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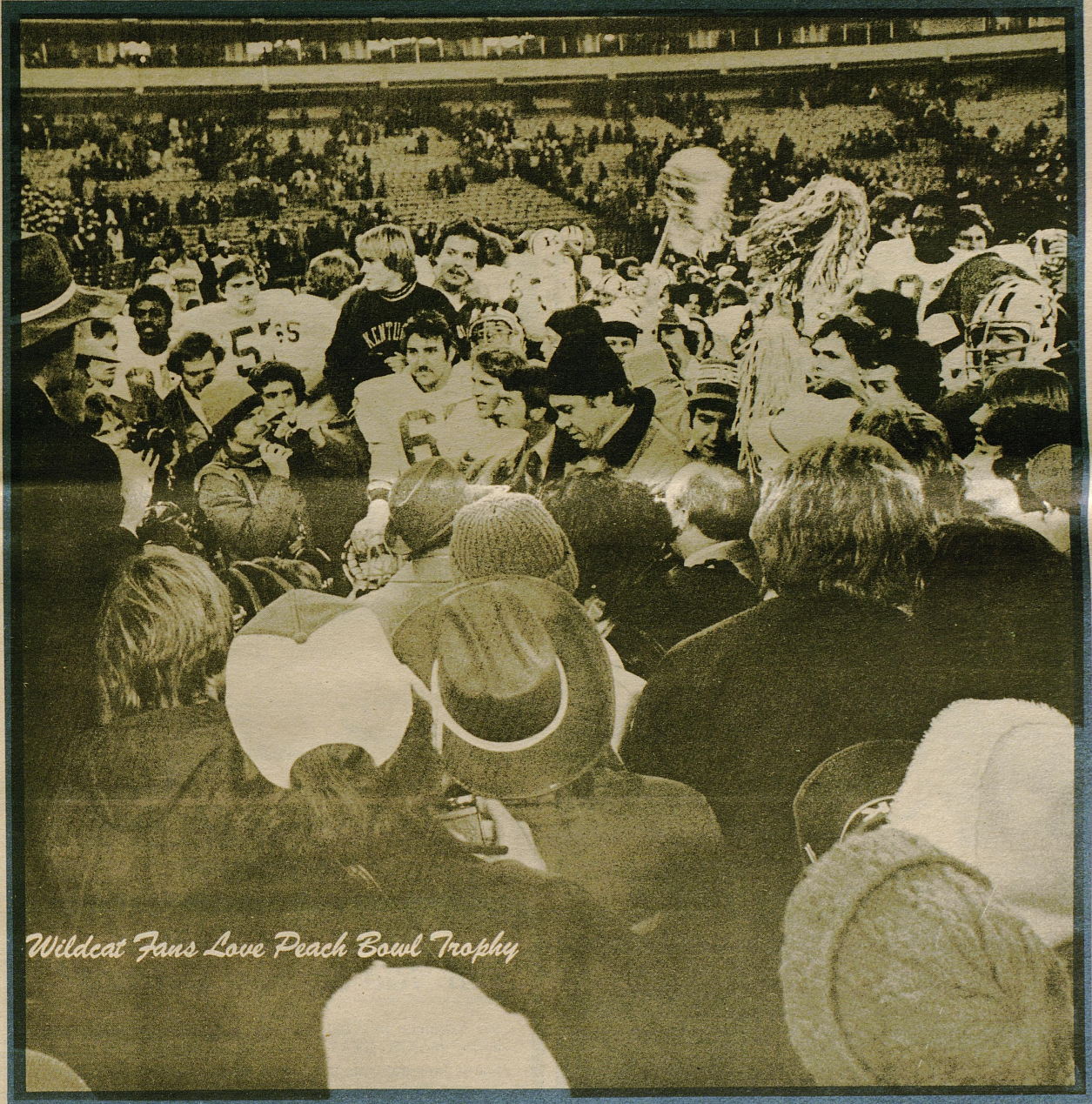
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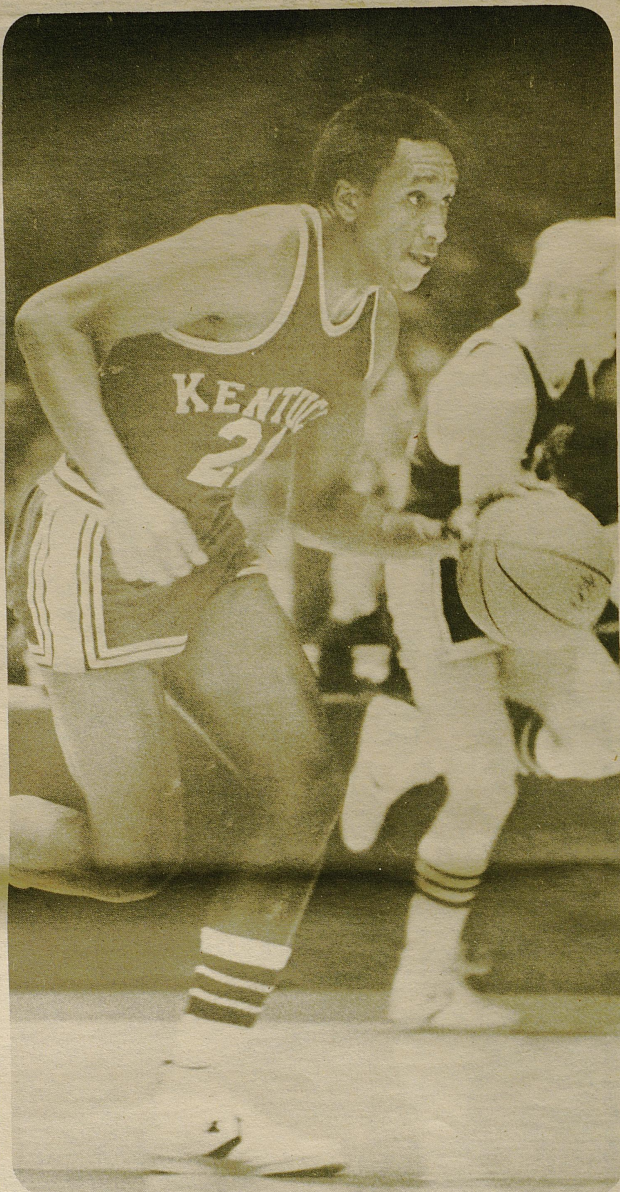
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WILDCATS

Goose Receives 53 Of 54 MVP Votes Against Notre Dame

There's a lot to talk about, so without wasting any of your precious time or our precious space, here goes.

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Kentucky's defense the final four games of the 1976 season shaped up like something **John Ray** (remember him?) would have been proud of. The Cats shut out three opponents, Vanderbilt, Tennessee and North Carolina and limited high-scoring Florida to only nine points.

Prior to the Vanderbilt shutout, the Wildcats had not put a collar on an opponent in over 110 games dating back almost ten years when the Cats whipped (guess who?) **North Carolina** 10-0 in 1966 season opener.

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It was some sight at the Marriott Inn in Atlanta last Thursday evening when some 10,000 Kentucky fans jammed the place to see a closed-circuit telecast of the Kentucky-Notre Dame basketball game.

Tickets sold for \$2.50 each but scalpers were getting as much as \$10 each. The demand was so high UK Alumni director **Jay Brumfield** managed to get the game piped into all the rooms on television.

Fans swarmed the hotel and knocked on strangers' doors, hoping to get an invitation to watch the game in their rooms.

Kentucky football players were caught up in the excitement and almost evicted by fans wanting to watch the game.

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One Letcher County, Kentucky, coal operator became so excited with a **James Lee dunk** in the contest, he ordered free drinks for everyone in the hotel bar where he was watching the game.

His tab for the round of drinks came to more than \$350 according to one official.

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Those 10,000 Blue and White pom poms purchased by the UK athletic department and distributed free to fans at the game was quite a hit with everyone.

"I've never felt so proud of Kentucky in all my life than when all those blue and white pom poms were waved as Kentucky raced onto the field," said one unidentified UK fan.

Well over 35,000 Kentuckians were on hand for the event, but Atlanta officials said as many as 2,000 Kentucky fans probably missed the

game after being snowbound in Tennessee.

By the way, guess where the Kentucky players stopped to eat dinner on the return trip from Atlanta. You guessed it, good ole Knoxville, Tennessee.

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ABC-TV's **Jim Lampley**, who has had his problems with the law as well as other people recently, must have ate his heart out if he watched his alma mater take on Kentucky in the Peach Bowl.

Lampley said on national television (just before he was arrested by police on an old drug charge) at the **Gator Bowl** that Kentucky got off light with the NCAA and indicated the basketball program should have been penalized more, and the football team was still able to play in the Peach Bowl. We know why the sour grapes now.

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Can you imagine anyone not voting for Jack "Goose" Givens as the Most Valuable Player of the recent Notre Dame game in Louisville?

After scoring 30 points on fifteen of nineteen attempts, one would figure his selection to be near unanimous.

It was close to unanimous, but one member of the press decided not to cast his vote for the Goose. Jack received only 53 of the possible 54 votes.

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After suffering through the 1976 season with little last half scoring, Kentucky exploded for 14 points in the final period after having scored only 27 points in all previous eleven games during the final fifteen minutes. With the full totals now in, Kentucky was outscored only in the fourth period, losing that quarter to the opponents by a final tally of 42-41.

Kentucky won the first quarter during the season by 55-28, the second period by 53-44 and the third period by 60-37.

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Although Kentucky will be on probation next season and won't be eligible to play in a bowl game, senior-to-be **Jim Kovach** says the possibility of finishing first (won-loss record) in the SEC will be ample incentive to get the Wildcats fired up for 1977.

One has to look at the **Mississippi State** program this past season to agree with Kovach. The Bulldogs were

going nowhere but finished with a brilliant 9-2 mark, one of the best in the school's history.

Kentucky has an excellent opportunity to match that mark.

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When Florida State takes on Kentucky in Louisville next month, there will be more than casual incentive for the Seminoles than just another game.

Coach **Hugh Durham** is from Kentucky and he called his team's victory over Kentucky in the NCAA a few years ago one of his greatest thrills.

There's another reason for the importance to this year's game. Florida State had joined the Metro Seven Conference which include such schools as **Louisville, Cincinnati, Memphis State, St. Louis** and others.

Since Florida State's schedule was long booked up, several games outside the conference had to be selected as conference games.

Just so happens, league officials penciled in the **Kentucky** game to count as a conference battle.

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Sometimes the best football stories don't come from the players, nor the coaches nor even the long-time fans.

Sometimes it's nice to talk with someone honest and innocent, like a nine-year-old son of a coach.

Derrek Bailey is such a likeable fella. He's the youngest of two sons of Mr. and Mrs. **Charlie Bailey**. Charlie is a defensive coach with the University of Kentucky.

Derrek, while riding back on a team bus to the Marriott from the Peach Bowl game Friday, talked about the life of a coach's son.

"It's not bad, I get to go to a lot of games, places like Florida and West Virginia," said the youngster who attends Cassidy Elementary in Lexington.

Derrek says his favorite heroes are **Jim Kovach** and **Rod Stewart**. Why Kovach and Stewart?

"I like Kovach because my dad coaches him," said Derrek, "and I like Rod cause he's good." How honest can one be!

Does dad bring his coaching problems home with him?

"He always talks about the mistakes when Kentucky gets beat," said the fourth grade student who likes both football and basketball, "but he gets real excited when we win."

Do the kids on the block look upon Derrek with envy?

"Sometimes they want me to get autographs of the players and things like that," said Derrek, "I tell them I'll

try to but they usually forget about it and I just don't mention it anymore."

While Derrek may be only nine years old, he's been around Kentucky football long enough to know which are the important games.

"My biggest thrill?" asked Derrek, "has to be this game, the Peach Bowl and then the win over Tennessee. That was really neat."

While the usually five-minute bus ride from the stadium to the hotel was taking fifty-five minutes because the city bus driver got lost twice, Derrek was prompted to comment:

"I don't know who the driver is but I'm sure glad he wasn't driving when we left Lexington or we would've never gotten to the Peach bowl."

Just telling it like it is, man, just telling it like it is.

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If you're still wondering about our article on the NCAA investigation of the UK basketball program, there's little more to report. We have learned from a very reliable source, however, that the reason **Joe Hall** has not commented is because he's been told not to. It's certainly unfair to both Hall and his program. Remember **Mark Soderburg** who transferred to Utah from UK back in the early 1970s. He's now playing in Europe with the Florence, Italy, team. Answering **Jeffery Phillips** of Nashville, Tennessee, who wrote and asked if **Ernie Grunfield** was one of those players who received a free UK T-shirt and turned UK into the NCAA. Your source is a pretty good one. **Rick Robey** has been swamped with people asking him if he had received a race horse to attend UK. You can rest assured Rick loves horses but he has never received a horse free from anyone. The racehorse offer mentioned in the NCAA report had nothing to do with the UK basketball program. Kentucky's basketball players spent the latter part of Sunday afternoon viewing the **UCLA-Houston** basketball game on television in the training room at Memorial Coliseum. **James Lee's** mouth watered every time a player went in for the slam dunk. The players were quite awed with the Grandstand Top 15 at halftime which showed ucla ranked above Kentucky. Players weren't overly impressed with **Billy Packer's** comment that Michigan would definitely be in the final four come March. For Michigan to be there as a Big Ten Champion, the Wolverines would have to get by the SEC champ at Rupp Arena. Look for football coach **Fran Curci** to come up with some blue-chip high schoolers during the next couple months.



Athletics Director Cliff Hagan Accepts Peach Bowl Trophy

Wildcats Shutout Tar Heels 21-0 In Honey Of Peach

Psssst. Don't tell anyone but the Cats are back.

The football Wildcats served notice Friday to the Southeastern Conference and the rest of the football world they will have to contend with the Wildcats in the future.

Coach Fran Curci's Cats demolished Atlantic Coast Conference power and runner-up North Carolina 21-0 in the Peach Bowl on New Year's Eve in Atlanta, and for most, the outcome was never in doubt.

It was a fitting climax to Kentucky's finest grid season in more than twenty-five years, dating back to the days of Bear Bryant.

Next year, Kentucky opponents can expect to battle an even stronger Wildcat team. Only next season, the Kentuckians will be playing for pride and personal satisfaction since they won't be going bowling, thanks to a one-year NCAA ban.

But back to New Year's Eve in Atlanta.

More than 37,000 Kentucky faithful followed the Cats to Atlanta in what most Georgians described as the "biggest following" ever by a Peach Bowl participant.

They came early and stayed later. Fans began arriving as early as Wednesday morning and stayed as late as Sunday.

In between, there were a lot of partying, rejoicing and having good times in the Georgia capitol. Thursday night, more than 10,000 fans jammed

the Marriott Hotel to view the Kentucky-Notre Dame basketball classic.

The outcome proved to be a preview of good things to come for the Kentuckians. Fans shouted after every Wildcat goal (and there were plenty of them) as Kentucky crushed the nation's number two team, 102-78.

By then, the "Big Event" was on.

With an all-time record crowd of some 54,000 witnessing the Ninth Peach Bowl classic in a frigid Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, Kentucky and North Carolina battled to a scoreless deadlock for two periods before the Wildcats broke it open in the third period.

As it had in the final three games of the regular season, the Wildcat defense played the hero's part after almost blowing the shutout on North Carolina's third offensive play of the game.

Mike Kupec fired what appeared to be a 50-yard scoring pass to junior tightend Walter Lee on a third and six situation. Fortunately, for the Wildcats, both North Carolina guards had lined up offsidelines and the play was nullified by a five-yard penalty. Ironically, it was one of only two penalties against North Carolina all day long. The other penalty was also a five-yarder.

Rod Stewart, Kentucky's great sophomore fullback, was the offensive hero of the game, scoring three times, rushing for 104 yards on 19 tries and

was named Outstanding Offensive Player Of The Game.

The only other scoring threat in the first half was a 16-play Kentucky drive which started at the Kentucky 34, only to fizzle out at the North Carolina 2 with a field goal being missed by senior John Pierce.

Using the best offense quarterback Derrick Ramsey owns, the junior signal-caller engineered the drive entirely on the ground and moved the Wildcats to a first and goal situation on the NC five with less than four minutes left in the half.

Ramsey carried once to the four then Chris Hill was thrown for a loss back to the five on a second down play. On a third and five situation Ramsey jerked loose and dived to the NC 2.

Coach Fran Curci then decided to go for the three points with kicking specialist Pierce. Trying to give Pierce a better angle to kick from, the Wildcats deliberately took a delay of game penalty which moved the ball back to the seven. Still, the kick was at a sharp angle (the ball was on the right hash-mark). Pierce's kick was wide and the two teams settled for a 0-0 deadlock.

Kentucky wasted no time in scoring in the third period, but the score resulted from a North Carolina mistake.

With the Wildcats kicking off, North Carolina's offense went to work only to see Kupec fumble on the NC 21 as he was attempting to pass.

Big James Ramey recovered and the Wildcats were in business.

Eight players later, Rod Stewart plunged over from the NC 1 with 9:55 left in the third period. Pierce kicked the point for a 7-0 lead. The big play in the series was a third and eight situation on the NC 19 when Ramsey hit Chris Hill with a pass good for 13 yards.

Kentucky scored its second touchdown early in the fourth period on a 57-yard drive in nine plays.

Wearing the North Carolina defense down, the Wildcat offensive line, led by All-American Warren Bryant, just dominated the final period. Stewart, Chris Hill and freshman Randy Brooks had a field day.

Stewart, stepping high like a Tennessee walking horse, galloped the final thirteen yards up the middle with 13:01 left for the score and Pierce's toe made the score 14-0.

After that, it was icing on the cake. The Wildcats took over the NC 47 with 7:31 left in the game and marched 47 yards for the final score of the afternoon.

Again, the crunching ground game proved too much for the Tar Heels which entered the game a five to ten-point underdog, mostly because star running back Mike Voight was sidelined with a sprained ankle.

But a Tony Dorsett would have had his troubles with the great Kentucky

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Joe B. Hall

UK Head Basketball Coach



Four SEC Teams Should Be Ranked In Top 15

Question- Kentucky was awesome against Notre Dame Thursday night in Louisville. Can the Wildcats play any better than they did against the Irish?

Coach Hall- Oh, yes. We had nineteen turnovers and Notre Dame shot about 52 percent from the field. We need to improve on those two statistics. We were in trouble with the Notre Dame press with our second unit and during that time they outscored us 20-10 in five minutes. We can definitely improve certain parts of our game although it was a superb effort for us. It did point out several weaknesses we had. Our passing game was very unselfish and overall we were well pleased.

Question - Many sports teams have found the hex from such publications as *The Sporting News* and *Sports Illustrated*. Hard times have befallen many a great team after being featured in such publications. Did you realize Kentucky was featured in *Sports Illustrated* the week of the University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament when everything bad happened?

Coach Hall- I guess we didn't recognize the problem soon enough to get my special anecdote in action for the hex.

Question - Several fans have asked why Kentucky is not scheduled to play on national television and NBC this season. Why not?

Coach Hall- All of the teams that are on national television this year had to have cooperation from opponents in rescheduling some of their games. We were asked to move our last game with Alabama to a Sunday for national television but it necessitated certain other changes in the schedule and the arrangements couldn't be worked out with the other teams.

Question- Will Kentucky scheduling take into consideration the national television schedule in future years and will there be any Sunday afternoon games?

Coach Hall- Yes, there will be Sunday afternoon games in the future and we'll probably be on national television, but we don't know exactly what games until the schedules are announced each year.

Question - How many conference wins do you think will be needed to win the Southeastern Conference this season?

Coach Hall- Fifteen wins will probably win the title. That's what we usually figure on in the SEC and fourteen wins will probably give you a tie. The balance in our conference this season is unusually good.

Question - Some 5,000 to 6,000 Kentucky fans were reported at your morning practice session in Freedom Hall last week before the game with Notre Dame. It must have been a good feeling for the team and staff to see so many fans out for a practice session.

Coach Hall- It was a good crowd and they were real enthusiastic and excited. More people were asking for tickets at the Notre Dame game than any game since I've been here. They were even at the parking ticket entrances before the game trying to get tickets and meeting people as they got out of their car, hoping to get an extra ticket. I've never seen anything like it.

Question - Do you think the pollsters are taking into consideration the fact that Kentucky was without three players when the Wildcats lost to Utah in the UKIT?

Coach Hall- No, I don't think so. But the pollsters sometimes puzzle everyone. Like the NBC poll on television Sunday. It had UCLA ahead of us and UCLA had lost to Notre Dame on UCLA's home floor. I don't understand the polls sometimes.

Question - At this point, where do you think Kentucky should be ranked? How many SEC teams should be in the Top 15?

Coach Hall- I'm about like all the other people. I haven't seen enough of other teams play to make an educated judgment but based on our play alone we probably should be third or fourth in the country. However, the polls really don't make a whole lot of difference. As long as we're not number one, it gives us something to work for.

Question - Would you argue with a number one rating should the polls put you there?

Coach Hall- No, I would accept it just as much as any other team in the country. I just don't think there is a clear-cut number one team at this time. San Francisco showed in the NIT last year that they are young and coming on. Alabama is a great team but I haven't seen Cincinnati play yet. There are three and probably four SEC clubs which deserve national ranking. They are Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi State and us.

Question - Some fans have suggested the current Kentucky club is the best since the 1966 Rupp's Runts and maybe even better. Do you agree?

Coach Hall- I can't tell. I'm too close to them. They have the potential to be one of the greatest teams. Greatness is the ability to sustain the type of game we've had against some of the better

teams this year, not just a game or two.

Question- Kentucky has beaten Notre Dame, Indiana and South Carolina already this season and the latter two on the road. How do you rank those clubs as of today?

Coach Hall- I still think Notre Dame has one of the top teams in the country. They will win a lot of games and probably be in the NCAA play-offs in March. Indiana is probably the next toughest of the three and is rapidly improving and will be a good team by the end of the season. They'll be shooting for a runner-up spot in the Big Ten Conference and a spot in the NCAA play-offs. South Carolina has played Alabama within four and Michigan within four. They're young and will come along. I was impressed with Kansas' second place finish in the Big Eight tourney and they were without their seven-foot center, Paul Mokeski.

Question - How do you describe the return of Mike Phillips, Jay Shidler and Truman Claytor to the team after the suspension during the UKIT?

Coach Hall- They played enthusiastic and showed no ill effects of their lay-off. They've handled the discipline with a good and positive attitude.

Question - You have Vanderbilt coming up this Saturday and it's the first road trip of the conference

season. What can Wildcat fans expect from Vandy in Nashville?

Coach Hall- Vandy always plays Kentucky tough in Nashville. You can count on that. They have a real young club and lost the services of the "F" Troop through graduation last season. Vanderbilt has some excellent young players, especially two freshmen, 6-4 Greg Fuller and 6-7 Charles Davis. Another Vandy player who is doing well is 6-9 John Snead at the post. Dick Keefer is an excellent floor leader and a good outside shooter. Their most outstanding game thus far was the double-overtime loss to Louisville.

Question - As Kentucky enters the SEC conference, is everyone healthy?

Coach Hall- Everyone except Rick (Robey). He's got an internal stomach disorder but I don't think it's very serious. He's still practicing and is expected to play.

Question - Basketball Weekly has an outstanding feature on Kentucky in this week's edition and said Kentucky could possibly be the best team in the country, if it can learn to cope with prosperity. What's your reaction to that statement?

Coach Hall- Prosperity sometimes causes more problems than adversity. It takes a different type character to stay on top and not relax once you attain the top spot.

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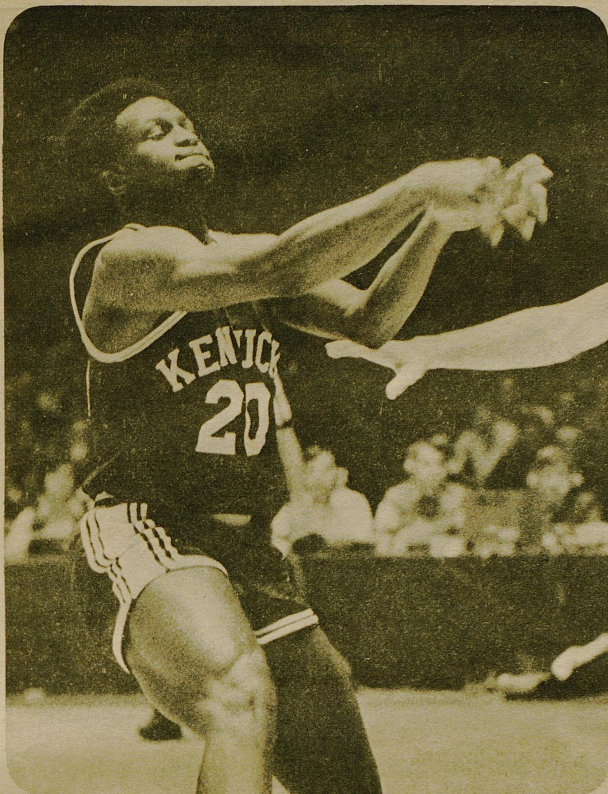


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Mike Phillips



Kentucky-Notre Dame: A Game Of Expressions

Kentucky Destroys Notre Dame 102-78 At Louisville

Kentucky's Wildcats, still smarting from a humiliating 70-68 loss to Utah in the finals of the University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament before Christmas, took out the frustration on powerful Notre Dame Thursday night at Louisville's Freedom Hall.

When all was said and done, coach Joe B. Hall's "Eager Eleven" swarmed past number two ranked and previously unbeaten Notre Dame 102-78 after leading the Fighting Irish by as much as 34 points in the second half.

Notre Dame, which entered the game as a sure-bet for the number one ranking [top-ranked Michigan had been beaten earlier in the week] with a win over the Wildcats, matched the Big Blue for the first five minutes before the Kentucky five exploded.

Jack Givens, the super-velvet shooting artist, had one of his greatest games in scoring 30 points on fifteen of nineteen from the field and was voted the Most Valuable Player of the game.

After tie scores at 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14, the Wildcats took the lead for good when freshman Jay Shidler ripped the nets from twenty feet out.

It was the beginning of a nine-point streak for the Cats and suddenly Notre Dame trailed 23-14 within a two-min-

ute span.

Kentucky stretched the lead to 21 points by halftime (53-32) as Givens pumped home twenty points in the first twenty minutes.

Meanwhile, Bruce Flowers was giving Digger Phelps' Fighting Irish their only offense of the half, scoring eight points and hauling down four rebounds.

Both teams were red-hot from the field the first half as Notre Dame hit 14 of 26 for a 53.8 percent but Ky. was a little warmer. Canning 24 of 39 attempts, the Wildcats blistered the nets for a 61.5 clip.

The difference in the 21-point margin came in the turnover department where Notre Dame was guilty of 15 mistakes to only 6 for Kentucky.

Big Mike Phillips ripped off two buckets from in close to open the second half and Notre Dame was never to threaten again although the Irish did slice ten points off the final margin with a late all-court press against the Wildcat second unit.

Givens was Kentucky's top scorer with 30 points while Rick Robey had a torrid night from the field on eight of nine and ended his exhibition with 18 points and 8 rebounds, tops for the night. Phillips contributed 15 points

and Shidler had 12 crucial points, mostly on long-range jumpers early in the first half when the Irish were forced to come out after the blonde-bomber, James Lee, who brought the crowd of more than 16,000 to their feet with a slam-dunk, pitched in 10 points.

Notre Dame had four in double figures, headed by Flowers and Toby Knight who had 14 apiece followed by Dave Batton with 11 and Ron Branning with 10.

For the game, Notre Dame hit 52.4 percent on 33 of 63 from the field and 12 of 21 from the free throw line for 57.1 percent.

Kentucky finished with 62.5 percent on 45 of 72 from the field and 12 of 17 from the line for a 70.6 clip. The Wildcats outrebounded Notre Dame 37-31.

"This was a well played game," said a jubilant Hall after the sounding thrashing of the nation's number two club, "we certainly were ready and the shots were falling. We played very aggressively on defense, something which we discussed prior to the game. We got a much better job on the boards than we expected."

"This game came from hard work and discipline," Hall continued, "the hard work began on Christmas night

when we got back to practice after the holiday break. This bunch just decided they were going to pick it up again and they did."

What's Digger Phelps' impression of Kentucky now?

"They're very quick, very good shooters, very strong inside and very strong outside," answered Phelps, "What can you say bad about them? They're a great basketball team, just unbelievable."

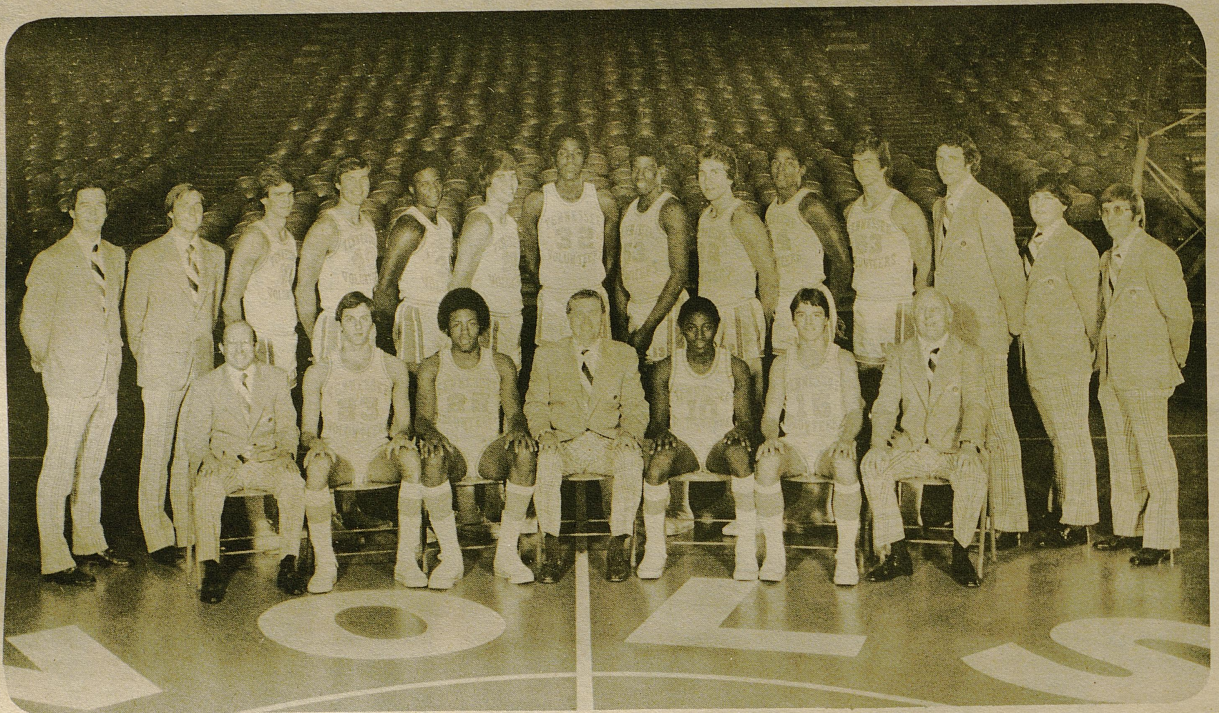
"I don't have any excuses," said Phelps, "we could have had the Pope on the bench and they'd have beaten us tonight."

Where will Notre Dame go from here? Phelps isn't too concerned.

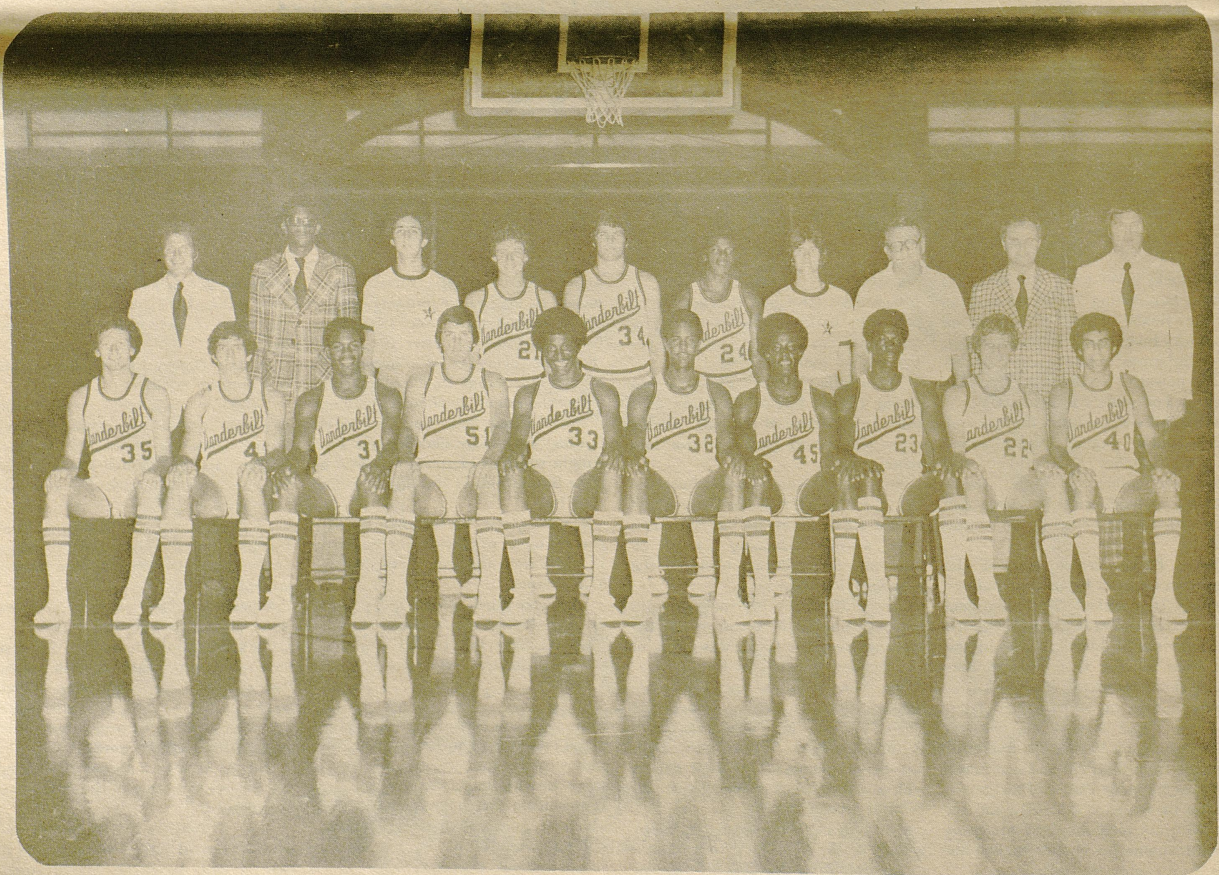
"It's not an Irish wake. We just have to regroup," said the Irish coach, "we're very happy right now. What were we, 29th in the pre-season poll? We played eight and won seven. This is not the end of the world."

Did Joe Hall ever dream of leading the second best club in the nation by 34 points?

"No, I didn't think it would be possible," said Hall, "but this was a case of total dedication and a super effort on our part. This may be the best game we have ever played."



The Tennessee Volunteers



The Vanderbilt Commodores

Kentucky Wildcat Basketball

Statistics

PLAYER	G	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT.	FT-FTA	PCT.	REB-AVE	A	PF-D	PTS	AVE	TO
GIVENS	8	252	72-127	56.7	15- 19	79.0	62-7.8	22	16-0	159	19.9	10
ROBEY	8	209	45- 75	60.0	21- 39	53.8	66-8.5	10	30-1	111	13.9	14
JOHNSON	8	254	31- 74	41.9	21- 29	72.4	36-4.5	33	21-0	83	10.4	11
PHILLIPS	6	113	33- 55	60.0	13- 23	56.5	34-5.7	9	19-1	79	13.2	17
LEE	8	206	29- 55	52.7	21- 33	63.6	50-6.3	11	27-2	79	9.9	15
SHIDLER	6	166	30- 60	50.0	10- 11	90.9	13-2.2	15	22-0	70	11.7	14
CASEY	8	117	10- 29	34.9	15- 22	68.2	7-0.9	13	14-0	35	4.4	14
STEPHENS	7	82	11- 34	32.4	2- 4	50.0	10-1.4	7	11-0	24	3.4	3
WILLIAMS, L.	7	77	8- 22	36.4	6- 12	50.0	19-2.7	1	13-0	22	3.1	12
HASKINS	8	74	3- 8	37.5	2- 6	33.3	17-2.1	6	6-0	8	1.0	4
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OPP TOTALS	8		194-481	40.3	117-173	67.6	301-37.6	104	200-14	505	63.1	174

SEASON RECORD: Won 7, Lost 1 - AT HOME: Won 4, Lost 1 - AWAY: Won 2, Lost 0
Neutral: Won 1, Lost 0

OPPONENT	SITE-CROWD	KY	OPP	INDIVIDUAL HIGHS - POINTS, REBOUNDS
Marathon Oil AAU (EX)	(MC-6,988)	110	93	Givens 19, Robey 10
Wisconsin	(H-23,266)	72	64	Robey 13, Robey 13
Texas Christian	(H-22,312)	103	53	Robey 21, Robey 15
Indiana	(A-17,632)	66	51	Johnson, Shidler 20, Johnson 7
Kansas	(H-23,107)	90	53	Givens 15, Lee 7
South Carolina	(A-10,937)	98	67	Givens 28, Phillips 12
Bowling Green	(UKIT-16,305)	77	59	Givens 28, Robey 14
Utah	(UKIT-18,751)	68	70	Robey 19, Lee 13
Notre Dame	*(N-16,613)	102	78	Givens 30, Robey 8

* Freedom Hall, Louisville, Ky.

BLOCKED SHOTS - STEALS, BY INITIALS IN ABOVE PLAYER ORDER

JG	RR	LJ	MP	JL	JS	DC	TS	LW	MH	TC	SW	BL
5-17	0-10	3-12	2-8	1-10	0-12	1-3	1-1	2-5	0-0	0-3	0-1	0-0

UPCOMING GAMES: Jan. 8-Vanderbilt (A); Jan. 12-Tennessee (H); Jan. 15-Auburn (A);
Jan. 17-Florida (A); Jan. 22-LSU (H); Jan. 24-Mississippi (H);
Jan. 29-Alabama (A); Jan. 31-Mississippi State (A).

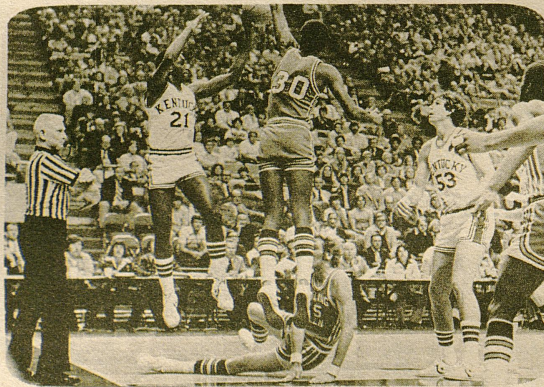


Dewey Bentley

Weekly UK Sports Quiz

Has Kentucky Ever Lost Two UKITs In A Row?

1. Cliff Hagan was never the high point performer in the two games of the UKIT. True; False.
2. In 1960, Kentucky lost in overtime in the finals of the UKIT. Who was the opponent?
3. The UKIT started in 1953. Of the 23 appearances, how many has Kentucky won?
4. Who was the first team to win the UKIT other than Kentucky? A] Duke B] Dayton C] LaSalle D] Utah.
5. Kentucky has never lost two UKIT's in a row. True; False.
6. In one UKIT, the winning team played an overtime in the first game and the second to win the championship, who was the team? A] St. Louis B] West Virginia C] Purdue D] Kentucky.
7. Kentucky has had two players as high point performers in two consecutive UKIT appearances. One was Dan Issel. The other was A] Cotton Nash B] Jim Andrews C] Louie Dampier D] Kevin Grevey.
8. The leading scorer in the 1975 UKIT was Jack Givens. True; False.
9. There has only been one player from an invited team to take high scoring honors in two consecutive years. Who was he?
10. The first team to beat Kentucky in the first round of the UKIT was A] LaSalle B] Illinois C] North Carolina D] West Virginia



Givens On A Jumper

UK SPORTS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. False. Hagan had 55 points to lead overtime [1st round St. Louis 74, Ky. 74, UKIT.
2. St. Louis 74, Ky. 72.
3. 17
4. B. Dayton 89, Ky. 74
5. False. West Virginia won in 1959, 1966 he scored 51.
6. False. Tie. Dan Smith Ore. St. and Rich Taylor, Arizona St.
7. C. 1965, Dampier had 46 points. In 1966 he scored 51.
8. False. Tie. Dan Smith Ore. St. and Rich Taylor, Arizona St.
9. Jerry West 1958 and 1959
10. D. 1957 W. Virginia 77, Ky. 70
6. A. St. Louis 54, California 53 [1 St. Louis won in 1960.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	1975-76				Full Season					
	Won	Lost	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	Won	Lost	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Alabama	15	3	.833	1439	1292	23	5	.821	2200	1933
Tennessee	14	4	.778	1472	1365	21	6	.778	2216	2027
Vanderbilt	12	6	.667	1355	1342	16	11	.593	2060	2061
Kentucky	11	7	.611	1471	1412	20	10	.667	2415	2345
Auburn	11	7	.611	1471	1412	16	10	.615	2115	2011
Florida	7	11	.389	1456	1471	12	14	.462	2101	2030
Georgia	7	11	.389	1388	1470	12	15	.444	2092	2120
Miss. State	6	12	.333	1352	1388	13	13	.500	2009	1950
L.S.U.	5	13	.278	1443	1538	12	14	.462	2146	2114
Mississippi	2	16	.111	1252	1399	6	21	.222	1918	2027

SEC Basketball Playoffs

If two or more teams are tied in percentage of victories when the conference schedule is completed, they shall be declared co-champions. The SEC representative for the NCAA Tournament shall be decided as follows.

Two-team tie. If one of the two won both of the regular season games, that team shall represent the SEC in the NCAA. If the two teams have split the regular season games, then a single game playoff will be held to determine the NCAA representative. The date, site and arrangements for the game on a neutral court shall be determined by the SEC Commissioner.

Three-team tie, or more. If more than two teams tie at completion of the schedule, all teams involved in the tie are eligible for the playoff. The date, site and arrangement shall be determined by the Commissioner.



Kentucky Basketball

NOTRE DAME - 78

Player	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	AS	TO
B. Flowers	7-9	0-0	4	3	14	4	6
B. Paterno	4-7	0-0	4	2	8	2	1
D. Batton	5-11	1-3	2	1	11	4	3
R. Branning	5-6	0-3	2	3	10	4	6
D. Williams	1-8	4-4	2	1	6	2	3
J. Carpenter	0-1	1-2	0	2	1	0	3
R. Haefner	2-3	0-0	2	0	4	0	0
D. Kuemice	1-5	0-1	1	0	2	1	0
B. Hanslick	2-5	4-5	2	3	8	2	0
T. Knight	6-8	2-2	2	4	14	1	2
B. Sahm	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0
Team Rebounds			9				
TOTALS	33-63	12-21	31	20	78	20	24

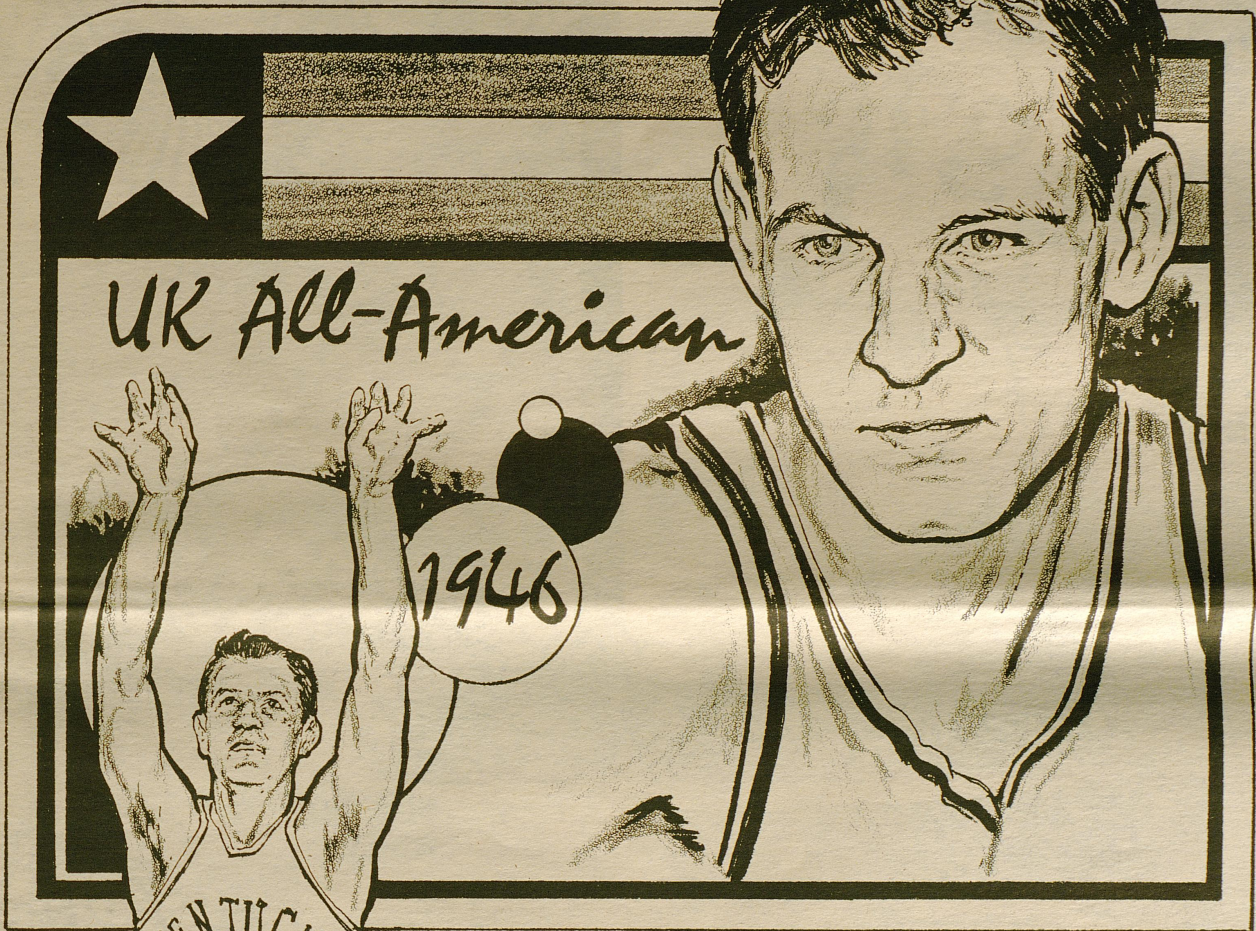
KENTUCKY - 102

Player	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	AS	TO
J. Givens	15-19	0-0	5	1	30	7	0
R. Robey	8-9	2-2	8	4	18	2	2
M. Phillips	7-10	1-2	7	4	15	2	4
L. Johnson	1-8	3-4	1	1	5	5	0
J. Shidler	6-13	0-0	0	4	12	3	1
D. Casey	0-0	0-1	0	2	0	0	3
T. Claytor	2-5	2-3	2	1	6	3	5
M. Haskins	1-1	0-0	2	1	2	1	0
T. Stephens	1-1	0-0	1	1	2	0	0
J. Lee	3-4	4-5	6	2	10	2	3
L. Williams	1-2	0-0	2	2	2	0	1
Team Rebounds			3				
TOTALS	45-72	12-17	37	23	102	25	19

NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY 32 49 --- 78
 UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY 53 49 --- 102

Attendance: 16,613 (Capacity)
 Officials: Jack Manton and Ed Maracich

Jack Parkinson



UK All-American

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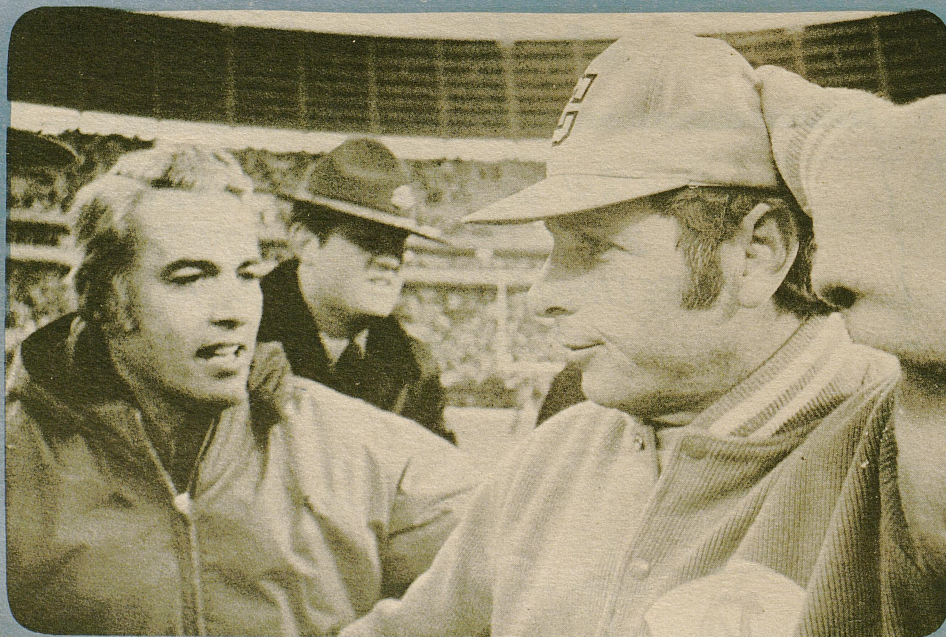
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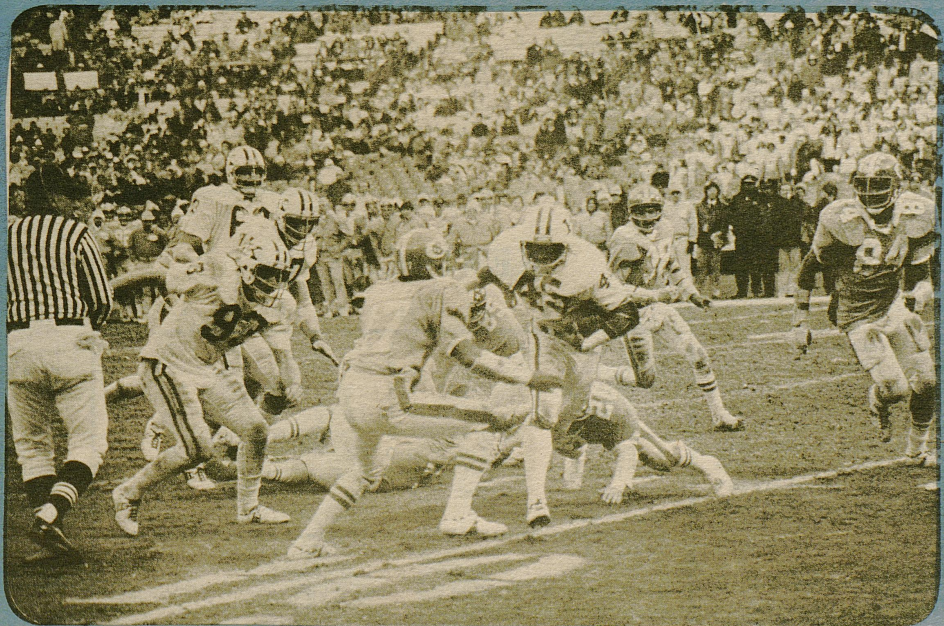
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Randy Brooks On Run

Kentucky Struggles To Beat Georgia, 64-59 In Overtime

Robey And Lee Save Cats From Homecourt Upset Loss In SEC Opener

By MARK BRADLEY

In its scouting report section, The Louisville Times offered this forecast of the Kentucky-Georgia game: "UK should win by 25 points or more, depending on how much UK coach Joe Hall plays his reserves."

WHAS sportscaster Van Vance, on his afternoon report said, "Kentucky is expected to have no trouble with Georgia."

Wrong, wrong, wrong.

The UK Wildcats were forced to play 45 minutes of tense basketball Monday night before they finally subdued an inspired Georgia team, 64-59 in overtime.

Running a maddeningly effective slowdown offense and shooting brilliantly, the Bulldogs actually led the second-ranked [Kentucky has just moved into the no. 2 spot a couple of hours earlier] by four points with 4:56 to play in regulation, before the Cats rallied.

UK's Rick Robey, playing the entire second half at center in place of Mike Phillips, scored on a five-foot jumper and canned four free throws to give Kentucky a 53-51 lead with just over a minute to play, but Bulldog guard Mark Sloraker sank two free tosses after being fouled by Jack Givens to knot the score at 53-53.

UK then ran more than a minute off the clock before Robey, trying to drive the baseline, was called for walking with three seconds to go. Georgia tried to throw a length-of-court pass, but James Lee deflected the ball, sending the game into overtime.

The Cats never trailed in the extra period as Robey and Lee took matters into their own hands. Robey scored UK's first three points in overtime to provide the Cats with a 56-53 lead. An eight-footer by the Dogs' Walter Daniels cut the lead to one.

A double-dribbling violation by UK's Larry Johnson gave the Bulldogs the ball and a chance to take the lead. But Lee stole the in-bounds pass and dropped in a layup, despite being fouled by Pete Fusi on the play. Lee was awarded two free throws on Fusi's intentional foul, and the husky junior connected on both attempts, staking the Cats to an insurmountable 60-55 lead.

For much of the first half, it appeared that both teams combined would not score 60 points in the game. Georgia, much to the displeasure of the Kentucky fans, came out in a slowdown offense and did not take a shot for the first four minutes of the

contest.

The Bulldogs held up under the constant defensive pressure from the Wildcats, taking their time and working for high-percentage shots. The Georgia strategy worked well, as the Dogs' hit a fantastic 67 percent of their field goal attempts in the first half.

Even Kentucky's feared 1-3-1 zone did not disrupt the patient Georgia team, as the Bulldogs sprung free time and again for open jumpers from the

corner. Walter, Daniels, Curtis Jackson and David Reavis were the big guns in the Georgia attack, combining for 51 of the Bulldogs' 59 points.

The game presented a marked contrast between two teams: Kentucky, upon gaining possession, would gallop off full speed toward the basket, while Georgia would patiently run its patterns and continue to work for good shots.

The Cats were led in scoring by Jack

Givens with 17 points, followed by Robey with 16, Jay Shidler with 11 and Lee with 10.

Both teams shot very well from the field, especially in the first twenty minutes. Georgia, which led 25-24 at intermission, hit 57 percent for the game, to the Wildcats' 52 percent. The Bulldogs made three more field goals than Kentucky, but the Cats hit 14 of 20 from the free throw line, compared with Georgia's three-for-six foul shooting.

After the game, UK coach Joe Hall said he was "surprised" that Georgia employed the slowdown, but "it served its purpose for them in that we sort of got lulled into the slow down."

"In order for a stall to be effective, you have to have great shooting," Hall continued, "that's exactly what Georgia got out of Jackson, Reavis, and Daniels. They played a smart, well-executed game and I would congratulate Coach (John) Guthrie on his game plan."

Guthrie said about his slowdown, "that wasn't a stall, it was cat-and-mouse. We wanted to score, but we wanted to spread them out, too. We felt we could penetrate their defense and we wanted to get some of their big people away from the basket."

Asked if the closeness of the final score represented a moral victory for the Bulldogs, Guthrie replied, "if it doesn't go on the left side (of the win/loss ledger), it's not a win."

Robey, the man who almost single-handedly led the Wildcats in the overtime period, said, "late in the game we started coming inside to me and I knew I had to score the points, or else we were going to get beat."

Givens, who made seven of thirteen from the field, credited Georgia with "playing it smart." Givens added, "we were ready to play but not ready for the stall. We're going to work on how to play against a stall, because I'm sure at least five other teams will try it on us this year."

In the Kentucky locker room, the prevailing mood after the narrow victory was a collective sigh of relief. The game with Georgia was UK's first Southeastern Conference game of the season, and a homecourt loss would have been a major blow to the Wildcats' hopes for their 30th SEC championship.

"I am happy with the win," said Hall, "I'm proud of our kids for doing what they had to do to win--after all, we were four points down late in the game."



*Kentucky
Basketball*

GEORGIA - 59

Player	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	AS	TO
D. Reavis	6-10	2-3	5	2	14	3	6
C. Jackson	8-11	1-2	2	5	17	1	2
L. Mercer	2-5	0-0	4	3	4	0	4
M. Sloraker	1-3	0-1	3	5	2	8	3
W. Daniels	10-17	0-0	2	2	20	5	0
M. Thorne	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0
P. Fusi	1-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	1
J. Daughtry	0-2	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Team Rebounds			5				

TOTALS 28-49 3-6 22 21 59 17 16

KENTUCKY - 64

Player	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	AS	TO
J. Givens	7-13	3-3	3	1	17	3	4
R. Robey	5-6	6-8	4	2	16	3	2
M. Phillips	4-7	0-1	1	0	8	0	0
L. Johnson	1-5	0-1	3	4	2	5	5
J. Shidler	5-11	1-3	2	4	11	3	1
D. Casey	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
T. Claytor	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
J. Lee	3-6	4-4	7	3	10	1	1
Team Rebounds			7				

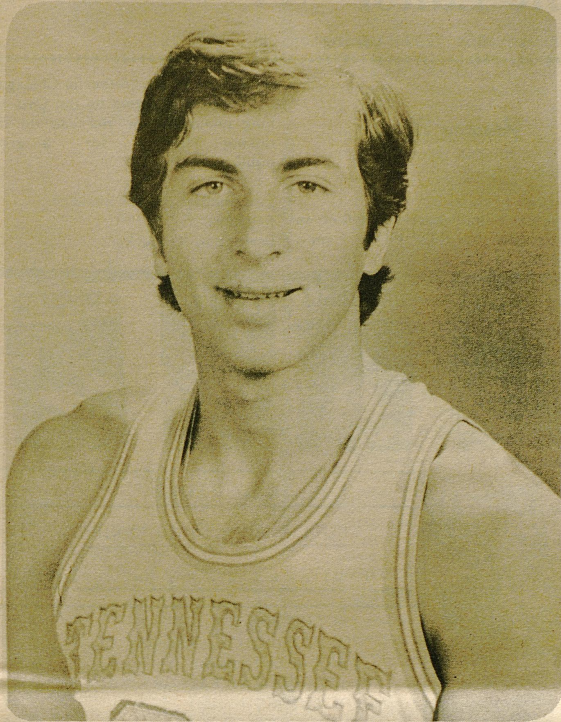
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UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA 25 28 6 --- 59
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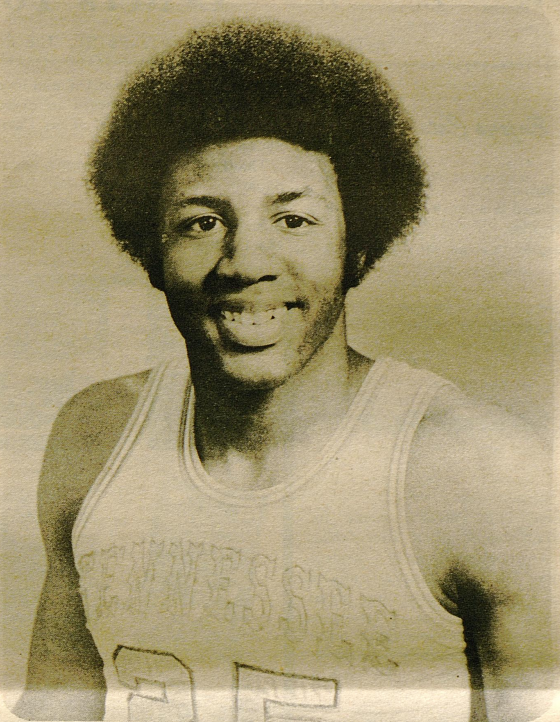
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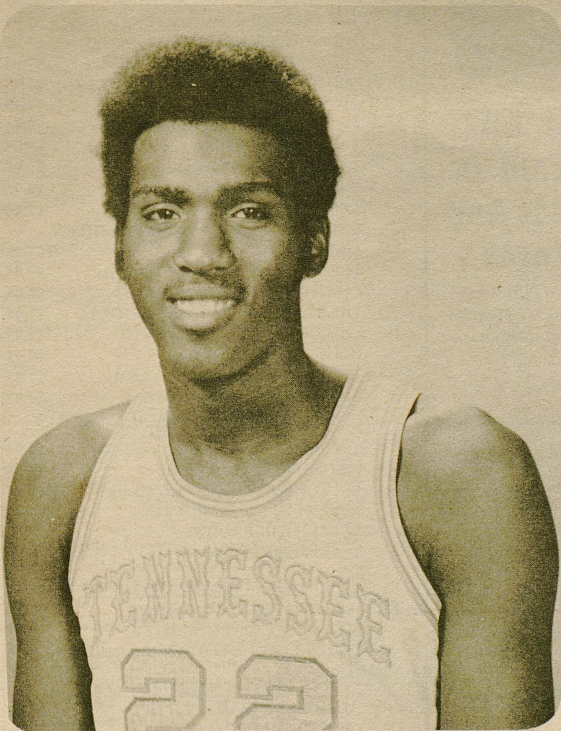
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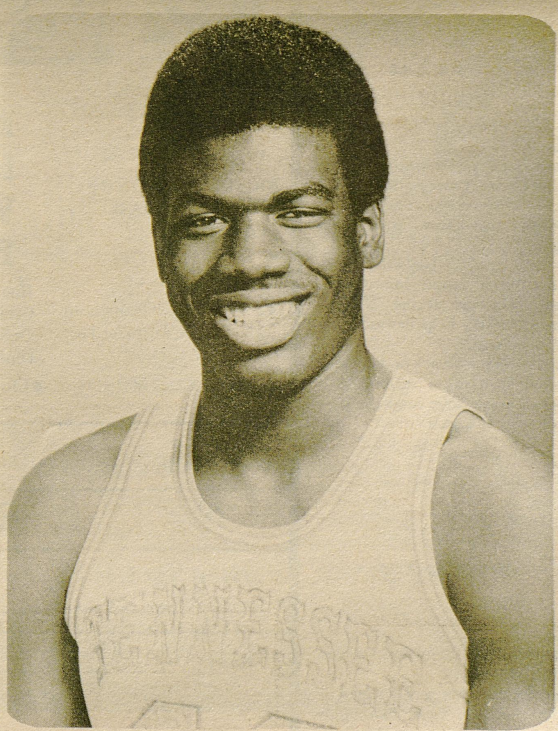
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Thomas Smith
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I'm sure I join thousands of other Kentuckians living outside the Commonwealth in thanking you for such a timely and informative paper.

Kindest Regards,
John Shaw
Dallas, Texas

The Hagan Era

Dear Sir:

I have been a UK fan since the Hagan, Ramsey, Tsiropoulos days. I would like to know what happened to Bob Fowler the great leaper from Michigan?

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I listen to all the games on WHAS. I really look forward to reading your paper every week. Sure hope the Cats go all the way this year.

Sincerely
R.S. Popovich
Cleveland, Ohio

Indiana Coverage

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a change of address card with my new address.

I want to take this time to let you know how much I have thoroughly enjoyed my subscription to the Cats' Pause. As I live in Indianapolis, the newspapers here print very little about U.K. athletics.

I am a '69 graduate of UK and love UK sports. I look forward to every Thursday and the arrival of my Cats' Pause.

Thanks for a tremendous newspaper!

Sincerely
Marsha Rae Wallis
Indianapolis, Indiana

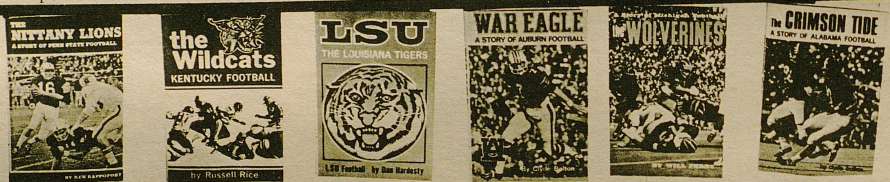
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Peach Bowl

Statistics

Kentucky Rushing				
Atts	Yds.	TDs	LG	
Stewart	19	104	3	28
Brooks	8	66	0	15
Hill	18	55	0	12
Ramsey	13	30	0	13
Gemmill	1	15	0	15
Servino	1	4	0	4
Hawkins	1	2	0	2
Totals	61	276	3	-

Kentucky Passing				
Record	Yds.	LG		
Ramsey	8-2-0	16	13	
Deaton	1-0-1	0	0	

Kentucky Receiving				
No.	Yds.	LG		
Woods	1	3		
Hill	1	13		

Kentucky Punting				
No.	Yds.	Avg	LG	
Gemmill	8	277	34.6	62

NORTH CAROLINA RUSHING

Atts.	Yds.	LG	TDs
Paschel	11	41	7
Johnson	7	23	6
Collins	2	14	10
Tedder	9	11	5
Loomis	3	9	4
Mabry	1	10	1
Banks	1	-1	-1

NORTH CAROLINA PASSING

Record	Yds.	LG
Kupec	15-3-3	24

NORTH CAROLINA RECEIVING

No.	Yds.
Mabry	1
Lee	1
Williams	1

NORTH CAROLINA PUNTING

No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG
Elam	7	230	33.7

Bowl Stats

Kentucky	0	0	7	14	-21
North Carolina	0	0	0	0	-0

Ken-Stewart 1 run (Pierce kick)
 Ken-Stewart 13 run (Pierce kick)
 Ken-Stewart 3 run (Pierce kick)
 A-54,312.

	Kentucky	Carolina
Score	0	0
First Downs	7	3
Rushes-Yards	33-135	25-65
Passing Yardage	3	11
Return Yardage	0	3
Passes (Compl'd-Att'd)-Had Int'd.	1-4-0	1-3-11
Punts (Number-Average)	6-33	4-34
Fumbles (Number-Lost)	1-0	1-1
Penalties (Number-Yards)	4-40	2-10

PEACH BOWL MVP

'Cats Stewart Happy Fellow

By TOM TUCKER

Rod Stewart was clutching the Peach Bowl's Most Valuable player award tightly to his chest. He still had on his white No. 32 jersey, while the rest of his Kentucky teammates were already in street clothes.

"This is the biggest moment of my life, this is the biggest win I've ever played in, and THIS (he held the trophy out for everyone to admire), this is the greatest award I've ever gotten," he said through a smile that would have done Jimmy Carter proud.

Stewart rushed 19 times for 104 yards, scored three touchdowns, a Peach Bowl record, and was named the game's MVP as his Kentucky Wildcats defeated North Carolina, 21-0.

"It's sometimes hard for a back to get the proper recognition on this team," said coach Fran Curci, "because I use so many runningbacks. But today, Rod sure earned everything he has coming to him. He's a tremendous player. I'd put him in the Sonny Collins mold."

The Kentucky press guide, indeed, does compare the former prep all-America from Lancaster, Ohio, with Collins, whom Stewart understudied last season.

"Sonny was a great back," said Stewart. "It's nice to be compared with him."

The biggest play in the Peach Bowl game, as far as the 6-2, 197-pound sophomore Stewart was concerned, might not have made an impression on most of the crowd in attendance at

Atlanta Stadium. But it was everything for Stewart.

In the first quarter, on Kentucky's second possession, Stewart took a handoff and bolted into the line. North Carolina's Dee Hardison, a defensive tackle, overzealously grabbed Stewart and shoved him back for a loss. And Hardison kept on shoving.

In frustration, Stewart threw the ball at Hardison as he got up. And it cost Kentucky and Stewart a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

"I'm glad he did that," said Stewart. "It got me fired up. I play better angry. That got me started early. Usually, I don't get warmed up for a few carries, but when he did that, I got mad."

"It made me want to play harder than ever. Throwing the ball was a stupid move on my part. But he pushed me after the whistle."

How does Stewart, who was recruited personally and heavily by Michigan's Bo Schembechler, feel about the Peach Bowl?

"The Peach Bowl did everything first class. The banquets, the parties. Everything. Now all the folks back home can be proud of the football team as well as the basketball team."

"I'm glad to be part of something that's building, like Kentucky football. I've never regretted my decision to turn down Michigan and play at Kentucky. I like to build things up. They already have all the tradition at Michigan."

Someone asked if Stewart watched Kentucky beat Notre Dame in basket-

ball on the closed circuit telecast Thursday night at a local motel where the team is staying.

"I sure did. Those guys are something. I'd say winning last night, then today... well, it's the best 2½ hours in the history of Kentucky."

Did Coach Curci feel North Carolina missed their star tailback, Mike Voight, who sat out the entire game with an ankle injury?

"Of course, they missed him," answered Curci. "But I think we'd have beaten them if he had been healthy. He makes a lot of difference for them, but we were ready for him."

"The cold (28 degrees) helped us, I think," Curci continued, "because we stayed home an extra day and practiced. We were used to it."

"I was worried in the first half, because we kept getting those 15-yard penalties and blowing opportunities. But, at the half, I just told everybody: Let's junk that stuff we're doing and go right at them. That's Kentucky football, straight ahead. Right at them. That's what won it for us in the second half. We finally got control of the line of scrimmage and took the fight to them."

Stewart agreed: "Our offense is 10 yards and a cloud of dust."

"You know, it was just like playing at home today. The fans helped us win as much as anything. You could hear them yelling between every play."



Stewart After Second Peach Bowl TD



Kentucky Has Returned

University of Tennessee

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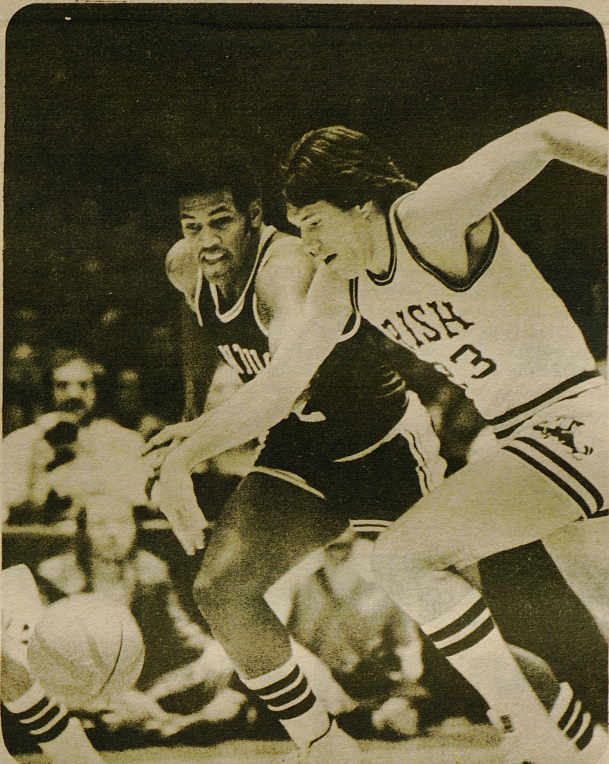


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1976-77 Schedule				1975-76 Results	
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Nov. 27	SOUTH FLORIDA	Knoxville	8:00 EST	81	Biscayne
Dec. 4	UNC-Charlotte	Knoxville	8:00 EST	86	Duke
Dec. 7	DUKE	Knoxville	8:00 EST	82	Michigan
Dec. 10	UTAH CLASSIC	Salt Lake City	7:00 and 9:00 MST	70	St. John's
and 11	(Utah, San Francisco, Seton Hall)			99	Army-vc
Dec. 17	VOLUNTEER CLASSIC	Knoxville	7:00 and 9:00 EST	77	Clemson-vc
and 18	(St. John's, SMU, LaSalle)			72	Pennsylvania-sb
Dec. 21	XAVIER	Knoxville	8:00 EST	97	Tulane-sb
Jan. 3	VANDERBILT	Nashville	7:30 CST	79	* Georgia
Jan. 8	AUBURN	Knoxville	8:00 EST	90	* Kentucky
Jan. 10	FLORIDA	Knoxville	8:00 EST	66	* Vanderbilt
Jan. 12	KENTUCKY	Lexington	7:30 EST	93	* Florida
Jan. 15	* LSU	Baton Rouge	7:30 CST	83	* Auburn
Jan. 17	* OLE MISS	Oxford	7:30 CST	56	* Ole Miss-t
Jan. 22	ALABAMA	Knoxville	8:00 EST	105	* LSU
Jan. 24	MISS. STATE	Knoxville	8:00 EST	80	* Alabama
Jan. 30	UCLA-t	Atlanta	1:30 EST	75	* Miss.State
Feb. 1	* GEORGIA	Knoxville	8:00 EST	92	* Kentucky-t
Feb. 5	AUBURN-t	Auburn	3:00 CST	73	* Vanderbilt
Feb. 7	* FLORIDA	Gainesville	7:30 EST	69	* Florida
Feb. 12	* LSU	Oxford	8:00 EST	72	* Auburn
Feb. 14	* OLE MISS	Knoxville	8:00 EST	105	* Ole Miss
Feb. 19	ALABAMA-t	Tuscaloosa	3:00 CST	80	* LSU
Feb. 21	MISS. STATE	Starkville	7:30 CST	90	* Alabama-t
Feb. 26	* GEORGIA	Athens	8:00 EST	78	* Miss.State
Mar. 5	* KENTUCKY-t	Knoxville	4:00 EST	86	* Georgia
Mar. 7	* VANDERBILT	Knoxville	8:00 EST	75	* VMI-n
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* SEC Game t—Television vc—Volunteer Classic
 sb—Sugar Bowl Tourney n—NCAA Tourney



Lee And Kuzmicz Race For Ball

1977 Prospectus

Tennessee is counting on two returning All-America forwards, Ernie Grunfeld and Bernard King, to supply the scoring power that will keep the Vols in contention for the Southeastern Conference championship this season.

Grunfeld, a senior, averaged 25.3 points and King, a junior, averaged 25.2 last season as Tennessee finished second to Alabama in the SEC and played in the NCAA tournament. King, 6-7, led the SEC in rebounding with 13.0 per game. Grunfeld was a member of the U.S. Gold Medal Olympic team last summer. He was named the Vols' MVP for the 1975-76 season.

Two other starters return—6-3 right wing Mike Jackson and 5-10 point man Johnny Darden. Jackson, a senior, averaged 16.7 points. Darden averaged six assists as he directed the Vol attack superbly in his freshman year.

Sophomore Terry Crosby, 6-5, is a top returning reserve. He averaged 3.0 as a backup man at post. Another returning reserve is backup point man Jerry Finestone.

The vacated center position will be filled by two promising freshmen, 6-9 Reggie Johnson and 6-6 Chuck Threeths. Newcomer Bert Bertelkamp is a 6-3 sharpshooter who can play either right wing or point.

The Vols' record last season was 21-6 overall and 14-4 in the SEC. Coach Ray Mears, in 14 years at Tennessee, has won 256 and lost 106. His record in 20 years as a college coach is 377-129 for a mark of .745.

Volunteer Coach

Ray Mears, who entered the 1975-76 season ranked as the nation's winningest coach, finished the campaign with an even shinier mark thanks to an overall record of 21 wins and six defeats.

The 21-6 worksheet figures to a percentage of .779, slightly better than the .743 mark that the Vol skipper compiled through the first 19 years of his collegiate coaching career.

Through 20 years of college coaching, the 49-year old Mears has a winning percentage of .745 reflecting an overall mark of 377-129. Mears was picked by AP among the top 10 coaches in the country twice in the last 10 years, fifth in 1967, tenth in 1971.

A trip to the NCAA tournament climaxed Mears' fourteenth season at Tennessee, a period in which he has coached his teams to six postseason appearances—twice each to the NCAA, the National Invitation Tournament and the temporarily discontinued Collegiate Commissioners' Association.

A native of Dover, Ohio, Mears played his college basketball at Miami of Ohio. For six seasons at Wittenberg University his record was 121-23, including an NCAA college championship. Ray's 14-year mark at Tennessee is 256-106.

1976-77 Tennessee Roster

No.	Name/Position	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	Hometown	Course
10	Bert Bertelkamp, G	Frs.	6-3	165	18	—	Knoxville, Tenn.	Bus. Admin.
15	Ralph Parton, G	Frs.	5-7	140	18	—	Burlington, Ky.	Communications
20	Mike Stapleton, F	Frs.	6-4	195	18	—	Salem, Ohio	Communications
22	Ernie Grunfeld, F	Senr.	6-6	215	21	3L	Forest Hills, N.Y.	Liberal Arts
23	Jerry Finestone, G	Senr.	6-0	160	22	Sq.	Forest Hills, N.Y.	Liberal Arts
24	Johnny Darden, G	Soph.	5-10	150	19	1L	Springfield, Tenn.	Education
25	Mike Jackson, G	Senr.	6-3	190	20	2L	Nashville, Tenn.	Bus. Admin.
30	Terry Crosby, F	Frs.	6-4	205	19	1L	Toledo, Ohio	Bus. Admin.
32	Reggie Johnson, C	Frs.	6-9	205	19	—	Ellenwood, Ga.	Education
33	Chuck Threeths, C	Frs.	6-6	205	18	—	Lackawanna, N.Y.	Bus. Admin.
40	Steve Gill, F	Soph.	6-4	190	20	Sq.	Knoxville, Tenn.	Liberal Arts
41	David Cockrill, C	Junr.	6-5	190	20	JV	Memphis, Tenn.	Architecture
53	Bernard King, F	Junr.	6-7	205	20	2L	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Communications

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Wildcats Whitewash Tar Heels, 21-0 On New Year's Eve

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defense on this day.

With 3:10 left in the game, Kentucky was faced with a fourth and one situation from the NC 3. Stewart got the call and picked up both the first down and the score going off the great blocking of Warren Bryant. Pierce gave Kentucky its final score of 21-0.

The Wildcats were marching for a fourth score in the closing minutes but North Carolina intercepted a Mike Deaton pass on the NC 3.

Kentucky's defense really showed up in the final stats as the Wildcats accumulated 19 first downs to only 5 for the Tar Heels.

While the Wildcats were amassing 334 yards total offense, North Carolina

was being limited to only 108 by a stingy defense headed by Most Valuable Defensive Player of Game Mike Martin, Jim Kovach, Art Still, Jerry Blanton and Mike Siganos.

One of the unsung heroes had to be freshman John Bow who was pressed into duty because of a leg injury to Dallas Owens. Bow played like a veteran and broke up a crucial third down pass in the third period which prevented North Carolina from scoring.

While Stewart was the game's top ground gainer, Randy Brooks picked up 66 yards while Hill had 55 and Ramsey 30.

Punter Pete Gemmill, given a final

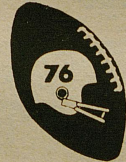
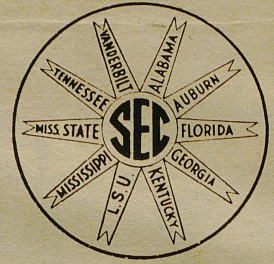
shot at running the ball in his final collegiate game at Kentucky, ripped off fifteen yards on his one attempt.

He averaged 34.6 yards on eight punts including a Peach Bowl record punt of 62 yards.

Stewart tied the Peach Bowl record for most touchdowns and scoring with three TDs for 18 points.

North Carolina's only offense came from freshman tailback Doug Paschal who had 41 yards on eleven carries.

While the season ends for both clubs, they won't have long to wait for revenge match. Kentucky and North Carolina will open the 1977 grid season against each other in Lexington on September 10.



Bryant Gets Top

Honors At Grid

Event On Campus

All-American tackle Warren Bryant carried away the "Most Valuable Player" and the "Best Offensive Lineman" awards as the University of Kentucky honored its Peach Bowl-bound Wildcats in a ceremony Tuesday night at their Donovan Hall dining room.

The Lexington Salesman's Club, which gave the offensive lineman award, also honored Mike Siganos as the best defensive back. The most valuable player award was presented by the Kentucky Central Insurance Cos.

Other Wildcats honored were:

Greg Woods, outstanding senior (Frank Seale Award).

Ed Smolder, senior with highest scholastic average for four years (K-Men's Association).

Art Still, Kiwanis 110 Per Center Award for effort beyond call of duty.

Jim Kovach, G.R. Baker Award for player with most heart (Lexington Wildcat Club).

Tim Gooch, Freshman Leadership Award (Lexington Jaycees).

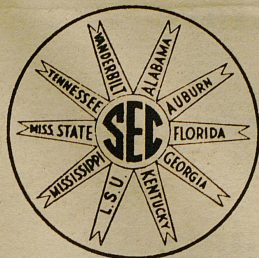
Recipients of the prestigious "Wildcat Awards" presented by the coaching staff are:

Linebacker--Jim Kovach; nose guard--Jerry Blanton; defensive end--Art Still; defensive back --Mike Siganos; offensive back--Greg Woods; offensive lineman--Warren Bryant; Scout Squad offensive tackle--Tom Fiella; Scout Squad defensive end --Chuck Postel.

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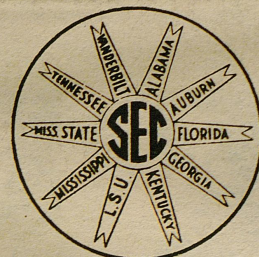


OTHERWISE, WHY WOULD SOME OF THE "BIG BOYS," BOTTLING NATIONAL BRANDS, TRY AND COPY ALE 81?



Around The SEC

With Bill Straub



Kentucky Upholds SEC's Hopes Over Holiday

Those of you able to remain awake during this most boring of bowl seasons probably know the SEC wound up with a 2-2 mark in post-season grid action.

Usually this would satisfy most southern bowl viewers but the fact is there was hardly a bowl worth watching. And in games involving SEC teams, you might as well have travelled over to Aunt Irma's for New Years' dinner.

The biggest--and from this standpoint the most surprising--out of the day was Pitt's 27-3 stomping of Georgia--the Southeastern Conference champion.

Out on the west coast in the Rose Bowl, UCLA coach John Robinson and Michigan coach Bo Schembechler both made a lot of noise about their game producing the real national champion.

But anyone watching Pittsburgh's surgeon-like dissection of a good and proud Dog defense knows in their heart who the best college football team in the land is this year.

With Tony Dorsett gaining an incredible 202 yards on the ground and quarterback Matt Cavanaugh--healthy again--picking apart the Georgia secondary like it was so much butter being spread on a piece of toast, the Panthers rolled to one of the largest of many large routs in post season action. Dorsett, of course, was incredible. It's tough for anyone to garner 200 yards in a game--even O.J. Simpson taking off against St. Mary's of the Plains--but against a rugged Dog defense in the Sugar Bowl should make it double hard.

But following a slow opening half, the Pennsylvania native started blowing doors and you could kiss it goodbye.

The real hero in Pitt's number one scenario, however, were Cavanaugh and an underrated defense. Throughout the campaign, many football viewers considered the Panthers a one man band with Dorsett playing all the instruments. Cavanaugh proved those assertions false. In the first quarter he paced the Panthers to a 21-0 lead with a slew of crisp 10 yard passes that totally eluded the Georgia secondary. With the Dogs defense obviously keying on Dorsett, Cavanaugh was free to roam and take advantage of the situation.

In the second half, Georgia adjusted to Pitt's passing game. That left the

floor open for Mr. Dorsett. With the Dog defense no longer keying on just the one man, the Heisman Trophy winner broke loose and helped his Panthers wind down the clock.

Georgia, of course, had been averaging almost 30 points per game and the explosive offense--led by quarterback Ray Goff--was expected to give Pitt fits.

It never happened. One inconsequential field goal in the third quarter was all the Dogs could muster. Led by All-America middle guard Al Romano, the Dogs were stopped cold. It just wasn't Georgia's day.

Kentucky handed the SEC's its lone holiday weekend victory with a convincing 21-0 win over North Carolina in the Peach Bowl. For the third time in four games the overwhelming Kentucky defense shut out an opponent. Only high scoring Florida, with nine points, broke up a four-game string.

Coach Doug Dickey's Gators also visited a bowl, of course, and performed in the fashion we've all come to expect.

They lost.

After ripping through the opening weeks of a season like a house afire, Florida usually runs into the doldrums during the latter half of the season and completely falls apart in some bowl game. This year was no exception. The Gators stunk up the field.

A big, strong Texas A&M team, paced by a defense ranked fourth nationally and a 126 yard running effort by George Woodward, drowned the Gators 37-14 in the Sun Bowl.

The Aggies took a 16-0 halftime lead and kept pouring it on until game's end. Dickey complained bitterly after the tilt that A&M ran up the score. This effectively allowed him to dodge questions on why his club was so lousy.

Florida was hampered when quarterback Jimmy Fisher dislocated a finger in the first quarter of play but it didn't really matter. Texas A&M was a threat anytime. It got within the 50 yard because of kicker Tony Franklin. After booting a 65 yarder during the regular season, he punched a 62 yarder against Florida, it was a little more than Dickey's troops could bear.

All-America Gator split end Wes Chandler managed only two receptions for 29 yards. Florida should play the first eight games of the season and

then quit.

There have been two major mistakes in this column that should be corrected immediately. First, it was stated Kenny Higgs was Mr. Kentucky basketball for the year 1972-73. This, of course, is untrue. The top dog was Kentucky's own Jack Givens of Lexington Bryan Station High School.

Last week it was reported the Southwest Conference had two bowl participants while the Big Eight had three. Completely forgotten was the Astro-Bluebonnet bowl pitting Texas Tech against Nebraska. Make that three SWC squads and four from the Big Eight.

Following the early-season exhibition games, its time for the real basketball wars to start in the Southeastern Conference. Monday night was the first day of all-out action in the much-improved conference with Kentucky facing Georgia, Alabama traveling to Auburn, Mississippi State visiting sunny Florida, Ole Miss at LSU and Tennessee traveling cross-state to Vanderbilt.

The most important game was probably the Alabama-Auburn match up. That could tell a tale for the SEC season.

With the real campaign just now getting underway, some predictions are in order:

1. Kentucky
2. Tennessee
3. Alabama
4. Auburn
5. Mississippi State
6. LSU
7. Georgia
8. Florida
9. Ole Miss
10. Vanderbilt

KENTUCKY--The Cats can be summed up in 10 quick words; Larry Johnson, Jay Shidler, Jack Givens, Rick Robey, Mike Phillips. With talent like that, coach Joe Hall's Big Blue are already the best in the nation. It will just take a little while for everybody to catch on.

TENNESSEE--The Ernie and Bernie Show should be back in full force for the SEC season with the head ringmaster--Ray Mears--making his return sometime in the future. Up until then the Vols have enough talent to carry them to an NCAA berth with

Mike Jackson and Johnny Darden giving support.

ALABAMA--Coach C.M. Newton's Crimson Tide was expected to fold after losing All-America center Leon Douglas to the pros. Ricky Brown, Anthony Murry and T.R. Dunn --among others--have shown the Tide to be more than a one man team. Any other year Bama would win the SEC hands down, but Kentucky and Tennessee are just too good.

AUBURN--Coach Bob Davis' Plainsmen are always the bridesmaids but never the bride. Still, with a multitude of talent led by Miles Patrick, Pepto Bolden and others, Auburn could be one of the teams that decides who the real SEC champion is.

MISSISSIPPI STATE--The Starkville crew should be the most improved team in the SEC with the addition of Ricky Brown at center. Already the Dogs have upset previously unbeaten and ranked Wake Forest and could accomplish even more. Al Perry and Garry Hooker are a pair of the better sophomores.

LOUISIANA STATE--The Tigers enter another year of SEC competition with a load of talent. Two Kentucky products--Kenny Higgs and Rudy Macklin--currently lead the conference in assists and rebounding respectively. The problem here is defense.

GEORGIA--With freshman LaVon Mercer breaking into the line-up, Georgia hopes it has a replacement for the departed Jacky Dorsey. Coach Jack Guthrie's Dogs are playing with a patch-work quintet right now because of injury, football and academic ineligibility. The question is whether the Dogs can pull it together in time.

FLORIDA--Coach John Lotz's Gators should move into a new basketball facility soon. Otherwise, Florida should win in the vicinity of nine games--all those played in Alligator Alley. Florida doesn't have much talent and should wind up in its accustomed spot.

OLE MISS--Some improvements have been made under the new coach but some more are needed. The Rebels stand a surprising 6-2 heading into SEC action including a championship in the Toledo Blade-Glass Classic. In the words of one great seer, "There's only one reason Ole Miss won't finish last in the conference.

VANDERBILT--"This is the reason."

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Feb. 14	* AUBURN	Nashville	7:30 CST	59	* Tennessee 73
Feb. 19	* OLE MISS	Oxford	2:00 CST	69	* Kentucky 65
Feb. 21	* LSU	Baton Rouge	7:30 CST	80	* Auburn 72
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76	* Miss State	75
77	* Alabama-x	84

Won 16, Lost 11; SEC 12-6

1977 Prospectus

A new era of basketball is underway at Vanderbilt, where a new coach and virtually a new cast of players will perform this year in front of the 15,626 season ticket holders who regularly pack cavernous Memorial Gymnasium.

Gone are 16-year coaching veteran Roy Skinner, who retired after guiding Vandy to a 278-135 record, and the celebrated "F Troop" of Jeff Fosnes, Joe Ford and Butch Feher plus top reserve Mike Moore.

Thus the new era begins with energetic Wayne Dobbs, who was elevated to the head post after six years as a Vandy assistant. Dobbs has two returning starters in play-

making junior guard Dicky Keffler and junior center John Sneed. Keffler, who beat Ole Miss with a 35-foot shot at the buzzer, averaged 8.3 points per game last year and is a flawless passer and ball handler. Two top freshmen, former high school all-stars Tommy Springer and Mark Elliott, bid for the other starting guard spot along with sophomores Tim Thompson and Jay Lowenthal.

Sneed, who averaged 7.5 points and 6.6 rebounds per game last year, is backed at center by 6-10 sophomore Gari Crain and 6-8 freshman Clarence Smith.

The forward position is wide open but 6-4 sophomore Tom Shultz, who missed last year due to a shoulder injury after an impressive freshman season in 1974-75 should make his presence felt. Charles Davis, a 6-7 freshman regarded as the top high school player in the state of Tennessee a year ago, will also contend for a starting spot. Sophomore Keith Page and freshman Gregg Fuller will also seek playing time at forward.

Commodore Coach

When Dean of SEC Coaches Roy Skinner retired at the end of the 1976 season, Vanderbilt athletic officials didn't have to leave the campus to pick the perfect successor.

"Wayne Dobbs has all the qualities necessary to be a successful head coach on the major college level," noted Vanderbilt Athletic Director Clay Stapleton in announcing the 37-year-old Georgia native's appointment to the head job. "Wayne has his finger on the pulse of our program and therefore I think we would be less than intelligent to look elsewhere for a coach."

Dobbs, who served as a Vanderbilt assistant coach for six years, came to the Commodore campus from George Washington University. He guided the Colonials to two straight third place finishes in the Southern Conference and gave the school its first winning season in 10 years in 1969.

Prior to that, Dobbs led Belmont College in Nashville to a two-year mark of 34-19. His Rebels were 21-7 in 1965 and stunned eventual NIT finalist Western Kentucky, 52-50.

Dobbs, who has also coached on the high school and junior college levels, was a four-year letterman in basketball at Oglethorpe University. A Dean's List student, he was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and nominated by the faculty for a Rhodes Scholarship.

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24	Tommy Springer, G	Frsrh.	5-10	154	18	—	Nashville, Tenn.	Education
31	Greg Fuller, F-G	Frsrh.	6-4	192	19	—	Jackson, Tenn.	Education
32	John Sneed, C-F	Junr.	6-9	205	20	2L	Nashville, Tenn.	Education
33	Carl Crain, C	Soph.	6-10	228	19	1L	Nashville, Tenn.	Education
35	Tim Thompson, G	Soph.	6-4	170	20	1L	Kansas City, Mo.	Business
40	Jay Lowenthal, G	Soph.	6-4	177	20	Sq.	Pontiac, Ill.	Arts/Science
41	Keith Page, F	Soph.	6-4	197	19	Sq.	Toledo, Ohio	Business
45	Clarence Smith, C-F	Frsrh.	6-8	190	18	—	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Arts/Science
51	Spence Young, F	Senr.	6-8	220	21	1L	Lewisburg, Tenn.	Business

Wildcat Fans Have Problems At Peach Bowl, But Win Outshines All

By Mark Bradley

For the 37,000 Kentuckians who marched on Atlanta for last Friday's Peach Bowl, sitting through the game in the chilly confines of Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium was only one in a series of obstacles confronting Wildcat fans in Georgia.

Long lines, icy highways, correct change, and cold hot dogs—all of these proved irritating for the Kentuckians, but, of course, the Cats' 21-0 thumping of North Carolina kept the feathers of the UK fans from getting too ruffled.

Southern hospitality? Well, the Alantans were very nice about providing facilities for UK gatherings, such as the closed-circuit broadcast of the UK-Notre Dame basketball game, and the disco party in the Marriott Inn on New Year's Eve.

BUT, trying to get a sandwich in downtown Atlanta after midnight was as tough as running through the Wildcats' defensive line.

About the only restaurant open late in downtown Atlanta was the Fairfield Inn, located in the Marriott. To get a cheeseburger and hash browns (they were out of French Fries), you had to endure about an hour of standing in line to get a table. Two factors made the standees a bit testy: (1) there were at least five empty tables within plain view of the door, and (2) no one could ever remember having to stand in line to get a table at 3:00 in the morning.

Some fans, however, weren't worrying about getting fed in the morning hours of game day. Several carloads of Kentucky boosters were more concerned with making it to Atlanta in one piece after watching the UK-ND basketball game in Louisville's Freedom Hall.

Steve Mallory, a 1974 UK graduate, was one such fan. Said Mallory, "We didn't get out of Louisville until almost 11 o'clock. And we didn't reach Atlanta until 9:30 the day of the game."

"We had to travel at about 15 miles an hour in the mountains of Tennessee because of the ice on the roads. We saw about 20 cars in ditches by the sides of I-75 where they slid off the road," said Mallory.

But, as surely as the Wildcats beat Tennessee to get to the Peach Bowl, Mallory and his friends made it over the hazardous roads of the Volunteer

state to watch the Peach Bowl.

Transportation in Atlanta was another headache for both Kentuckians and motel clerks, because the shuttle buses running to and from the game required exact change. So, naturally, the motel desks were deluged with requests for change before the game. To their credit, the desk clerks did manage to smile as they were doling out nickels, dimes and quarters.

OK, so the Wildcat rooters finally got their 40-cent bus fare and rode to the stadium. With the sun shining, and the skies clear, everything seemed to be, well, peachy.

It wasn't.

The stadium was cold. Make that COOOOLD. The combination of freezing temperatures, high winds, and upper-deck seats combined to make several Big Blue fans even bluer.

Penny Plunkett, UK Class of '76, viewed the Peach Bowl from her seat in the top row of section 320 in the upper deck. She said, "I've been to a lot of football games, but I've never been so cold in my life. I went to a Bengals game in Cincinnati last month where the temperature was only about 25 degrees, but it wasn't nearly as bad as this. The wind made it worse here."

"I was so cold I couldn't even use my fingers to take my bus fare out of my purse after the game," she continued. "I'm glad UK won after all the fans had to go through. Can you imagine how the North Carolina fans feel, freezing and losing both?"

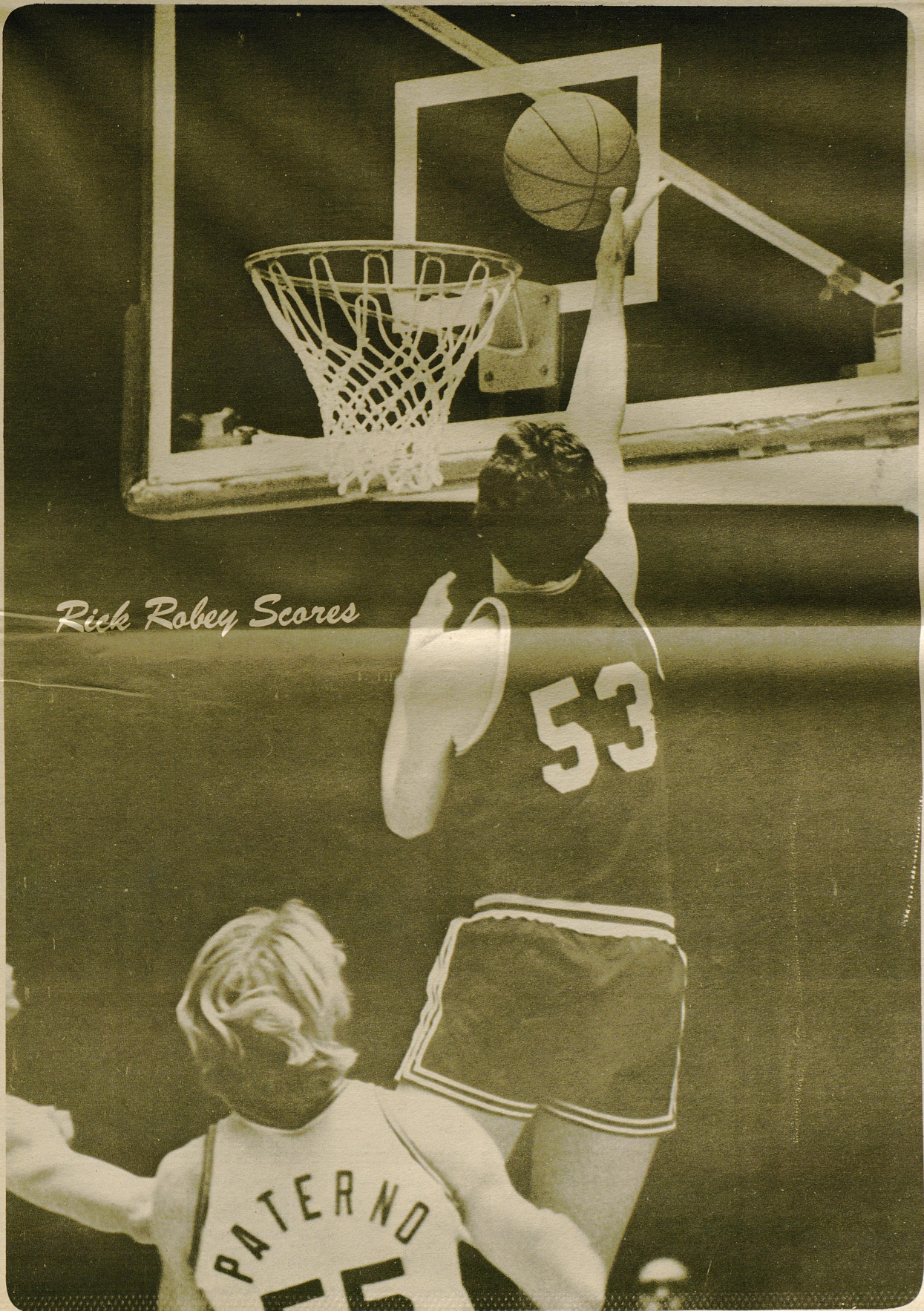
Those seeking to warm up at Atlanta Stadium by downing a hot dog were sorely disappointed. The hot dogs were, in a word, crummy. They came in sort of a "one-piece bun" and they were uniformly cold. Some even came in "do-it-yourself" models; that is, the Weiner was left loose in the wrapper, making it the job of the fan to put Weiner and bun together to form some semblance of a sandwich.

Adding it up, Kentucky fans had several gripes, but in the end, nobody really cared about the lines, and the cold, and the change, and the lousy hot dogs. Ten years from now, no one will remember those things.

What they will remember is that UK, in its first bowl appearance in 25 years, clobbered North Carolina.

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