	VANDERBILT	RUPP ARENA	Delayed/10:30 p.m.
Jan. 23 (Wed.)	FLORIDA	RUPP ARENA	Delayed/10:30 p.m.
Feb. 23 (Sat.)	at Florida	Gainesville	Delayed/10:30 p.m.
March 2 (Sat.)	AUBURN	RUPP ARENA	Delayed/10:30 p.m.

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UK TV COMPOSITE BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Broadcast Time	Coordinates
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Dec. 15 (Sat.)	UT-Chattanooga at Kentucky	Live/1:30 p.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Dec. 21 (Fri.)	Kentucky vs. Western Kentucky	Live/8 p.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Dec. 23 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Dec. 27 (Thur.)	Eastern Kentucky at Kentucky	Live/8 p.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Dec. 30 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Jan. 6 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Jan. 9 (Wed.)	Mississippi State at Kentucky	Delayed/10:30 p.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Jan. 12 (Sat.)	Kentucky at Tennessee	Delayed/10:30 p.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Jan. 13 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Jan. 16 (Wed.)	Kentucky at Ole Miss	Delayed/10:30 p.m.	TBA
Jan. 19 (Sat.)	Vanderbilt at Kentucky	Delayed/10:30 p.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Jan. 20 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Jan. 23 (Wed.)	Florida at Kentucky	Delayed/10:30 p.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Jan. 27 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Feb. 3 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Feb. 10 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Feb. 17 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
Feb. 23 (Sat.)	Kentucky at Florida	Delayed/10:30 p.m.	TBA
Feb. 24 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
March 2 (Sat.)	Auburn at Kentucky	Delayed/10:30 p.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full
March 3 (Sun.)	Rick Pitino Show	11 a.m.	K-2 Transponder 4-Full

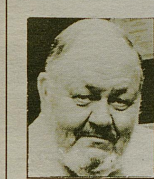
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# Remember, always be nice to your fairy godmother

She may send you to the Gator Bowl

For Christmas your fairy godmother says she'll give you an all-expenses paid trip to any bowl game involving an SEC team. Your choice?

Which one would you really like to see? Tennessee-



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

Virginia in the Sugar Bowl? Alabama-Louisville in the Fiesta Bowl? Ole Miss-Michigan in the Gator Bowl? Auburn-Indiana in the Peach Bowl?

None of the above.  
It's close to none of the above, but Ole Miss-Michigan will probably get your vote. It is the best matchup, by far, for Southeastern Conference bowl teams.

Look at the romance of it. The Rebels have been out of the major bowl picture for 20 years. Slowly, but surely, Coach Billy Brewer and his staff have rebuilt the Ole Miss image season by season, game by game.

Now they have a team that came within a whisker of its league championship, a team that posted a 9-2 record, its best since 1971, a team that is nationally ranked in the top 15.

It is also a team that has its detractors who point to an alleged weak schedule and who claim their only strong opponents were Tennessee and Auburn and the Rebels lost to both of them.

In other words, those detractors say Ole Miss still has something to prove.

The Rebels will get their chance to silence those critics. In playing Michigan, Ole Miss will face one of the most consistently successful college programs in the country.

We believe if the Rebels don't lock up, that is run out on the field, see those funny looking Michigan helmets and ask themselves, "What are we doing here?"; Ole Miss can play the Wolverines on even terms. There's also a strong possibility Michigan will look over at the Rebels and ask themselves, "What are they doing here?"

After all, Ole Miss is not a household word in Michigan and it may be hard for those "Damn Yankees" to take the Rebels seriously.

If my fairy godmother calls, tell her I want to go to Jacksonville.

There was a time New Orleans looked attractive for New Year's Day. That was before Virginia collapsed and lost three games. Now the Tennessee (8-2-2) matchup against the Cavaliers (8-3) is just another game as far as national interest is concerned.

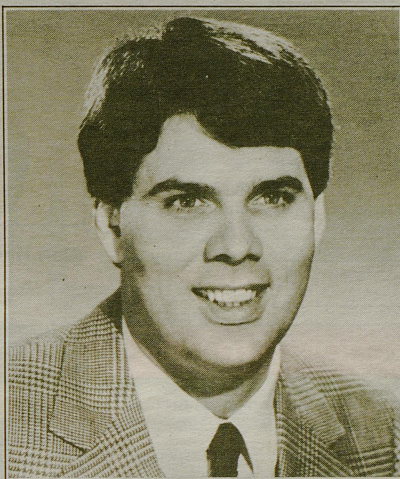
Tennessee should win but the Sugar Bowl will lose the TV ratings. Miami-Texas in the Cotton Bowl is much more attractive and Notre Dame-Colorado in the Orange Bowl is even more so. Penn State-Florida State in the new Blockbuster Bowl is also a game that will attract a great deal of TV attention. Only Iowa-Washington in the Rose Bowl is a bummer to equal the Sugar Bowl pairing.

If you shouldn't wish to visit Jacksonville or New Orleans New Year's Day, would you like Granny to send you to Arizona for the Fiesta Bowl?

Not unless you're a wide-eyed Alabama fan, you wouldn't.

Gene Stallings did a remarkable job of turning the Tide around after a horrible start. His reward is a game against Louisville, 9-1-1 against mainly second-line competition. Stallings' biggest problem of the season will be getting his team up to face an opponent few people believe belong on the same field with Bama.

Between the non-glamour of Louisville and the Martin Luther King controversy, this year's Fiesta Bowl may be the least attractive New Year's game.



## FOOTBALL FRONT PAGE IN TENNESSEE

When your team gives up 44, 42, and 56 to SMU, Army and Wake Forest, respectively, and gives up an average of over 40, it's time to replace the head coach. Exit Watson Brown (top left); Johnny Majors' (right) Volunteers versus Virginia in the Sugar Bowl? Ho-hum. Just another game.

Then there's Auburn and Indiana in the Peach Bowl. This is a staggering Auburn team, picked by many, including myself, to be great but which, in fact, was merely good. Indiana, on the other hand, may be slightly less than good as its 6-4-1 record shows. The Hoosiers did play and beat Kentucky 45-24, early in the season, but Kentucky is not Auburn.

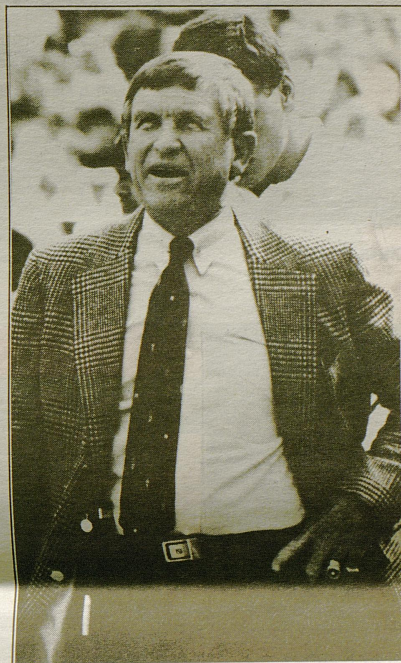
The chief interest in this one is the SEC vs. the Big Ten. Perhaps Pat Dye can use that angle to inspire his underachievers to play up to their ability. If so, remember Atlanta is a great town for fun and frolic and since the Peach Bowl is Dec. 29 you might get your fairy godmother to spring for a New Year's trip, as well.

## NOT FOR BROADCAST

•Did Florida State's big win over Florida cost Gator coach Steve Spurrier a shot at SEC Coach of the Year honors? It's been between Spurrier and Billy Brewer and the fact that the Rebels were selected to play Michigan in the Gator Bowl should help the popular Rebel leader...

•What effect has Prop 48 had on SEC football? A big one. The conference has just announced the 1990 SEC Football Academic Honor Roll, the list of players who had a grade point average of 3.00 or better. Would you believe 83 youngsters made this list? Kentucky and Ole Miss led the way with 13 each...

•The dismissal of Watson Brown came as no surprise. The Vanderbilt football coach was always almost boyish in his optimistic preseason statements. When it came time to put it on the line he came up with three 1-10 seasons in his five years at the Commodore helm. Can Vanderbilt ever win? Not at the level of Tennessee, Auburn, Alabama, etc. The Commodores can be respectable, however, with great leadership. What does "respectable" mean? Somewhere between 4-7 and 6-5, nothing better. The new eight-game conference schedule won't help. This year Vandy softened its non-conference schedule with the likes of Southern Methodist, Army and Wake Forest and lost them all. When an SMU runs



up 44 points on you, an Army 41 and a Wake Forest 56, it's time to make a change and the Vanderbilt Commodores did...

•Randy Baldwin of Ole Miss was the most honored SEC Offensive Player of the Week. He was selected three times. Shane Matthews of Florida was honored twice. No one else made it more than once. On defense, Mississippi State's Reggie Stewart led the way with two selections. Interestingly enough, six Tennessee players, four on offense and two on defense, were named Players of the Week sometime during the season...

•Despite the fact that Ole Miss played Tennessee in Memphis and Auburn and Mississippi State in Jackson, the Rebels are shown in the SEC season-ending resume as playing no games on a neutral field this year. This obviously means that as far as the conference is concerned the Rebels have three home fields. That should come as a surprise to the people of Oxford who had to drive nearly 100 to 200 miles to a home game...

•The Alabama-Auburn game has been televised every year since 1981...

•SEC schools reaped a big harvest of early signees for basketball. Mississippi State led the way with five. Kentucky inked four, Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, LSU, Tennessee and Vanderbilt each signed three. Florida got two. Only Ole Miss drew a blank. The tallest player was 6-foot-11 Bubba Wilson, who chose Mississippi State, but there were four at 6-10 who selected SEC schools, one each at Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Auburn and Florida...

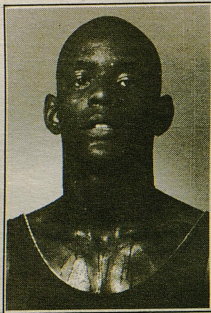
•Notre Dame's recent victory over Tennessee ran the Irish record to 11-7 against SEC schools. They are 5-1 with Alabama, 0-1 facing Georgia, 3-3 with LSU, 1-1 against Ole Miss and 2-1 facing Tennessee...

•New LSU coach Curly Hallman and Auburn's Pat Dye were assistants at Alabama together in 1973 under

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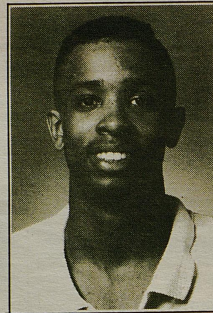
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Chris Webber

## SENIORS: FIRST TEAM

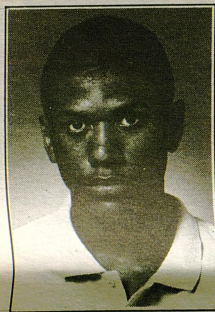
Pos.	Player	Ht.	Hometown (State) School
PF	Glenn Robinson	6-9	Gary (Ind.) Roosevelt
F	Tom Kleinschmidt	6-5	Chicago (Ill.) Gordon Tech
C	Juwan Howard	6-9	Chicago (Ill.) Vocational
PG	Cory Alexander	6-1	Mouth of Wilson (Va.) Oak Hill
2G	Donald Williams	6-3	Garner (N.C.) High



Alan Henderson

## SENIORS: FIFTH TEAM

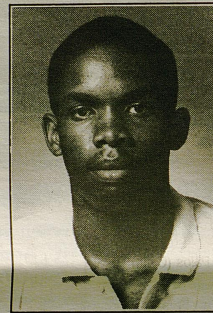
Pos.	Player	Ht.	Hometown (State) School
PF	Antonio Watson	6-8	Columbus (Ohio) East
F	Tim Moore	6-6	Houston (Texas)
C	Ben Davis	6-9	Mouth of Wilson (Va.) Oak Hill
PG	Anthony Harris	6-2	Danbury (Conn.)
2G	Eric Brunson	6-3	Salem (Mass.)



Jalen Rose

## SENIORS: SECOND TEAM

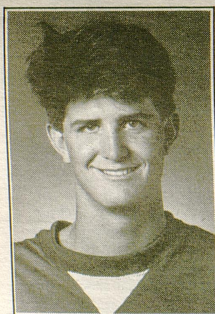
Pos.	Player	Ht.	Hometown (State) School
PF	Chris Webber	6-9	Detroit (Mich.) Country Day
F	Jalen Rose	6-7	Detroit (Mich.) Southwestern
C	Cherokee Parks	6-11	Huntington Beach (Calif.) Marina
PG	Travis Best	6-0	Springfield (Mass.) Central
2G	Jermaine Brown	6-3	Louisville (Ky.) Fairdale



Reginald Manuel

## SENIORS: SIXTH TEAM

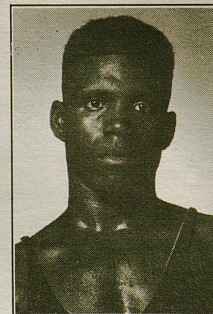
Pos.	Player	Ht.	Hometown (State) School
PF	Thomas Burrough	6-8	Mouth of Wilson (Va.) Oak Hill
F	Luke Jackson	6-6	Beaumont (Tex.) West
C	Greg Ostertag	7-1	Duncanville (Texas)
PG	Calvin Rayford	5-8	Milwaukee (Wis.) Wash
2G	Eric Snow	6-2	Canton (Ohio) Mo



Cherokee Parks

## SENIORS: THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Player	Ht.	Hometown (State) School
PF	Alan Henderson	6-8	Indianapolis (Ind.) Brebeuf
F	Marcus Timmons	6-8	Sikeston (Mo.) Scott Co. Central
C	David Vaughn	6-9	Whites Creek (Tenn.) High
PG	Howard Nathan	5-11	Peoria (Ill.) Manual
2G	James Scott	6-4	Paterson (N.J.) Eastside



Anthony Harris

## SENIORS: SEVENTH TEAM

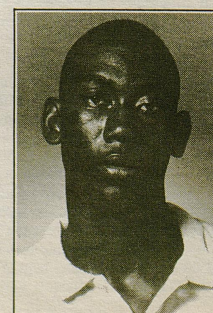
Pos.	Player	Ht.	Hometown (State) School
PF	John Smith	6-8	Columbia (S.C.) A.C.
F	Clarence Ceasar	6-7	Lawrenceville (Ga.)
C	Jamal Johnson	6-8	Kirkwood (Mo.)
PG	Keith LeGree	6-2	Statesboro (Ga.)
2G	Voshon Lenard	6-4	Detroit (Mich.) Southw



Travis Best

## SENIORS: FOURTH TEAM

Pos.	Player	Ht.	Hometown (State) School
PF	James Forrest	6-6	Atlanta (Ga.) Southside
F	Derrick Carroll	6-7	Columbia (S.C.) Eau Claire
C	Bubba Wilson	6-10	Wiggins (Miss.) Stone Co.
PG	Chris Elliott	6-3	Memphis (Tenn.) Central
2G	Reginald Manuel	6-3	Macon (Ga.) Southwest



John Smith

## SENIORS: EIGHTH TEAM

Pos.	Player	Ht.	Hometown (State) School
PF	Will Macon	6-7	Pittsburgh (Pa.)
F	Jayson Walton	6-6	Dallas (Texas) K
C	Andre Riddick	6-9	Brooklyn (N.Y.) Shop Lo
PG	Pointer Williams	6-0	New Orleans (La.) St. Aug
2G	Jimmy King	6-4	Plano (Texas)

# RECRUITING ROUNDUP

## 1 TEAM

Hometown (State)	School
Columbus (Ohio)	Eastmoor
Houston (Texas)	Milby
Mouth of Wilson (Va.)	Oak Hill
Danbury (Conn.)	High
Salem (Mass.)	High

## 2 TEAM

Hometown (State)	School
Mouth of Wilson (Va.)	Oak Hill
Beaumont (Texas)	Westbrook
Duncanville (Texas)	High
Milwaukee (Wis.)	Washington
Canton (Ohio)	McKinley

## 3 TEAM

Hometown (State)	School
Columbia (S.C.)	A.C. Flora
Lawrenceville (Ga.)	High
Kirkwood (Mo.)	High
Statesboro (Ga.)	High
Detroit (Mich.)	Southwestern

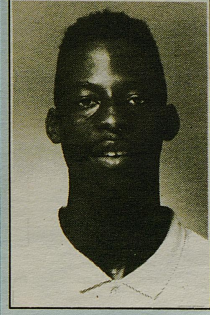
## 4 TEAM

Hometown (State)	School
Pittsburgh (Pa.)	Perry
Dallas (Texas)	Kimball
Brooklyn (N.Y.)	Ishop Loughlin
New Orleans (La.)	St. Augustine
Plano (Texas)	East

## COMPLETING AMERICA'S TOP 100 + SENIOR PREPSTERS (listed in alphabetical order)

Player — Pos.	Hometown (State)	School
Matt Alosa — 6-2	Suncook (N.H.)	Pembroke
Orlando Antigua — 6-6	Bronx (N.Y.)	St. Raymonds
Yuri Barnes — 6-7	Richmond (Va.)	Manchester
Daimon Bethea — 6-7	Elkhart (Ind.)	Memorial
Michael Blasingame — 6-7	Seneca (S.C.)	High
Donald Boyce — 6-5	Maywood (Ill.)	Proviso East
Brandon Brantley — 6-7	Merrillville (Ind.)	Andean
Wayne Bristol — 6-2	Beltsville (Md.)	High Point
Kareem Brown — 6-6	Northfield (Mass.)	Mt. Hermon
Dan Buie — 6-8	Harrisburg (Pa.)	High
Craig Caldwell — 5-10	Syracuse (N.Y.)	Nottingham
Willie Cauley — 6-6	Mouth of Wilson (Va.)	Oak Hill
Pat Craft — 6-9	Atmore (Ala.)	Escambia
Tony Cutright — 6-4	Zwolle (La.)	High
Ray Donald — 6-7	Pensacola (Fla.)	Washington
Herbert Dove — 6-5	Indianapolis (Ind.)	Perry Meridian
Jesse Drain — 6-7	Saginaw (Mich.)	High
Jeff Elder — 6-7	Dayton (Ohio)	Colonel White
Tyus Edney — 5-10	Long Beach (Calif.)	Poly
Sherell Ford — 6-7	Maywood (Ill.)	Proviso East
Greg Gillom — 6-6	Oxford (Miss.)	Lafayette
Ryan Grant — 6-8	Effingham (Ill.)	High
Chip Hare — 6-9	Massillon (Ohio)	Perry
Chris Harrison — 6-3	Tollesboro (Ky.)	High
Malik Hightower — 6-5	Pittsburgh (Pa.)	Oliver
John Hines — 6-9	Dos Palos (Calif.)	High
John Jacobs — 6-7	Lockland (Ohio)	High
Alonzo Johnson — 6-11	Marion (Ala.)	Francis Marion
Rudy Johnson — 6-8	Jacksonville (Fla.)	Ribault
Brian Kelly — 6-6	Decatur (Ga.)	Towers
Wilfred Kirkaldy — 6-9	Mouth of Wilson (Va.)	Oak Hill
Donyell Marshall — 6-8	Reading (Pa.)	High
David Mascia — 6-3	Lynbrook (N.Y.)	High
Desi McQueen — 6-8	Bennettsville (S.C.)	Marlboro Co.
Eric Meek — 6-10	Escondido (Calif.)	San Pasqual
Loren Meyer — 6-10	Ruthven (Iowa)	Ruthven-Ayrshire
Bryan Milburn — 6-6	Russell Springs (Ky.)	Russell Co.
Kevin Millen — 6-6	Memphis (Tenn.)	Raleigh-Egypt
Tony Miller — 5-11	Cleveland (Ohio)	St. Joseph
Russ Millard — 6-8	Cedar Rapids (Iowa)	Washington
Silas Mills — 6-7	Milwaukee (Wis.)	Washington
Maurice Morris — 6-2	Louisville (Ky.)	Fairdale
Lamond Murray — 6-7	Fremont (Calif.)	Kennedy
Victor Newman — 6-8	Dothan (Ala.)	Houston
Jelani Nix — 6-7	Bladensburg (Md.)	High
Kevin Ollie — 6-2	Los Angeles (Calif.)	Crenshaw
Ray Owes — 6-7	San Bernadino (Calif.)	High
Victor Payne — 6-10	Memphis (Tenn.)	Southside
Sean Pearson — 6-4	LaGrange (Ill.)	Nazareth
Al Pinkins — 6-6	Camilla (Ga.)	Mitchell Baker
Don Reid — 6-8	Largo (Md.)	High
Terrence Rencher — 6-3	Bronx (N.Y.)	St. Raymond's
John Rhodes — 6-4	Washington (D.C.)	Dunbar
Louis Roe — 6-6	Atlantic City (N.J.)	High
Del Savage — 6-5	Pottstown (Pa.)	High
Wilbur Shaw — 6-4	Chester (Pa.)	High
Shun Sheffield — 6-10	Albany (Ga.)	Westover
Lazarus Sims — 6-4	Syracuse (N.Y.)	Henninger
Damon Stoudamire — 5-11	Portland (Ore.)	Wilson
LaSalle Thompson — 5-10	Indianapolis (Ind.)	Pike
Aminu Timberlake — 6-9	Chicago (Ill.)	DeLaSalle
Justin Weidauer — 6-7	Salt Lake City (Utah)	Cottonwood
Glen Whisby — 6-8	Brookhaven (Miss.)	High
Tes Whitlock — 6-1	Anaheim (Calif.)	Loara
Nantambu Willingham — 6-9	Atlanta (Ga.)	North Fulton
Julian Winfield — 6-3	St. Louis (Mo.)	Cardinal Ritter
Chris Woods — 6-10	St. Charles (Mo.)	Howell North

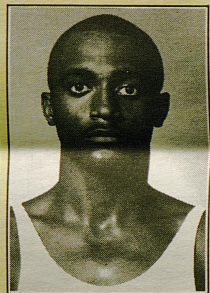
## THE NATION'S TOP 10 UNDERCLASSMEN



Rodrick Rhodes

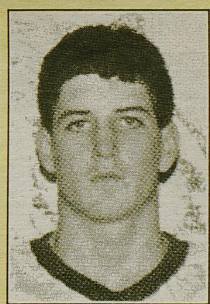
Pos.	Player	Ht.	Class	Hometown (State)	School
PF	Charles Macon	6-8	Jr.	Michigan City (Ind.)	Elston
PF	Charles Kornegay	6-9	Jr.	Dudley (N.C.)	Southern Wayne
F	Rodrick Rhodes	6-6	Jr.	Jersey City (N.J.)	St. Anthony
F	Percy Eberhardt	6-8	Jr.	Athens (Ga.)	Clarke Central
C	Othello Harrington	6-8	Jr.	Jackson (Miss.)	Murrah
C	Rashard Griffith	6-11	So.	Chicago (Ill.)	King
PG	Greg Simpson	6-0	Jr.	Lima (Ohio)	Senior
PG	Jason Kidd	6-4	Jr.	Alameda (Calif.)	St. Joe Notre Dame
2G	Tshombe High	6-3	Jr.	Chattanooga (Tenn.)	Brainerd
2G	Carlos Turner	6-5	Jr.	Louisville (Ky.)	Fairdale

## KENTUCKY'S TOP 25 PLAYERS



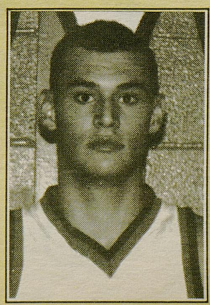
Jermaine Brown

■ TOP 12				
Player	Ht.	Class	Hometown (School)	
Jason Osborne	6-6	So.	Louisville (Male)	
Jermaine Brown	6-3	Sr.	Louisville (Fairdale)	
Carlos Turner	6-5	Jr.	Louisville (Fairdale)	
Bryan Milburn	6-6	Sr.	Russell Springs (Russell Co.)	
Chris Harrison	6-3	Sr.	Tollesboro (High)	
Corey Williams	6-6	Jr.	Paris (Bourbon Co.)	
Darren Allaway	6-7	Jr.	Hopkinsville (University Heights)	
Maurice Morris	6-2	Sr.	Louisville (Fairdale)	
Robert Hammons	6-5	Sr.	Lexington (Bryan Station)	
Demond Thomas	6-3	Sr.	Elizabethtown (High)	
Dion Lee	6-5	Sr.	Louisville (Ballard)	
Charles Broughton	6-2	Sr.	Owensboro (Apollo)	



Chris Harrison

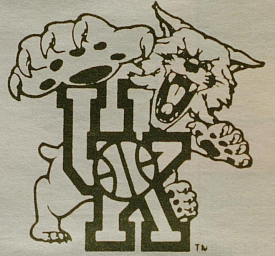
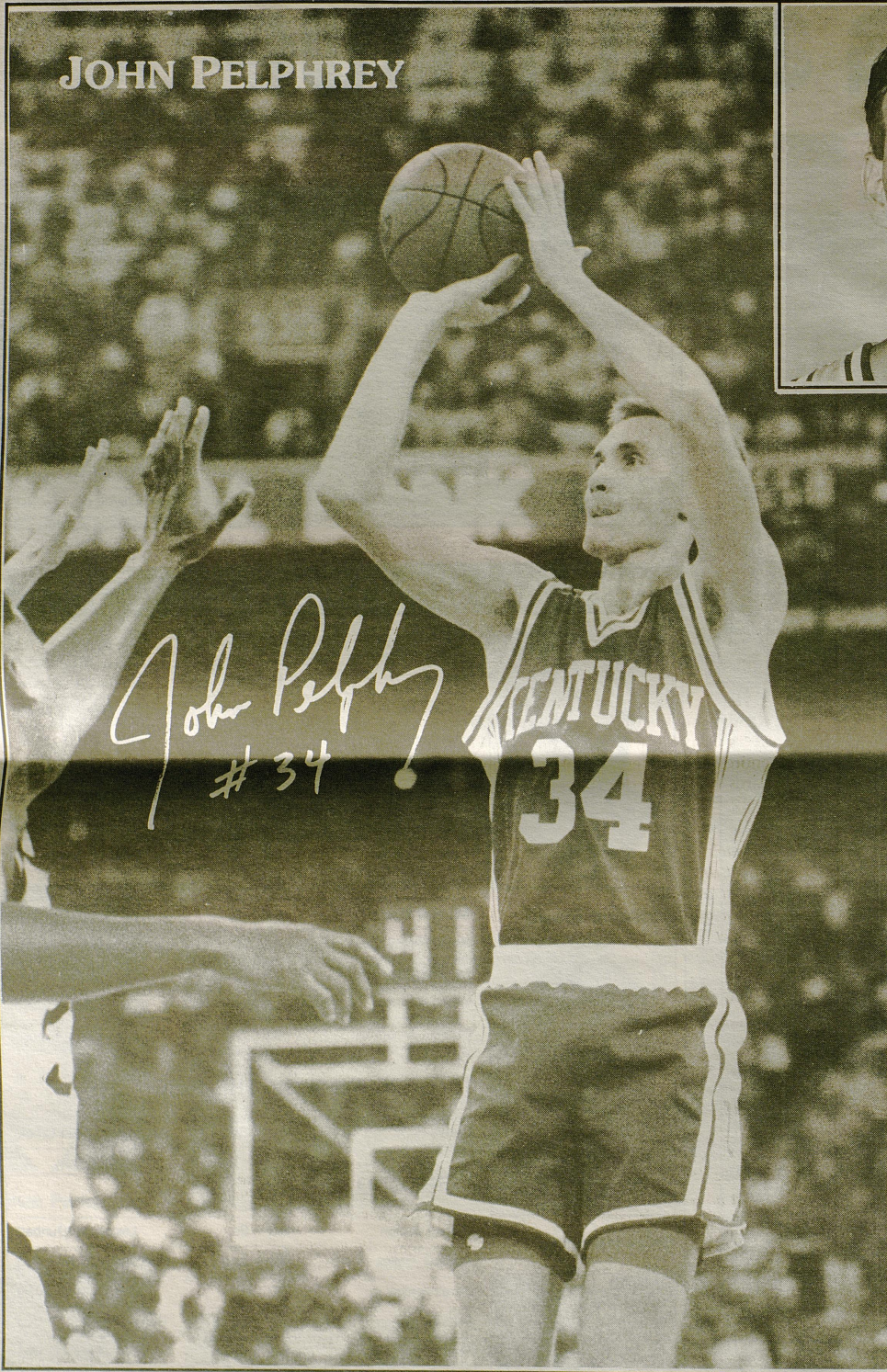
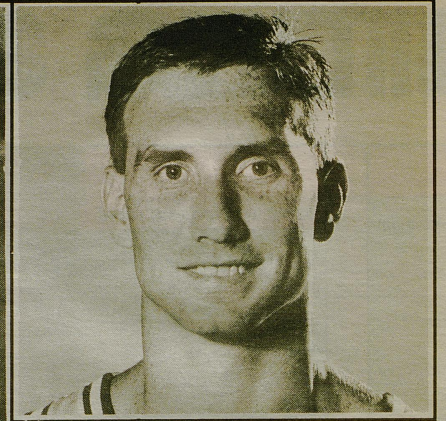
■ TOP PLAYER ON THE RISE				
Player	Ht.	Class	Hometown (School)	
Darrin Horn	6-4	Sr.	Lexington (Tates Creek)	



Bryan Milburn

■ SECOND 12				
Player	Ht.	Class	Hometown (School)	
Darnell Burton	6-3	So.	Lexington (Dunbar)	
Michael Fralex	6-1	Jr.	Princeton (Caldwell Co.)	
Derek Anderson	6-5	Jr.	Louisville (Doss)	
Mike Scrogam	6-7	So.	Bardstown (Nelson Co.)	
Shannon Hoskins	6-1	Jr.	Manchester (Clay Co.)	
Dejuan Wheat	6-2	Jr.	Louisville (Ballard)	
Keith Willard	6-1	Sr.	Lexington (Tates Creek)	
Jason Joseph	6-8	Sr.	Murray (High)	
Lee Wilson	6-7	Jr.	Louisville (Iroquois)	
Kris Robinson	6-8	Jr.	Henderson (Henderson Co.)	
Victor Saunders	6-5	Sr.	Louisville (Waggener)	
Earnest Bell	6-5	Sr.	Louisville (Western)	

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# Tennessee faced toughest battles, deserved Sugar bid

It's time to hand out SEC awards

With the first year of the new decade of Southeastern Conference football coming to a close, it's time to review the ups and downs of another exciting season. As Mike Archer bids a fond farewell and Curly Hallman says



Todd Hallum  
Cats' Pause Columnist

hello to LSU here are the year-ending awards for the 1990 season:

### Coach of the Year

Billy Brewer. Sorry, you Gator fans who enjoyed the offensive wizardry of Steve Spurrier, but considering the resources Brewer had at his disposal there's no coach in the league who gets more out of his talent. Brewer took a Rebel team to a nine-win season without a talented quarterback. Kudos also go to Johnny Majors at Tennessee.

### Offensive player

A real tough call here, but Florida's Shane Matthews gets a slight nod over Carl Pickens, Randy Baldwin and Andy Kelly. Matthews simply meant so much to Spurrier's offense and had some phenomenal games near the end of the season. The Gator QB threw for 2,952 yards.

### Defensive player

In the defense-oriented SEC, the vote here goes to Tennessee's Dale Carter. A case easily could be made also for Huey Richardson and Will White, both of Florida, and Kelvin Pritchett of Ole Miss, but Carter made a lot of big plays all season and gets the nod in a close call.

### Most underrated

Alabama's Robert Stewart. If Bill Curry could have chosen just one defensive player to bring to UK with him from the Capstone he just might immediately spill out the name of this fine nose guard who has everything one seeks in a defensive lineman. In fact, some Bama insiders believe Stewart is much better than former All-SEC lineman Willie Wyatt. Remember Stewart's name, because he has one year of eligibility remaining.

### Most overrated

Possibly Alabama's Gary Hollingsworth. The first season under a new coaching staff could have been a contributing factor to the Tide's offensive demise, but QB Hollingsworth did seem to get frustrated at times.

### Most inspirational

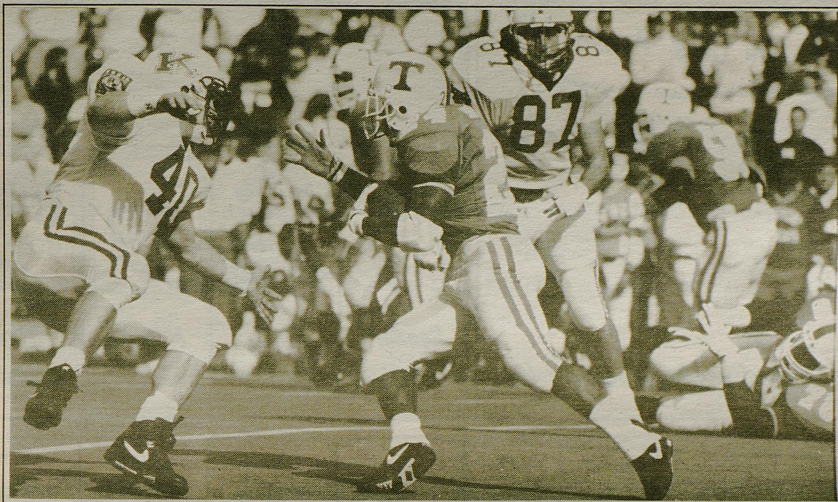
The courage of Chuckie Mullins at Ole Miss. His fight against a tragic injury certainly was an inspiration to the Rebels and the country as well.

### Hold your breath game

The Tennessee-Auburn showdown Sept. 29 at Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn. The Vols jumped to a big early advantage only to see it melt with a late run led by Tiger QB Stan White. Vol fans now play the old "iffin" game...If Greg Burke had only connected on a last-second field goal.

### Mr. Clutch

No question as this one goes to Alabama's Phillip Doyle. Is there a kicker in the country better under pressure? His last-second boot that beat Tennessee will be one of the most discussed kicks in the history of Tide football. Doyle perhaps is the best pressure kicker



The Southeastern Conference's No. 1 tackler takes on the Southeastern Conference's No. 1 rusher. Randy Holleran (No. 40) collected 174 tackles this season, and was named by this columnist as the SEC's Comeback Player of the Year. His knee injury during '89 fall workouts sidelined him for an entire season. Here, he takes on Tennessee tailback Tony Thompson, who led the SEC with 1,261 yards on 219 carries (105.1 yards per game; 5.8 per carry).

### SEC AWARDS

- Coach of the year ..... Billy Brewer
- Best offensive player ..... Shane Matthews
- Best defensive player ..... Dale Carter
- Most underrated player ..... Robert Stewart
- Most overrated player .... Gary Hollingsworth
- Most inspirational ..... Chuckie Mullins
- Most exciting game ..... Tennessee-Auburn
- Mr. Clutch ..... Philip Doyle
- Upset of the year ..... Vandy over LSU
- Most innovative ..... Steve Spurrier
- Comeback of the year ..... Randy Holleran
- Toughest schedule ..... Tennessee
- Hate to see you go ..... Mike Archer
- Best band ..... LSU
- Why didn't you go for two ..... Miss. State

to hit the SEC since Georgia's Kevin Butler.

### Upset special

Vanderbilt's early season win over LSU, which ultimately cost Mike Archer his job. That also was Vandy's only win of the season, so goodbye Watson Brown. Runner-up honors to Southern Mississippi's shocking win over Auburn, and Alabama going into Tennessee and shocking the Vols.

### Most innovative

Steve Spurrier. Everybody knew the former Gator Heisman Trophy winner has an outstanding offensive mind, but questioned if he could exploit his talents in the rugged SEC. Those skeptics quickly discovered that Spurrier certainly could put together eye-popping game plans. The Gators, featuring an inexperienced QB in Shane Matthews, moved the ball against every team in the league except Tennessee.

### Comeback player

What a joy to see UK's Randy Holleran line up at linebacker this season. He fits Webster's definition of a football player.

### Toughest schedule

Tennessee. The Vols had the longest campaign of any SEC team, playing the likes of Colorado, Auburn, Florida, Alabama and Notre Dame. Runner-up award goes to Alabama.

### Hate to see you go

LSU's Mike Archer. Wasn't it only yesterday that

Archer was leading the Tigers to an SEC championship and the Sugar Bowl? The word is out that Archer might end up on the coaching staff of another SEC school if he chooses to remain in the profession.

### Best band

The Golden Band from Tiger Land. For some reason, when the LSU band strikes up "Tiger Rag" before the start of a home game, the adrenalin starts to flow in high gear. Alabama's "Million Dollar Band" also deserves a mention.

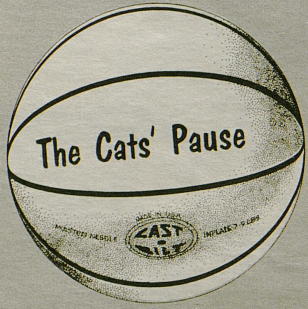
### Why didn't you go for two?

Ole Miss coach Rocky Felker against Auburn. The move backfired when the War Eagles blocked a try for a game-tying extra point with two minutes left in the game.

### UK NOTEBOOK

•UK insiders believe the Wildcat staff is in for an all-out war to land much-heralded running back **Damon Hood** of Warren Central High School. Penn State's **Joe Paterno** and Notre Dame's **Lou Holtz** reportedly also are anxious to sign the talented tailback. In fact, Hood does remind some folks of former Nittany Lion running back **D. J. Dozier**. Hood already is the most heavily recruited offensive player to come out of western Kentucky since **Al Baker**.

•And don't be surprised to see UK head for the JuCo route in the west and midwest, seeking defensive personnel.



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**Reader's Choice**

**Oscar Combs**

**Russell Rice**

**Nick Nicholas**

**Mike Estep**

**Todd Hallum**

**Hoop Demon**

LAST WEEK		22-2 (.917)	20-4 (.833)	19-5 (.792)	18-6 (.750)	21-3 (.875)	21-3 (.875)
SEASON TOTAL		45-10 (.818)	42-13 (.764)	42-13 (.764)	40-15 (.727)	42-13 (.764)	43-12 (.782)

TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA AT KENTUCKY	KENTUCKY 21	KENTUCKY 17	KENTUCKY 12	KENTUCKY 26	KENTUCKY 20	KENTUCKY 18
GEORGIA AT MIAMI (FLA)	GEORGIA 27	GEORGIA 12	GEORGIA 11	GEORGIA 38	GEORGIA 10	GEORGIA 10
ALABAMA AT NORTH CAROLINA	N. CAROLINA 10	N. CAROLINA 8	N. CAROLINA 3	N. CAROLINA 6	N. CAROLINA 2	ALABAMA 2
FLORIDA STATE AT AUBURN	AUBURN 1	AUBURN 5	AUBURN 2	AUBURN 5	AUBURN 3	AUBURN 3
AUGUSTA AT FLORIDA	FLORIDA 7	FLORIDA 12	FLORIDA 10	FLORIDA 14	FLORIDA 20	FLORIDA 10
AUSTIN PEAY AT TENNESSEE	TENNESSEE 21	TENNESSEE 12	TENNESSEE 13	TENNESSEE 29	TENNESSEE 21	TENNESSEE 15
OLE MISS VS ARKANSAS STATE (IN MEMPHIS)	ARKANSAS ST. 6	OLE MISS 8	OLE MISS 3	ARKANSAS ST. 2	OLE MISS 1	OLE MISS 8
CINCINNATI AT EVANSVILLE	EVANSVILLE 3	CINCINNATI 2	CINCINNATI 1	CINCINNATI 6	CINCINNATI 3	CINCINNATI 10
GEORGIA TECH AT TEMPLE	GA. TECH 4	GA. TECH 6	TEMPLE 2	GA. TECH 3	GA. TECH 3	GA. TECH 10
TEXAS EL PASO AT GEORGETOWN	G-TOWN 6	G-TOWN 8	G-TOWN 15	G-TOWN 14	G-TOWN 12	G-TOWN 10
WESTERN MICHIGAN AT INDIANA	INDIANA 21	INDIANA 19	INDIANA 16	INDIANA 28	INDIANA 23	INDIANA 15
RIDER AT KANSAS	KANSAS 24	KANSAS 19	KANSAS 12	KANSAS 30	KANSAS 22	KANSAS 12
BOSTON COLLEGE AT HOLY CROSS	BOSTON C. 1	BOSTON C. 2	BOSTON C. 3	BOSTON C. 9	BOSTON C. 4	BOSTON C. 6
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M AT LOUISVILLE	LOUISVILLE 10	LOUISVILLE 18	LOUISVILLE 16	LOUISVILLE 27	LOUISVILLE 25	LOUISVILLE 18
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT AT OKLAHOMA	OKLAHOMA 17	OKLAHOMA 20	OKLAHOMA 24	OKLAHOMA 22	OKLAHOMA 17	OKLAHOMA 10
MICHIGAN STATE AT NEVADA LAS VEGAS	UNLV 14	UNLV 12	UNLV 7	UNLV 9	UNLV 3	UNLV 6
OREGON STATE AT MINNESOTA	MINNESOTA 7	MINNESOTA 6	MINNESOTA 5	MINNESOTA 2	MINNESOTA 2	MINNESOTA 7
MURRAY STATE AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	S. ILLINOIS 3	S. ILLINOIS 5	MURRAY ST. 3	S. ILLINOIS 6	S. ILLINOIS 3	S. ILLINOIS 4
ROBERT MORRIS AT PITTSBURGH	PITTSBURGH 17	PITTSBURGH 6	PITTSBURGH 11	PITTSBURGH 16	PITTSBURGH 10	PITTSBURGH 6
SANTA CLARA AT STANFORD	STANFORD 4	STANFORD 6	STANFORD 9	SANTA CLARA 2	STANFORD 3	STANFORD 2
UCLA AT DEPAUL	DEPAUL 1	UCLA 9	DEPAUL 3	UCLA 8	UCLA 1	DEPAUL 5
WISCONSIN AT BUTLER	BUTLER 1	BUTLER 3	BUTLER 2	BUTLER 6	WISCONSIN 2	BUTLER 2
OHIO STATE AT AMERICAN	OHIO STATE 4	OHIO STATE 12	OHIO STATE 5	OHIO STATE 16	OHIO STATE 4	OHIO STATE 5
BELLARMINE AT EASTERN KENTUCKY	EASTERN 17	EASTERN 20	EASTERN 15	EASTERN 21	EASTERN 10	EASTERN 15
EAST TENNESSEE STATE AT GEORGE MASON	E. TENN. ST. 7	E. TENN. ST. 6	E. TENN. ST. 8	E. TENN. ST. 5	E. TENN. ST. 1	E. TENN. ST. 6

# Today, Nevada-Las Vegas looks like the winner...

But what about down the road?

Like many other long time observers, I was very surprised when the NCAA's Committee on Infractions reversed an earlier ruling and in a "Let's Make A Deal" approach offered Nevada Las Vegas two options to serve



Larry Donald

Cats' Pause Columnist

the final penance of a case which was adjudged 13 years ago.

It is the first time such an action has occurred with this group and comes on the heels of denying similar proposals which had been sent along by Maryland and Florida. Most remarkably, the COI's change of field was granted to the man it has sought to bring to justice longer than any other athletic figure, Rebels' coach **Jerry Tarkanian**.

All very interesting.

There are a number of ways to read this course of action, the most probable being that NCAA lawyers advised the committee that if its original decision to ban UNLV from the tournament was left standing litigation on behalf of the Rebel players would almost surely follow and would likely be successful. And although making this change might cause a torrent of controversy for the COI, the precedent of players getting an injunction to postpone or overturn a mandated probation would be even worse.

The ability of the NCAA to hand out a penalty and make it stick probably was at stake here. After all, when you are in a situation where an innocent is being penalized for the crimes of another, you are already on shaky ground Constitutionally speaking.

It isn't hard to imagine that if UNLV's players had been able to get the probation overturned this year that every subsequent NCAA mandated penalty would be challenged on similar grounds.

Given that, the COI most likely found itself backed into a corner and offering a compromise was its only choice.

From a UNLV perspective, this is certainly a joyous day if you look only at the short term.

With **Larry Johnson** and **Stacey Augmon** back, the Rebels have a real chance to successfully defend their NCAA championship. But what about the program's future? Has that been mortgaged?

There are a number of issues at hand. How far will the program slip with the probation next year knowing that Johnson, Augmon, **Greg Anthony** and perhaps several underclassmen will be gone?

What about the rumors that Tarkanian, now 60 years old, will walk away from coaching at season's end? Or take a job in the pros?

See, all the cheering in Las Vegas could be short term.

And how ironic that a television ban should be involved in the new penalty when UNLV is embroiled in a sizeable controversy with the Big West over that very matter.

Last year the Rebels were on national television or ESPN 16 times, yet when all the revenue sharing with fellow conference members had been completed the school realized a profit of just more than \$150,000.

Worse, then athletics director **Brad Rothermel** had agreed to a new long term deal with the Big West which kept that share the wealth approach in place.

Rothermel was broomed over the summer and now the matter appears headed for the courtroom. It was no surprise that UNLV would embrace sanctions which included a television ban...

Columnist's questions about the future of the UNLV program:

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## STRANGE BOUNCES IN DECEMBER

December has to be the most unusual month of the basketball season in terms of predictability. Take Villanova. I was impressed with the Wildcats' play in their victory over LSU.

This seemed a much more athletic team than **Rollie Massimino** has had in the past. The Wildcats ran a bit more and certainly showed greater flexibility. I told someone this could be one of college basketball's surprise teams in 1990-91.

Presto, Villanova comes home and is soundly beaten by Temple, a team which couldn't get past an ordinary Iowa team in the NIT. Hard to figure...

## SHHHH! DON'T TELL ANYONE BUT...

The best player in college basketball that you won't hear much about this winter is Siena's **Mark "Showbiz" Brown**. He attracted some attention a couple of years ago when Siena upset Stanford in the opening round of NCAA play in Greensboro, but last year the Saints struggled and Brown was largely forgotten.

He was, in my view, the best player in the Alaska Shootout and then he rung up 22 against Pittsburgh in a two-point loss. Brown brings the whole package, shooting and passing, doing it all with a flair which quickly makes obvious how he acquired his nickname. Unfortunately ESPN's camera lights won't show on him this winter which is almost an unforgivable oversight. The little man can play...

## LASALLE NOT INVITED

LaSalle made some quiet inquiries about membership in the newly formed Great Midwest and was told not to pursue the matter. "It tugs at my heartstrings, but I don't think LaSalle would be a good fit for us," said DePaul's **Bill Bradshaw**, a former athletics director at the Philadelphia school and a moving force in putting the Great Midwest together...

## WHAT'S THIS I'M HEARING?

I'm hearing that the Metro Conference and Sun Belt Conference, both reeling with defections, are considering a merger. The key player in this package may be Louisville which, more and more, appears headed for independent status unless an unexpected call from the ACC comes along...

## SOUTH CAROLINA AND TRICKY DICK?

Mentioning that group isn't it interesting that member schools have carried the grudge against South Carolina longer than the country has against former President **Richard Nixon**?

Twenty years have passed since the Gamecocks walked away and never has the ACC forgiven them.

Hey, I understand Florida State gives the conference a better look in football, but basketball wise it was far more logical to have wooed South Carolina when expansion

became an issue. From coach **George Felton's** perspective, surely he must understand that his desire to recapture the **Frank McGuire** era excitement in Columbia would have been done more easily in the ACC than the SEC. Now it's never going to happen and some of us think that's unfortunate...

## MORE ABOUT CRAZY DECEMBER

Fordham over Seton Hall. Yale takes UConn to the wire before losing by a point. Memphis State loses at Boston College, but comes back to win at Tennessee. Nebraska sacks my No. 1 pick, Michigan State. I told you December was an odd month...

## O'BANNON'S BABY BROTHER

Did you know that **Ed O'Bannon** has a younger brother who is a sophomore in high school and already stands 6-6. How good is he? "He might be right in Ed's class before it is all done," one assistant coach told me. The fact his brother is already at UCLA and his dad is a graduate of that school could give the Bruins an inside track...

## WHO ARE THESE GUYS?

Looking around I see more outstanding players in college basketball than at any time in recent memory. Think about it. In past years you could easily select the five best players, but this season that's going to be a real chore. **Kenny Anderson** (Georgia Tech) and **Larry Johnson** (UNLV) are probably sure picks, but after those two there will be a lot of varying opinions. Of interest is the fact that most of the quality talent is among the underclassmen. Noting that **Derrick Coleman** got \$15 million for five years, I think it is fair to speculate that next spring's NBA draft will be filled with the names of these youngsters and with that kind of money involved, there's not much argument for staying in school all four years...

## LET'S BE SENSIBLE, NCAA

With that subject, it is certainly an appropriate time for the NCAA membership to be considering legislation which would allow an undergraduate player to make himself eligible for the draft, hire an agent to negotiate a deal and if it doesn't work out be able to come back and play in the college ranks. It makes a lot of sense...

## BIG TEN IS NOT SO BIG THIS SEASON

One easily identifiable early trend is how down the Big Ten's going to be this year. After the top three, Michigan State, Indiana and Ohio State, there's a big drop which could be good news for long suffering Wisconsin fans. The Badgers, led by **Willie Simms**, have a chance to crawl into the first division of the league for the first time in eons. Coach **Steve Yoder** has done about as much as can be done with this program and getting into fourth or fifth place would be something of a crowning achievement.

# KENTUCKY BASKETBALL STATISTICS

(4-game totals)

	OVERALL: 4-0	HOME: 2-0	AWAY: 1-0		NEUTRAL: 1-0		SEC: 0-0								
player	g-gs	min-avg.	fg-a	pct.	3fg-a	pct.	ft-a	pct.	reb-avg.	pt-d	a	to	blk	s	tp-avg.
Reggie Hanson	4-4	125-31.3	22-35	62.9	1-3	33.3	22-26	84.6	21-5.3	12-0	6	13	11	3	67-16.8
Jamal Mashburn	4-4	99-24.8	24-42	57.1	2-6	33.3	9-13	69.2	23-5.8	11-0	6	6	2	3	59-14.8
John Pelphrey	4-4	113-28.3	15-29	51.7	9-17	52.9	11-11	100.0	22-5.5	13-0	7	7	0	4	50-12.5
Sean Woods	4-4	121-30.3	17-32	53.1	0-3	0.0	10-20	50.0	12-3.0	10-0	22	17	0	10	44-11.0
Richie Farmer	4-0	75-18.8	13-29	44.8	8-19	42.1	6-10	60.0	6-1.5	7-0	7	6	0	2	40-10.0
Jeff Brassow	4-4	106-26.5	14-35	40.0	12-30	40.0	0-0	0.0	16-4.0	10-1	7	5	4	4	40-10.0
Deron Feldhaus	4-0	83-20.8	8-22	36.4	2-9	22.2	8-11	72.7	17-4.3	12-0	8	9	2	2	26-6.5
Gimel Martinez	4-0	30-7.5	6-8	75.0	0-0	0.0	2-4	50.0	3-0.8	4-0	1	2	1	0	14-3.5
Jody Thompson	3-0	9-3.0	1-4	25.0	1-4	25.0	1-1	100.0	1-0.3	2-0	1	2	0	0	4-1.3
Henry Thomas	2-0	13-6.5	1-2	50.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	5-2.5	2-0	2	2	1	0	2-1.0
Johnathon Davis	1-0	4-4.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	2-2.0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0-0.0
Junior Braddy	1-0	7-7.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0.0	1-0	0	0	0	0	0-0.0
Carlos Toomer	3-0	16-5.3	0-7	0.0	0-4	0.0	0-0	0.0	4-1.3	0-0	4	1	1	0	0-0.0
Team	4								15-3.8						
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>800-200.0</b>	<b>121-246</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>35-96</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>69-96</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>147-36.8</b>	<b>84-1</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>346-86.5</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>800-200.0</b>	<b>103-263</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>12-41</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>76-105</b>	<b>72.4</b>	<b>170-42.5</b>	<b>83-3</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>294-73.5</b>

## KENTUCKY SCHEDULE/RESULTS

date	record	UK opp.	opponent	margin	top UK scorer	top UK rebounder	att.
Nov. 24	1-0	85 62	PENNSYLVANIA	+23	Reggie Hanson, 15	John Pelphrey/Reggie Hanson, 6	23,996
Nov. 28	2-0	75 71	at Cincinnati	+4	Reggie Hanson, 20	Jamal Mashburn, 7	13,176
Dec. 1	3-0	98 90	Notre Dame (Big Four Classic)	+8	Richie Farmer, 19	Deron Feldhaus, 8	38,043
Dec. 8	4-0	88 71	KANSAS	+17	Sean Woods, 25	Jamal Mashburn, 8	24,175
Dec. 10			at North Carolina				
Dec. 15			UT-CHATTANOOGA				
Dec. 18			at Indiana				
Dec. 21			Western Kentucky (Freedom Hall)				
Dec. 27			EASTERN KENTUCKY				
Dec. 29			at Louisville				
Jan. 2			at Georgia				
Jan. 5			LSU				
Jan. 9			MISSISSIPPI STATE				
Jan. 12			at Tennessee				
Jan. 16			at Ole Miss				
Jan. 19			VANDERBILT				
Jan. 23			FLORIDA				
Jan. 26			at Alabama				
Jan. 29			at Auburn				
Feb. 3			GEORGIA				
Feb. 5			at LSU				
Feb. 9			at Mississippi State				
Feb. 13			TENNESSEE				
Feb. 16			OLE MISS				
Feb. 20			at Vanderbilt				
Feb. 23			at Florida				
Feb. 26			ALABAMA				
March 2			AUBURN				



# Tommy Bowden accepts Auburn position

## SPECIAL TO TCP/STAFF REPORT

Although Bill Curry didn't play Auburn this season, the Kentucky head coach, however, did lose one to the Tigers this season. Assistant coach Tommy Bowden.

Bowden, offensive coordinator and wide receiver coach at UK this past season, has accepted the position as offensive coordinator for the Auburn Tigers, head coach and athletics director Pat Dye announced Dec. 7.

"It's a bad news/good news situation," Curry said moments before his team's banquet. "We lose a really good football coach and a fine person in Tommy Bowden. We're going to miss him. The good news is it's a compliment to our program that somebody likes what we do and the kind of men that we have with us."

Curry said he and his staff would work quickly to find Bowden's replacement.

In the Dec. 8 issue of *TCP*, Curry said, "There is some interest in some people on our staff for head coaching jobs. We could lose some."

At the time, only one inquiry had been made into Curry's staff. That inquiry developed into a coaching change for Bowden, the son of Florida State head coach Bobby Bowden.

Bowden met with UK athletics director C.M. Newton and Curry before accepting Auburn's offer. With hopes of keeping Bowden, a Birmingham native, on the 'Cat

**Tommy Bowden (right) said money was not the major reason for his move to Auburn. Returning to Auburn ('79-80) is like a homecoming for the former UK assistant.**



staff, UK made an offer comparable to Auburn's. But, according to Bowden, money was not the main focus of the move. He wanted to return to AU.

The younger Bowden coached running backs at Auburn for Doug Barfield in 1979-80. He worked with backs James Brooks (now starring with the Cincinnati Bengals) and Joe Cribbs, two of the top three running backs in Auburn history.

Bowden also coached wide receivers under Auburn's. But, according to Bowden, money was not the main focus of the move. He wanted to return to AU.

"I look forward to joining Coach Dye and

the staff at Auburn," Bowden said. "The sky is the limit as far as the potential for success at Auburn. We don't have to do a lot of rebuilding. Auburn already has good players. We just have to decide what we want to do and get it done."

"My father has competed against Coach Dye's teams for many years, and in my personal evaluation of Coach Dye's teams during my coaching career, I have always admired the way they played. I look forward to joining the staff at Auburn and helping Coach Dye accomplish some of the things he hasn't accomplished yet—such as winning a national championship."

Bowden replaces Larry Blakeney, an Auburn assistant of 14 years, who resigned two weeks ago to become head coach at Troy State University (Ala.).

Blakeney coached wide receivers at Auburn, but was not the offensive coordinator.

Auburn has not had an offensive coordinator since Jack Crowe left Auburn for Arkansas after the 1985 season.

"This has not been a spur of the moment decision," said Dye. "When I started watching and looking at what people we have played were doing from an offensive standpoint, and what we had the most trouble defending, it was natural turning to Tommy Bowden."

"The two toughest teams we have had to defense have been Alabama last year (1989) and Florida State every year. That's what Tommy's philosophy is—a combination of the two, and it won't be something totally foreign to what we have been doing."

Dye added: "I have known Tommy Bowden since 1981, and I have followed his career and watched his people play. I watched Kentucky a lot this year when they played some of the teams we played, and I was impressed with what I saw."

"Coach Bowden is a bright young coach and I believe he will fit in well with our staff and what we are trying to do here. He is a good solid family man, and he and Linda will be good additions to our community as well as our staff."

Bowden was expected to join the Auburn staff on Dec. 11. He will concentrate on recruiting until January, when he begins to formulate Auburn's offensive plans for the 1991 season.

About the team he is leaving behind, Bowden predicts a bright future. "They've got everything they need to be successful here," Bowden said about UK.

"I did not leave because I did not think they could be successful," Bowden, 36, continued. "There's no doubt in my mind that they will be."

"It's just a matter of when and not if."

## Randy Holleran, Al Baker share top honors at football banquet

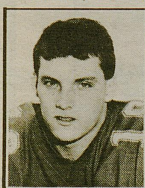
### SPECIAL TO TCP

Linebacker Randy Holleran and tailback Al Baker captured top honors to highlight the 1990 University of Kentucky football awards banquet held Dec. 7 at the Lexington Hyatt Regency Hotel.

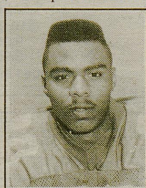
Holleran and Baker, both recently selected to the *Associated Press* All-Southeastern Conference team, shared the night's top honor—Most Valuable Seniors. Overall, Holleran came away with four awards and Baker three.

"I've said all along, both Randy and Al deserve to be on all the post-season, all-star teams," University of Kentucky head coach Bill Curry said. "Both young men meant so much to this team. Their contributions and leadership will be felt in this program for many years to come."

Holleran, a 6-foot-1, 238-pound senior



Maggard



Logan

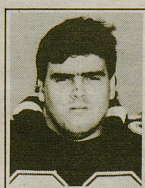
touchdowns while finishing his career third on the UK list for pass receptions with 83. He also finished fifth among his Southeastern Conference peers this season, averaging 51.4 receiving yards per game.

Quarterback Freddie Maggard, a junior from Cumberland, was named the offensive permanent team captain. Maggard threw for 1,051 yards and six touchdowns this past fall. He connected on 109 of 188 attempts.

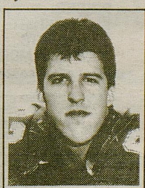
Offensive guard Joel Mazzella, a senior from Paskersburg, W.Va., was named the 1990 Outstanding Offensive Lineman for the second consecutive season.

Couch, a junior from Paintsville, earned the 1990 Outstanding Defensive Lineman Award after posting a team-high six quarterback sacks.

Junior cornerback Gary Willis of Gaines-



Mazzella



Meece

ville, Fla., was named the Outstanding Defensive Back after leading UK with 13 passes broken up and one interception. His interception came against his hometown university.

Junior flanker Neal Clark, 5-9, 169 pounds, of Paducah garnered the 1990 Kicking Game Award after leading the Wildcats with 18 special team tackles.

Other awards included freshman quarterback Pookie Jones of Murray and transfer Jon Lawson as Outstanding Offensive and Defensive Scout Team players, respectively.

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**Take that, Alabama**

I thought you might be interested in the mentality (or lack thereof) of the Alabama media and most Alabama fans that I know. Nine months after Bill Curry has left Alabama for UK, the media and the fans still cannot accept the fact that there was something wrong with the way they treated Bill Curry. The remind me of a two-year-old, that when accused of something they automatically say, "I didn't do it, he did it."

*(This letter was accompanied by a clipping from the Birmingham News).*

Unfortunately, I'm stuck here in the middle of all of these so-called Alabama fans. They seem amazed that such negative writing about Kentucky doesn't upset me, while I'm amazed that they are so shallow (as) to take such information seriously. I have yet to hear anything that would make me think that Coach Curry did anything out of line while at Alabama and the more of this garbage that I hear, the more I feel that Alabama obviously doesn't deserve a coach of Coach Curry's stature.

Keep up the good work with *TCP*. It's the only line of communication that we have about UK in this southern outpost.

Larry G. Forston  
Wetumpka, Ala.

**Funderburke chat**

I am very concerned with the future of Lawrence Funderburke. He is a proven basketball player, who excelled in his short stay at Indiana University. That is a granted fact. Also, he has expressed a desire to attend the University of Kentucky and has visited the school many times. On the other hand, University of Kentucky officials have

indicated that he would not be allowed to play basketball there. If he does want to attend UK, why don't they reconsider and give Funderburke the opportunity to develop his skills at the institute of his choice? Is it a crime for him to want to attend the University of Kentucky?

R. A. Murphy  
Louisville, Ky.

**(EDITOR'S NOTE: UK's reluctance in the Funderburke situation is rooted in the NCAA investigation that resulted in sanctions and probation for the Wildcat program. One can understand C. M. Newton's hesitancy in digging up those old bones).**

**Thanks, Dad**

Please find enclosed a check for the renewal of my *TCP* as well as a Christmas gift subscription for my parents. Having moved out of state six years ago it was a godsend when they gave me a *TCP* subscription for Christmas. My first real memory of Kentucky basketball is my dad sitting by the radio listening to the 1973-74 team struggle to a 13-13 record.

His devotion, no matter the outcome that year, rubbed off on me and this Christmas gift is a small payment on a large debt. Thanks, Dad, and thanks *TCP* for great work! Keep it up!

David Hughes  
Huntsville, Ala.

**The wrong tune**

I am really proud of Kentucky's performance against Tennessee in Knoxville.

However, why didn't Kentucky send their band? It would really have been nice to hear "On, On U of K" by our band instead of the Tennessee band prior to the game. How often can you listen to "Rocky Top" without getting nauseous?

Ronald Rasnick  
Knoxville, Tenn.

**(Editor's note: The University of Kentucky band chose the LSU game as its annual football trip; perhaps the glamour of the bayous was more appealing than Old Rocky Top).**

**Passing TCP to others**

Thanks for a fantastic newspaper! After we have finished reading *TCP*, I take them to the vocational school where I work so the students have the opportunity to read about the best!

Thanks.  
Debbie Curran  
Louisville, Ky.

**Keeping track of UK**

I would like to thank you for having such a good newspaper about Kentucky. This is the only way I have to keep up with them.

Larry Nastala  
Hanover Park, Ill.

**You're saved**

Glad to see Oscar back! I missed his column. Could you please include somewhere

in *TCP* a listing of any radio or TV station carrying UK that "us" out-of-state 'Cat fans can tune to? What are the (WHAS) times that they are carrying upcoming basketball games?

Thanks for your help...from a Kentuckian in Hoosierland.

J. Fred Matingly  
Franklin, Ind.

**(Editor's Note: J. Fred, page 12 should answer your question. If using WHAS [840 on your AM dial] to tune in the 'Cats, please note that when UK and U of L games conflict, Louisville's WAVG [970 on your AM dial] will broadcast the games live. In this instance, WHAS will replay the UK contest in its entirety following the Louisville game. Otherwise, Kentucky games will be broadcast live on WHAS).**

**Surviving in Indiana**

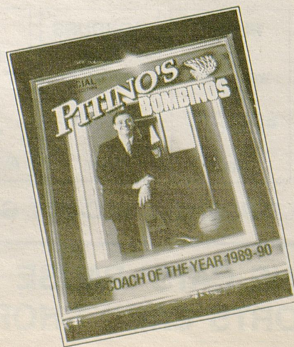
Oscar, I followed your progress this past summer while you recuperated from surgery via info written in *TCP*. Glad you're back on the job and doing well.

Appreciate all the work put forth in *TCP* to inform all 'Cat fans who subscribe. If it wasn't for *TCP* I'm afraid this displaced Wildcat fan living in Indiana would never have any information about the 'Cats except in the score section of the local papers. I am waiting to see what type of write-up the local paper gives us since we are going to beat Notre Dame (and did).

A big rah! rah! for Larry Donald for his comments in the 11-14-90 edition of *TCP* ("Guilty or not guilty, the NCAA makes its

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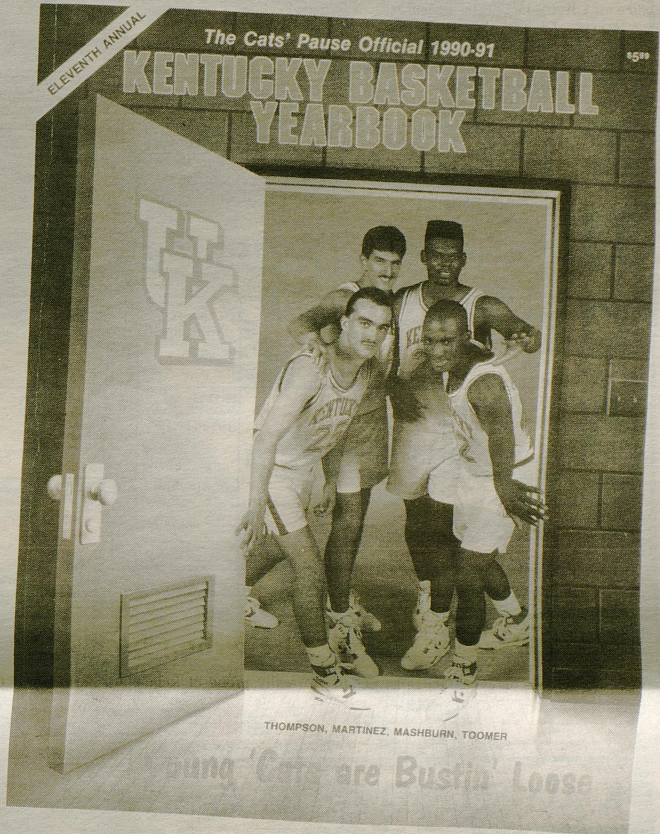
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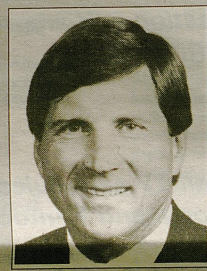
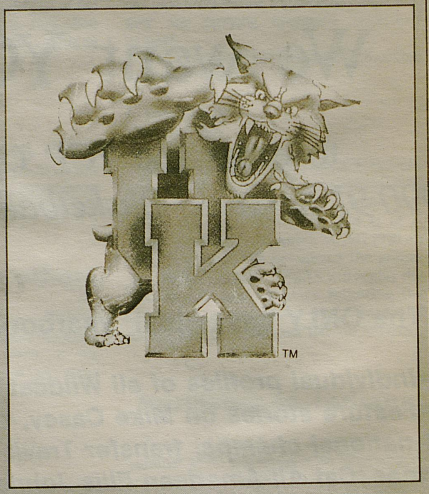
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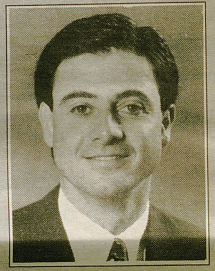


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Football: Brad Armstrong's birthday <b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	Football: James Simpson's birthday <b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	Basketball: Kansas (H) 7:30 p.m. ESPN <b>8</b>
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BILL CURRY



RICK PITINO

## UK ALL-SEC SELECTIONS

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for second on the UK season list with Tom Ehlers (1974). He turned in a career-high 29 tackles at LSU and 24 at Rutgers during his final campaign. Holleran finished seventh on the all-time UK list for tackles with 379.

Jackson, a senior from Tyler, Texas, ranked second among tight ends in the Southeastern Conference in pass receptions with 27 for 282 yards and one touchdown. Jackson is the first true tight end to be selected All-SEC in UK history.

Mazzella, a senior from Parkersburg, W. Va., was named to the All-SEC squad for the second consecutive year. During the 1990 season, Mazzella graded a winner (80 percent-or-better) in seven of 11 games.

Baker, a senior from Cadiz, led the Wildcats in rushing with 780 yards and 10 touchdowns. He turned in three consecutive, 100-yard rushing efforts against LSU, Georgia and Vanderbilt during the '90 campaign which included a career-high 159 yards against the Tigers. Baker also finished second on the squad with 35 receptions for 317 yards and two touchdowns.

Florida, headed by quarterback Shane Matthews, led the Associated Press All-SEC teams with 11 players selected. Alabama and Tennessee had eight players each, Auburn, six; LSU, five; Kentucky, four; Ole Miss, three; Mississippi State, three; Vanderbilt, three; and Georgia two.

### FINAL SEC STATS

Here are the final SEC individual stats:

RUSHING				
Name	Car.	Yds.	Ypc.	Ypg.
Thompson, Tenn.	219	1261	5.8	105.1
Baldwin, Miss.	163	970	6.0	88.2
H. Williams, LSU	205	970	6.0	86.6

Rhett, Fla.	148	845	5.7	76.8
Baker, Ky.	170	780	4.6	70.9
Hearst, Ga.	162	717	4.4	65.2
Thomas, Vandy	113	680	6.0	61.8
McClendon, Fla.	127	631	5.0	57.4
Luke, Miss.	106	519	4.9	51.9
Ware, Ga.	119	534	4.5	48.6
Roberts, Miss. St.	93	523	5.6	47.6

### PASSING

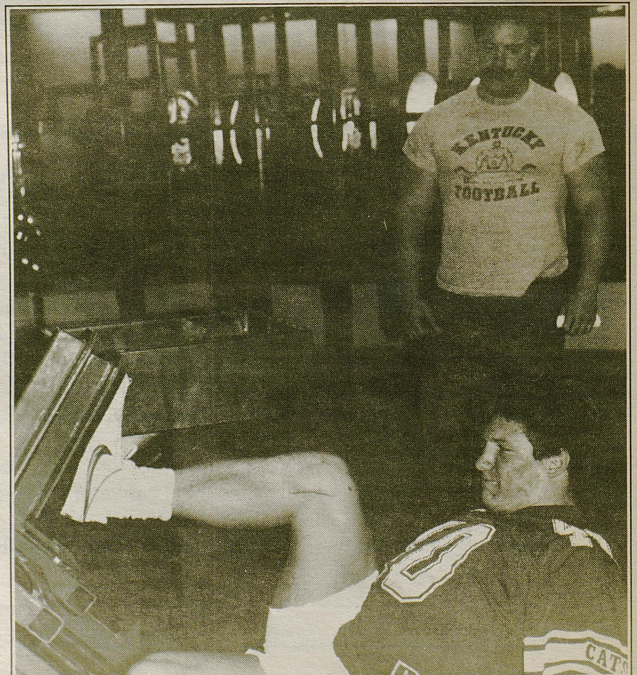
Name	Att	Cp	Yds	Tds	Ypg
Healey, Vandy	130	75	1041	10	148.8
Matthews, Fla.	378	229	2952	23	139.9
Kelly, Tenn.	304	179	2241	14	126.8
Talley, Ga.	123	72	871	4	120.6
Luke, Miss.	107	51	853	4	115.8
Shows, Miss.	126	57	953	6	115.0
White, Aub.	338	180	2242	14	114.4
Loup, LSU	141	75	975	3	112.6
Shell, Miss. St.	293	151	1909	10	111.4
Maggard, Ky.	188	109	1051	6	108.0

### RECEIVING

Name	Gms	Ct	Yds	Ypg
Pickens, Tenn.	11	53	917	83.4
Kirkpatrick, Fla.	11	55	770	70.0
Mills, Fla.	11	41	770	70.0
Taylor, Aub.	11	46	650	59.1
Logan, Ky.	11	37	565	51.4
Sevillian, Vandy	11	29	536	48.7
Harper, Tenn.	12	37	567	47.3
Montgomery, Miss.	9	15	386	42.9
Bouldin, MSU	11	32	447	40.6
Casey, Aub.	11	25	439	39.9

### SCORING

Name	Td	Xp	Fg	Pts	Ppg
Burke, Tenn.	0	50	19	107	8.92
Doyle, Ala.	0	24	24	96	8.73
Thompson, Tenn.	16	0	0	96	8.00
Czyzewski, Fla.	0	42	15	87	7.91
Von Wyl, Aub.	0	27	17	78	7.09
Baldwin, Miss.	13	0	0	78	7.09
Baker, Ky.	12	0	0	72	6.55
Kasay, Ga.	0	10	19	67	6.09
Mills, Fla.	10	0	0	60	5.45
Jones, Ala.	9	0	0	54	5.40



Randy Holleran, with strength coach Mike Florence at his side, put countless hours into rehabilitating his knee. Efforts in the weight room helped Holleran regain his All-SEC form.

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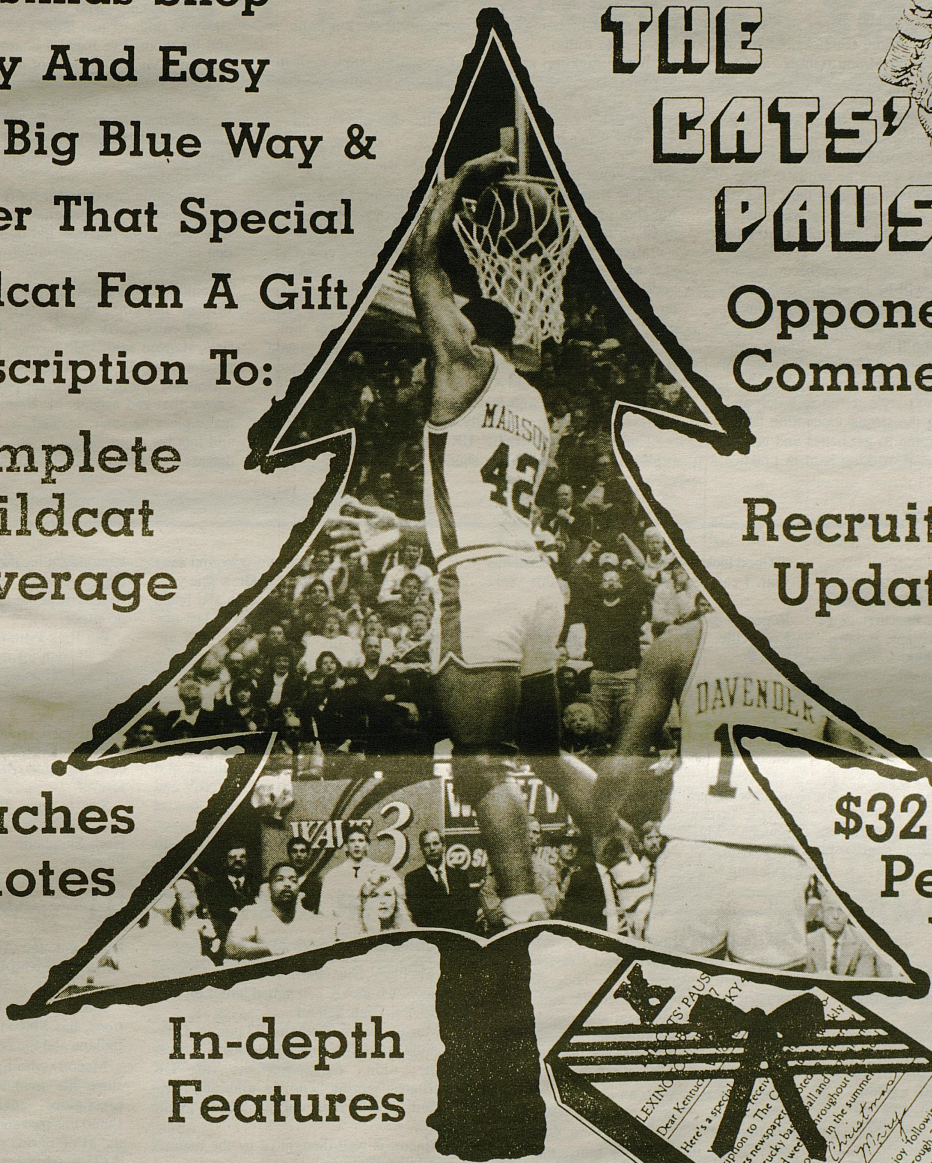
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## LARRY VAUGHT

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"It is important that we get more home games plus get into areas we recruit," Pitino said.

Translation: UK wants to schedule games in New York (Jamal Mashburn and recruit Andre Riddick), Chicago (recruit Aminu Timberlake) and Miami (Gimel Martinez).

"When you are recruiting a Jamal Mashburn and are asked if you will bring a game to his home town, you say you'll try your best," Pitino said.

Pitino can't promise every recruit that. But players from large metropolitan areas where he wants to keep recruiting can expect a UK home game in their area during their career. And there's nothing wrong with that.

Pitino isn't worried about not having enough attractive matchups for television, either.

First, he feels the SEC is going to keep becoming stronger and league games will be in greater demand by TV. Plus, he knows Kentucky can still schedule games that will be attractive to TV schedule makers.

"There is no guarantee you'll be on TV," Pitino said. "If you are not playing at home, TV can be a factor (in scheduling). But I don't think we'll have a problem."

Kentucky shouldn't. Pitino's style is fun to watch and as Kentucky keeps building the strong foundation he wants, the 'Cats are only going to get better and better.

"Our team is improving and working hard in practice,"

he said. "I'm proud of them, but I'm not carried away.

"We are good enough to beat any team on our schedule. We could also lose to any team. That's why college basketball is so much fun to coach."

It's also why being ranked early in the season is no big deal to Pitino.

"It (the ranking) is not a real measuring stick until the season is over," the UK coach said. "The only true basis is the NCAA Tournament."

And that's a measuring stick Pitino, his players and UK fans won't have until 1992.

### BRASSOW IS ON TARGET

If Jeff Brassow needs a dose of confidence, he's got a big shot of it here in UK's first three games when he hit 11 of 26 three-point shots.

Brassow starts at two guard. That's the same spot Derrick Miller played last year when he led UK in scoring and long-range accuracy. All preseason, Pitino tried different players at that spot. Brassow won the starting job more for his ability to run the court than his jump shot.

"Jeff consistently shoots well in practice," UK assistant Herb Sendek said. "If you work hard, as he does, good things will happen. Jeff is an 'everyday' guy. He gives us all he has everyday and that eventually pays dividends."

Brassow has been especially effective from the corner.

"That's Brassow Corner," UK teammate Deron Feldhaus said. "That is his shot."

Now maybe everyone will believe that. Brassow knows many doubted his ability to play two guard, but it never bothered him.

"No one knew who would take Derrick's spot," Brassow said. "I just hope I keep getting shots to take and hit them. I've made a couple, felt good and just kept shooting. My teammates got me the basketball in the right spot and I was fortunate enough to make some shots."

UK junior John Pelphey, though, knows what a clutch performance like the one Brassow had in the win at Cincinnati can do to boost a young player's confidence. Once it happens, the player only gets better and even more confident.

"One game can do a lot for you," Pelphey said. "Jeff always does well in practice. It is just a matter of taking what you do in practice and doing it in a game. Now that he has done it under tough circumstances, it will be easier to do again."

Senior Reggie Hanson hasn't been surprised that Brassow has come through when Kentucky needed him.

"Jeff can't worry about what others might think or say," Hanson said. "He has the ability to do what we need and we all have confidence in him."

Brassow doesn't have great physical skills. But he knows that and accepts his limitations. He doesn't try to make plays he can't. Instead, he plays within the system and lets his court savvy, hustle, outside shooting and defense contribute to the team."

## VIEWPOINT

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decision") in reference to UK's probation. There will always remain a miscarriage of justice in the case. The wrist slaps, and turn-their-head-the-other-way technique, they use for a chosen few should cause them to hide their faces.

We are on our way back and I don't want to miss an issue of *TCP*.

### But Indiana can be fun

Way to go Wildcats. One victory in Indiana (in the Hoosier Dome over Notre Dame) and looking forward to a victory over Indiana on Dec. 18.

Good luck, Wildcats, on a good season this year. I can see 20 wins possible this year.

Roger Leggett  
Evansville, Ind.

### Hoops over TDs

For 50 years I have been an avid fan of Kentucky basketball and football, but I must admit that I like basketball the best.

Especially since on TV football has become so hard to watch and listen to, with all the instant replays and obnoxious announcers who never seem to get their breath or realize that we fans know what we are watching.

I do not need to be shown over and over and have a diagram drawn for a one-yard plunge. It's a pain to try to watch and listen to a four-hour debacle that used to last one hour and had "one coach" and "one announcer." So I have become a former TV football fan and I hope they don't completely ruin basketball on TV.

Dick Vitale is the worst thing that has ever happened to TV basketball and should go back to calling hogs. But what I really wanted to say is that the NCAA is worthless and should be abolished, or go out to UNLV and stay, never being allowed to step one foot on UK property anymore.

I don't think that anyone expects UK to go to the Final Four anytime soon. But just think

what might have been if the NCAA had not reared its ugly head and decimated a fine basketball team and its coaching staff with no profit.

But Rick Pitino is bringing us back to the Top 10 soon for he, too, is a fine coach and cannot tolerate a losing program. Just as Bill Curry cannot stay with a losing program.

And we'll be hearing from him soon.

With an AD like C.M. Newton and a president with guts, UK cannot or will not lose forever.

Stay in there *TCP*. You are the best.

Herb Shepherd  
Pineville

## OSCAR COMBS

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finally decided to put emphasis on a sport which now generates millions of dollars for the SEC...

•Also in town for the Kansas-Kentucky game was SEC associate commissioner John Guthrie who was making his annual visit to UK as part of his campus contacts with coaches and school officials...

•After Kentucky upended Notre Dame the previous Saturday, UK was voted the No. 25 spot in the *Associated Press* ranking, the first time Kentucky had earned such a spot in three years...

•The nation's No. 1 prep prospect by most observers decided not to visit the UK campus last weekend. Chris Webber stayed at home according to his high school coach. The coach said recruiting was beginning to take a toll on the youngster. He said Webber's decision not to visit should not be taken that his interest in UK has diminished any. This is the second time UK thought it had Webber on the way to Lexington. First, it was Midnight Madness, then the Kansas affair. UK is still hopeful a visit can be arranged later, but Webber's prep schedule is very tight the remainder of the winter on weekends, and his prep coach says a mid-week visit is practically out of question...

•A pretty good observer of basketball talent and yours truly made a trip to Maysville last week and got a first-hand observation of UK signee Chris Harrison. Folks, regardless of what you hear, this kid can play the game of

basketball. In many, many areas, he'll remind you of a fellow named Rex Chapman when he was a senior. The youngster can leap, handled the ball with either hand and has great shooting form. Oh, by the way, the observer of basketball talent I mentioned earlier was not me, but former UK coach Joe B. Hall. Hall said he believes Harrison can also become a great defensive player once the youngster gets into the Rick Pitino system. "I was really, really impressed by him," said Hall.

During the evening, Harrison scored 30 points although he hit only 13 of 30 shots from the field. His Tollesboro team easily defeated Mason County. What impressed me most was the kid's ability to make length-of-the-court passes so accurately. Harrison is still the best kept secret in the state, even though he has signed with UK...

•The annual Thoroughbred Classic will be staged this Saturday at Memorial Coliseum immediately after the UK-UTC contest. Harrison will be appearing at the Coliseum with his Tollesboro team as will Gimel Martinez's Miami Senior team.

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•Good news from the recruiting world is that UK-bound Andre Riddick has met all the academic requirements to be eligible for play as a freshman next winter...

•Also good news for UK football with its second verbal commitment, Estill County's star quarterback Jeremy Niece...

•And congratulations to Warren Central's Damon Hood who was named the winner of the Paul Hornung Award as the state's top football player by the Louisville Quarterback Club.

## HOOP RECRUITING

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in Michigan City, Ind., to look at Charles Macon, a 6-foot-8, 230-pound junior forward of Elston High School.

Macon, who is averaging 23 points, 13 rebounds, 5.5 assists and 5.5 blocked shots per game, didn't disappoint the two UK assistants, scoring 19 points, grabbing 18 rebounds and dishing out six assists in the game.

Macon is well thought of by the nation's recruiting analysts.

Rick Bolus, of High Potential Recruiting, has him rated as the top junior power forward in the country and the third-best player, overall in the state of Indiana this season—behind only superstar senior prospects Glenn

Robinson and Alan Henderson, two All-Americans who have committed to Purdue and Indiana, respectively.


Bob Gibbons, of *All-Star Sports Publications*, has Macon rated the No. 1 junior in Indiana and the No. 10 junior in the country.

Macon, who has been a starter at Elston since his freshman season, attended the prestigious, invitation-only Nike/ABCD Camp this past summer. He also was selected the MVP of this summer's southern Indiana AAU tournament.

Gibbons says Macon "needs to continue to develop his offensive skills."

Indianapolis-based scout Jim Kasberg said he is impressed with Macon's "strength, aggressiveness and improving power game."

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## STAN TORGERSON

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Bear Bryant. Dye coached linebackers, Hallman had defensive backs. It was Hallman's win over Auburn more than any other game got him the LSU job...

•Alabama coach Gene Stallings' first game as a collegiate head coach was against LSU. It was 1965 and Stallings was boss at Texas A&M. By the way, Stallings lost, 10-0.

### THE LAST WORD

Add to Yogi Berra's immortal "The game is never over until it's over" this classic remark by Cincinnati coach Tim Murphy when evaluating Alabama's defense after the Tide beat Murphy's Bearcats 45-7:

"You can't lose if you don't let anybody score." Sounds logical to me.

# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## One Year Ago

Coming off a 71-69 loss to Indiana in the Big Four at Indianapolis, the Wildcats returned home to beat Mississippi State 102-97 in an early Southeastern Conference game in Rupp Arena.

The Wildcats, who led 40-33 at halftime, got double digit production from Derrick Miller (21), Reggie Hanson (19), Sean Woods (18) and Deron Feldhaus (13). Hanson had 10 rebounds while freshman Jeff Brassow added eight and Feldhaus seven.

The Wildcats hit 13 of 35 from three-point range, led by Miller (5 for 12). State, which hit six of 13 long ones, was led in scoring by Doug Hartsfield (24) and Cameron Burns (22). Greg Carter (19) and Tony Watts (18) also were in double figures for the visitors.

Two nights later, the Wildcats defeated Tennessee Tech 111-75 in Rupp for their third win

in four games under new head coach Rick Pitino.

The game was out of reach early as the long-range shooting Wildcats led 54-33 at halftime. They finished with 18 of 41 from the three-point zone, led by Miller (7 of 18). The senior guard finished with a game-high 36 points. Jeff Brassow had 20 while Reggie Hanson contributed 18 points and 10 boards.

Earl Wise led Tech with 21 points and 11 rebounds. Jerome Rodgers added 16 while Wade Wester contributed 17 points for the losers.

The Wildcats then suffered their worst loss of modern times, falling to Kansas 150-95 at Lawrence. The Jayhawks, leading 80-61 at halftime, continued to rack up the points as UK coach Rick Pitino kept his young charges pressing throughout the game.

Terry Brown had 31 points, leading six

other Jayhawks who scored in double figures. Derrick Miller, with 10 of 26 from the floor, including four of four from three-point range, had a game-high 32 points. John Pelphrey had 20 and Richie Farmer 19 for the 'Cats.

## 10 Years Ago

Sam Bowie scored 29 points and grabbed 16 rebounds as the Wildcats defeated Kansas 87-73 in Rupp Arena for their fourth victory in as many outings.

Kentucky, ranked No. 1, led by 38-35 at halftime, with the score being tied six times and the lead changing hands a dozen times. The Wildcats, hesitant in that opening half, suddenly turned up the tempo and raced to a 20-point lead.

Nineteen of Bowie's 29 points came in the second half, despite a Kansas zone that surrounded him. Fred Cowan slashed his way for a season-high 19 points, hitting eight of 14 shots. He also had seven rebounds.

Tony Guy hit 10 of 14 from the field and

six of seven from the line to lead the Jayhawks with 26 points. Darnell Valentine and Victor Mitchell had 18 and 25 points, respectively.

## 15 Years Ago

Freshman Truman Claytor, labeled the "Iceman," hit a pair of free throws with 34 seconds left and (UK leading, 49-48) to help UK to a 54-48 victory over Kansas at Lawrence. The 'Cats battled back from a three-point deficit with five minutes left to gain their second consecutive win after two early defeats. Rick Robey scored 21 points while guard Larry Johnson pitched in 10.

Wildcat football coach Fran Curci has signed Green County's Mike Deaton, whom Curci called the best quarterback in the state. Other players signed to a conference letter-of-intent include Terry Curry of Campbellsville, James Lokesak of Ludlow, Carl Marrillia of Louisville and Ken Roark of Middlesboro. Deaton, Marrillia and Roark were first team all-state selections.

## WILDCAT QUIZ

### Mocs, 'Cats set to tangle

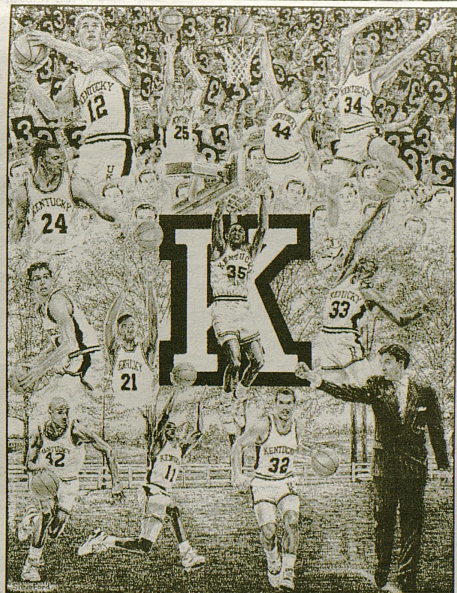
- True or False? UK and UT-Chattanooga have never met on the hardwood?
  - Eddie Sutton
- Tennessee-Chattanooga coach Mack McCarthy formerly coached at which of the following SEC schools?
  - 1950
  - 1954
  - 1958
  - 1978
- UT-Chattanooga is a member of which of the following conferences?
  - Kenny Walker
  - Charles Hurt
  - Winston Bennett
  - Roger Harden
- Who is the only Kentucky native on the Moccasin squad?
  - Cavaliers
  - Bullets
  - Jazz
  - Celtics
- True or False? UK has never played UT-Chattanooga in an NCAA tournament?
  - UCLA
  - Marquette
  - Indiana
  - Louisville
- When the Wildcats won the NCAA title in 1978, who did they replace as champions?
  1. False
  2. Auburn
  3. Southern
  4. Keith Nelson (Louisville)
  5. True
- Which of the following UK coaches played basketball at UK?
  - Rick Pitino
  - Derolph Rupp
  - Joe B. Hall



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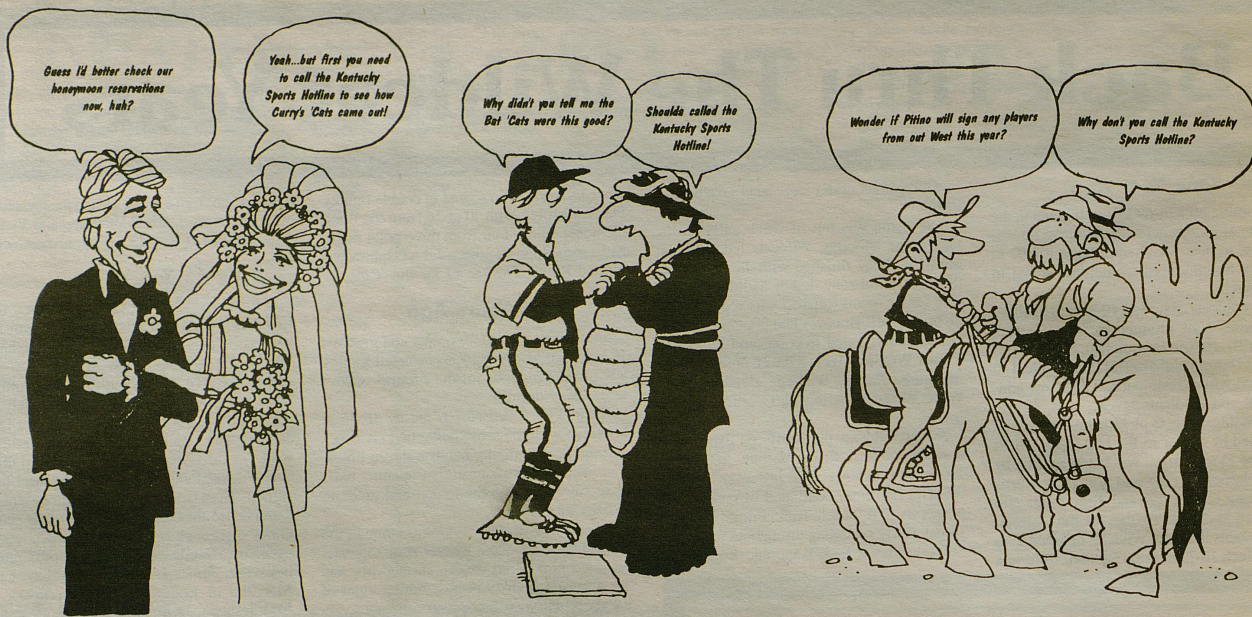
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### Answers

1. False
2. Auburn
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5. True
6. Marquette
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8. 1958
9. Winston Bennett
10. Washington Bullets



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