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Seniors Go Out As Winners

Mayes, Ransdell Star In Last Home Game

By Mike Estep

It was a game that few gave Kentucky a realistic chance of winning.

Certainly not the oddsmakers. The boys out in Las Vegas made the Gators solid nine-point favorites.

Everyone said that UK's only hope of even making the game respectable was to run the ball straight at the Gator defense, which was giving up over 175 yards per game on the ground. But the 'Cats leading rusher, Ivy Joe

Saturday, Kentucky was on the long end of a convincing, hard-fought, 10-3 win.

"Everyone played together," senior cornerback Tony Mayes said. "The seniors called a meeting last night. We called a meeting and we just talked together among ourselves.

"We said we've put in too much hard work—we've been through winter workouts, spring ball and all this stuff—to just let it all float away. I think all the seniors came out today, and all the other players wanted to help us win. We just put it all together."

"This was it for us," quarterback Bill Ransdell said. "We wanted to go out winners. People said we couldn't win the big game. We did it today. It's something to give everybody pride around here."

It was a fitting way for Mayes and Ransdell to finish their careers in front of the home folks. Both had been through the rough times—as redshirt freshmen during the 0-10-1 year. The dismal 5-6 season of a year ago. Both had been prime targets for disgruntled UK fans to vent their frustrations.

Mayes from his left cornerback position had been mentioned by many spectators in the same breath with their mother-in-law's cooking, "because he had burned so many times;" in the last few years they said.

And Ransdell, although he holds many of the school's career passing marks, had heard the wrath of the boo-birds who held him largely responsible for UK's poor offensive showing in the four-game losing streak earlier in the year. After two outstanding years everybody said inflation had finally caught up with "Dollar Bill."

But Ransdell came through with what might have been his finest performance in Commonwealth Stadium, completing 20 of 23 passes on the afternoon—good enough to set a new school record for completion percentage at 86.9 percent.

And it was Mayes who was the hero on the defensive side, collecting four tackles and breaking up four passes. But most importantly, it was the senior from Paintsville that stripped UF's Nattiel of the ball at the UK 32-yard line, and then pounced on the pigskin with 29 seconds remaining to seal the win.

"We were in man coverage and he broke across the middle and caught the ball on me," Mayes said. "It's something they teach us. If they've got you beat, go for the ball. I stripped him of it with one hand and recovered the ball.

"I couldn't have felt any happier. We needed it bad."

Kentucky did need the game badly. To keep their hopes alive for a winning season. To help in recruiting. For the seniors to walk out of Commonwealth Stadium for the last time as winners.

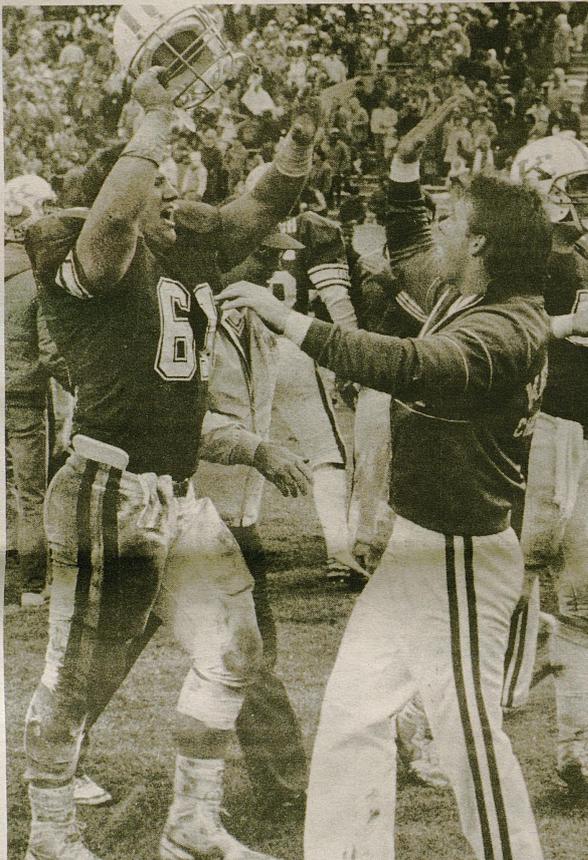
Many of the UK seniors were comparing this one with the big wins two years ago against Tennessee in Knoxville and over Wisconsin in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

"This win is probably the best win I've ever had," offensive lineman Joe Prince said. "I'll tell you, we've had some hard times lately. And I think this team has shown some character in coming back. Today we just weren't going to let Florida beat us.

"(The Tennessee game) was a big win and sweet for everybody. That was a great win. We were 8-3 at that point. But I think this one has to rank right up there because we'd never beaten Florida."

To center Ken Lange, the win over Florida was even better.

"Oh, this is the greatest feeling I've ever had," Lange said. "I came the long way. I've been here three years and I had to work hard to get where I'm at. It just all came to a 'T' today. It all came true, all of my dreams: All the hard work's just paid off."



Kenny Lange — A Happy 'Cat

Surely not the press, most of whom were already putting the finishing touches on the epitaph of this Kentucky team.

On paper, everybody said Florida, not Kentucky, would be the team that came out of Commonwealth Stadium with the win.

Looking at the pregame stats, it was easy to see why:

Everyone saw that Kentucky's defense, a woeful ninth place in the SEC against the pass, was scheduled to go up against the lethal Kerwin Bell-Ricky Nattiel combo. Bell, one of the nation's best passers, was fresh off a 272-yard performance in which he completed 20 of 31 tosses against Vince Dooley's Dawgs. Nattiel, who was ranked second in the SEC in receptions with 77 per game, had been on the receiving end of three touchdown aerials from Bell in that game; despite playing with a separated shoulder.

Hunter, was to watch from the sidelines due to a hamstring pull suffered in his record-breaking day against Vandy. That left UK with only Mark Higgs, who had been held to just 92 yards in a five-game stretch earlier in the season, and Marc Logan, as healthy backs.

Everyone kept poking their noses in the history books all week, and came to the conclusion that although Kentucky seemed to be able to play Florida close in recent years (narrow 27-15 and 17-15 losses), the 'Cats would still come up short.

In fact, the book on Kentucky said that they couldn't come up with a big win against any of the SEC powers that annually dot the UK schedule. The 'Cats were 1-13 under Jerry Claiborne against what some called the Big Three—Florida, Georgia and LSU.

But games aren't played on paper.

What no one took into consideration were the intangibles. Pride. Heart. Determination. Nineteen UK seniors took the field Saturday against Florida for what would be their swan song in Commonwealth Stadium. And they banded together and decided that this game, this year, they would reverse that ugly trend. Somehow, some way, they would beat mighty Florida.

They did. When the final horn sounded



Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



Liberty Bowl? You're Darn Right!

LIBERTY BOWL!

You gotta be kiddin'. No fooling, these Kentucky Wildcats still have life and could be going bowling after all if... the Big Blue can pull off a major upset in Knoxville Saturday.

Officials of the Liberty Bowl have quietly passed the word to UK officials that representatives will be at Neyland Stadium Saturday and will be in the UK locker room after the game to issue an official invitation if Kentucky wins.

Until 4 p.m. last Saturday Kentucky's chances of earning a post season bowl invitation were somewhere between slim and none. Then, UK went out and played its best game in two years, walked away from Commonwealth Stadium with a 10-3 upset over Florida and a new-found level of confidence that it can play with the big boys.

UK's win coupled with two other SEC games really caused havoc with several post season bowls.

Prior to last Saturday, both Ole Miss and Mississippi State appeared to be absolute locks for post season action. Ole Miss sported a nifty 6-2-1 mark going against Tennessee and was a seven-point favorite.

State owned a 6-2-1 mark and was a slight underdog against LSU. Tennessee, at 3-5 was out of the picture. Florida, with a four game winning streak at 5-4, was in position to make a big move with a pair of season-ending wins over Kentucky and Florida State to earn a bowl slot.

As I said, that was before Saturday. Tennessee upsets Ole Miss 22-10, knocking the Rebs to 6-3-1 and State was absolutely horrible in a 47-0 shutout at the hands of LSU. After being 6-1 earlier in the season, State is now 6-4. With State and Ole Miss colliding this Saturday, one of the two obviously will be staying home for the holidays. If they're not careful, both could get shut out of the picture. State has been outscored 120-9 in its last three games.

Florida is likely out of the picture, thanks to the upset loss at the hands of Kentucky. Meanwhile, Tennessee and Kentucky are the new darlings of the south. To the winner will go a bowl invitation to Memphis on Monday, Dec. 29.

For either Kentucky or Tennessee to receive a bowl invitation this year is a miracle after such terrible starts. You can rest assured that Saturday's winner will enjoy a very Merry Christmas four days after Dec. 25.

Oh ye of little faith.

Such was the beginning of this column a few weeks ago when Jerry Claiborne's Wildcats found themselves in the midst of a horrible four-game losing streak. By the end of that streak, few believers remained around Big Blue Country.

In fact, when the Wildcats returned home to face Vanderbilt after that heartbreaking 17-15 loss to Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, fewer than 30,000 fans showed up on a cold, rainy afternoon to watch the Big Blue snap its losing skid. With the game being nationally televised,

most fans felt more comfortable sitting at home in front of a warm, cozy fire, not to mention the convenience of being able to switch the channel if the 'Cats failed to muster up any excitement.

My, how times have changed in two short weeks.

Make no mistake about it, the win over Vanderbilt didn't make future enemies shake in their boots. More importantly, the game instilled some new-found hope to salvage a season which many thought would be a bowl-contending squad back in August.

Those souls brave enough to suggest that the 'Cats could upset either Florida or Tennessee in the season's final two games were few and their intelligence was open to question.

Saturday's 10-3 stunning upset of Florida certainly provides a ray of hope as the 'Cats journey to Knoxville to take on another fast-improving SEC squad in Johnny Majors' Tennessee Vols.

Tennessee will prove to be just as tough, or tougher than the Gators. The Vols are experiencing a roller-coaster season. Thanks to several injuries, the Vols took a mid-season nosedive, but as the injuries have mended in recent weeks, the Vols have regrouped and been impressive in recent wins over Memphis State and Ole Miss.

It's been a long time since a Kentucky-Tennessee game (1980) has been played with neither team over the .500 mark. Such a situation would suggest little interest.

Far from it. Kentucky, which seemed to be light years away from a bowl two weeks ago, now stands just a single victory from marching to Memphis for the Liberty Bowl.

History tells us that Kentucky won't score a lot of points this Saturday in K-town, so it could be that the Wildcat wide-tackle-six (where are critics now?) will be called on for another big effort.

Last year, the 'Cats were embarrassed by the Vols to the tune of 42-0. That loss came after one of Claiborne's most cherished victories as Kentucky's head coach.

On the final game of the regular season in 1984, Claiborne walked off the field at Neyland Stadium with his first win ever. Never before had Claiborne experienced a victory in K-town, not as a player, as an assistant coach or head coach.

Kentucky gutted out a 17-12 victory that day on the way to upsetting Wisconsin 20-19 in the Hall of Fame Bowl. Without doubt, those were and are the biggest two back-to-back wins for Claiborne since he returned to Kentucky.

The year before, UK lost a 10-0 decision to the Vols at Commonwealth Stadium. And Claiborne's first season at UK ended with a 28-7 loss to the Vols in Knoxville. That defeat saddled the 'Cats with an infamous 0-10-1 mark for 1982.

Last season's loss to the Vols has to rank among the worst three for the 'Cats under Claiborne. Kentucky battled for most of the first half before a long pass play broke the

'Cats' back. In the second half, the Wildcats quit on Claiborne for the first time since he returned to his alma mater four years earlier.

Since 1953, Kentucky has never given up more than 16 points and still beaten the Vols. Back in 1977 when the 'Cats cracked the Top Ten, the 'Cats won 21-17 over the Vols when the Derrick Ramsey-led 'Cats came from behind in the final five minutes to hold off the upset-minded Vols. And that took a long pass pass from back-up quarterback Mike Deaton to give Ramsey the needed field position to march the 'Cats in for the winning score.

Kentucky isn't likely to score 21 points this Saturday either. For the 'Cats to win, another superb defensive effort will be required. Plus, Kentucky's kicking game has to do an about-face. Those two phases of the game will determine the outcome this Saturday.

Clobber boards.

Every big-time college team has one. Florida is no exception. Clobber boards closely resembles those bulletin boards in the office lounge, only they're much larger.

Bulletin boards are used to post important messages to employees. Much is the same with a clobber board. The only difference in the two is that the bulletin board usually contains the truth. Clobber boards contain a little this and a little that, but mostly gossip about the team's upcoming opponent.

As the media gathered around Florida coach Galen Hall in the Gator locker room Saturday, the clobber board which had made the trip with the Gators from Gainesville sat in an awkward position in one corner.

On this particular day, the target was the University of Kentucky and Bill Ransdell in particular. Absorbing more than half the board was a huge four-color photograph of Ransdell with a "typed" quote attributed to Ransdell attached to the poster.

Obviously a motivational tool, the quote attributed to Ransdell said "they (Florida) were lucky the last two years. They're the luckiest team in America. Their luck is going to run out Saturday."

If the Gator assistant who came up with that quote only knew how true his invented statement would turn out, he could have been a very rich man on his way back to Gainesville.

Ransdell saved his best for last.

"It's the biggest win we've had here (Commonwealth Stadium) since I've been here," said the Elizabethtown product who has been the victim of much abuse in recent weeks.

But he showed his character Saturday. He didn't do like the place-kicker at LSU who acknowledged his enemies by making obscene gestures at the fans.

Good guys don't always finish last. In his last home game before Big Blue partisans, Ransdell dished out a record-shattering exhibition, completing 20 of 23 passes for an 86.9 percentage, erasing the old mark set by LSU's Alan Risher against Ole

Miss back in 1981. Risher connected on 21 of 26 for 80.8 percent. The record requires a minimum of 20 completions.

The record-setting performance also earned Ransdell SEC Offensive Player of the Week honors along with LSU's Tommy Hodson who passed for 231 yards in beating Mississippi State 47-0.

What a day!

A day later UK basketball coach Eddie Sutton smiled, joked and talked about going to spring training in Florida during the spring instead of having to recruit.

"I've never had the opportunity to go to spring training before because I've always had to recruit, but this time, I'm going to take my bride Patsy and watch some baseball," said Sutton.

Maybe and maybe not Eddie.

Did you forget about this thing called NCAA?

The championship game isn't played until the final week of March and, well, stranger things have happened.

But back to the point.

Sutton's recruiting harvest last week ranks right up there with the best UK recruiting classes in history. Check out the names—Eric Manuel, LeRon Ellis, Johnathan Davis, Sean Sutton, Deron Feldhaus and John Pittman.

Kentucky needed a great recruiting year and the Wildcats got just that. And the latest signees do not include Wake Forest transfer Mike Scott who could become a member of the Wildcats and plays immediately the second semester.

Combine that with the return of Winston Bennett next winter and the addition of freshman Reggie Hanson who walked on after losing to Proposition 48, and the 'Cats' future is unlimited.

As one Southeastern Conference coach said last week, "it looks like we're all going to be fighting for second place after this year."

Yep, Kentucky's opponents had better feast this winter. Next year they'll be playing to a different tune.

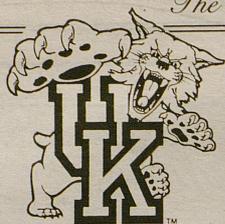
Speaking of Eric Manuel reminds us that basketball fans around Kentucky will have an opportunity to see this superstar and several other top prepsters on Dec. 20 at Rupp Arena.

Manuel and his Macon Southwest High team will be one of eight outstanding high school teams in the Thoroughbred Basketball Prep Classic (the old Hillbrook Festival) starting at 9 a.m.

Three of UK's signees will be playing in the event. In addition to Manuel, Mason County's Deron Feldhaus and Henry Clay's Sean Sutton will be involved.

The confrontation of the day could come when Macon squares off with Henry Clay. Reports out of Macon has it that Manuel will be playing guard this season so we could see a Manuel-Sutton matchup.

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UK Loads Up On Inside Talent During Early Signing Period, But Biggest Catch Of All May Be Georgia Guard Eric Manuel

By Nick Nicholas and Mike Estep

Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton and his staff desperately need players. The Wildcats, without the services of Winston Bennett, Cedric Jenkins and Todd Ziegler, are down to only eight scholarship members. They even had walk-on tryouts a few weeks ago... and added two players.

At the University of Kentucky? C'mon. Well, it's true. But don't feel sorry the second-year Wildcat coach.

Low numbers this season don't compare anywhere close to next year's tally sheet. The first day of the early signing period Kentucky signed five, count 'em, five players. And then got another signee later in the week. Add Mike Scott and Reggie Hanson to the total and UK will have two players over the 15 player scholarship limit entering next season.

What do you do?

It's been reported that Sutton may even sign one more player. When asked about having more players than scholarships he mentioned, "We don't have to worry about that until school opens in the fall. I'll sign 50 if I can."

"There are lots of options and I don't have to declare anything until next fall. I'm not going to violate any rules. Remember, every scholarship is a one-year commitment. If I wanted to, I could have a new team every year."

Headed for Lexington next season are: Johnathon Davis, 6-foot-8 forward of Pine Forest High in Pensacola, Fla.; Sean Sutton, 6-1 guard of Henry Clay High in Lexington, Ky.; John Pittman, 6-11 center of Terry High in Rosenberg, Texas; LeRon Ellis, 6-10 forward/center of Mater Dei High in Santa Ana, Calif.; Deron Feldhaus, 6-7 forward of Mason County High in Maysville; and Eric Manuel, 6-7 forward/guard of Macon Southwest High in Macon, Ga.

Here's a rundown of last week's signees for the 'Cats:

***JOHN PITTMAN** — "It's very obvious that Eddie has been looking for a post player," Terry High coach Fletcher Walker told TCP. "I think this was their main objective—to sign two or three big men. In Johnny they have found one."

Yes indeed. Pittman is a legitimate seven-footer (according to his coach he's actually 6-11½ but is seven foot with tennis shoes on). Not since the days of Melvin Turpin has Kentucky had the opportunity to have a 'true' post man underneath.

The main concern with Pittman is will he pass the guidelines set forth by Proposition 48? Already he's taken the college entrance exam (SAT), failing to meet the required score. However, Pittman and the coach's son (Rusty Walker) were seen on many a day during the past summer studying for the college test.

According to his coach he has two more opportunities to take the test.

Last season, in only his second full campaign of organized hoops, he averaged 18.1 points per game while grabbing 13.6 boards per game. While netting "six or seven" block shots game, his average is somewhat misleading. Reportedly, his main competition was against opponents who were 6-6 or 6-5.

"The hardest adjustment for him will be facing people reasonably close to his size," says his coach.

"He's a very athletic kid," said sportswriter Kevin Wishard of the *Herald Coaster* in Rosenberg. "He's got a pretty good touch but he's not that good of a high school player yet.

He definitely has potential.

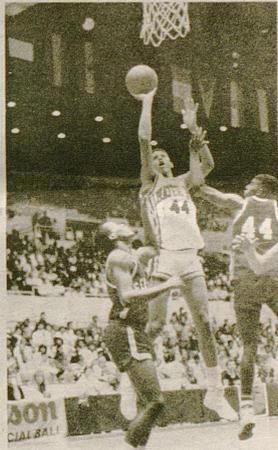
A first-team district selection by the coaches last season, Pittman, however, was named second-team district by a poll of sportswriters.

This summer in the Basketball Congress International Tournament held in Phoenix, Ariz., Pittman was selected to the All-Tournament team. Forty-eight teams, including squads from New York and Los Angeles, competed in the event.

Walker mentioned Pittman is in excellent condition but is more of a half-court player.

"He's improving every day," said Wishard. "As far as raw talent is concerned, he's got plenty of it."

"One of his big problems is that he's such a nice guy. He lets little people push him around. This was his main problem last year."



LeRon Ellis

Said Walker, "He's a boy in a man's body and he's getting ready to learn to play in a man's league."

***SEAN SUTTON** — The son of head coach Eddie Sutton kept to his early agreement by signing with the Big Blue. Considered an excellent floor-leader, Sutton might be UK's point guard for the future.

His father already has indicated that Sean will "in all likelihood" be redshirted next season. He needs to strengthen up some in order to take on the big boys in SEC play. Sutton, who has taken and passed his college test (ACT), is the leader of his team. His coach noted that if he goes down it would be Kentucky losing Winston Bennett.

"I'm always intrigued when there is a player that we would feel that would be good enough whose father is a coach," said Eddie Sutton while talking to a group of reporters at Memorial Coliseum the day Sean announced his college choice. "They're ahead of our time. He's been on our bench since he was about four years old."

"Coaches sons will always have an advantage over most players because they just know the game."

Sutton's shooting touch is suspect. According to his high school coach it's something which he's worked on during the summer months.

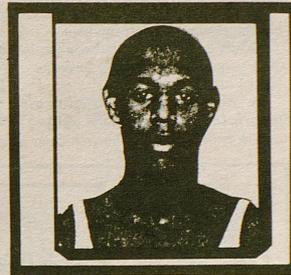
"He's improved his shooting tremendously," said Al Prewitt.

"He's a great passer," Prewitt continued. "He's a great team player and an excellent leader. Sean is extremely coachable."

"When he plays for his dad, he's going to have to play real sticky defense. I feel this is the one area that he, as well as most guys who go to college, really needs to work on. If he can go ahead and play the defense like his dad wants him to then before he graduates he'll be a definite asset to the University of Kentucky and its basketball program."

For Sean Sutton, who one day hopes to follow in his father's footsteps and become a head coach, it's a dream come true. Even at Arkansas he was amazed with the impact of Kentucky basketball. He got a first hand look at the Bluegrass hoopla when his dad's

LeRon is extremely quick and intelligent." McKnight mentioned that Ellis' coordination skills are unbelievable for a man of his



Eric Manuel

stature—6-10 and 230 pounds. From double pump jumpers to tipping in overthrown alley oop passes, reportedly this kid can do it all. Labeled by his coach as "a Danny Manning-type player."

"LeRon needs to extend his range in his shooting touch so he can hit the 15-footer," McKnight said.

In the classroom Ellis is also a steady performer. He scored a 900 on the SAT, which is far above the 700 required by the NCAA's Proposition 48.

By the time he enrolls at Kentucky, Ellis could reach the seven-foot mark. His coach says he hasn't stopped growing.

He was treated to in-house visits by Sutton, Lou Carnesecca, John Thompson, George Raveling and Jim Boheim. According to McKnight, Ellis was really impressed, especially by Sutton and Carnesecca.

Last season Mater Dei finished its campaign with a 30-1 mark, losing in the finals of the Southern California championships. As a junior, Ellis was surrounded by three Division I players and two Division II signees. The team's lone loss ended its 59-game win streak, second best in California prep history.

He averaged 17.5 and seven rebounds last season. Naturally, McKnight is looking for his star forward to increase those figures.

Ellis' dad is an assistant at Southern California. After a visit to the Bluegrass state in mid-September, however, young Ellis decided to announce his intentions of becoming a Wildcat.

Did he ever have any second-thoughts? "Never," answered McKnight. "USC bombarded him with literature but he did not talk to them. After his visit to Kentucky he said everything just fit into place."

***JOHNATHON DAVIS** — Coming from the Florida panhandle, which isn't known for its basketball prowess, and carrying only 195 pounds on his 6-8 frame, his high school coach Bill Fryman said that Davis isn't likely to come in and be an "immediate impact player," but he definitely has the ability to develop into one down the road in his career.

"He's not the kind of player who will come in and dominate the SEC in his first year," Fryman said. "But he has the ability to rise to that level. Basketball isn't very big down here, a lot of the middle schools don't even have their own gyms. So he just hasn't had the opportunity to develop as much as

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Deron Feldhaus

Razorbacks lost to Kentucky in the 1978 Final Four at St. Louis.

"He was on the bench and he just saw all of the great enthusiasm that Kentucky had," said the UK coach. "He knew of the tradition because he's a student of the game."

"A couple of years after that... he made the comment, 'I want to play for you in all likelihood here at Arkansas, but if Kentucky calls I might have to go.' Call the Wildcats did."

***LERON ELLIS** — While John Pittman might remind fans of Melvin Turpin... LeRon Ellis could bring back memories of former Wildcat star Sam Bowie. "They look a lot like," said Ellis' coach Gary McKnight in a recent interview with *The Cats' Pause*.

Ellis, like Bowie, is a big man who loves to run the court. He prefers the forward position, that is he likes facing the hoop instead of posting up underneath. In fact, with Kentucky signing Pittman his decision became even better.

"Oh he thinks that's the greatest thing because he doesn't have to play center," said McKnight when asked how the two skyscrapers would figure into Sutton's scheme. "He'll just get better and better with more experience."

"He runs the floor so fluid that at times he even looks small. He's a thoroughbred.

Changing Seasons Noticeable In TCP Office

Callers Flood Phone Lines, Want Latest Info

Question.

To a sportswriter in Kentucky, you can tell the seasons are changing when:

- A) the leaves start falling?
- B) your utility bills start to skyrocket?
- C) your car's Diehard starts to die fast?
- D) the phone rings off the hook?

If I was talking about the weather, more particular from fall to winter, then A, B, and C would be appropriate answers.

But I'm not.

The seasonal changes I'm referring to are the ones from football to basketball, basketball to baseball, etc. That's the scenario TCP's composition coordinator Winfred Jennings has put together for this particular article—the end of another Kentucky football



Nick Nicholas
Cats' Pause Columnist

season while it's almost time to tipoff the Wildcats' hoop campaign.

When your beat involves the Kentucky Wildcats you know by the golden tones of the telephone that there is a change in the air.

Rrring, rrring, Nick! Telephone

That's Wanda our circulation director. For the past couple of weeks she's been flooded with calls concerning Kentucky basketball recruiting. And last Wednesday, the initial day high school seniors could sign with the college of their dreams, was murder around *The Cats' Pause* office.

First of all, Oscar was in Atlanta for the Southeastern Conference Media Days. So it was up to Wanda, Mike, Winfred and myself to handle all the calls. Boy, for the last couple of days did we get our share of calls!

It got to a point where it would have been nice to have an answering machine as a substitute.

Hello. Our staff is busy at the moment. Oh, just in case you're interested Kentucky has signed John Pittman, LeRon Ellis, Sean Sutton, Eric Manuel and Johnathon Davis. Deron Feldhaus will announce his decision to go to Kentucky on Friday at a press conference. If you want to leave a message please do so at the sound of the tone... BEEP.

To say the least, our workload by Friday had piled up way over our heads. That's not to say we mind the calls. It's just during this part of the year we get more phone calls than all of the local talk shows combined in one evening.

Last Wednesday between 25 and 35 calls alone were relayed back to our office requesting information on UK sports. Most of which were related to basketball while a few disgruntled football fans relieved some tension by getting a few things off their chest.

For Kentucky sportswriters, I guess, the early signing date is a signal that the holidays are almost upon us.

Recruiting Gets A Person In The Holiday Spirits

I know Thanksgiving and Christmas can't be too far away when we start receiving "upset with football" and "basketball recruiting" calls. *Upsetting*, meaning for the second straight season football callers are complaining about the Wildcats' mediocre performances. *Curious*, meaning UK hoop fanatics wanting to know the latest recruiting gossip.

Most of the calls are on the "up and up." That is, many are pleasant as people are only trying to find out the basics. There are times when we get some "off the wall" remarks, however.

Some are funny while others fall in the category of ridiculous. Man, you wouldn't believe some of the calls.

Maybe you were the one who called up on Thursday and noted—"Well, only two of those five recruits can actually play."

Can you believe that. Already someone is casting dark shadows on Eddie Sutton's recent signees. I guess this particular caller has seen them all play.

Yep, I'm sure he's traveled to Santa Ana, Calif., to Rosenberg, Texas, to Macon, Ga., to Pensacola, Fla., while ending his destination in Kentucky.

Get serious.

Gosh knows I tried to tell him to wait and give these kids a chance. "Aw, he can't play," said the caller in reference to John Pittman. I told the man that according to a sportswriter in Rosenberg Pittman has played only a couple of years of organized ball.

"Give him a chance," I pleaded.

What I should have said was, "How many times have you seen this guy play?" And, "who are your sources?"

But it's like Bob Uecker says, "Sports fans, you gotta love'em."

Wasn't it ESPN commentator Dick Vitale who said Kentucky's recruiting class ranks as "one of the greatest five classes in college basketball history?"

When the caller finished talking about the basketball recruits he quickly turned his thoughts to Jerry Claiborne's Wildcats.

Hey Coach Claiborne, I wish you could have talked to this guy. He kept complaining about Kentucky's failure to recruit outside the Bluegrass, especially in Ohio and Pennsylvania. He called last year's Kentucky signees one of the worst crops ever.

Eddie Pulls Lever And Hits Recruiting Jackpot



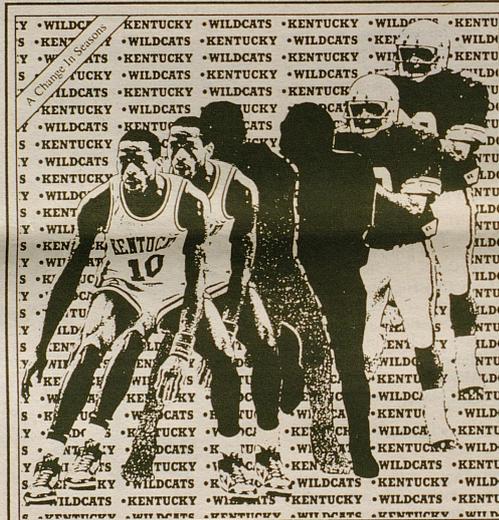
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The Cats' Pause

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LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY



Basketball Is Just Around The Corner

Again, I tend to differ with the gentleman.

Except for Al Baker and Donnie Gardner, we haven't seen 13 players take on actual competition. Is it fair to judge the 13 we haven't seen even play?

Hey, from what I've seen of Alvin Baker I know what kind of college player he's going to be—a good one.

I also mentioned that Notre Dame, Ohio State, Penn State and Pittsburgh have a monopoly on the particular areas in question. Nobody said it was going to be easy.

Wondering About Football, Too

The Kentucky staff has made some in-roads to these areas. With the passing of each season, the Wildcats seem to land one or two more from Ohio or Pennsylvania or maybe another state than the previous year. Heading into this their fifth full season of recruiting at UK, the coaches are making stronger ties in these states.

You usually don't catch the Irish, Buckeyes, Nittany Lions or Panthers sleeping when it comes to recruiting. Let's face it, Kentucky will always have a tough time recruiting out of state. When your in-state high school programs don't stack up to theirs and since UK football does not have a rich tradition, then things are expected to be difficult on the recruiting front.

My suggestion to him was "to wait and see" because the Louisville area this year is turning out some excellent Division I prospects.

He didn't buy it.

To make a long story short, the caller, who by the way is a Big Blue fan, was convinced that Kentucky football under Claiborne is headed nowhere.

You quickly find out in this business that it's a rare achievement if you're able to change the mind of a stubborn Kentucky fan. It's almost impossible.

Rrring, rrring, Nick, are you back there? Telephone.

Oh no, here we go again.

Senior Hopes

Nineteen Wildcat Seniors Will Try To Extend Careers For One More Game; Victory Over Vols In Knoxville Means A Holiday Trip To Memphis

By Nick Nicholas

"You bring in a group and you keep them for four years. They then will go on to bigger things and to more important things. You then replace them with another group. That's what makes it interesting."

—Kentucky head coach Jerry Claiborne

Remember when a couple of smooth sophomores led the University of Kentucky to a 20-19 Hall of Fame win over Wisconsin on a memorable evening in Birmingham, Ala.? Well, Marc Logan, Bill Ransdell and 17 other Wildcats will end their UK careers at Neyland Stadium this Saturday as Kentucky faces Tennessee . . . maybe.

Besides reclaiming the Beer Barrel, UK hopes to post its sixth win of the season. That sixth victory would assure the Wildcats a spot opposite Minnesota in the Liberty Bowl, Dec. 29. A win over the Vols also would assure 19 Wildcats one more game.

After last Saturday's 10-3 win over the favored Florida Gators, Kentucky now has its sights set on Tennessee.

The win over Galen Hall's team should provide plenty of momentum for UK as it gets ready to meet the Big Orange.

"This is the biggest win in Commonwealth Stadium since I've been here," said senior Bill Ransdell after his team earned its second straight win. "The only games which rank higher are the Tennessee game two years ago and the Wisconsin game."

Currently, Ransdell is the holder of 14 UK passing records. He's considered the most prolific passer in Wildcat history. Nothing would be sweeter for the Elizabethtown native than a victory over the Volunteers.

"It's now a one-game season," said Ransdell before hearing about UK's recent bowl possibilities. "We were in a position that they were in last year—if they beat us they go to the Sugar Bowl (1985) and if we beat them we salvage a winning season and a shot at a bowl game."

"To us it's just the Tennessee game."

Logan was the HOF's Most Valuable Player in '84. His two touchdowns plus 96 yards combined yards on kickoff returns ignited the Wildcats to a stunning post-season victory.

UK's starting quarterback for the last three seasons compiled a 18 of 34 performance for 188 yards and one touchdown. It was a night in Birmingham which saw Kentucky fans celebrate till the sun came up the next morning.

It seems only fitting that these young men

will play their last regular season collegiate game in Knoxville. Although the Hall of Fame Bowl victory was sweet, the 17-12 victory over Tennessee was probably the biggest win in 1984. It marked an SEC victory on the road against the rival Volunteers.

Now, Ransdell, Logan and Company will try to pull out another win in K-town. After last season's 42-0 humiliating defeat to Johnny Major's crew in Lexington, revenge may be on the 'Cats' mind, especially the seniors.

Following the 9-3 season, UK players, coaches and fans were expecting bigger and better things. However, a 5-6 season was next. Currently the Wildcats are 5-4-1 and are fighting to finish at the .500 mark.

Some of the players may play again, professionally that is. For most of the Kentucky seniors, though, it might be the last time they put on the gridiron armor. So, for the 19 Wildcat seniors it would be a fitting end to their college football careers.

"What they do in the future are the real rewards of coaching," said Claiborne. "You only have them for four years but you get very, very close to them while they're with you. But at the end of four years you hope that what they've learned in your program will make them successful in life."

Other senior members like Cornell Burbage, Eric Pitts, Larry Smith, Joe Prince, Tom Wilkins, Tony Mayes and Mark Wheeler have been consistent Wildcat performers over the years.

"Although this season has not been what they would have liked for it to have been, and neither was last season for that matter, they have meanwhile built a good foundation," Claiborne said.

Hopefully we can learn from their mistakes they had last year and this year. Also, we hope to learn from the good things they have brought to the program and build on the future."

Plenty of the good memories will be left behind once these seniors play in their final game for the Blue and White. For instance: Ransdell's passing records; Smith's numerous tackles; and Logan's smile from ear to ear will be everlasting memories to Wildcat fans everywhere.

Coach, have most of the seniors lived up to your expectations?

"Most of them have," answered Claiborne. "Some of them have probably done even better. They've just done a real good job for us and we're really happy with the success they've enjoyed since they have been here."

in the Dec. 29 battle which will kick-off at 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

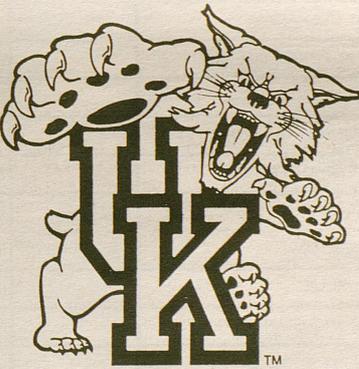
"We wanted a team from the Big 10 area for exposure in the Chicago area and Minnesota gives us that," said Treadwell. "Minnesota just beat No. 2 Michigan and could still beat Iowa in its next game. It will be an excellent package for television and there are no other games that day which will be televised in prime time. It should be a great matchup."

The game will be televised nationally and syndicated by the Raycom Network. Liberty Bowl officials say each school's payout this year will be \$750,000, making it the eighth best payoff of all collegiate bowls.

Other bowl which pay less are: Sun

1986 UK SENIORS

Cornell Burbage	WR	Lexington
Conrad Carney	C	Allison Park, Penn.
Billy Dean	WR	Harlan
John Groves	FB	Flatwoods
Ken Lange	C	Gibsonia, Penn.
Marc Logan	FB	Lexington
Matt Lucas	TE	Baltimore, Ohio
Tony Mayes	CB	Paintsville
Guy Neal	LB	Gallatin, Tenn.
Eric Pitts	WR	Lima, Ohio
Joe Prince	OT	Mayfield
Billy Ransdell	QB	Elizabethtown
Tim Reese	DE	Fort Wright
Sam Rotella	OT	Wintersville, Ohio
Larry Smith	LB	Springfield
Mike Velotta	DT	Highland Heights, Ohio
Mark Wheeler	TE	Annandale, Va.
Tom Wilkins	DG	Russellville
Don Yarano	LB	Zanesville, Ohio



'Cats Will Get Liberty Bowl Invite If They Beat Vols

Kentucky, out of the post season bowl picture only a week ago, will be offered an invitation Saturday to serve as the host school at the 1986 Liberty Bowl if the Wildcats defeat the Tennessee Volunteers in Knoxville.

Tim Treadwell III, chairman of the Liberty Bowl selection committee, told *The Cats' Pause* Monday morning the Liberty Bowl will issue an invitation to the winner of the Kentucky-Tennessee game.

"We feel the winner of that game will have a lot to offer our bowl," said Treadwell. "Kentucky is coming off a very impressive upset victory over Florida when Florida was the hottest team in the Southeastern Conference. Tennessee, obviously would be a favorite here in Memphis."

Treadwell said the Kentucky-Tennessee winner would face Minnesota of the Big Ten

(\$700,000), Holiday (\$650,000), Peach (\$500,000), Bluebonnet (\$500,000), Freedom (\$500,000), Aloha (\$500,000), Independence (\$500,000) and California (\$150,000).

Both Liberty Bowl president Trow Gillespie and executive vice-president Reggie Barnes will be in attendance at Neyland Stadium Saturday to extend the invitation.

Tennessee, with a win over Kentucky, would own a 5-5 mark but still would have to beat Vanderbilt on November 29 in Nashville to have a winning season.

Treadwell says the Vols are in, regardless of the Vandy game, if the Big Orange beats Kentucky.

However, a Tennessee official said the Vols would offer the Liberty Bowl an "out" if Tennessee should beat Kentucky but lose to Vanderbilt.

Tennessee has bounced back in recent weeks, thanks mostly to the return of several key players who have seen limited action due to nagging injuries.

Kentucky, too, plans to get some injured players back this Saturday.

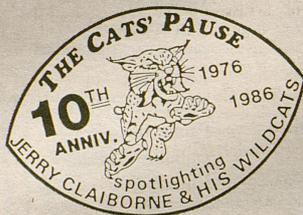
Ivy Joe Hunter, the outstanding running back who amassed more than 200 yards against Vanderbilt two weeks ago, is expected to be back in action after missing the Florida game.

Mike Pfeifer, the outstanding red-shirt freshman lineman who has been out of action with an ankle injury, should also be ready for the Vols game Saturday.

Kick-off is set for 1:30 p.m. The game can be heard over the Kentucky Radio Network. There will be no television.

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Porky

Last Week Total		15-8-2 166-74-10	14-9-2 166-74-10	18-5-2 169-71-10	13-10-2 160-80-10	16-7-2 164-76-10	14-9-2 152-88-10
KENTUCKY AT TENNESSEE		TENNESSEE 3	TENNESSEE 3	KENTUCKY 5	KENTUCKY 7	TENNESSEE 3	KENTUCKY 14
NOTRE DAME AT LSU		LSU 10	LSU 7	LSU 6	LSU 3	LSU 3	N. DAME 2
OLE MISS AT MISSISSIPPI STATE		OLE MISS 1	OLE MISS 4	MISS. ST. 7	OLE MISS 1	OLE MISS 6	OLE MISS 6
OKLAHOMA AT NEBRASKA		NEBRASKA 3	NEBRASKA 3	OKLAHOMA 3	OKLAHOMA 14	OKLAHOMA 3	NEBRASKA 1
PITTSBURGH AT PENN STATE		PENN ST. 8	PENN ST. 17	PENN ST. 9	PENN ST. 7	PENN ST. 14	PENN ST. 3
MICHIGAN AT OHIO STATE		OHIO ST. 1	MICHIGAN 10	MICHIGAN 7	OHIO ST. 1	MICHIGAN 3	MICHIGAN 3
SOUTH CAROLINA AT CLEMSON		CLEMSON 3	CLEMSON 3	CLEMSON 10	CLEMSON 4	CLEMSON 6	CAROLINA 1
LOUISVILLE AT SOUTHERN MISS		SOU. MISS 10	SOU. MISS 14	SOU. MISS 13	SOU. MISS 17	SOU. MISS 6	LOUISVILLE 3
MOREHEAD AT EASTERN		EKU 3	EKU 9	EKU 21	EKU 10	EKU 3	EKU 6
IOWA AT MINNESOTA		IOWA 10	IOWA 6	IOWA 14	IOWA 4	IOWA 7	IOWA 7
INDIANA AT PURDUE		INDIANA 3	INDIANA 10	INDIANA 11	INDIANA 6	INDIANA 10	PURDUE 4
WISCONSIN AT MICHIGAN STATE		MICH. ST. 7	MICH. ST. 6	MICH. ST. 3	MICH. ST. 9	MICH. ST. 14	WISCONSIN 4
NORTH CAROLINA AT DUKE		CAROLINA 8	CAROLINA 7	CAROLINA 4	CAROLINA 4	CAROLINA 7	CAROLINA 7
TEMPLE AT RUTGERS		RUTGERS 8	RUTGERS 6	RUTGERS 1	RUTGERS 3	RUTGERS 6	TEMPLE 7
ARKANSAS AT SMU		ARKANSAS 7	ARKANSAS 10	ARKANSAS 4	ARKANSAS 7	ARKANSAS 7	SMU 7
TEXAS AT BAYLOR		BAYLOR 12	BAYLOR 14	BAYLOR 10	BAYLOR 6	BAYLOR 3	TEXAS 4
TCU AT TEXAS A&M		TEXAS A&M 10	TEXAS A&M 14	TEXAS A&M 17	TEXAS A&M 11	TEXAS A&M 12	TEXAS A&M 10
HOUSTON AT TEXAS TECH		TEXAS TECH 7	TEXAS TECH 9	TEXAS TECH 6	TEXAS TECH 6	TEXAS TECH 3	TEXAS TECH 7
BRIGHAM YOUNG AT UTAH		BYU 12	BYU 3	BYU 8	BYU 4	BYU 7	BYU 7
KANSAS AT MISSOURI		MISSOURI 6	KANSAS 4	MISSOURI 3	MISSOURI 1	KANSAS 10	MISSOURI 8
IOWA STATE AT OKLAHOMA STATE		OKLA. ST. 8	OKLA. ST. 11	OKLA. ST. 6	IOWA ST. 7	OKLA. ST. 7	OKLA. ST. 4
ARIZONA STATE AT ARIZONA		ARIZONA 10	ARIZ. ST. 8	ARIZ. ST. 7	ARIZ. ST. 3	ARIZ. ST. 1	ARIZONA 3
STANFORD AT CALIFORNIA		STANFORD 7	STANFORD 1	STANFORD 5	STANFORD 7	STANFORD 7	STANFORD 14
USC AT UCLA		UCLA 3	UCLA 1	USC 3	UCLA 10	UCLA 10	UCLA 6
WASHINGTON AT WASHINGTON STATE		WASH. 8	WASH. 7	WASH. 11	WASH. ST. 6	WASH. 6	WASH. 4

Can Scott Provide Inside Answer For Cats?

Find Out As Wildcat Serial Continues

Maybe I've been watching too much television. They say too much time sitting in front of the tube can do funny things to you. I don't know. But the more I watch the events unfold around the University of Kentucky basketball camp these days, the more it seems to me to be like one of those prime time soap operas. . . .

First there was Dynasty. Then Dynasty II—The Colbys. As if that wasn't enough, now there's Dynasty III—The Wildcats.

When the season opener premiered back in October, everything was right on schedule for the foremost program in college basketball. Three starters were back from last season's 32-4 club. Nearly everyone had the 'Cats ranked in the Top 20. And as usual, Kentucky was being targeted as the team to beat in the SEC.

That's when the plot thickened.



Mike Estep
Cats' Pause Columnist

Leading man Winston Bennett was sidelined for the season with a knee injury suffered in practice.

Co-star Cedric Jenkins went down for four to six weeks with a stress fracture. Bit actor Todd Ziegler got in trouble with the law and was suspended indefinitely. Suddenly Kentucky dropped down to only eight scholarship players, and fifth-place in the preseason projections that came out of Atlanta last week.

Our heroes in blue appeared to be doomed.

Headed for what seemed to be an entire season of mediocrity.

Meanwhile, Eddie Sutton and his staff went on a recruiting rampage. The biggest, most successful recruiting drive since World War II. When the dust had settled after the first week of the early signing period, UK had inked six high school players—all of them highly rated prep stars—to play next year.

All the smart money said that if you had a score to settle with Kentucky, do it now. Next year, you won't have a prayer. Everybody figured that Sutton would simply have to send his young 'Cats out there to take their lumps this season. Struggle to have a winning record. Mature and build confidence for next year.

Maybe not.

Like any good nighttime soap scriptwriter can tell you, just when you think you have everything figured out, things change.

Scott Could Be 'Big' Help To Sutton's 'Cats

That's where Mike Scott may fit in.

Things didn't work out at Wake Forest for the 6-11 center from Greenup County. When he came out of high school, Kentucky didn't want him. He signed to play for the Demon Deacons, mainly because he was impressed with the pitch given by coach Carl Tacy. But Tacy retired before Scott arrived, and after playing basketball for one semester in ACC country, Scott decided to come back home.

He enrolled at Lexington Community College and announced that after he earned his two-year degree in December, he planned to transfer and play out his career at Kentucky.

But even that isn't a sure thing anymore. The banner recruiting crop made sure of that. Scott was quoted last week as saying he now has his doubts about playing for UK.

"I'm not sure right now," Scott told the *Louisville Courier-Journal*. "Certainly, UK is one of my options, but I'm still looking around. I'm still open to look at other colleges. I just need to see and do what's best for me."

All that said, it appears that Kentucky still has the inside track.

"When you grow up in Kentucky," Scott said, "it's your dream to play for UK."

"I think coach Sutton's building a championship team, and I'd love to play on a championship team for the next couple of years."

Scott has been doing a lot of looking lately. And almost on a daily basis, most of the looking has been from the stands in Memorial Coliseum. He's been watching the Wildcats practice, sizing up his chances if he indeed decides to sign with Kentucky.

"I hope to start practicing (with the team) in December," Scott said after watching Kentucky work out last Friday. "I hope to. Whether or not I'll get to play in January, or by what date in January, I'm not sure."

But the \$64,000 question is will Scott be able to come in and contribute this season after spending a full year away from the basketball court? After he left Wake Forest last January, NCAA guidelines forbid him from practicing with any team for one year.

In the meantime, Scott has been practicing on his own. Silently working out, trying to stay in shape.

"I go and play pickup games," Scott said. "I go and shoot a lot by myself, just on my own. And I do a lot of running. It's not as good as practicing with the team right now, but it's something."

Even if he has missed out on some important practice time, Scott still has something that Kentucky desperately needs this season. Size. With all the injuries, Kentucky's depleted front line is dangerously thin. And small.

Sutton proved last year that he is undoubtedly one of the best coaches in the country. He showed the world that he could take a slow, underconfident point guard and turn him into one of the best in the SEC. He showed everyone that he could take a team with three guards in the starting lineup, and through chemistry, knock heads with the big boys and win.

But even Sutton can't coach height. He can't take a 6-7 player like Irv Thomas or Richard Madison and transform him into a 6-11 giant. That's why signing Scott would be so important for UK. He could step in and give Kentucky's inside game some much needed depth. After 6-11 Rob Lock, the cupboard is almost bare these days.

Sutton: Scott Could Step In And Contribute Right Away

If he does throw in his lot with Sutton's bunch, it could be just what the doctor ordered. Scott could be just the right tonic to help the ailing 'Cats.

Sutton thinks that way, too.

"With all the injuries we've had in our front line, I believe Mike could step in right away and help the ballclub," the coach said. "Our front line is pretty questionable right now."

It might be iffy now, but if everything goes on schedule for next year, Kentucky's inside game will be anything but questionable. Downright awesome is more like it. Bennett and Jenkins should be back at full strength. And don't forget seven-footer John Pittman and 6-11 LeRon Ellis, considered the best pair senior big men in the high school



Mike Scott Could Solve Kentucky's Dilemma

ranks this season, will be coming in to provide another Twin Towers combination.

That doesn't seem to bother Scott, who held his own at Wake Forest, averaging nine points and six rebounds per game.

"It just means that competition will be a little bit more in practice," Scott said. "But I guess that's what the game's all about."

Instead of worrying about fighting for playing time next year, Scott seems ready to get things underway this season. Being away from the game for nearly a year has given Scott time to think about what he wants to do come January.

"I always set my goals a little bit high," said. "I'd like to work out and maybe start. Whether or not that happens or not, I don't know. It might be sort of unlikely because my practice time will have been limited, and they will have already been playing together for a month or two months before I get in there."

So the saga continues.

Will Scott join the cast of thousands and sign to play basketball with Kentucky? Or will he slip Kentucky's grasp like Terry Mills or Harvey Grant?

Unlike your everyday, run-of-the-mill soap opera, things happen quickly around here. So you'd better stay tuned. Same 'Cat time, same 'Cat channel.



Kentucky vs. Tennessee

1986 Kentucky Roster



NO.	PLAYER	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	EXP.	HOMETOWN	NO.	PLAYER	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	EXP.	HOMETOWN	
92	Vic Adams	DG	Fr.	6-1	266	RS	Middlesboro	41	Brian McKenzie	DE	Fr.	6-1	209	WO	Russell	
12	Bill Allen	QB	So.	6-0	198	SO	West Liberty	8	Ron Mack	DB	So.	5-10	185	1L	Lexington	
37	Todd Alligiera	S	So.	5-8	198	SO	Louisville	30	Dwayne Mahan	FB	Fr.	5-10	196	WO	Florence	
47	Tony Baird	DE	So.	6-0	193	SQ	Franklin	6	Tony Massey	DE	Fr.	6-2	204	RS	Somerser	
5	Al Baker	RB	So.	6-0	195	SO	Springboro, Ohio	7	Eric Maust	PK	Jr.	5-8	160	SO	Oakmont, Pa.	
41	Greg Baker	RB	So.	6-0	195	SO	Springboro, Ohio	3	Joel Mazzella	LB	So.	6-1	187	3L	Paintsville	
81	John Bolden	DB	Fr.	5-9	181	RS	Gainsville, Fla.	47	Mike Meeco	TE	Fr.	6-0	240	WO	Parisburg, W.Va.	
3	Daniel Benson	P	Fr.	5-11	198	WO	Newport	82	Mike Meiners	SO	So.	6-2	239	SO	Louisville	
79	Oliver Barnett	DT	Fr.	6-3	269	RS	Louisville	13	Todd Meyer	DB	So.	5-9	178	SQ	Louisville	
44	Craig Benzinger	FB	Fr.	6-1	207	RS	Stone Mountain, Ga.	68	Tony Mills	OG	So.	6-4	268	SQ	Lexington	
29	Darren Bilberry	WR	Fr.	6-0	162	—	Louisville	30	Chris Moga	WR	Fr.	5-10	170	—	Tucson, Ariz.	
45	Chris Chenault	DB	Fr.	6-4	224	RS	Melbourne	85	Andy Murray	FB	Fr.	6-1	235	RS	Louisville	
48	Jeff Brady	LB	Fr.	6-0	200	WO	Naperville, Ill.	71	Brad Myers	OG	Jr.	6-2	271	2L	Miamisburg, Ohio	
63	Mark Brock	OG	So.	6-3	257	SQ	Naperville, Ill.	78	Tony Nash	OT	Fr.	6-5	255	RS	Louisville	
14	Chuck Broughton	QB	Fr.	6-4	224	RS	Ashland	88	Guy Neal	DE	Fr.	6-0	219	2L	Gallatin, Tenn.	
1	Mike Burnes	WR	So.	5-10	180	1L	Lexington	71	Jeff Nelson	P	So.	5-10	152	TR	Louisville	
58	Mike Cahill	LB	Jr.	6-0	214	SQ	Bolnbrook, Ill.	1	Mike Nord	OT	Fr.	6-7	259	—	Florka, Fla.	
85	Jeff Capen	TE	Jr.	6-2	205	SO	Cincinnati, Ohio	22	Jimmie O'Neal	SE	Jr.	5-9	174	SQ	Paducah	
51	Conrad Carney	TE	So.	6-1	257	SO	Cincinnati, Ohio	12	Jamie Ousley	QB	Fr.	6-3	187	WO	Corbin	
28	Chris Chenault	DB	Fr.	5-9	187	WO	South Plainfield, N.J.	87	Martin Pennington	OT	So.	6-2	220	1L	Louisville	
27	Jay Chabrak	LB	So.	6-2	233	1L	Lexington	75	Mike Pfeifer	OT	Fr.	6-7	276	RS	Louisville	
45	Chris Chenault	DB	Fr.	5-9	181	WO	Lexington	60	Carlos Phillips	DL	Fr.	6-1	212	—	Owensboro	
67	Chris Connerly	DB	Fr.	5-10	184	WO	Rochester, Mich.	49	Steve Phillips	WR	Fr.	6-2	195	—	Fairfield, Ohio	
67	Brian Craile	C	Fr.	6-1	262	RS	Elizabethtown	65	Eric Pitts	WR	So.	5-4	178	2L	Lima, Ohio	
69	Tom Crumrine	OT	Fr.	6-4	276	RS	Westerville, Ohio	65	Joe Prince	OT	Fr.	6-4	279	3L	Mayfield	
48	Joe Curry	TE	Fr.	6-3	221	1L	Madisonville	84	Patrick Porter	TE	Fr.	6-3	187	WO	Flemingsburg	
57	Dermontt Dawson	OG	Jr.	6-2	253	2L	Lexington	76	Gary Ralston	DL	Fr.	6-3	248	—	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	
84	Bill Dean	WR	So.	6-0	185	SQ	Harlan	83	Bill Ransdell	TE	Fr.	6-2	215	3L	Elizabethtown	
66	Brian Denham	OG	So.	6-1	245	SQ	Winchester	54	Scott Rayburn	TE	Fr.	6-4	230	—	Richardson, Texas	
82	Greg Doll	WR	Jr.	5-11	178	SO	Centerville, Ohio	44	Jerry Reese	DT	Jr.	6-1	259	2L	Hopkinsville	
18	Kevin Dooley	DE	Jr.	6-3	205	2L	Cincinnati, Ohio	38	Tim Reese	DE	Jr.	5-10	214	TR	Ft. Wright	
36	Jay Dortch	DE	So.	6-1	207	SQ	Paducah	31	Mike Robinson	DE	Fr.	6-0	198	1L	Crestview	
34	Ravon Effinger	DG	Fr.	6-1	238	WO	Louisville	26	Ron Robinson	OT	So.	6-3	261	1L	Nashville, Tenn.	
94	Kurt Eiden	DE	Jr.	5-7	184	SQ	Louisville	72	Sam Rotariu	S	Jr.	6-3	261	1L	Wintersville, Ohio	
55	Scott Endris	DG	Jr.	6-1	240	1L	Louisville	92	Mark Schaff	DG	Jr.	6-2	249	SQ	Elizabethtown, Tenn.	
23	Anthony Gardner	TB	So.	5-8	174	SO	Mobile, Ala.	89	Jeff Schillfarth	DT	So.	6-1	281	SO	Florence	
98	Carwell Gardner	DE	So.	6-2	213	1L	Louisville	11	Mark Sellers	S	So.	6-3	197	SQ	Louisville	
96	Donnie Gardner	DL	Fr.	6-4	210	—	Louisville	91	John Shannon	OT	Jr.	6-3	263	2L	Dovon	
90	Scott Gillum	PK	Fr.	5-7	140	WO	Lexington	33	Bill Sheehan	WR	OG	So.	6-1	234	SO	Glasgow
28	Ray Gover	QB	So.	6-3	198	1L	Dayton, Ohio	77	Mel Skinner	WR	OG	So.	6-0	184	SQ	Independence
7	Eric Green	FB	So.	6-0	183	RS	Cincinnati, Ohio	62	Bo Smith	OT	So.	6-3	263	SQ	Lexington	
42	John Groves	TE	Fr.	5-11	229	1L	Flatwoods	19	Dee Smith	WR	Fr.	5-11	178	RS	Paducah	
86	Rich Hadrych	TE	So.	6-3	225	WO	Cheektowaga, N.Y.	40	Larry Smith	LB	Fr.	6-1	226	3L	Springfield	
50	Scott Haire	OG	Jr.	6-1	243	SO	Talbot, Tenn.	13	Tom Smith	DB	Jr.	6-1	180	SQ	Whitesburg	
46	Jeff Hale	LB	So.	6-0	232	SQ	Louisville	49	Gardner Sorrell	C	Fr.	6-2	276	RS	Mobile, Ala.	
51	Chris Hatfield	C	Fr.	6-1	273	WO	Shepherdsville	63	Mike Stepien	RB	Jr.	5-10	206	WO	Middletown, Ohio	
22	Mark Higgs	TB	Jr.	5-7	190	2L	Owensboro	85	Stephen Stone	TE	Fr.	6-2	197	WO	Lexington	
56	Scott Hildebrand	TE	So.	6-3	253	SQ	Clinton, Ohio	87	Scott Stubbs	DG	Fr.	6-0	243	1L	Houston, Texas	
49	Randy Holleran	LB	Fr.	6-1	218	—	McKeesport, Pa.	16	Jay Tassar	SO	P	6-1	179	1L	vine Grove	
46	Rozel Hollingsworth	RB	Fr.	6-0	209	SQ	Harlan	92	Brad Thomas	DG	Fr.	5-11	216	WO	Louisville	
99	Doug Houser	DG	Jr.	6-4	260	RS	Albiquippa, Pa.	85	Doug Thompson	DT	So.	6-2	233	WO	Greenville	
70	Tom Howard	DT	Jr.	6-3	240	SQ	Harlan	17	Steve Trego	DB	So.	6-0	186	SQ	Florence	
61	Bill Huletta	OG	Fr.	6-2	243	WO	Morganfield	64	Joe David Turner	OG	Jr.	6-2	270	SQ	Richmond	
32	Ivy Joe Hunter	TB	So.	6-0	212	SQ	Gainesville, Fla.	52	Mike Velotta	SR	Fr.	6-0	239	1L	Highland Heights, Ohio	
26	Steve Jerolaman	S	Fr.	5-11	194	WO	Point Pleasant, N.J.	94	Kit Walter	OG	Fr.	6-3	261	RS	Middletown, Ohio	
24	David Johnson	DB	So.	6-1	178	1L	Louisville	78	Russell Viel	OG	OG	So.	6-2	256	SQ	McSherrystown, Pa.
77	Mike Jones	OT	So.	6-1	246	WO	Fl. Mitchell	92	Kit Walter	OG	OG	So.	6-2	256	SQ	McSherrystown, Pa.
17	Tim Jones	SE	Jr.	6-2	195	2L	Joelton, Tenn.	80	Mark Wheeler	TE	Fr.	6-2	212	3L	Annandale, Va.	
49	Ed Keenan	LB	Jr.	6-0	202	—	Coral Springs, Fla.	73	Butch Wilburn	OG	Jr.	6-2	261	2L	Westchester, Ohio	
53	Mike Knox	FB	Fr.	6-0	245	WO	Louisville	74	Tom Wilkins	DG	Fr.	6-3	248	2L	Russellville	
49	Jeff Kremer	LB	Jr.	6-2	231	2L	Newport	74	Dean Wilks	Fr.	OL	Fr.	6-3	299	—	Proctorville, Ohio
60	Greg Kunkel	OT	C	6-5	275	SO	Covington	11	Paul Winter	QB	Fr.	6-2	218	—	Newburgh, N.Y.	
61	Kenn Lance	C	Fr.	6-0	252	SO	Gibsonia, Pa.	15	Joey Worley	PK	Jr.	5-10	167	2L	Oakwood, Va.	
25	Marc Logan	FB	So.	5-11	207	2L	Lexington	20	Steve Wroble	S	Jr.	5-10	184	SQ	Louisville	
81	Matt Lucas	TE	Fr.	6-4	241	3L	Baltimore, Ohio	39	Don Yarano	LB	Fr.	6-2	227	3L	Zanesville, Ohio	
40	Paul McDowell	LB	Fr.	6-0	195	—	Louisville	30	Tony Zigarano	WR	Fr.	6-2	199	RS	Lewes, Del.	

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NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	
1	Andre Creamer	DB	Fr.	5-11	189	Baltimore, Md.	49	Kelby Ziegler	ILB	Jr.	6-0	213	Miami, Fla.	
2	Moses Collins	DB	Fr.	6-0	197	Lafayette, La.	50	Johnny Hobbett	DG	Fr.	6-3	251	Mt. Juliet	
3	Nate Middlebrooks	TE	So.	5-11	222	Chattanooga	51	Milton Jordan	ILB	Fr.	5-11	214	Jacksonville, Fla.	
4	Terrance Cleveland	WR	Fr.	5-9	154	Sweetwater	53	Phil Rogers	C	Fr.	6-2	200	Maryville	
5	Thomas Woods	WR	Fr.	5-10	164	Gallatin	54	Dale Jones	OLB	Fr.	6-2	227	Cleveland	
6	Tony Nelson	DB	So.	5-1	182	Knoxville	55	Bryan Kimbrell	OLB	So.	6-1	210	Dickson	
7	Anthony Miller	WR	Jr.	6-0	180	Pasadena, Calif.	56	David Dodd	C	So.	6-2	236	Birmingham, Ala.	
8	Vicor Peppers	DB	Jr.	5-8	155	Albany, N.Y.	57	Darby Smith	OT	Fr.	6-5	272	Knoxville	
9	Vince Carter	WR	Jr.	6-1	191	Nashville	58	Bob Jenkins	OG	Jr.	6-1	254	Knoxville	
10	Philip Ironside	DB	Fr.	6-3	180	Knoxville	59	Mark Hovanc	DT	Jr.	6-3	255	Yorktown, Va.	
11	Kyle Homer	DB	Fr.	6-2	185	Martins, N.J.	60	Robbin Perry	DG	OG	Fr.	6-3	230	Brentwood
12	Randy Sanders	DB	So.	6-1	209	Morristown	61	Mike West	C	Fr.	6-2	200	Knoxville	
13	David Pool	DB	Fr.	5-9	189	Cincinnati, Ohio	62	Jack Zechino	C	Jr.	6-1	246	Oakdale, N.Y.	
14	Terry Brown	DB	So.	5-11	175	Macon, Ga.	64	Chip Stockland	OG	Fr.	6-3	249	Chattanooga	
15	Kent Elmore	P	Fr.	6-2	180	Apopka, Fla.	65	Robby Scott	DT	Fr.	6-1	275	Decatur	
16	Stirling Henton	DB	So.	6-3	198	Dalton, Ga.	66	Todd Kirk	C	Jr.	6-2	257	Pennington Gap, Va.	
18	Troy Hale	WR	Jr.	6-3	195	DeSoto, Texas	67	Kevin Simmons	OT	So.	6-3	285	Miami, Fla.	
19	Greg Hargis	DB	So.	6-0	186	Spring City	68	Bruce Warkerson	OT	Fr.	6-5	272	Philadelph	
20	Charles Benton	DB	So.	6-0	186	Spring City	69	Tommy Colley	OG	OT	So.	6-2	224	Franklin
21	Lee England	WR	Fr.	5-8	155	Gallatin	72	Ray Robinson	C	So.	6-3	280	Woodbury	
22	Charles Davis	WR	Fr.	6-3	192	New Paltz, N.Y.	73	Doug Baird	MG	Fr.	6-4	232	Waverly	
23	Charles Davis	WR	Fr.	6-3	192	New Paltz, N.Y.	74	Brian Hunt	MG	Fr.	6-5	259	DeSoto, Texas	
24	Tom Thompson	DB	Fr.	5-8	175	Lake Wales, Fla.	75	John Bruhin	OG	Jr.	6-3	285	Knoxville	
25	Tommy Johnson	DB	Fr.	5-8	175	Lake Wales, Fla.	76	Harry Galbreath	OG	Jr.	6-1	257	Clarksville	
26	Vernon Bass	DB	Jr.	6-0	193	Gallatin	77	Richard Cooper	OT	Jr.	6-5	285	Memphis	
27	Dirk Borgognone	PK	Fr.	6-0	190	Hemp, Nev.	78	Antone Davis	OT	Fr.	6-7	310	Fort Valley, Ga.	
28	Keith Diers	DB	So.	5-10	193	Nashville	79	Eric Sitt	OG	Fr.	6-3	268	Germantown	
29	Vando Davis	RB	Fr.	6-0	185	Wilmington, Del.	80	Kennard McGuire	WR	Jr.	5-11	170	Memphis	
30	Cedric Kline	DB	Fr.	6-0	198	Loudon	81	Alvin Harper	WR	Fr.	6-4	190	Frostproof, Fla.	
31	Jim Aszman	P	Fr.	6-3	210	Cleveland	82	Charles Kimbrough	OLB	So.	6-2	203	Mobile, Ala.	
32	Charles Wilson	RB	Fr.	5-11	204	Pinehard, Ala.	83	Sam Grady	OLB	Fr.	5-10	159	Atlanta, Ga.	
33	Keith DeLong	ILB	So.	6-2	220	Lawrence, Kan.	84	Joey Howard	OT	Jr.	6-6	250	Springfield, Ohio	
34	Reggie Cobb	RB	Fr.	6-2	205	Knoxville	85	Jed Dancos	OLB	Fr.	6-2	227	Knoxville	
35	William Howard	ILB	So.	6-0	225	Lima, Ohio	86	Terry McDaniell	DB	Jr.	5-10	167	Saginaw, Mich.	
36	Pete Panuszka	RB	Fr.	5-11	184	Knoxville	87	Joey Clarkscates	WR	Fr.	6-			

WKYT's Rob Bromley Keeps Himself Busy

A Cool Customer, Both On And Off The Air

On the air, Channel 27 television sports director Rob Bromley seems totally in control, always smooth and confident.

Off the air he's the same way, nothing like the rumors or stories you hear about other personalities.

But, with Bromley, there's a catch. There's something about him one wouldn't guess even after knowing Rob for a long time.

"I've never been a person with a lot of confidence," says Bromley. "I've never had a big ego. If I did, I might be a little better off. There are very egotistical people in the media and in the sports arena itself."

That may seem like a surprising statement from a man many hail as a professional in every sense of the word. Bromley has more than his share of ac-



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complishments in the broadcasting business.

Bromley, 36, is close to entering his 10th year at WKYT, which has a contract with Host Communications to broadcast University of Kentucky sports. He came to the Bluegrass state in January of 1977 from WCIO-TV in Lima, Ohio. He's a native of Rome, N.Y.

Since taking over the director's job after the departure of Denny Trease six years ago, Bromley has helped Channel 27 maintain its ranking as the top news station in the area, a position held since 1975.

"You have to have good product to get good ratings," says Bromley. "You have to live up to it. I was conscious of it (the top ranking). But I've never had time to worry about it because I've been too busy."

In this area, sports seems more important than news to a lot of people. With that kind of emphasis, especially on UK, the sports media has to hustle to keep on top of its beat. The competition is tough, and long hours are required to stay in the race.

"I don't have much time to relax," said Bromley. "On a weekly basis, on the average, I work over 60 to 70 hours, 50 weeks out of the year."

Besides his weekly studio broadcasts at 6 and 11 p.m., which includes editing and interviewing, Bromley also is the host and producer of "The Jerry Claiborne Show" and co-host and producer of "The Eddie Sutton Show," along with Cawood Ledford. He also works with Ledford on the delayed football broadcasts and does most of the basketball contests as well.

During the spring and summer, there are always special projects, and Bromley and his colleagues also produce the popular Sports Spectrum show on Saturday nights.

Bromley Always Knew He Wanted To Be A Sportscaster

"A lot of people talk about how overstuffed we are," said Bromley. "But, besides myself, there are only four others in the department: Dick Gabriel, Jeff Howard, Dave Baker and our sports photographer, Dennis Goins."

Bromley has always been used to working hard, though. During his undergraduate time at Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind., he spent many hours working at the school's FM radio station, run strictly by the students.

"My last two years, I worked nearly all the football and basketball games, home and away," Bromley explained. "I did both play by play, and color. It was a good experience."

Bromley graduated with a communications degree from Butler in 1972, took a sports directors job at WCIT radio station in Lima for two years and then moved on to television.

"I've wanted to be a sportscaster since I was a junior in high school," said Bromley. "Even if I never make the national scene, I will have done all right here. In this business, it's hard to get an opportunity, difficult to find someone who'll give you a chance. And when you do get a chance, you've got to make the most of it."

Bromley says television has exploded since his college days. "The size of our television newsroom back in those days may have had only four or five people," said Bromley. "Now, it's close to 40. That's true everywhere. The big market stations have news staffs in excess of 100 people."

Bromley acknowledges that television is show business to a degree, but that his broadcasts appeal to the more serious fans. In other words, you usually won't find him trying to be cute or funny during a broadcast.

"You see a lot of stations doing that," said Bromley. "But a lot of stations aren't

doing that, either. We try to give a good, well-rounded sportscast in a thorough, concise manner. It's never been my style to be cute. I'm able to get by without doing some of that stuff. It all depends upon what the public wants.

"The problem with television is that you've got to appeal to a wide range of people," Bromley continued. "A great portion of it, 65 to 70 percent, isn't into sports that much. That's why you see a lot of this cutesy stuff going on, and I can understand that. But people accept me for what I am. I've been around for quite a while, and I'm trustworthy. You're trusted by people as long as you've done a good job in the past. Still, it's impossible to please everybody."

One specific problem Bromley's been able to avoid is a really embarrassing moment that some of the general public, and jealous critics, love to pounce upon. Once someone in the public eye makes a mistake, whether intentional or not, some people will remember him or her for that blunder for years.

"We're in a very high profile, domestic business," said Bromley. "The general public depends upon us. They know if there's something going on and they need to



Rob Bromley (right) With CBS's Brent Musberger

know about it, we're going to have it. Personally, I've been lucky I haven't made any terrible mistakes. We all make them, but hopefully they're not that noticeable."

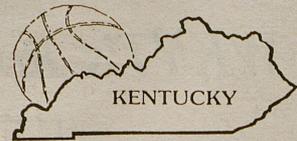
Which is where confidence comes in, he added.

"Sometimes, you just can't have enough of it," said Bromley. "You've gotta think positive and know that you're going to get the job done. It helps to have a good opinion of yourself, which I have. Because if you don't, how can you expect anyone else to?"

In his rare off time, Bromley likes to play golf, read and spend time with his friend, Dianne. His mother lives in upstate New York and his older brother, Ed, works for the government.

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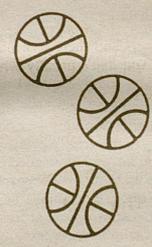
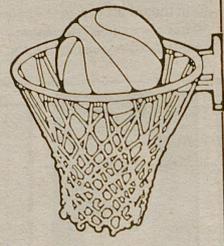
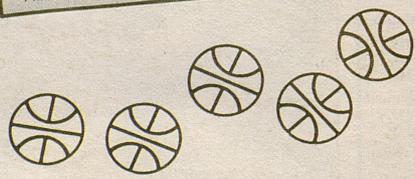
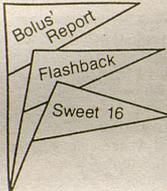
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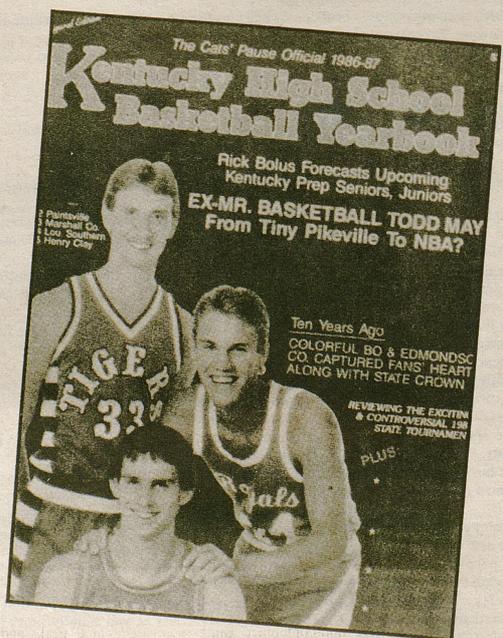
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Hate To Say It, But, 'I Told You So!'

UT's White 'Eyes' Coming Basketball Season

There's nothing worse than a guy who says, "I told you so!"

Earlier this season we wrote that a team's schedule is as important as its talent and with the schedules faced by SEC teams, it would extremely difficult if not impossible for any one of them to go through unbeaten.

Since every team in the league has lost at least twice except for Auburn (keep in mind that this is being written prior to the Auburn-Georgia game), steady yourself because here it comes.

We told you so!

We may never see another Southeastern Conference team win the national championship!

The six conference game schedule becomes seven conference games per year in 1988. Play the Floridas, the LSUs, the Alabamas, the Auburns, the Georgias and other con-



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

ference members every season, throw in non-conference games against the likes of Notre Dame, Penn State, Arkansas, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Florida State, Miami and others and there's virtually no way to win them all.

And that's usually what it takes to be No. 1 in the national polls.

You simply cannot keep a football team on an 11-game high. There are always going to be peaks and valleys. That's where the independents have gotcha.

They know where their peaks are so they schedule a valley before and/or after. If they play two tough ones in a row there's always a stretch of pushovers to compensate.

The coach of the top independent doesn't have to think up inspirational tricks 11 consecutive Saturdays. He knows he'll win five or six on just having superior talent alone.

The Best Conference? Big Eight? Big Ten? — No Way!

The most overrated conference in the country is the Big Eight. It is basically the Big Two and the Little Six.

Tell me, who in that league can compete with Oklahoma and Nebraska year in and year out?

Occasionally, Colorado will slip up and knock off one of the big boys, as it did this year with Nebraska, but basically the Sooners and the Corn Huskers have a free ride until the last Saturday of the season. Then they decide the conference championship by playing each other.

Then let's look at the Big Ten. People in that area will tell you in an ever lovin' minute that the finest college football in the country is played in their league.

Don't you believe it for a minute!

Michigan and Ohio State are Snow White and her prince, but the other league schools are the Seven Dwarfs, plus one.

Only the Pac 10 approaches the SEC in overall balance. Sure, Washington State, California and the two Oregon schools are normally pushovers, but USC, UCLA, Washington, Arizona, Arizona State and even Stanford can be relied on to beat each other.

The ACC has good balance, but most experts regard it as a basketball league. At the start of this season the SEC had beaten the ACC 72 percent of the time.

Now the problem with all this is that voters participating in the top two polls—*AP* and *UPI*—do not take schedules into consideration.

If they did, we would never have seen Brigham Young crowned national champion in 1984, off basically, a four or five game schedule.

The pollsters give as much credit to a win over East Carolina as they do to a victory over Florida or LSU or Alabama.

Unfortunately, they also give more credit to a win over East Carolina than they do to a one point loss to Florida or LSU or Alabama.

Parity, Depth Hurts SEC Where It Counts — At The Polls

As long as who you play does not matter so much as how you come out, conferences with balance, such as the SEC, are going to be at a severe disadvantage in the voting for national honors. We just have too much ability to beat each other.

The SEC hasn't had an unbeaten and untied team since Georgia went 11-0 in 1982. In fact, counting the 1986 campaign, our league has only had six perfect-season teams since 1967.

That's the way it has been and the way it's going to be. Despite the high caliber of SEC football, only Auburn and Ole Miss had weak sister schedules this year. It will be uncommon for one of ours to successfully wade through six or seven conference rivals, plus four or five non-conference games against talented peaks-and-valleys opponents.

As a result, the SEC will always have several in the Top 10, but very few will finish

as the "Top One."

Think about that when a Miami team which played the likes of Northern Illinois, West Virginia, Cincinnati, Tulsa and East Carolina or a Penn State with might triumphs over Temple, Boston College, East Carolina, Cincinnati, Rutgers and West Virginia is named national champion.

And remember, we told you so!

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Depending on how things fall, as many as eight conference teams could be in some bowl game this year. Only **Vanderbilt** and **Kentucky** are definitely out of the picture. Even **Tennessee** with five losses is a possibility, but of course, the Vols cannot stand to lose or tie another game. Don't forget, this is written before their meeting with Ole Miss . . . **Heisman Trophy** ballots have been mailed to the voters who have until Dec. 5 to make their selections . . . A TV station in Michigan pre-empted four of ABC's first eight college football telecast in order to carry games of local interest. The network has now notified the station, **WZZM-TV** in Grand Rapids, that as a result, they won't be offered any more network games this season. Big Brother has a very heavy hand . . . Prior to last Saturday's game **Florida** had scored 40 points against **Kentucky** in their 1984 and 1985 meetings, but 27 of those points had come on field goals. The Gators had crossed the Wildcat goal line only twice in two years . . . **Galen Hall's** permanent appointment as Florida's head coach was not announced on the campus at Gainesville. Hall was awarded the job in the Kentucky locker room after beating the 'Cats at Lexington in 1984 . . . **LSU's** game with **Notre Dame** will be on ESPN. The Tigers have never lost an ESPN game. They are 4-0 when being shown on the cable network . . . When **Ole Miss** played Tennessee last Saturday, nine of the Rebel players came from the Volunteer State . . . The **Rebels**, in an effort to build a crowd for the game, offered a "Buy One West End Zone Ticket and Get One Free" packet. Further, the school then offered East End Zone reserved seats for \$5 each. It didn't work. The crowd was only about 30,000 . . . The SEC has two candidates among the finalists named for the **Lombardi Trophy**, which is given annually to the college lineman of the year. One is **Ben Tamburello**, center for Auburn, and the other is **Cornelius Bennett**, Alabama's great outside linebacker . . . **Auburn** rented portable lights for



Pat Dye — 'It's Not How You Start, But How You Finish'

their games with Cincinnati and Georgia. The school's regular lights were not available in full because of stadium rebuilding. The portables on the East side cost \$30,000 per game with the money taken off the top of the TV rights fee before the split was made between the participating schools and conferences . . . **Pat Dye**, in trying to get his team back up for their final three games after the devastating one-point loss to Florida: "I told the players that people remember how you finish, not how you start." . . . **Tennessee's** preseason basketball All-American guard, **Tony White**, has been fitted for contact lenses. White says: "I'm seeing a lot better. Last year I was just shooting in the direction of the nets." Throwing the ball up blindly, White led the league with a 22.2 average. Can you imagine what he'll do this year now that he can see the basket? . . . Anyone who thinks **Kentucky** will run away from the league in basketball isn't being fair to coach **Eddie Sutton** and his team. Injuries and disciplinary measures have reduced the Wildcats to only eight scholarship players. In our book, this eliminated all possibility that the 'Cats will dominate the Southeastern Conference. You don't lose a **Winston Bennett** and a **Cedric Jenkins** without feeling the impact. Look for the closest SEC race in years . . . **The Last Word:** We're indebted to *Cats' Pause* columnist **Bob Watkins** for this priceless gem. In an interview with Watkins, North Carolina coach **Dean Smith** illustrated today's priorities with this comment about the time seven-footer **Ralph Sampson** was being recruited out of high school. "The Valedictorian of Sampson's senior class said he was going to school at Harvard, and the Governor was asking Ralph to stay in the state."

'Cats Shock 'Big Boys'

Kentucky Near Perfect In

By Nick Nicholas

Kentucky 10, Florida 3.

No, this is not a misprint.

A total team effort by Jerry Claiborne's troops enabled the Wildcats to upset Kerwin Bell and the streaky Gators from Gainesville.

Past records reveal the Wildcats seem to have trouble against the SEC's big boys.

This time it was Kentucky, not the opponent which put pressure on the quarterback.

This time it was the opponent, not Kentucky which dropped catchable passes.

This time it was Kentucky, not the opponent which kept a team out of the end zone for 60 minutes.

This time it was Kentucky, not Florida ahead on the scoreboard when the final tick clicked.

"Obviously, we're really happy," said Jerry Claiborne, whose record at UK now stands at 25-28-3. "We played very, very good football. We didn't have a single turnover. They had a couple that hurt and that's what we were able to capitalize on."

Kentucky, now 5-4-1, still entertains hopes of earning a postseason bowl bid. If UK can win at Tennessee then the Wildcats will journey to Memphis, Tenn., to play Minnesota.

"It's now a one-game season," said quarterback Bill Ransdell, whose team was without the services of back Ivy Joe Hunter. "We're in a position they (Volunteers) were in last year. They beat us (1985) they go to the Sugar Bowl; if we beat them we can salvage a winning season and a shot at a bowl game."

"To us it's the Tennessee game. That should be enough for us."

A one-yard touchdown run in the first quarter gave the home folks all they needed. Jeff Dawson (22 yards) and Joe Worley (34 yards) proceeded to trade field goals as Kentucky held on to defeat Florida for the first time since 1979.

Senior Tony Mayes probably turned in his best performance of his collegiate career. Mayes, one of 19 Wildcat seniors playing in their final contest at Commonwealth Stadium, was credited with breaking up four Bell passes.

His hit on Ricky Nattiel late in the ballgame caused the All-SEC receiver to fumble the ball. When the ball popped loose, Mayes recovered at the UK 34 with less than a minute remaining.

Not since '84 has the feeling of beating one of the conference's best entered UK's postgame activities.

"This is the biggest," said Mayes afterwards when asked how sweet the victory was. "Everyone played together. The seniors had a meeting last night. We just talked among ourselves that we've just put in too much hard work. We've been through to much—winter workouts, spring ball and all this stuff—to throw it all away."

"All the seniors played hard today and all of the other players helped us win. We just put it all together."

Tony, what about your big play which sealed the victory?

"We were in man coverage. . . he (Nattiel) was open and he beat me by a couple of steps. I just came over and stripped it. I saw the ball on the ground, so I just popped on it."

"That was the ballgame right there."

Saturday's Statistics Show UK Defense Came To Play

Kentucky's wide-tackle-six scheme, which has taken more than its share of criticism, worked to perfection on this chilly Saturday afternoon.

Led by its explosive quarterback, Florida tallied 31 points the week before against Georgia. In that contest, Bell hit on 20 of 31 attempts for 272 yards.

Against Kentucky, Bell connected on only seven of 24 aerials for 145 net yards. Four times Mayes spoiled Bell's hopes with nifty knock downs. However, at least three passes to Gator receivers were dropped.

Bell's only completion in the first half came when receiver Darrell Woulard hauled in a bullet near midfield and raced all the way to UK's five.

Like it did two years ago against the Gators, UK's defense stopped UF outside the goal line. Following Ron Robinson's hit on running back James Massey for no gain, Bell then misfired on two attempts.

"The big thing is that we controlled the ball (41:02 for UK, 18:58 for Florida)," said Claiborne. That's the best defense you can have—by them sitting on the bench."

Although Florida came up with an easy chip shot in the second stanza, the partisan Wildcat crowd gave the defense a standing ovation.

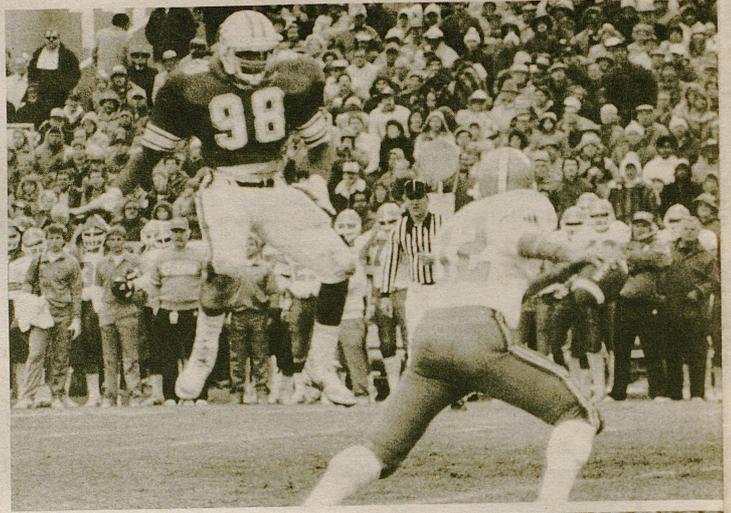
In defense of Bell, Kentucky blitzes, mainly from Carwell Gardner and Jay Dortch, kept the preseason Heisman candidate off balance for most of the game.

"Kentucky blitzed somewhat more than we expected," said Galen Hall, who saw his team fall to 5-5.

"We didn't sack the quarterback many times," said Claiborne, "but we got near sacks and kept Bell off balance."

Fired-up 'Cats Jump Out To Early Lead

Playing on enthusiasm, Kentucky entered the intermission break with a 7-3 advantage over the Gators. Owensboro Senior product Mark Higgs rambled for 48 yards on 16 carries to pace the offensive attack.



(Clockwise From Top) Carwell Gardner Sets Sights On Bell; Then Moves I

Senior Cornell Burbage got the 'Cats on track with a 35-yard punt return. Forcing Florida to punt midway through the first quarter, Burbage took a low punt at the UK 33 and rambled down the right sidelines for 35 yards. For Burbage it was his longest return of the season.

The next two calls went to Higgs as the junior picked up eight and 11 yards, respectively. Kentucky's next play was typical of Jerry Claiborne's game plan on this afternoon—that is, it wasn't of conservative fashion.

With each game, UK is more and more using the exceptional talents of Dee Smith. On first-and-ten from the 13, the Paducah Tilghman product gained six big yards on a reverse to the right side.

Two plays later Kentucky faced a fourth-and-one at the Gator two.

"Go, go," cheered the partisan Wildcat crowd. "Go" the Big Blue did as Mark Logan dashed past the markers for three yards. And on the very next play Higgs leaped over right tackle for the game's initial score.

Joe Worley's 49th career extra point attempt without a miss gave UK a 7-0 lead with 1:07 remaining in the first quarter.

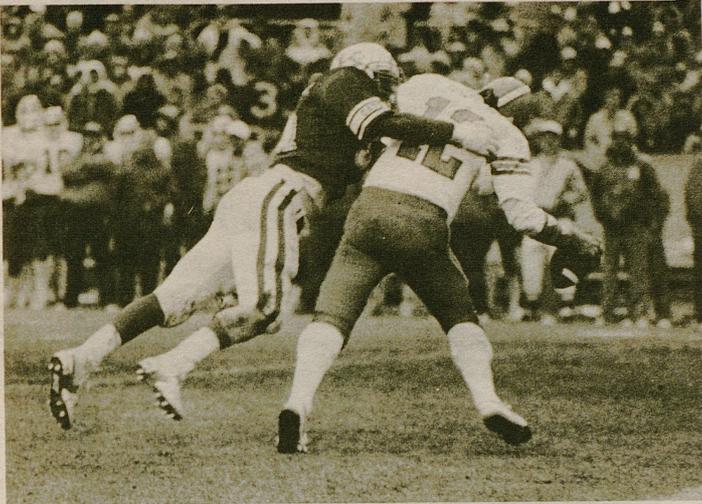
Twice in the second quarter, Worley missed on field goal attempts (51 and 42 yards). Prior to Worley's first miss, the Gators handed UK an early Christmas gift as Mike

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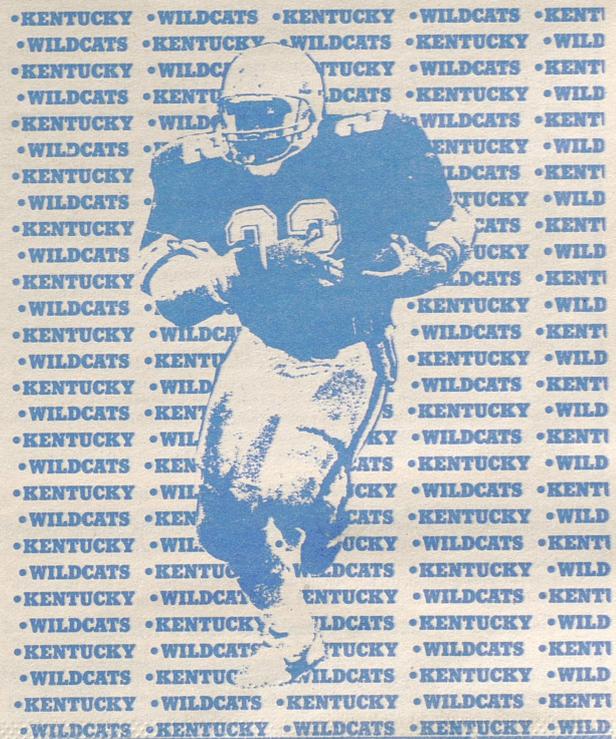
In 10-3 Taming Of Gators



His towering 39 yard effort forced Kerry Watkins to call for a fair catch at the UF 17. Three plays later Nattiel and Florida coughed up a chance for the victory.

Gator-Wildcat Tidbits

The win over Florida assures Kentucky of at least a .500 mark. . . For University of Kentucky president **Dr. Otis Singletary** and assistant athletic director **Frank Ham** it marked their last game at Commonwealth Stadium in their respective positions. . . In his postgame comments, Jerry Claiborne mentioned that **Mark Higgs**, **Marc Logan** and **Greg Baker** ran extremely hard. Baker, who's been injured during most of his career at UK, surprised Florida with a 14-yard ramble up the middle in the second quarter. For the game, Higgs was the leading rusher (95 yards) followed by Baker (20). . . **James Massey** was the Gators' leading ground gainer, picking up 27 yards on 10 carries. . . **Bill Ransdell** completed 20 of 23 passes for 161 yards, while his counterpart **Kerwin Bell** connected for only seven of 24 attempts (145 yards). **Cornell Burbage** was the leading receiver for UK, catching four passes for 60 yards. Higgs hauled in six receptions for 52. Bell was limited to only one completion in the first half (65 yards). . . Commenting on the dreary afternoon which mid-30 degrees temperature and a continuous light drizzle, **Galen Hall** said, "I don't think the weather played any part in the result. It was pretty good out there. The weather did not determine this game". . . As of Monday, Nov. 17, **Ivy Joe Hunter** was not listed on UK's depth chart. The sophomore back pulled a hamstring during his 238-yard performance against Vanderbilt a week ago. He still could be ready to play by this Saturday, however. . . **Mike Pfeifer**, who's missed the last four games because of injuries is expected to be back this Saturday. He was scheduled to practice on Monday. . . Against the Gators, UK used the shotgun formation, numerous shovel passes and more blitzes than you could imagine. UK dipped into its bag of tricks on the first play of the game. Ten 'Cats lined up on one side as Ransdell picked up the ball and dished it off to Logan. . . Bell's 65-yard gem to **Darrell Woulard** was the Gators' longest of the season. . . Reportedly, UF receiver **Ricky Nattiel** runs the 40-yard dash in 4.29 seconds. Whew! . . . Kentucky's next opponent, Tennessee, will have star fullback **William Howard** back in the lineup for Saturday's Beer Barrel matchup. Howard is a close friend of UK senior receiver **Eric Pitts**. . . Last Saturday's start against Florida was Higgs' first start of his career. Defensive lineman **Scott Endris** was suspended indefinitely from the UK squad last weekend after being charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.



Then Moves In For Kill; Tony Mayes Goes Airborne; Mark Higgs Breaks Lose

Velotta recovered a Massey fumble on UF's 31. Kentucky, meanwhile, netted a minus-three yards on its next three plays.

Tesar's Boot Put Gators In A Trap

Late in the contest Florida still had a shot of pulling this one out. Kentucky's offense, though, made sure that the Gators would have little time in order to grasp victory from the jaws of defeat.

With the 4:45 left in the contest and Kentucky holding on to the ball, the pressure rested on the Gators' defense.

The Wildcats, meanwhile, racked up a BIG, BIG first down on third-and-seven from the UK 33. Ransdell's pass to Higgs netted 14 yards and more importantly a first down. Florida's defense held its ground on the next three plays, but only a little more than a minute remained.

UK punter Jeff Nelson had been having trouble all afternoon. The sophomore specialist averaged only 26 yards on four attempts.

On came last season's No. 1 punter, Jay Tesar.

Although it wasn't the longest kick in his brief career, it might have been the biggest.

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Enduring Effort Earned Velotta His Stripes

Senior Hopes UK Career Ends With A Win

When the Kentucky Wildcats set foot on the turf at Tennessee's Neyland Stadium Saturday, it will be the last game for a handful of Wildcat seniors. For senior defensive tackle Mike Velotta the game will conclude a career that started without a scholarship. Velotta, who walked on at UK when Jerry Claiborne arrived on the scene in 1982, eventually earned a scholarship through perseverance and plain old hard work. But it wasn't until he got fully adjusted did everything seem to fall into place.

"It was pretty difficult at first," said Velotta of his emergence from non-scholarship to scholarship player. "I didn't know anybody here. But once I got to know all the players and understood they were going through the same thing I was going through, it got a lot easier."

Regarded as one of Kentucky's better pass rushers, Velotta wants to end his senior year with a victory over arch-rival Tennessee. If you'll recall, last season the Volunteers



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Cats' Pause Columnist

embarrassed Kentucky 42-0 in Commonwealth Stadium.

The loss still burns brightly in the minds of the Wildcat players.

"That was the lowest point of the season," remembered Velotta. "We were only down 6-0 at the half. I thought we had a good chance to win but everything fell apart in the second half."

Though revenge weighs heavily on his teammates' minds, Velotta realizes there will be two different teams meeting this Saturday. Especially when you take into consideration that the Vols will be below the .500 mark going into the battle for the Beer Barrel.

"We do want revenge of a 42-0 defeat," said Velotta. "But you're not playing for last year. You're playing for this year. It's different teams with different players."

The outcome of last season took a different direction than Velotta had planned. With a wealth of returning starters coming back from a Hall of Fame Bowl championship team, expectations were flying high for the Wildcats. However, the overall attitude of the team was not where it was supposed to be.

"We had a lot of experience coming back," Velotta said of last year's 5-6 team. "But the attitude was bad. Guys just didn't seem to play for their teammates. They wanted to play for themselves. The result was we didn't get to a bowl game."

Was SEC Defensive Player Of The Week During '85 Campaign

Though the losing season was hard to endure, the 1985 campaign did have its highlights for Velotta. One of those came during a 33-19 victory over Mississippi State in which he was named the SEC's Defensive Player of the Week.

"That was a game I won't forget," recalled Velotta. "I had a couple of sacks and caused a fumble. I also stopped a fourth down play that led to us scoring a touchdown."

Coming off last season, Velotta was ready to hit the '86 season in full stride. However, he suddenly became slowed down by a dislocated elbow which occurred during an intrasquad scrimmage two weeks prior to the start of the season. The injury happened when a running back ran into his arm while it was tangled up with an offensive lineman.

"I'm totally recovered," said Velotta, who protects the ailing elbow with a rubber cast in an effort to keep it from being overextended. "But I'm still ready to play. "It's my senior year and you have to play with those type of injuries."

Although he's not 100 percent healthy, Velotta thinks his defensive teammates have played to their ability when they've been able to run on all cylinders. He believes the defense is at its peak when the intensity level rises a few notches.

"I think we have played well when we carry out our responsibilities and play with a lot of emotion and aggressiveness," said the Highland Heights, Ohio, native. "But when we don't play with a lot of intensity like in the Ole Miss game, they just run all over us."

Because he wasn't a highly touted high school prospect, Velotta needed some sincere support from his position coach Rod Sharpless in order to compete on the major college level. Sharpless, who played for Jerry Claiborne at Maryland and now coaches the Wildcats' defensive tackles, is somebody Velotta truly appreciates for his development as a defensive lineman.

"He is fair and a good motivator, Velotta said. "Coach Sharpless is a heck of a coach and individual. Off the field he is a super person. I have a lot of respect for him."

Big Play Lacking From This Year's Wildcats

However, both Sharpless and Velotta would agree that this season has been mostly disappointing. That is particularly the case looking back at the tie to Rutgers and the 'close but no cigar' losses to LSU and Virginia Tech.

"Yes, it's been kind of a disappointing season," admitted Velotta. "We never have

come up with that one big play that can turn a game around.

"For us, little mistakes have turned into big mistakes. Then during some of the losses the intensity level would go down. You can't do that against good teams like LSU and Georgia."

If there's one game Velotta would love to have back it has to be the LSU contest. UK went toe-to-toe with the nationally ranked Tigers but eventually came out on the short end of a 26-17 margin.

"I would like have that LSU game back," Velotta said. "We worked hard all week



UK's Velotta Hopes To End Career With Win Over Vols

for that game and were mentally prepared. But we made crucial mistakes that broke our backs."

Individually, he has set goals for himself and the team. Velotta says no matter how well those goals are reached, however, the satisfaction of accomplishing each of them never materializes.

"I think I have accomplished individual and team goals to a certain extent," said Velotta. "But you really never accomplish your goals because you're not satisfied with the goal you set first."

Although Velotta will never be completely satisfied with his last season at UK, he will always keep fond memories of his Wildcat career.

"I will always remember the experience of playing on the team, going to the bowl games," said Velotta. "I will also remember all the friends I have made and will have later on in life."

With plans of obtaining a public relations degree in the spring, Velotta already has a job waiting in Cleveland, Ohio.

"I will probably work for my brother at a uniform company. I will be a salesman selling career, industrial and sports uniforms."

But before he heads back to Ohio at the end of the fall semester for Christmas vacation, Velotta intends on following his favorite professional football team—the Cleveland Browns.

"I love the Browns," smiles Velotta. "I think they are going to win the AFC Central and get a chance to go to the Super Bowl!"

"I will definitely be going to Brown games when I get back."

Following his graduation, Velotta plans on keeping in touch with the Wildcat program. In fact, he says he will help the program in any way.

"I love Kentucky football," said Velotta. "It will always be in my heart. I will always keep in touch with it."

Though he says UK needs a winning season to enhance off-season recruiting, he believes Kentucky football is on the upswing.

"I feel the program is on the rise," he said. "The new facility (Nutter Center) is going to help recruiting. The players the coaches have brought in have been getting better as time goes on. The recruits seem to get better each year. They are getting better players. But we still need to be competitive in the SEC."

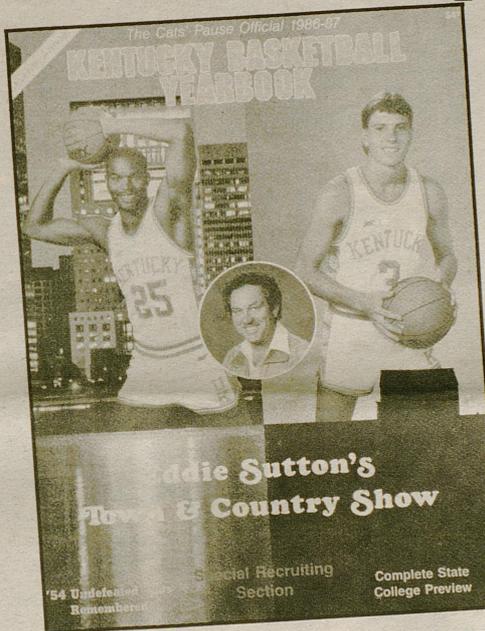
Meanwhile, Velotta is concentrating his thoughts on his final game as a college football player with the hopes of salvaging a successful season against Tennessee.

"I think it will be a great accomplishment if we can win the last game," said Velotta. "It would show the character of our team and the pride and confidence we have in ourselves."

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Patience Is Involved In Chapman's Timetable

Give The Kid A Break, He's Only A Rookie

Kentucky basketball fans almost always expect too much from highly recruited freshman players.

But the expectations for Rex Chapman are extraordinary even by Kentucky standards, especially now that Winston Bennett has been lost for the year with a knee injury and Cedric Jenkins has been sidelined with a stress fracture in his left foot.

"God gave Rex Chapman an awful lot of talent and he could be one of the best ever to play at the University of Kentucky," said UK Coach Eddie Sutton. "But I hope our fans and the media understand that there is a tremendous adjustment going from high school to college.

"I've never had a player exactly like Rex. He is not just any college freshman. But people still should not expect too much, too soon."



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

Amen.

The 6-5 Chapman has all the tools for greatness. He has great shooting range and a quick release. A 44-inch vertical jump enables him to score inside. And he's a great passer and ball-handler.

But he's only a *freshman*.

"Too much is expected from most freshmen," said Chapman, who picked Kentucky over Louisville, North Carolina, Georgia Tech and Western after a brilliant prep career at Owensboro Apollo High School. "I just won't be able to step in and do all the things people think I should no matter how bad they want me to."

He certainly did it all for Apollo. He averaged 25.8 points and 8.1 rebounds per game, hit 49 percent from the field and handed out 136 assists in 29 games his senior season to earn Mr. Basketball honors.

Chapman, though, understands that those stats and two quarters will buy him a soft drink now. And that's it.

He has to prove himself again in the collegiate ranks. More than one highly-touted prep star has fizzled in college.

"I want to perform and please everybody but it won't be that easy," said Chapman. "I understand how tough the adjustment to college basketball will be. But I'm not lazy. I don't mind working to improve my game and I know there are areas I can improve."

Talented, smart and a hard worker. No wonder Chapman's teammates don't mind all the publicity he has received.

"Fans have put more pressure on him than any player since I've been here," said senior guard Paul Andrews. "But he's handled all the pressure and attention very well. Rex works hard and he's a great person to be around."

Chapman's father, Wayne, is the head coach at Kentucky Wesleyan. Sutton feels that background will help his new star.

"It's a tremendous advantage to come from a coach's family," said Sutton. "Rex has grown up with the game of basketball and understands it. He knows the game."

Chapman, who had nine points and five assists in UK's scrimmage Tuesday in Louisville, knows his father will offer advice and support when needed.

"He won't get to see many games except on replay," said the UK freshman. "I can still call him, though, and talk about the games. He's already told me how important it will be to keep my confidence up when things go wrong. That's the type advice he's always given me."

"But I also feel like I can ask the coaches here for advice. I'm comfortable around all of them."

Chapman got his first taste of "Big Blue Mania" last year. After he signed with Kentucky fans packed high school gyms to see the future Wildcat.

"I never really followed Kentucky that much growing up," said Chapman. "But it didn't take long to learn that Kentucky basketball fans are crazy. They just go nuts over basketball. You have to put all that out of your mind and concentrate on basketball."

Maybe that's why Sutton decided to room Chapman with Bennett, the team's most serious player. "I've told Rex just to be himself," said Bennett. "I told him he can't worry about pleasing anyone but himself."

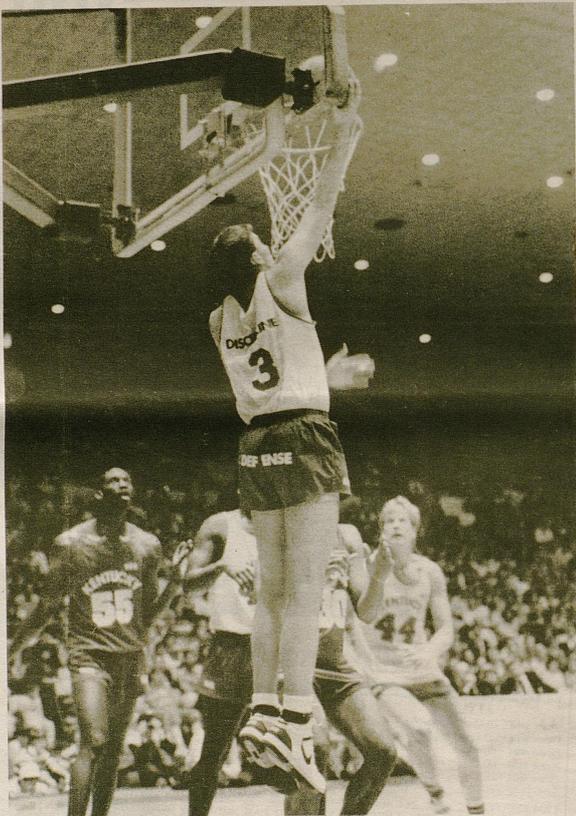
But even the Wildcats know the kid is special. They could tell that the first time they played basketball with him last summer.

"He's a great basketball player," said Andrews. "A lot has been written and

said about him but he's capable of making it all come true.

"Being called the best player ever to come out of Kentucky is a lot of pressure. But he's deserving of those type statements and as he learns our system he's going to be a valuable player this year."

No wonder the other players don't resent Chapman. They know his play and outside shooting, especially with the new three-point rule, could be crucial to the team's success.



Kentucky Freshman Rex Chapman

Chapman, though, has tried to downplay his importance to a team that went 32-4 last year and reached the NCAA Southeast Region title game.

"I haven't even played yet," said Chapman. "We have a lot of great players here who deserve more attention than me. I've got a lot of work to do before I prove that I belong."

But that won't take long. You can bet on that.

Sutton, Feldhaus Decisions Come As No Surprise

SEAN SUTTON'S decision to play for his father at Kentucky certainly came as no surprise. It was a decision the whole family had to know would eventually be made.

Seven months ago I spent almost an hour discussing Sean's recruitment with Coach Sutton and his wife. Even then it was obvious the UK mentor wanted a chance to coach his son. And it was just as clear that the son wanted to play for his father.

The player and coach both know there will be some difficult moments. Coach Sutton will be open to second-guessing any time he plays his son. But both believe they can endure the trying times and uphold the UK tradition.

KENTUCKY didn't have a hard time recruiting 6-7 Deron Feldhaus of Mason County, either.

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Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Three Years Ago

*Kentucky's offense was unable to dent the scoreboard at Commonwealth Stadium and although the defense played a highly spirited game, the 'Cats dropped a 10-0 decision at the hands of the Tennessee Vols. Both teams immediately accepted bowl invitations, UK agreeing to go to the Hall of Fame Bowl in Birmingham, Ala., and Tennessee setting itself for a date to play in the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

*Joe B. Hall's basketball Wildcats received a boost when California prep star Rob Lock signed a national letter of intent with UK during the November early signing period.

*The basketball 'Cats prepared for the season opener, an unusual one with the University of Louisville, with expectations running high in the commonwealth. The Wildcats were ranked in most preseason polls

among the nation's top four teams.

Seven Years Ago

*Kicker Alan Duncan booted a 25-yard field goal with just seven seconds left to play in the game as Tennessee pulled out a 20-17 victory over Kentucky at Commonwealth Stadium. With the win, the Vols earned a trip to the Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston, Texas. For Kentucky, which ended the year at 5-6, a win would have meant a bid to the Hall of Fame Bowl.

*Just moments after the 'Cats loss to Tennessee, Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. told UK supporters that he hoped to have Commonwealth Stadium expanded to 78,000 seats. He told recruits that he planned to have the stadium expansion done before they finished their final season at UK.

*Having bounced back from an overtime loss to Duke in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Classic, Joe B. Hall's 'Cats prepared

to journey north for the Great Alaska Shootout with senior Kyle Macy leading the way.

Twelve Years Ago

"Nothing went our way from the beginning," Kentucky coach Fran Curci said after his team lost a 24-7 decision to Tennessee in Knoxville, and more importantly, let a bid to the Liberty Bowl slip through its fingers. The Vols controlled the game as Kentucky's hopes were dampened when quarterback Mike Fanuzzi was flattened in the second quarter and was unable to return to action. Cliff Hite came in and hit seven of 14 passes and ran for 44 yards. Steve Compassi led UK with 95 yards on the ground in 10 carries. UK finished the year at 6-5, 3-3 in league play.

*Sonny Collins, despite missing over two games with injuries, led the SEC in rushing and was named the league's Offensive Player of the Year by *United Press International*. Collins rushed for 970 yards for the season, an average of 107.8 per game. UK tackle Warren Bryant was also named first-team All-SEC, one of only three sophomores selected.

*The UK basketball team scored a 103-65 victory over the Athletes In Action-East team. Led by 18 points from freshman Mike Phillips and 16 from fellow frosh Jack Givens, the UK team looked outstanding in its final tuneup for the season opener.

Sixteen Years Ago

*To no one's surprise, Kentucky has been picked as the favorite in this year's SEC basketball race, despite losing half of their scoring and rebounding punch with the

graduation of Mike Pratt and Dan Issell.

*Kentucky had four passes intercepted and lost one fumble as host Tennessee routed the Wildcats 45-0 in the season finale for the 'Cats. Tennessee led 14-0 at the half but then continued to roll against Kentucky's highly-rated defense. UK finished the year with a 2-9 overall record.

Thirty-One Years Ago

*An overflow crowd of 13,000 watched in Memorial Coliseum as the Blues outscored the Whites 97-91. Adolph Rupp was pleased with his center play as sophomore Tom Payne whipped expected starter Mark Soderberg. Payne scored 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds while forcing Soderberg into a dismal one of 16 shooting performance. Tom Parker led all scorers with 26 points while Larry Steele had 22.

*The 32,000 chilled fans who braved the cold temperatures to see the 51st game in this ancient rivalry were shocked as Kentucky, sticking to the ground for all but three plays, upset Tennessee 23-0. It was a fitting climax to the careers of 12 Kentucky seniors, none of whom had ever experienced defeat to Tennessee. UK scored in every quarter.

In the first quarter, Lou Michaels booted a 29-yard field goal. In the second period, quarterback Bob Hardy culminated a 79-yard drive with a three-yard touchdown run. In the third quarter, Hardy hit Howard Schellenberger for a 26-yard scoring strike. And in the final stanza, Billy Mitchell took a pitchout from Hardy and raced nine yards to find the end zone.

Wildcat Quiz

1. Yes or No? Does UK own a series advantage over Tennessee in football?
2. When was the last time the Wildcats defeated Tennessee in Knoxville?
 - a) 1980
 - b) 1982
 - c) 1983
 - d) 1984
3. What was the halftime score of last year's UK-UT game at Commonwealth Stadium?
 - a) Kentucky, 7-0
 - b) Tennessee, 3-0
 - c) Tennessee, 6-0
 - d) Tennessee, 13-0
4. What prize goes to the winner of the UK-UT game every season?
 - a) Old Oaken Bucket
 - b) Little Brown Jug
 - c) Beer Barrel
 - d) Cabbage Patch Doll
5. True or False? A Kentucky-Tennessee game has never ended in a tie.
6. What player led the SEC in passing efficiency last season?
 - a) Bill Ransdell, Kentucky
 - b) Kerwin Bell, Florida
 - c) Tony Robinson, Tennessee
 - d) Daryl Dickey, Tennessee
7. When UK running back Ivy Joe Hunter rushed for 238 yards against Vanderbilt, he was 43 yards shy of the school record for the most yardage in a single game. Who holds the record?
 - a) Marc Logan
 - b) Bob Davis
 - c) Sonny Collins
 - d) "Shipwreck" Kelly

8. What football coach has the best winning percentage at the University of Kentucky?
 - a) Paul "Bear" Bryant
 - b) Blanton Collier
 - c) C. A. Wright
 - d) E. R. Sweetland
9. True or False? Center Rick Nuzum was an All-American for Kentucky in 1974.
10. What UK signal caller holds the school record for the most touchdown passes in one year?



Answers

1. No. (23-49-9)
2. 1984
3. Tennessee, 6-0
4. Beer Barrel
5. False. (Nine ties)
6. C. A. Wright. (71 in 1903)
7. Bob Davis. (281 yards vs. Maryville in 1939)
8. C. A. Wright. (71 in 1903)
9. True
10. Babe Parilli. (23 TD passes in 1950)

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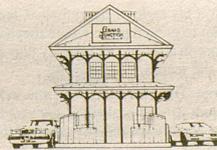


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Basketball Signing Period Rolls Around Again

Player Must Make Decision That Suits Him

Coaches all over the country are a little nervous this week. Potential recruits are eligible to sign with their respective colleges. All the road trips that the coaches make, finally pay off.

And from the results that have come in so far, at least after the first day of the early signing period, Kentucky hit the jackpot. After one day the 'Cats had five players in the bag—LeRon Ellis, John Pittman, Eric Manuel, Jonathon Davis and Sean Sutton—and were still hot on the trail of several more top prep players.

Recruiting can be a bit tough, because you never know if you have an individual until he signs a national letter of intent. Just because someone announces that he might attend a particular school doesn't necessarily mean that other coaches back off. In most cases, they may still be talking to a player's family and friends, trying to get them to persuade him to change his mind.



Dicky Beal
Cats' Pause Columnist

Coaches who recruit have one of the toughest jobs around. Only the strong survive. This year's recruiting crop will be a very interesting group. With Proposition 48 rule in effect for the second year, college coaches are looking for kids that have the academics as well as basketball talent. High school coaches are stressing academics and how important it is to enter college.

I really like the idea that high school athletes will have to be good students in order to play college sports. It will be interesting to see how Proposition 48 affects this year's recruiting class.

Many Factors Influence A Young Player's Decision

A lot of people wonder what goes through an athlete's mind before he makes a decision. A lot of times it's a dream to play for the hometown or homestate institution. In most cases the people who are closest to you want you to stay close to home. Major powers—Kentucky, Indiana, North Carolina, Louisville, Georgetown and Syracuse—can use their tradition to get athletes to leave home. Their exposure on the national level, as well as the visibility they receive from playing on national television, has a big impact on recruits as they make their decisions.

Not everyone gets to play for an Eddie Sutton, a Bobby Knight, a John Thompson or a Denny Crum. Now you have to have reasons to play at these schools. I can't imagine anyone wanting to play for Bobby Knight, but what he does with his players is super. He has a lot of discipline, but he cares about the well being of his players. He may be a tough, rugged coach, but he cares about the student/athlete both on and off the court.

The best way to tell how much the coach is liked is by how many former players return to visit the coach. Former guard Randy Whitman, who plays professional ball for the Atlanta Hawks, made it dear to me that most former IU players stay pretty close to coach Knight. It's hard to believe, but I guess anything is possible.

Academics have to be high on every high school athlete's list. Whether it's baseball, football, basketball or arm wrestling, you need to realize that most players have two chances to make it on the professional level—slim and none. And slim just left town.

Since Propositions 48 seems to be putting "student" back into "student/athlete," more and more "regular" students are feeling better about school. They don't feel like the athlete is getting any special privileges. With that in mind more athletes will probably get more help from the students as far as tutoring is concerned. If the athlete is willing, he can become a top-notch student as well as a top-notch ballplayer.

The Dicky Beal Checklist To Good Recruiting

If I had a son, I would make sure that he got into a situation that would benefit him.

1. I would tell him to go to a school that plays his style of basketball. I feel that is where a lot of athletes make mistakes. They want to go to a place where they can enjoy themselves, but you can enjoy yourself a lot more in a setting where they play the style that allows your individual talents fit in with the team's.

2. The coach has to play a very important role. Does he care about the individual, or does he just want to use the individual's talent to win basketball games? I'm sure coaches want good players, but if they don't care about what the guy does off the court, then why should he be there?

3. I would also make sure that my son would get the best academic help that is available. This is the most important part of all. I would stress that if he has his academics, then he has a future, regardless of what he does on the basketball court. If he relies on his athletic talent alone, he will only hurt his future. If a parent insists that his child gets his grades, it will be a tremendous help. If an individual grows up thinking that sports

is the only important goal in life, he may be in serious trouble. It's up to the people that have an influence on the youngster's life to help him make his decisions.

4. Who will the university be recruiting besides him? Is he very high on the list? Or is he the third or fourth choice? It makes a difference if he's the top choice. A good question to ask the recruiter is, "If my son signs now, will you be recruiting someone else to play the same position?"

5. I would ask my son what he wants to do. After all, he is the one who has to live with his decision. He will be the one that has to play. I would stress to him what his priorities should be, what should be important to him no matter how good a player



Eddie Sutton Pulls Off Recruiting Coup

he is. Experience is the best teacher, and I'm sure most parents feel the same way.

All the rules listed above don't mean anything if a player knows in his heart where he wants to go. That was my case. I had committed to play ball for DePaul. But as soon as Kentucky came calling, I didn't waste any time. I wanted to be a Wildcat.

I'm sure a lot of athletes feel that way, including Ellis, Pittman, Manuel, Davis, Sutton and whomever else Kentucky may be able to sign for next year. It means a lot when you play for one of the best programs in the country.

And that's something no one can ever take away from you.

Depth Chart

Because there are more players than available numbers, some Kentucky players will be listed as having the same jersey number.

Tennessee Offense



Wingback

- 4 Terrence Cleveland
- 5 Thomas Woods
- 80 Kennard McGuire



Tailback

- 28 Keith Davis
- 29 Vando Davis
- 36 Pete Pamuska



Punter

- 41 Bob Garmon
- 31 Jim Aszman



Fullback

- 32 Charles Wilson
- 25 Jim Miller
- 47 Greg Amsler
- 35 William Howard

Placekicker

- 92 Carlos Reveiz
- 94 Phil Reich

Quarterback

- 19 Jeff Francis
- 12 Randy Sanders
- 2 Moses Collins



Tight End

- 89 Tim Hendrix
- 98 Brett McBrayer
- 3 Nate Middlebrooks



Right Guard

- 75 John Bruhin
- 79 Eric Still



Left Guard

- 76 Harry Galbreath
- 50 Johnny Hibbett



Center

- 66 Todd Kirk
- 72 Ray Robinson



Left Tackle

- 57 Daryle Smith
- 67 Kevin Simons



Right Tackle

- 68 Bruce Wilkerson
- 63 Phil Stewart

- 87 Joey Clinkscales
- 7 Anthony Miller
- 83 Sam Graddy

Kentucky Offense



Flanker

- 4 Cornell Burbage
- 19 Dee Smith
- 33 Bill Shehan
- 19 Steve Phillips



Tailback

- 22 Mark Higgs
- 32 Ivy Joe Hunter
- 41 Greg Baker
- 29 Darren Bilberry



Fullback

- 23 Marc Logan
- 35 Andy Murray
- 42 John Groves
- 49 Mike Knox
- 30 Dwayne Mahan



Punter

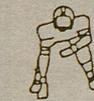
- 1 Jeff Nelson
- 16 Jay Tesar
- 3 Daniel Benson

Placekicker

- 15 Joe Worley
- 90 Scott Gillum
- 7 Eric Maust

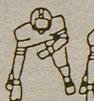
Quarterback

- 9 Bill Ransdell
- 18 Kevin Dooley
- 12 Bill Allen
- 14 Chuck Broughton
- 7 Eric Green
- 13 Tim Smith
- 11 Paul Winter
- 12 Jamie Ousley



Right End

- 80 Mark Wheeler
- 87 Martin Pennington
- 86 Rich Hadrych
- 82 Mike Meece
- 85 Stephen Stone
- 84 Patrick Porter



Right Guard

- 57 Dermonti Dawson
- 73 Butch Wilburn
- 50 Scott Haire
- 66 Brian Denham
- 77 Mel Skinner
- 83 Scott Rayburn



Left Guard

- 71 Brad Myers
- 64 Joe David Turner
- 52 Kit Walters
- 76 Russell Viel
- 61 Bill Hullette



Center

- 61 Ken Lange
- 51 Conrad Carney
- 63 Mark Brock
- 59 Gardner Sorrell
- 67 Brian Cralle
- 51 Chris Hatfield
- 56 Jim Hill



Split End

- 83 Eric Pitts
- 17 Tim Jones
- 21 Jimmy O'Neal
- 1 Mike Burries

Left Tackle

- 65 Joe Prince
- 72 Sam Rotella
- 75 Mike Pfeifer
- 68 Tony Mills
- 71 Mike Nord
- 69 Tom Crumrine

Kentucky Defense



Right Cornerback

- 3 Tony Mayes
- 8 Ron Mack
- 23 Anthony Gardner
- 13 Todd Meyer
- 17 Steve Trego
- 28 Jay Chabrak



Safety

- 26 Ron Robinson
- 28 Ray Gover
- 37 Todd Alligiere
- 17 Steve Trego
- 26 Steve Jerolaman



Left Cornerback

- 24 David Johnson
- 8 Ron Mack
- 46 Tom Coates
- 67 Chris Connery



Right Linebacker

- 45 Chris Chenault
- 53 Jeff Kremer
- 39 Don Yarano
- 48 Jeff Brady
- 49 Randy Holleran



Left Linebacker

- 40 Larry Smith
- 39 Don Yarano
- 44 Craig Benzinger
- 47 Joel Mazzella
- 58 Mike Cahill



Right End

- 36 Jay Dortch
- 98 Carwell Gardner
- 6 Tony Massey
- 40 Paul McDowell
- 30 Tony Zigman
- 41 Brian McKenzie



Right Guard

- 92 Vic Adams
- 93 Mark Schaff
- 92 Brad Thomas
- 60 Carlos Phillips



Left Guard

- 74 Tom Wilkins
- 99 Doug Houser
- 97 Scott Stubbs
- 95 Mike Meiners



Left Tackle

- 54 Jerry Reese
- 79 Oliver Barnett
- 96 Donnie Gardner
- 70 Tom Howard



Right Tackle

- 88 Gay Neal
- 98 Carwell Gardner
- 31 Mike Robinson
- 47 Tony Baird
- 38 Tim Reese
- 39 Ed Keenan

Tennessee Defense



Right Cornerback

- 8 Victor Peppers
- 1 Andre Creamer



Strong Safety

- 22 Charles Davis
- 30 Cedric Kline



Free Safety

- 14 Terry Brown
- 20 Charles Benton



Left Cornerback

- 86 Terry McDonald
- 13 David Pool



Right Inside Linebacker

- 52 Milton Gordon
- 45 Darrin Miller



Left Inside Linebacker

- 49 Kelly Ziegler
- 33 Keith DeLong



Left Outside Linebacker

- 55 Bryan Kimbro
- 88 Tracy Hayworth
- 44 Mike Kelley



Middle Guard

- 74 Bryant Hunt
- 91 Mike Whitehead
- 95 Fred Bennett

Left Tackle

- 65 Robby Scott
- 97 Orlando Reyes

Right Tackle

- 90 Marion Hobby
- 59 Mark Hovanic
- 99 Anthony Howard

Larry Vaught

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"If you are born and raised in Kentucky and grow up loving Kentucky basketball it is hard not to consider UK," said Mason Coach Allen Feldhaus, who is Deron's father. "It wasn't hard for UK to explain its program to Deron. "Deron was a Southeastern Conference person. Other schools came and called but the SEC schools were the ones that really excited him."

Feldhaus, one of the state's top candidates for Mr. Basketball honors, didn't worry about who would or would not be on the Kentucky roster next season.

"Unless you are an extra, extra special player you are not going to start as a freshman at a school like Kentucky," said Coach Feldhaus, who played under Adolph Rupp at Kentucky. "Deron realizes it will be tough enough just to get playing time let alone start."

LINEMAN KENT Carter of Corbin continues to attract attention from college football recruiters, including those at UK. The 6-5, 260-pound Carter is considered one of the state's top grid prospects.

"He has just had a fantastic year," said Corbin Coach Cotton Adams. "He's as good a kid as I have ever had at offensive tackle. He's a true blue-chip player. He's strong, aggressive and can block for the run or pass."

His only problem could be meeting the NCAA Division I 2.0 grade-point requirement. He has already met the college entrance exam standard, though.

Adams feels there are some other legitimate Division I players in southeast Kentucky, including tailback Dale Fox on his team. "He has size, speed and strength," said Adams.

The Corbin coach also includes running back Jimmy Baughman and quarterback Keith Morgan of Danville in his blue-chip list.

"You don't need to be a Phi Beta Kappa to know those guys can play," said Adams. "I don't know why a school like Kentucky can't see that."

Kentucky should also be looking at placekicker Bryan Barrett of Cawood. He has to be the state's best kicker. He recently kicked a 47-yard field goal in the rain against Danville in a playoff game.

"He is a great, great kicker," said Cawood Coach Jim Cullivan. "He's the best I've seen and has the potential to be even better."

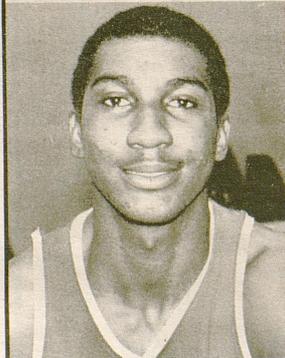
UK Signees

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players, in say, Lexington have. But he's smart, has good work habits and is willing to learn."

Davis has been forced to pull most of his duty in the paint. Playing in the middle in his junior season at Pine Forest last year, Davis averaged 18.5 points and 10.7 rebounds per game. But Fryman said that his star pupil has the ability to make the transition to forward at Kentucky.

"Well, he plays center for me because he's 6-8 and we don't have anybody else who's bigger than 6-2," Fryman said. "But he runs the court extremely well. He's got good speed



John Pittman

and quickness. He hits the offensive boards. He's got a real nice jump shot from 16-feet and in. That's as far as I'll let him get away from the basket.

"He's just got a real smooth, soft jumper. He's fundamentally sound. His best basketball is definitely in front of him, he will improve and get better."

If you're worried about Proposition 48 catching Davis, ease your mind. An excellent student, Davis has compiled a 3.4 grade point average entering his senior year. And two of his scheduled visits were to Georgia Tech and Notre Dame, which as you know have pretty good academic reputations.

Fryman said he was unsure whether Davis had taken the SAT or the ACT tests as of yet, but the coach said that he had scored in the 95th percentile on the PSAT, a preliminary test which helps students prepare for the SAT.

If there's one thing that Davis needs to work on in order to succeed in the college game, Fryman said it would be his upper-body strength.

"He weighs 195, but if you looked at his legs, they look like they belong on somebody who weighs around 250. He needs to develop his upper body and get stronger."

"He's not the kind of player who's gonna come in and set the place on fire, but I think he'll be a very popular player before he's through at Kentucky."

***DERON FELDHAUS** — The 6-7 forward from Mason County decided to follow in his father's footsteps and play basketball at UK. His father Allen, who is also his coach in high school, wore the Blue and White and played for Adolph Rupp for three seasons from 1960-62.

"He's a great Kentucky fan, and being from the state I'm sure that was in the back of his mind," Feldhaus said about his son. "That would have to be one of his biggest thrills, to be able to play there."

Feldhaus, one of the three leading candidates for Kentucky's coveted Mr. Basketball honors this year, averaged 19 points and 10.1 rebounds last season as a junior while shooting 58.1 percent from the field.

The first-team All-State selection by the *Lexington Herald-Leader* and the *Louisville Courier-Journal* also played with the Kentucky Junior All-Stars last summer and

scored 15 points per game.

To those who say Feldhaus hasn't proven himself against stiff competition, consider this. He went head-to-head in one game with 6-11 Romulus High School star Terry Mills, who was regarded as one of the nation's top two big men last year, and scored 25 points in the Royals' 67-58 win.

"I'm impressed with the kid," said Clark County coach Guy Strong, who has to play against Mason County and Feldhaus in the Tenth Region. "I've always thought he was the best of Allen's sons who played basketball."

"He's intelligent, has excellent hands and is a good shooter. He shoots exceptionally well for a big man. Even in high school, he can go out and hit the jump shot from the corner."

When asked what would help his son be a better player on the collegiate level, Feldhaus said, "Maturity. That will help him

prospect available this season. At 6-6, he reportedly is another one who "can do it all."

A member of Don Richardson's well-known Southwest Macon bunch, Manuel will be making his third Lexington appearance this winter as his team is scheduled to play in the Thoroughbred Classic (Dec. 20) at Rupp Arena.

"He's good enough to play with anybody," said Richardson. "I have confidence in his ability. Barring injuries, and if he works hard then he'll have a great future."

"He's just a terrific player."

This Georgia high school has produced some phenomenal hoop talent. Players like Norm Nixon, Jeff Malone and Terry Fair played for the Macon institution. There's something about Manuel which separates even him from those superstars previously mentioned.

"At this stage he's much better," Richardson believed.



Mother Patsy And Al Prewitt Await Sean's Decision

as much as anything. But he's good at all aspects of the game. He's just a good, tough-nosed player. He's a good perimeter shooter. Very intelligent.

"If you're looking for a real strong weakness in his game... I don't know if he has one."

Like several of the other new 'Cats,

"He's probably as good as anyone who has ever come out of here," noted Harley Bowers, executive sports editor of the *Macon Telegraph*. "Kentucky really came up with a good one. Everyone around here just raves about him. He's a good student."

"Don Richardson is very high on him and he's not one to spread the word on his players."

"He's just a helluva player out of a great program."

According to his coach, he's an excellent team-type player and should easily fit into Eddie Sutton's system. Is considered to be an exceptional shooter.

With the Wildcats loading up with inside talent, Manuel will definitely be a future contributor alongside guards Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller.

Richardson noted that Manuel has not yet taken his college test (ACT or SAT).

Manuel earned MVP at this summer's B/C All-Star camp in Georgia. Last season for Macon he averaged 18.0 ppg and 9.0 rebounds. He's definitely a prep All-America candidate, if not THE best high school player in the country.

His coach's only worry is that he hopes Manuel keeps on wanting to improve. If he does, then future Kentucky opponents had better beware.

"He's a complete sound fundamental player," Richardson said.



Johnathon Davis

Feldhaus won't have any trouble with Proposition 48. Feldhaus has already taken and passed the ACT.

***ERIC MANUEL** — Many recruiting experts believe Manuel is the best backcourt



Kentucky Picked (Gasp!) Fifth In SEC?

'Bama Favored, But Watch Out For Gators

Cycles and things. The last time a University of Kentucky basketball team was picked to finish fifth in the Southeastern Conference you were a twinkle in daddy's eye.

Never mind how old you are. The last time UK was picked to finish lower than third in the league that Adolph Rupp built, Eddie Sutton probably had a pacifier in his mouth. Certainly he had not learned to say "Mister Rupp" or "Mister Iba" yet.

The last time UK was a "middle of the pack" team, doctors were still making house calls, automobiles had to be crank started, and Franklin Roosevelt was talking "new deal."

Well, for the 1986-87 season at least, the SEC is a new deal and Kentucky has been dealt out.



Bob Watkins
Cats' Pause Columnist

"I love the underdog role," James Blackmon said last week. You got it.

But, what goes around comes around and, while Sutton was busy last week reloading his missile silos for next season a bunch of ink stained wretches got together at a posh hotel in Atlanta and picked Alabama to win the SEC. We picked Florida to finish second (I picked the Gators first). And Auburn was voted third, then LSU and Kentucky.

But Eddie Sutton stepped up to a microphone to talk with reporters in Atlanta Thursday morning with his jaw set hard. He stared straight ahead. No smile, no nonsense, no kidding.

"Last year everything fell into place for us. It was a real Cinderella season," he said. "Thus far this year everything has gone poorly (pause) until yesterday when we signed all those players."

Sutton looked up, put his hands on his hips and told us what everyone already knew. "The future looks bright (for Kentucky). We had a great day yesterday (pause) and we're not through yet."

Indeed, the spiffy new crop of UK colts includes three blue chips from among the country's 15 best. According to Street & Smith 6-6 Eric Manuel is a first teamer, 6-11 Leron Ellis on the second team, and 7-1 John Pittman on the third. To go with those, one of the finest players in the south 6-8 Jonathan Davis of Pensacola, Fla. and the coach's kid, Sean Sutton and a front line candidate for Kentucky Mr. Basketball Deron Feldhaus.

And, when Sutton the coach said UK might not be through yet the translation of that is this: Kentucky is among final two teams being considered by 6-8 Sean Higgins, a Street & Smith second teamer from Los Angeles; and 6-5 Jerome Harmon from Gary Ind.

Both are dandies. They would be icing on a cake that is already a double deck, super duper chocolate.

Summary translation: SEC heavies had better get Kentucky this year or else, because a new cycle of talent (and success) is rolling around once more for the school at the top of the SEC geographically and otherwise.

Alabama Coach Wimp Sanderson, whose club is picked to win the SEC, appraised it this way: "Kentucky signed everybody that was moving and some who weren't. The rest of us are playing for second (in recruiting). They even got the son of an assistant coach at Southern Cal. Kentucky ought to be in the NBA next year."

To save time for other things, Sutton was asked about just one of his signees. The one who came as the most pleasant surprise, Eric Manuel. A prize who was courted hard by everyone before narrowing to Georgia and Florida State.

"Eric Manuel, in my opinion, is one of the best coming out (of high school) this year," Sutton said. "He's a real quality player and a quality person. Coaching is going to be easier with Manuel and the other guys we've signed."

It was a red letter day on UK's recruiting front. But all may not be hunky dory.

If all things remain as they are today, Kentucky has 17 players for 15 scholarships next season. Sutton must be concerned, right?

Wrong. "I'll sign everybody we can sign," he said, setting his jaw. "I'll sign 50 if I can. We're still after a couple of pretty good players. And I don't intend to get caught in this situation (an eight man roster) again."

UK signee profiles

Following are profiles of the University of Kentucky's five official basketball signees taken from Van Coleman's National Recruiter's Cage Letter.

LERON ELLIS, 6-11, 220, Santa Monica, Calif. Averaged 16 points, 7 rebounds per game as junior. Extremely quick big man, can rebound and fill (fast break) lane at other end. Runs floor well, posts up well around the basket and has good touch to 15 feet. Was definitely most consistent senior post man last summer and is working hard at improving upper body strength. Potential in this package for future professional.

Comment Ellis has been touted as best big man in what is considered to be a weak crop.

JOHN PITTMAN, 7-0, 250, Rosenberg, Tex. Averaged 18 points, 14 rebounds and seven blocked shots per game. Most impressive physical specimen in the senior big man crop who is reminiscent of Moses Malone. Good shot blocker who runs floor pretty well, but offensive (development) is a long way off. Has limited shooting range, at present all his offense is the dunk. Will take patience to work him to his potential.

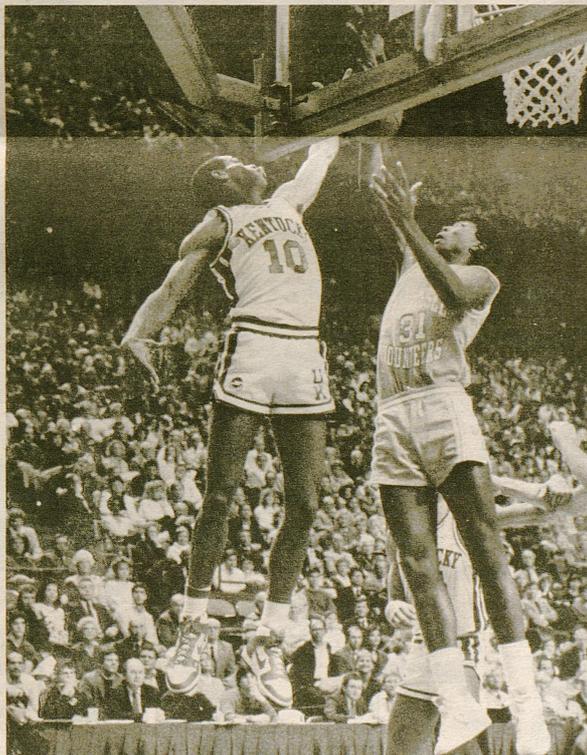
Comment Pittman may have trouble qualifying under Proposition 48. **JONATHAN DAVIS, 6-8, 200, Pensacola, Fla.** Averaged 21 points 14 rebounds as a junior. Good student, 3.0 grade point average. Big time athlete who is raw around the edges. Runs and jumps with the best. Shooting range out to 14 feet, but is best inside with hook and turnaround. Good rebounder who will get better with added strength. Potentially a big time scorer.

Comment To get Davis UK beat out Notre Dame, Georgia Tech and Florida. **ERIC MANUEL, 6-6, 200, Macon, Ga.** Averaged 24 points, 12 rebounds and six assists as a junior. Ultra quick wing man who can shoot effectively from 3-point area. Excellent ball handler and passer who plays hard at both ends of floor. Explosive offensive talent who will impact early. Plays for results not looks.

Comment Arguably the premier guard in the country and certainly the best in the south, Manuel chose UK over Georgia, Georgetown, UCLA, UNLV and Oklahoma State.

SEAN SUTTON, 6-1, 175, Lex. Henry Clay Averaged 19 points, six assists as a junior. Not super quick, but smart point guard who knows the game. Excellent playmaker, passer who shoots well from 3-point range.

Comment Word is Sutton will not only be redshirted, but, because of the number



James Blackmon

of UK signees, pushing the number of scholarship players to 17, two over the limit, might be listed as a walk-on.

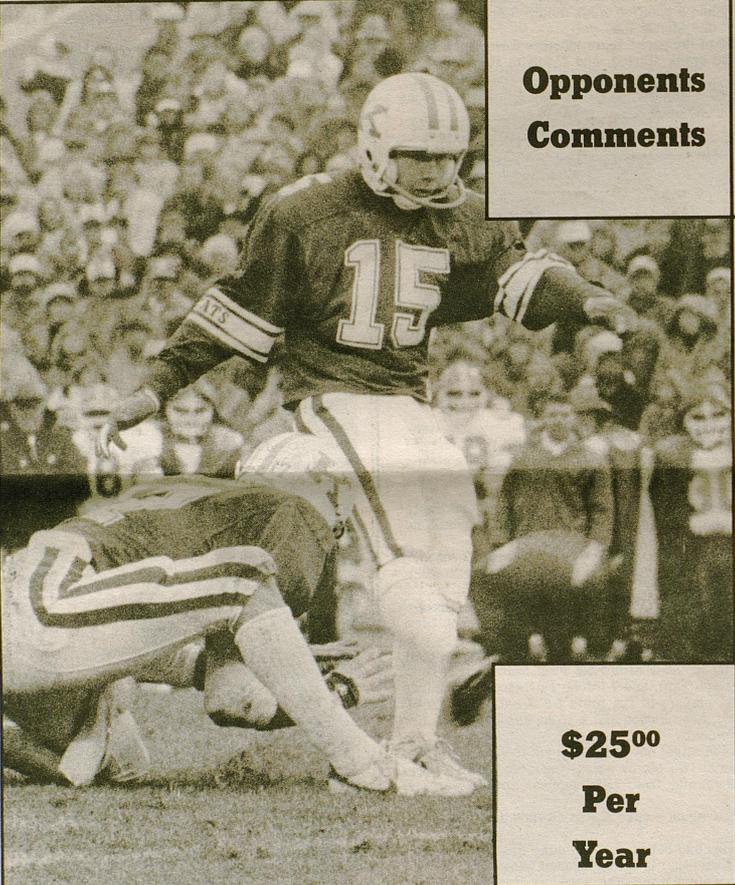
DERON FELDHAUS, 6-7, 205, Mason County Averaged 19 points, 10 rebounds and four assists per game as a junior. Solid student, 3.4 GPA. Excellent and aggressive defensive player who, although does not have exceptional quickness, is good at defensive end. Has excellent perimeter skills and is good passer and has 3-point shooting range.

Comment Kentucky style player in that he is aggressive and should fit into UK style.

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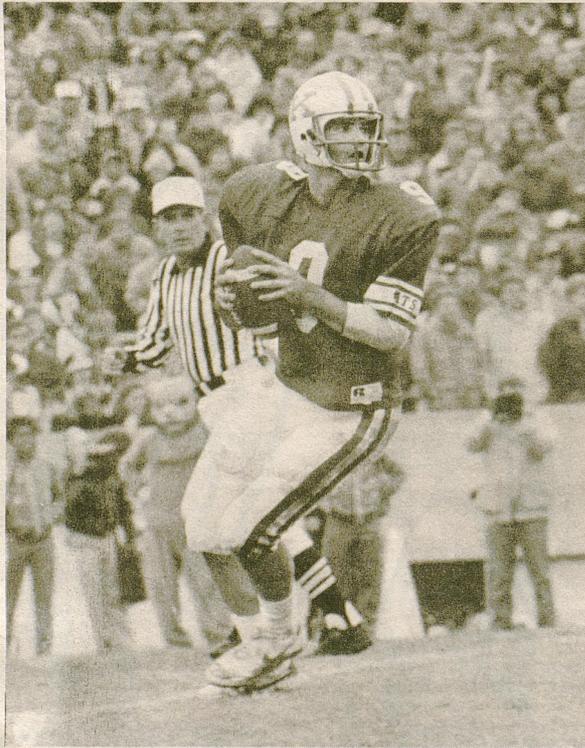
INDIVIDUAL TOTALS										TEAM TOTALS			UK		OPP	
RUSHING	G	ATT	YDS	YPR	YPC	TD	LR				First Downs	203	175			
Hunter	9	99	593	5.99	65.9	6	45	SM			Rushing	109	81			
Logan	10	104	503	4.8	50.3	5	37	CIN			Passing	81	83			
Higgs	9	104	461	4.5	51.2	5	24	VPI			Penalty	13	11			
Murray	10	34	104	3.1	10.4	2	15	OM			Rush Atts-Yds	470-2178	395-1757			
A. Baker	2	15	64	4.5	32.0	0	13	KS			Yards Lost	291	182			
A. Gardner	10	10	45	4.5	4.5	0	19	KS			Net Yds. Rush	1887	1575			
Ransdell	10	77	42	0.5	4.2	1	14	LS			Tds Rushing	20	12			
G. Baker	4	8	27	3.4	6.7	0	14	FL			Pass-Comp-Int	253-145-8	264-146-8			
D. Smith	10	5	40	8.0	5.8	1	26	USM			Net Yds Passing	1568	1707			
Groves	10	3	17	5.7	0.3	0	10	KS			Yds Per Pass	6.2	6.5			
Bilberry	3	4	13	3.3	1.3	0	6	USM			Tds Passing	3	8			
Nelson	10	3	-17	-5.7	1.7	0	10	SM			Field Goals-Atts.	14-20	12-14			
Dooley	8	3	4	1.3	0.4	0	7	MIS			Int.-Yds. Ret-TD	8-230-2	8-1611			
Allen	1	1	-9	-9.0	-9.0	0	-9	KS			Total Off. Plays	743	659			
TOTALS	10	470	1887	4.0	188.7	20	45	USM			Total Net Yards	3455	3282			
											Avg. Gain Per Play	4.7	5.0			
											Avg. Yds Per Game	345.5	328.2			
											Punts-Blocked	45-0	55-0			
											Punt-Yds.-Avg.	1824-40.5	2167-39.4			
											Punt Retcs-Yds	24-151	26-74			
											K*Off Retcs.-Yds.	35-360	39-2803			
											Penalties-Yds	67-581	66-615			
											Fumbles-Losts.	26-12	31-14			
											3rd Down Conv.	77-156	63-136			
											4th Down Conv.	10-14	12-16			
											Time of Poss.	314:16	285:44			

PASSING										RECEIVING										
G	ATT	COMP	INT	PCT	TD	YDS	LP													
Ransdell	10	227	136	7	57.4	3	1430	33GA												
Dooley	8	24	7	1	29.2	0	77	22LS												
Nelson	10	1	1	0	100.0	0	52	52USM												
Smith	9	1	1	0	100.0	0	9	9UC												
TOTALS	10	253	145	8	57.3	0	1568	52USM												

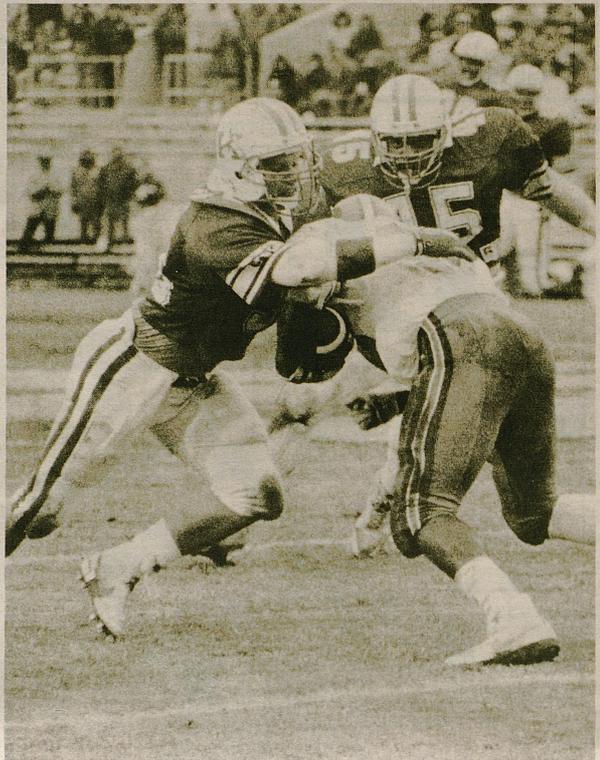
RECEIVING										SCORING										
G	CGT	CPG	YDS	YPC	TD	LP														
Burbage	10	21	2.1	277	13.2	0	30RUT													
Pitts	10	20	2.0	207	10.3	0	20RUT													
Higgs	10	20	2.0	182	9.1	1	29FL	Worley												
Logan	10	20	2.0	155	7.8	0	21LSU	Logan	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1
D. Smith	10	11	1.1	170	15.5	0	33GA	Higgs	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-0
Wheeler	10	11	1.1	138	12.6	0	17RU	Hunter	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1
Murray	10	10	1.0	128	12.8	0	27LSU	Murray	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-0
Hunter	10	10	1.0	111	11.1	4	7	22LSU	Chenault	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-0
Jones	10	8	0.8	92	11.5	1	22LSU	Curry	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-0
G. Baker	5	4	0.8	25	6.3	0	10USM	Johnson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-0
Curry	6	3	0.5	35	11.6	1	15UC	Jones	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1
O'Neal	9	2	0.2	27	13.5	0	18UC	Mays	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-0
Pennington	2	0	0.0	20	10.0	0	14GA	Ransdell	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-4
Neal	10	1	0.1	52	52.0	0	52USM	D. Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-0
Ransdell	10	1	0.1	8	8.0	0	8LS	TEAM	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-2
A. Gardner	10	1	0.1	5	5.0	0	5KS	KENTUCKY	26	1	14-20	19-19	0-5	0-2	219					
TOTALS	10	145	14.5	1568	9.7	3	52SM	OPPONENT	21	1	12-13	13-15	0-2	1-3	179					

PUNTING										INT. RET.										
NO	YDS	AVG	LP																	
Nelson	41	1648	40.2	67	OM															
Tesar	5	176	35.2	39	FL															
TOTALS	46	1824	39.7	67	OMS															

FIELD GOALS										LONG K										
ATT	MADE	LONG																		
Worley	20	14	49	LSU																



Bill Ransdell, Owner Of 14 UK Records



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KO RETURNS										1986 SUPERLATIVES										
YO	YDS	AVG	TD	LR																
Burbage	12	229	19.1	0	42	LSU														
Hunter	7	145	20.7	0	20	VPI														
Logan	8	136	17.0	0	26	LSU														
Murray	2	21	10.5	0	18	RUT														
D. Smith	4	104	26.0	0	42	GA														
Higgs	1	12	12.0	0	12	OM														
Curry	1	8	8.0	0	8	RUT														
Wheeler	1	0	0.0	0	0	LSU														
A. Gardner	1	-3	-3.0	0	-3	OM														
TOTALS	37	652	17.4	0	42	LSU														

SCORE BY QUARTERS									
QUARTER	KENTUCKY	OPPONENTS							
1	49	59							
2	68	68							
3	219	179							

1986 Results									
DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	AVG	TD	LR	REMARKS			
Sept. 13	RUTGERS	16	16	57,424		Receptions-6, Murray vs. LSU			
Sept. 20	KENT STATE	37	12	54,865		Yds. Rec.-103, " " "			
Sept. 27	at Cincinnati	37	20	36,233		Total Yds.--240, Ransdell vs. VPI			
Oct. 4	SOUTHERN MISS.	32	0	58,102		Points Scored--24, Hunter vs. VAN			
Oct. 11	at Ole Miss	13	33	28,000		Field Goals--4, Worley vs. USM			
Oct. 18	LSU	16	25	57,201		Punts--9, Nelson vs. MISS.			
Oct. 25	GEORGIA	9	31	56,820		Punting Yds.--407, Nelson vs. MISS			
Nov. 1	at VPI	15	17	30,300		Tackles--19, L. Smith vs. RUT			
Nov. 8	Vanderbilt	34	22	48,230		1st. Hits--12, Yarano vs. MISS			
Nov. 15	Florida	10	3	52,160		Punt Yds.--407, Nelson vs. MISS			
Nov. 22	Tennessee					Assists--10, L. Smith vs. MISS, RUT			

DEFENSIVE STATS										TEAM HIGHS AND LOWS									
TKLS	1st	Assst	S	Ks	TFL	TP	FC	FR	KT	BEST	OFFENSE	WORST							
Smith	125	58	68	0	1(-1)	0	1	4	37	vs. KS, CN	POINTS	9 vs. GA							
Chenault	90	58	32	0	3(-4)	1	0	4	30	vs. KS	1st. Downs	12 vs. MS							
A. Gardner	69	34	35	2(-16)	4(-4)	0	1	2	284	vs. KS	RUSH YDS	72 vs. MS							
Kremer	65	31	34	0	1(-1)	0	0	0	435	vs. VPI	PASS YDS	67 vs. VAN							
Neal	62	33	29	2(-6)	2(-4)	0	1	0	431	vs. USM	TOTAL OFF.	203 vs. MS							
Robinson	59	38	21	0	0	0	1	0	2	79	vs. VP, FL	TOT. PLAYS	61 vs. MS						
Wilkins	55	20	35	1(-14)	0	3	1	0	1	69	vs. VANDY	by rush	28 vs. MS						
Yarano	53	28	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	vs. VPI, GA	by pass	8 vs. VAN						
Reese	51	28	23	2(-1															

Bob Watkins

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with media-types always produces its share of newsy morsels and last week's gathering in Atlanta was no exception.

Coaches from the 10 SEC schools talked about everything from crusades to the USSR in pursuit of a *comrade recruit*, to another story about the legendary Adolph Rupp.

■ LSU Coach Dale Brown on Soviet basketball star Arvidas Sabonis: "He committed to us and desperately wanted to come to LSU. He's no Communist, he's not even Russian. He's Lithuanian. His last words were that he hoped 'coach Brown won't give up on me, that he'll contact me next year.' But I will not, unless I decide to parachute into the Kremlin."

Brown added, "There's no way I'm going into the Kremlin and say, 'Mikhail, gimme the kid!'"

■ Ole Miss coach Ed Murphy on the 3-point basket: "I'm sure other guys (SEC coaches) will get mad at me, but I love it. We had it in the Gulf Coast Conference last year. It'll open up the middle and add finesse to the game. It's going to make the center and important ball handler.

"A safe lead at the end of the game? Say, with a minute and a half to go? I would say 12 points might be safe."

■ Florida coach Norm Sloan said last month that UK is a "sacred cow" with the NCAA. That's why investigators have not pursued Kentucky more ardently.

"I was not misquoted, but it didn't come out quite the way I said it. No, I don't believe there are schools that are sacred cows. But the NCAA does Kentucky an injustice letting this thing be dragged out, hanging over them for a year. And I do think the NCAA is inconsistent in its investigations and judgements. But I don't believe individual schools are given special treatment."

■ Kentucky's Eddie Sutton on the NCAA investigation: "I haven't heard from them, but I wish they'd finish it up. I was afraid it might hurt us because there are some schools that use negative recruiting, use that against us with a kid. But we've had a great recruiting year.

"I will say that in the year I've been at Kentucky I've learned that lots of things that were said (in the Lexington Herald-Leader series) were not true."

■ Auburn's Sonny Smith on Kentucky being down to eight scholarship players: "I've been crying for three days. No, don't write that down. I'm only kidding. Seriously, nobody likes to see players get hurt.

"But Winston Bennett ... if you ever played against him one time you'd know why kick-boxing is so popular here in Atlanta. The guy is tough to play against.

About Kentucky's outstanding recruiting crop: "Waal, I guess that's a first for them, isn't it," Smith said. "Hey, what depth problem does Kentucky have? They've got a bunch of high school All-Americans there. They don't have a depth problem, they've got a playing time problem."

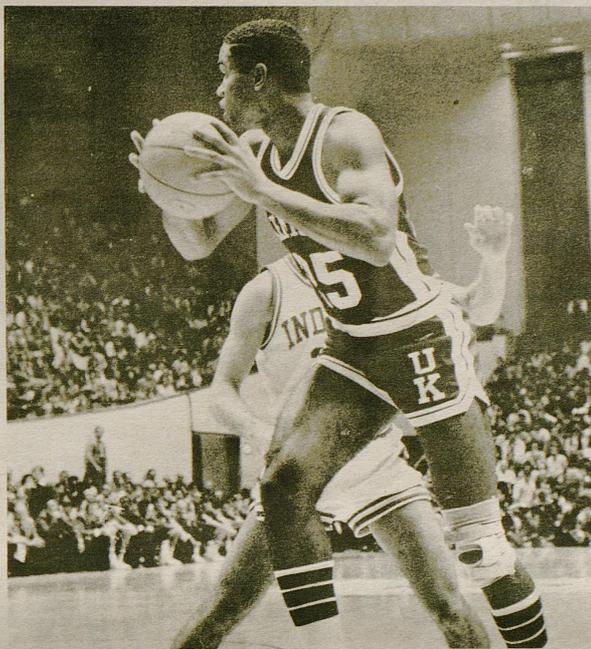
■ Georgia's Hugh Durham on UK's eight-man roster: "I feel sorry for Kentucky and I mean that in all seriousness. You don't like to see people get hurt, somebody like Winston Bennett.

"But let's not go overboard. Eddie (Sutton) says he's got trouble. C'mon. They said (Rob) Lock was a great player when they signed him. And (Richard) Madison's a great player. How many of you Tennessee guys (reporters) know he can play. You say 'where's Madison been?' He's been sitting on the bench."

■ Vanderbilt coach C.M. Newton remembering his days as a player at Kentucky under Adolph Rupp: "Hell, I watched more than I played. But you learn things that way sometimes. I was having a particularly bad day at practice once and coach Rupp stopped it and said, 'Newton, you remind me of a Shetland pony

in a stud horse parade. Now, go sit down!'"

"You learn from something like that," he added. "I've never called one of my players a Shetland pony. But I've had some that were."



Winston Bennett

Parting shot

Vandy's Coach Newton on Prop 48: "It's only a minimum standard. I mean you get 400 points just for signing your name. What we're doing here is keeping the functionally illiterate out of college and we should do that. But we should go a step further and stop recruiting kids we know cannot do college work. College isn't for everyone, never has been, never will be. But it has become so for athletes. We have to stop using these kids."

And so it goes. ■

Jerry Claiborne's Post-Game Comments

Following are Jerry Claiborne's postgame comments after Kentucky defeated the Florida Gators 10-3 last Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium:

Question: Your thoughts about the game?

Coach Claiborne: Needless to say we're very happy with the win. I thought our kids played very, very good football today. We didn't have a single turnover and that helped us. They had a couple that hurt them. That was one of the things we were trying to accomplish—get a few breaks and not give anything away. I thought our offensive line, at times, blocked very, very well. Down on the goal line when we scored the touchdown, that gave us a lot of confidence. We (UK coaches) are really pleased with the way they went after them. We didn't sack the quarterback many times, but we got some near sacks. I thought that was one of the keys of the game. It kept (Kerwin) Bell off-balance. The big key was our goal line stand right before half. That was a big, big play. Another big play was a hit (by Tony Mayes) on their last completion when they fumbled. We talked to our players all week about they were going to catch some passes but we had to be there to make the hit. Hopefully, we could get the ball on the ground (cause fumble) because that has happened to them some this season. I'm just as excited as I can be

about the way we played. I can't say enough about each of our individuals. (Bill) Ransdell made some pretty good runs. That helped us. (Marc) Logan ran hard; (Mark) Higgs ran hard. They blocked strong. One of our last drives, Logan just came out and blocked a guy right on his back. We had the adrenaline flowing. The big thing, though, was that we had very few mistakes. Our kicking game, again, was our most disappointing thing. We didn't take advantage of our field position with our kicking game. Again, when we really needed one (Joe) Worley put that thing right through the uprights. That was the one that gave us a little cushion and put a little bit more pressure on Florida. The big thing is we controlled the ball—41 minutes to their 18 (41:02 for UK, 18:58 for Florida). That's the best defense you can have—is keeping them sitting on the bench. To be honest, I was kinda surprised in the way we controlled the football. Our guys were really coming off the ball. I'm kind of disappointed that we didn't get more points on the board. We're really proud of the way they performed.

Question: What about Tony Mayes' play?

Claiborne: Tony could be leading the country in interceptions right now if he would just hang on to 'em. He played a great

game. He was in position to knock 'em down which means he was in position. If he could just hang on to a couple of 'em, like I said he would be leading the nation in interceptions. He played a great game; he tackled well and played good pass defense and knocked the ball down. I thought they all broke to the ball well on the pass defense. One time ... their receiver gave a real good outside fake and got inside on the long pass. I doubt if either Mayes or (Ron) Robinson could probably catch that guy (UF receiver Darrell Woulard) in a track uniform. They had to catch him and they did. That was a big, big play because it kept them from getting seven points. Mayes did play very well.

Question: How does this win rank with some of your others at Kentucky?

Claiborne: It has to be one of the bigger ones because they just got through beating Auburn and Georgia. It (the win) puts us above the .500 mark. We haven't been there in quite a while. We're happy to get above that .500 mark and it should give us some momentum going into the Tennessee game.

Question: What about your feelings of winning this game prior to Saturday?

Claiborne: I felt like we could win this football game. Last night (Friday) in one of our meetings we visualized our dressing

room after our football game. It was every bit as good as we visualized it. I felt like somehow or someway we they going to win the football game.

Question: Are you surprised you won the ballgame despite playing without Ivy Joe Hunter?

Claiborne: We always expect whoever plays to play good. Higgs responded very well today. Greg Baker made some clutch runs for us. The kids just played good. That's all I can say, they just played good.

Question: Were you pleased with your offense's execution of the shotgun?

Claiborne: We got some good plays out of it. That helps us on our pass protection because he (Ransdell) had longer to look at the coverage.

Question: Can you recall a stronger overall effort of Kentucky team since you've been here?

Claiborne: I think this one goes along with the one down in Tennessee (1984) and in the bowl game (Wisconsin, 1984). The fact that we didn't have turnovers was a real plus for us because everytime we got rid of the ball we either kicked it or scored.

Question: It's kind of been long overdue for one of these type games?

Claiborne: It's been overdue ... overdue.



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