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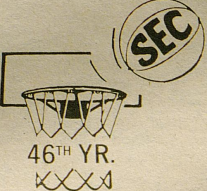
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### Neiman Commissioned For UK Painting

World-famous sports artist LeRoy Neiman has been commissioned by Ashland Oil, Inc. to do a painting depicting the color and excitement of University of Kentucky basketball in Rupp Arena.

A limited edition of 300 serigraphs of the painting, numbered and signed by the artist, will be offered to friends of the University by UK Alumni Association. A serigraph is a print made by the silk-screen process.

Proceeds from the sale of the serigraphs will be used by the University of Kentucky for scholarships, professorships and other areas of great academic need at UK.

Bob McCowan, president of Ashland Petroleum Co. and chairman of the UK Annual Giving Fund, said, "LeRoy Neiman is one of the world's truly outstanding sports artists, and we are delighted to make his talents available in this unique UK fund-raising endeavor."

Neiman visited Lexington Saturday and attended the finals of the UK Invitational basketball tournament at Rupp Arena, where he began his preliminary sketch work on the painting at his seat on press row.

Neiman is probably best known for his appearance in 1972 and 1976 on ABC-TV sketching and painting the Olympic games.

Serigraphs of the Neiman painting will be about 25 x 32 inches in size and will be sold for \$800 each.

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## Kentucky Could Be In For A Real Shocker Against Iona

Less than a month ago, basketball fans snickered and joked about a little school named "IONA" on the Kentucky basketball schedule. Some fans accused Coach Joe Hall of padding his schedule like many other major colleges.

But those same fans aren't laughing so much these days, not after what happened Saturday night when "little" Iona destroyed Auburn 105-82 and ran its season record to 7-1.

Hall earlier this season told *The Cats' Pause* he scheduled the game for two reasons, one because Iona has a good team and is an up-and-coming school, and secondly because he wanted to give the Kentucky fans an opportunity to watch freshman Jeff Ruland in action.

In the end, Hall may have presented himself more of a problem than he had anticipated. Ruland, if you recall, was the target of Kentucky's biggest recruiting hunt since the days of Kent Benson [you remember him]. Ruland was recruited by more than 300 colleges across the country and finally narrowed his choices to Kentucky, Indiana and Iona, not necessarily in any particular order. Experts around the country figured Iona would be the next school to be eliminated.

Surely, the number one prepster in the country would not turn his act away from either Kentucky or Indiana for tiny Iona, would he? Well, he did.

During the height of the recruiting season, Hall admitted he was more concerned about Iona landing Ruland than Indiana. Insiders said he eliminated Indiana from the race about a week from the day he signed with Iona.

Ruland visited Kentucky the week-end of the Kentucky-Florida football game in 1976 when the Wildcats were on a tear and heading toward the sensation 7-4 year and the Peach Bowl championship. Campus sports enthusiasm was at an all-time high.

I remember the day because there was this tall, muscular lad sitting in the UK press box with coach Joe B. Hall. Few people recognized the big man as the number one prospect in the nation because NCAA rules forbid any public recognition of an athlete while he is visiting a school.

Looking back to that day, you had to figure Ruland likely would stay home. He appeared to be a young guy who wasn't ready to venture some 800 miles away from home.

People close to the Ruland situation insist that's the reason he ultimately decided to attend Iona, so he would be close to home and enable his family and friends the opportunity to see him play.

Iona's gain was Kentucky's loss, make no mistake about that. Had

Ruland chosen to attend Kentucky, just think about the possible front-court line-up of Chuck Aleksinsas and Jeff Ruland next season to go along with LaVon Williams, Scott Courts, Freddie Cowans and Tim Stephens.

Kentucky fans will be disappointed in Ruland's exhibition this weekend only because he will be wearing the opponents' uniform. Hall only hopes his Wildcats will be more successful than their SEC counterpart Auburn was last Saturday night.

# # #

For the past several years, sports writers up East have argued New York City basketball is the only real basketball played today. Well, that theory was buried once and for all Friday night by a man (not from the South), who should know.

St. John's coach Lou Carnesecca, answering a reporter's question quoting South Carolina coach Frank McGuire as saying a team would have to play New York style basketball to beat Kentucky, said, "New York basketball doesn't exist anymore. Kentucky plays as much New York basketball as the kids in New York City do. Los Angeles is the same way, because of television, the tremendous influence of pro ball on television. There are great players out of Virginia, Norfolk, Louisville, Tennessee, Washington. Basketball has been standardized."

And not to mention a parting question, how long has it been since an Eastern team has won the NCAA?

St. John's came into the UKIT as probably the top team in the East this season and it left with a 30-point defeat at the hands of Kentucky. Maybe that's the reason the great New York press refuses to give collegiate basketball much ink.

# # #

Don't be surprised if Kentucky and St. John's hook up again, maybe in the Big Apple.

The relationship between the two schools is very good, especially when you consider the personal relationships of the St. John's coach with Hall and other influential people at Kentucky.

The St. John's boss noted in a press conference of his ties with such people as AD Cliff Hagan, Frank Ramsey [a member of the UK Athletics Board], and former UK athletics director Harry Lancaster.

It's no big secret Hall would enjoy playing in the East, for recruiting purposes and the UK boss for one likes to recruit the good big man in the East (apparently there's still some excellent

talent up there).

No one is saying so, but St. John's visit to the UKIT could be the renewal of a long playing relationship with the Wildcats. It certainly would be an attractive package for both clubs.

You have to figure something is in the works when an opposing coach makes the following comment so early in the season, "I certainly wish Joe and his club to go all the way," as Carnesecca following the championship game.

# # #

**HITS AND MISSES.** . . . Members of the Committee of 101, one of UK's sports boosters clubs which work the UK basketball games, have been wearing black armbands in tribute to the late Adolph Rupp. Club president Bill Crowley said, "When we were first getting started many years ago, Coach Rupp went to bat for us and we won't ever forget that. He was more responsible for us getting the club off the ground than anyone. When a problem would arise, Coach Rupp would just pick up the phone and take care of it." . . . Kentucky has been bringing in some pretty good hoop recruits for visits recently, including a couple of big men from New York. Also, the Cats have had guests from such states as Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Pennsylvania. . . . To date, no more football signees have been announced by coach Fran Curci, but you can bet there will be more blue chippers before the hunt is over. Curci believes the recruits should be signed to national letters of intent before doing any boasting. Some coaches like to boast first, only to discover their stars missing when the big date arrives. . . .

The "Most Appropriate Award" of the week goes to the assistant athletics director for academic affairs at UK. You place a telephone call to the office and the prompt greeting is, "Academic Affairs office, may I help you?" You can bet they're taken up on that offer quite frequently. . . . We'll see just how popular Kentucky basketball really is during the next few months. A Kentucky oil firm has commissioned the famous Leroy Neiman to do a painting, illustrating the great Kentucky basketball tradition at Rupp Arena. There will be only 300 prints made and they will be sold at the modest price of \$800 (that's right, Eight Hundred Dollars) each. Proceeds will go to scholarship and such under the direction of the UK Alumni Association. . . . Notre Dame's upset loss at the hands of Indiana last week will probably prevent the battle of the 1-2 powers next week in Louisville.

Most fans had been looking forward to the Kentucky-Notre Dame classic with the two teams being ranked 1-2. Kentucky will have its No. 1 ranking, if it can handle Iona, but Notre Dame probably will be third or fourth. . . . Tip of the week: better not bet on Kentucky beating Iona by more than 12 points this weekend. It could be the shocker of the year, and I ain't kidding. . . . Look for a couple of new books to hit the stands sometime next year about the great legend of Adolph Rupp. One such book has been in the making by Lexington Herald sports editor John McGill, and another has been in the making for several years by UK sports information director Russell Rice. . . . Herald-Leader sports writer Stuart Warner came up with an excellent suggestion Sunday in proposing to rename the UKIT the "Adolph Rupp Classic." . . . Often, players have too long a Christmas lay-off and it tends to break a team's early-season stride. That won't be the case with Kentucky this season. After playing Iona on December 23, the players will have two days with their families and then it's back to the practice floor at 8 p.m. on December 26 to prepare for Notre Dame's Fighting Irish. . . . After serving last year as chairman of the Eastern Kentucky Multiple Sclerosis Hope Chest campaign, Rick Robey now is serving as the campaign's chairman of the "Read-a-thon," a program that brings in dollars for books read by children throughout the state. . . . Several of Kentucky's players feared they had lost a very close personal friend in the airplane tragedy which claimed the entire Evansville basketball team last week. Ernon Simpson, who coached Dwane Casey, Freddie Cowan and Larry Johnson in high school at Union County, is an assistant coach at Evansville, but he was on a scouting assignment rather than the team flight to Nashville. . . . Kentucky and Notre Dame may not be playing in Louisville after the present contract expires in 1980, according to Louisville Courier-Journal sports editor Billy Reed. Reed said in a recent column Notre Dame coach Digger Phelps no longer wants to play in Louisville each year, but would prefer a home-and-home series, switching from South Bend to Lexington. Phelps was quoted as saying he is getting tired of getting his teeth knocked in by a partisan Kentucky crowd every year in Louisville. Joe Hall probably wouldn't mind such an arrangement, but the Louisville fans would be the real losers. It will be up to the Irish supporters in the Louisville area to put the pressure on Phelps to continue the rivalry in the Falls City, or Digger's new plan will prevail.





*A Mike Phillips Hook*



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## *Thanks For The Memories, Coach*

As a kid in Ashland, just growing up  
My idols were Kluzewski, Bryant and Rupp  
On those cold winter nights when the Cats took the floor  
I'd yell with glee as they ran up the score

Hagan, Ramsey and Tsioropoulos, too  
Boy, was I glad that they wore the big blue  
Then along came Currow, Bird and Gayle Rose  
With Rupp as their coach, I knew they'd be pros

Then in March of '58, at friendly Freedom Hall  
The Cats had a chance to again win it all  
With Rupp in command a la General Patton  
The Temple Owls fell, on that great play by Hatton

Seattle was next, and Rupp had a plan  
Get Elgin Baylor in foul trouble, he was their main man  
With Cox' long jumpers keeping us alive  
The National Championship belonged to the Fiddlin Five

I then moved to Florida, land of sunshine and fun  
But in my heart, the Cats were still Number One  
On the night of a game, with my radio on the floor  
I'd listen to Cawood, as the Cats went to war

Last Saturday night I took my wife out to dinner  
But I knew Kansas was good, would they be the winner?  
So I left her alone, and went out to the car  
I wondered if the Cats were playing up to par

As Cawood described the last minutes of play  
I knew we had won, it was another good day  
But on Sunday morning, I read the paper and cried  
The greatest coach who ever lived had just died

It just isn't fair, I wanted to say  
That this great man has gone away  
But suddenly I understood what this would mean  
Now the Lord would have a coach for His great team

So to you, Coach Rupp, I won't say goodbye  
'Cause you're just moving up to the arena in the sky  
And I'll know that tomorrow when they lay you to rest  
God has chosen you because he wanted the best

Thanks for the memories, coach.

Jim Leighow  
Titusville, Florida

## *Rupp Memorial Cancer Fund Established At UK*

The University of Kentucky has announced the establishment of the Adolph F. Rupp Memorial Cancer Fund to honor the memory of the famed UK basketball coach who died of cancer Saturday at the University Hospital.

The committee which set up the new fund included Dr. Bosomworth; Dr. D. Kay Clawson, dean of the UK College of Medicine; Dr. John R. van Nagell Jr., chairman of the UK cancer committee; Dr. David Goldenberg, executive director of the McDowell network; and Dr. Ben F. Roach, chairman of the McDowell network board of directors.

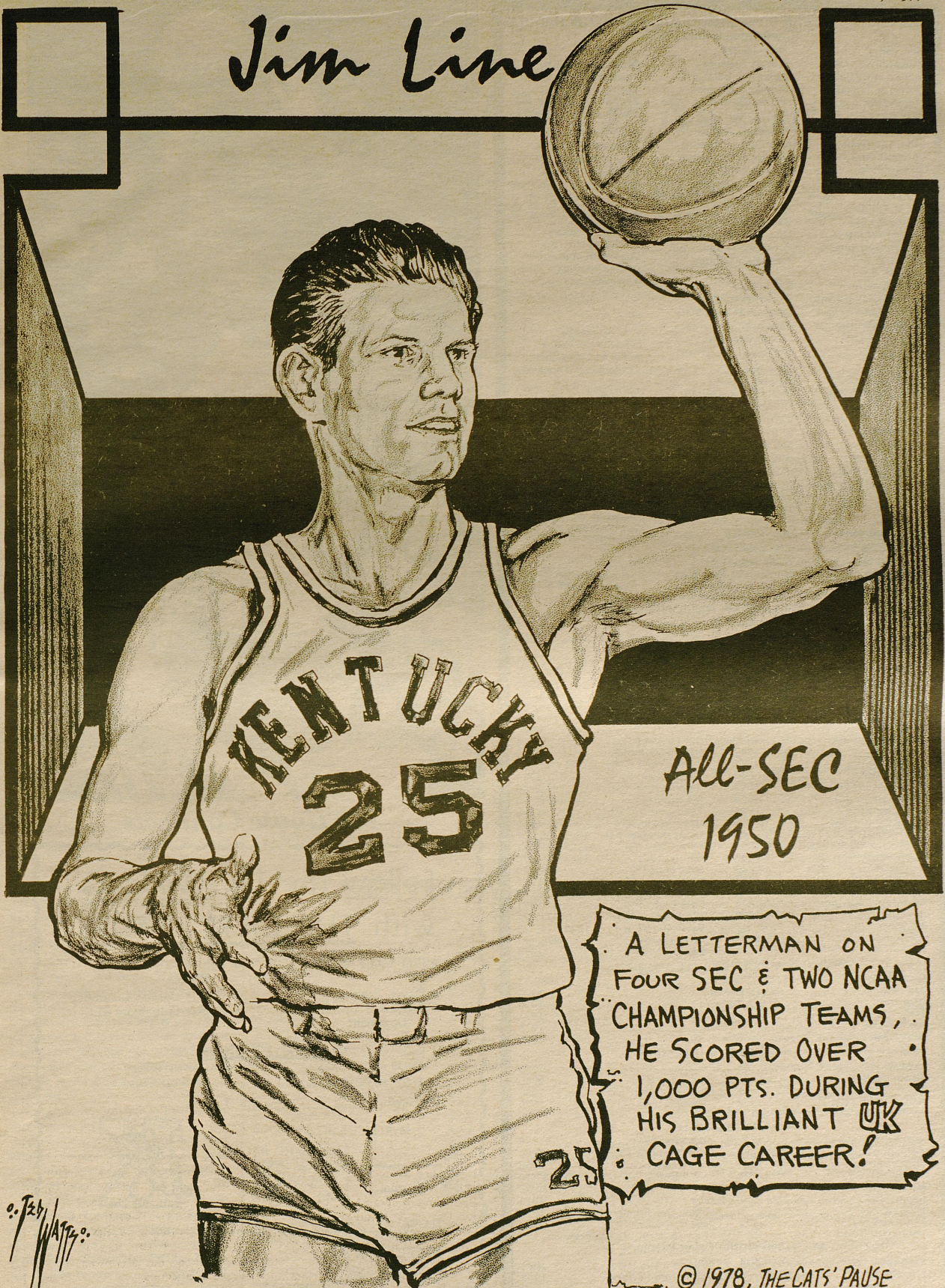
According to Dr. Bosomworth, donations to the fund may be made by

sending checks to Adolph F. Rupp Memorial Fund, UK Medical Center, 909 Rose St., Lexington, Ky. 40506

All gifts will be recorded and acknowledgements made to the family.



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(Conference Games Only)

Mon. Jan. 2 Vanderbilt at U.K. Auburn at Georgia Florida at Tennessee LSU at Miss. State	Mon. Jan. 23 U.K. at Alabama Auburn at LSU Florida at Ole Miss Vanderbilt at Miss. State	Sat. Feb. 18 Miss. State at U.K. Alabama at Vanderbilt Ole Miss at Auburn LSU at Florida Tennessee at Georgia
Wed. Jan. 4 LSU at Alabama Auburn at Tennessee Florida at Georgia Ole Miss at Miss. State	Sat. Jan. 28 Tennessee at U.K. Miss. State at Florida Georgia at Vanderbilt LSU at Ole Miss Alabama at Auburn	Mon. Feb. 20 Alabama at U.K. LSU at Auburn Ole Miss at Florida Miss. State at Vanderbilt
Sat. Jan. 7 U.K. at Florida Georgia at LSU Tennessee at Ole Miss Vanderbilt at Auburn	Mon. Jan. 30 Georgia at U.K. Miss. State at Auburn Tennessee at Vanderbilt Alabama at Florida	Sat. Feb. 25 U.K. at Tennessee Florida at Miss. State Vanderbilt at Georgia Ole Miss at LSU Auburn at Alabama
Mon. Jan. 9 U.K. at Auburn Miss. State at Alabama Vanderbilt at Florida Georgia at Ole Miss Tennessee at LSU	Sat. Feb. 4 Florida at U.K. Alabama at Miss. State Auburn at Vanderbilt LSU at Georgia Ole Miss at Tennessee	Mon. Feb. 27 U.K. at Georgia Florida at Alabama Auburn at Miss. State Vanderbilt at Tennessee
Sat. Jan. 14 LSU at U.K. Auburn at Florida Miss. State at Georgia Ole Miss at Vanderbilt Alabama at Tennessee	Mon. Feb. 6 Auburn at U.K. Florida at Vanderbilt Ole Miss at Georgia LSU at Tennessee	Sat. Mar. 4 Alabama at Ole Miss Georgia at Auburn Tennessee at Florida Miss. State at LSU
Mon. Jan. 16 Ole Miss at U.K. LSU at Vanderbilt Miss. State at Tennessee Alabama at Georgia	Sat. Feb. 11 U.K. at LSU Florida at Auburn Georgia at Miss. State Vanderbilt at Ole Miss Tennessee at Alabama	Mon. Mar. 6 U.K. at Vanderbilt Alabama at LSU Tennessee at Auburn Georgia at Florida Miss. State at Ole Miss
Sat. Jan. 21 U.K. at Miss. State Auburn at Ole Miss Florida at LSU Georgia at Tennessee Vanderbilt at Alabama	Mon. Feb. 13 U.K. at Ole Miss Vanderbilt at LSU Tennessee at Miss. State Georgia at Alabama	Sat. Mar. 11 First round of NCAA Tournament

**ALL-SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE**  
(55 Players Chosen 98 Times)

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

**KENTUCKY ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS**

Louie Dampier . . . . . Guard . . . . . 1966-67
Dan Issel . . . . . Center . . . . . 1970
Mike Pratt . . . . . Forward . . . . . 1970
Mike Casey . . . . . Guard . . . . . 1971
Bob Guyette . . . . . Forward . . . . . 1975
Jimmy Dan Conner . . . . . Guard . . . . . 1975

**ALL-NCAA TOURNAMENT**

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

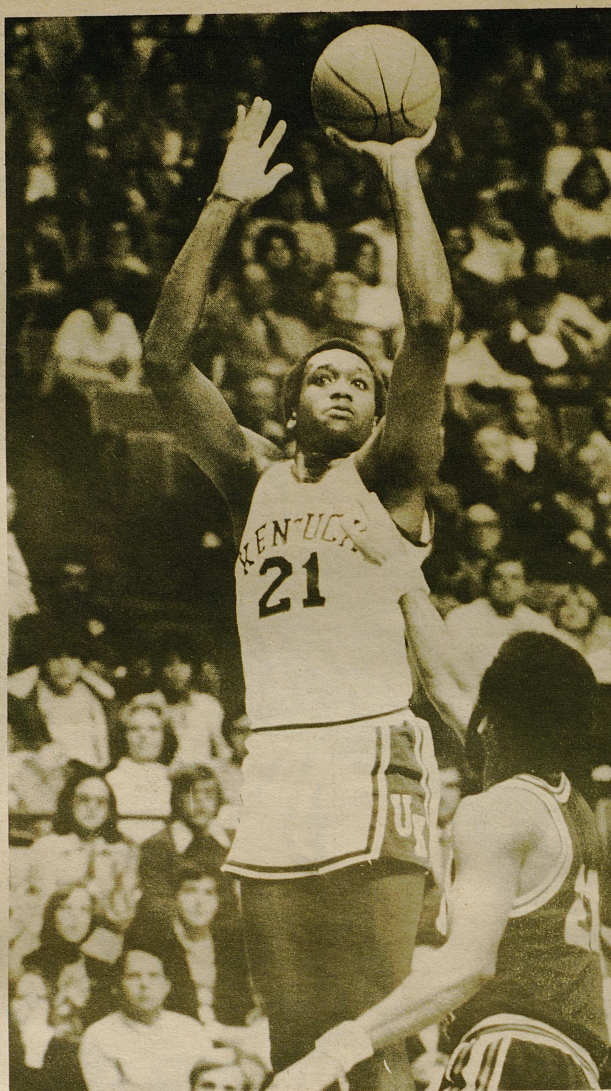
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Larry Pursiful (G) . . . . . 1962	*Pat Riley (F) . . . . . 1966
*Alex Groza (C) . . . . . 1948, '49	Louie Dampier (G) . . . . . 1966
Bill Spivey (C) . . . . . 1951	Mike Casey (G) . . . . . 1968
Bob Burrow (C) . . . . . 1955, '56	Dan Issel (C) . . .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

**ALL-SOUTHERN CONFERENCE**

Paul Jenkins (G) . . . . . 1926	George Yates (G) . . . . . 1931
Carey Spicer (G) . . . . . 1929-'31	Ellis Johnson (C-F) . . . . . 1932
Louis McGinnis (F) . . . . . 1931	

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## Mike Phillips Scores 22

# Phillips Named MVP As Cats Regain UKIT Title, 102 - 72

With Mike Phillips playing perhaps his finest game in two years, Kentucky's Wildcats became the awesome team many have expected in rolling over highly regarded St. John's 102-72 to regain the UKIT title the Cats lost a year ago.

Phillips, one of Kentucky's twin 6-10 giants, poured in 20 points and gathered eight rebounds in leading a balanced scoring attack which featured five double-figure scorers and a torrid 53.7 shooting percentage from the field.

The outstanding play caused coach Joe B. Hall to admit his Cats "are now out of my doghouse."

Although undefeated at 5-0 entering the game, Kentucky had not played anywhere near its potential in the previous five games. Hall earlier in the week said he didn't like what he had been seeing from the bench.

But all that changed against the Redmen from the East. The passing was crispt and unselfish, the shooting phenomenal, the rebounding awesome and the defense sticky. Add it all up, and Kentucky breezed to a thirty-point victory.

Playing before a packed house of 23,472 for the second straight night and the fifth time in as many tries this season at home, the Cats raced out to an early 6-0 lead and the Redmen made only a couple of minor runs at the Cats.

Phillips, for his outstanding play which included a slam dunk that brought the roaring crowd to its feet and some of his best one-on-one work since he arrived at Kentucky, was voted the classic's Most Valuable Player by the media representatives.

Two other Kentuckians joined Phillips on the All-Tournament team. Junior guard Truman Claytor and senior Jack Givens were also accorded the honor. Rounding out the five-man squad were Freeman Williams of Portland State and George Johnson of St. John's.

Ironically, neither Phillips nor Claytor played in last year's UKIT because both were serving out a two-game suspension meted to them and Jay Shidler for breaking curfew earlier in that week.

Kentucky lost to Utah in the finals a year ago on a last second shot.

After the game, both Phillips and Claytor admitted this UKIT was something special to both, especially after last year's event.

The Wildcats exploded early, firing a sizzling 61.3 percent from the field in the opening twenty minutes as they opened up a 46-28 halftime lead as Kyle Macy, Claytor and Phillips broke the double-figure barrier with 12, 10 and 10 points, respectively.

St. John's fought back briefly late in

the first half and sliced what had been a 10-point deficit to four points at 26-22 when Johnson hit a six-footer from the side. That was with 6:07 left in the half.

Then Kentucky's defense went to work. The wildcats limited the Redmen to a mere six points the final six minutes and the Wildcats blazed away at the other end, lay-up after lay-up with some of Kyle Macy's 20-footers spiced in for good measure.

Macy was a house afire near the end of the half and personally accounted for eight consecutive points as the Cats broke the game wide open.

As has been the situation in several games this year, Kentucky left no doubt in anyone's mind with the first

five minutes of play in the second half.

The Cats came out of the locker room and outscored the Redmen 24-6 during the first 6:41 of the second half, and it was all over.

Kentucky again cleared its bench early and every Kentucky player ghot at least five minutes of action.

"This team is awesome," said St. John's coach Lous Carnesecca. "They were a tremendous team tonight. They are very, very good."

While Kentucky was getting a balanced scoring attack, St. John's likewise got a balanced attack from its team, but just couldn't match up with the bigger Wildcats on a hotter night.

John led the losing cause with 17 points followed by freshman Wayne

McKoy (a rookie recruited by Kentucky at one time) and Bernard Rencher with 13 and 12 points, respectively. Gordon Thomas and Tom Calabrese scored 10 points each.

Phillips was the big gun all the way for the Cats.

"I figured I owed 'em one for last year, and this partially makes up for it," said Phillips in reference to last year's absence from the UKIT.

Mike also admitted the MVP honor will be a big boost to him, personally.

"This couldn't have come at a better time," said Phillips. "I was kind of getting down on myself and winning this award really gives me a good feeling. It's good to see the team come out of its slump tonight."

Behind Phillips in scoring were Macy and Claytor with 16 points each followed by reserve James Lee who drove home 12 in a fine performance with seven rebounds.

Kentucky's two leading scorers on the season were below par as Rick Robey scored only 10 points (but had eight rebounds) and Jack Givens tallied only 8 points (with seven rebounds).

Robey has been suffering from an unknown illness for the past three weeks and Hall said the big 6-10 senior from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, would be visiting the doctors early in the week for another check-up. He played 25 minutes but tired easily.

Givens played 27 minutes and hit 3 of 7 from the field, but his patented jumpers just weren't needed with the other Wildcats being so hot.

Kentucky won the game just about any way you look at it. The Wildcats shot 53.7 percent to 38.4 percent for the Redmen, outrebounded the visitors from New York 46-34 and hit, believe this, 90.9 from the free throw line on 30 of 33 attempts. St. John's connected for 66.7 percent on 16 of 24.

Kentucky was credited with dishing out 19 assists to 15 for St. John's, and the Wildcats committed one less turnover than the visitors, 18 to 19.

Phillips and Macy led the Cats in assists with five each. Phillips' exhibition was a thing of beauty and it came in only 22 minutes of playing time. Likewise, Lee contributed his 12 points and seven rebounds in only 18 minutes of playing time.

Chuck Aleksinas had another good night, scoring 8 points and grabbing four rebounds in 13 minutes. UK coaches feel the big man is right on target for his role to step in as a starter next season when Robey and Phillips depart.

But there's a lot of basketball before that happens, maybe even the most exciting moment in UK basketball. There's a lot of collegiate basketball on tap for the next three months.

## ST. JOHN'S-72

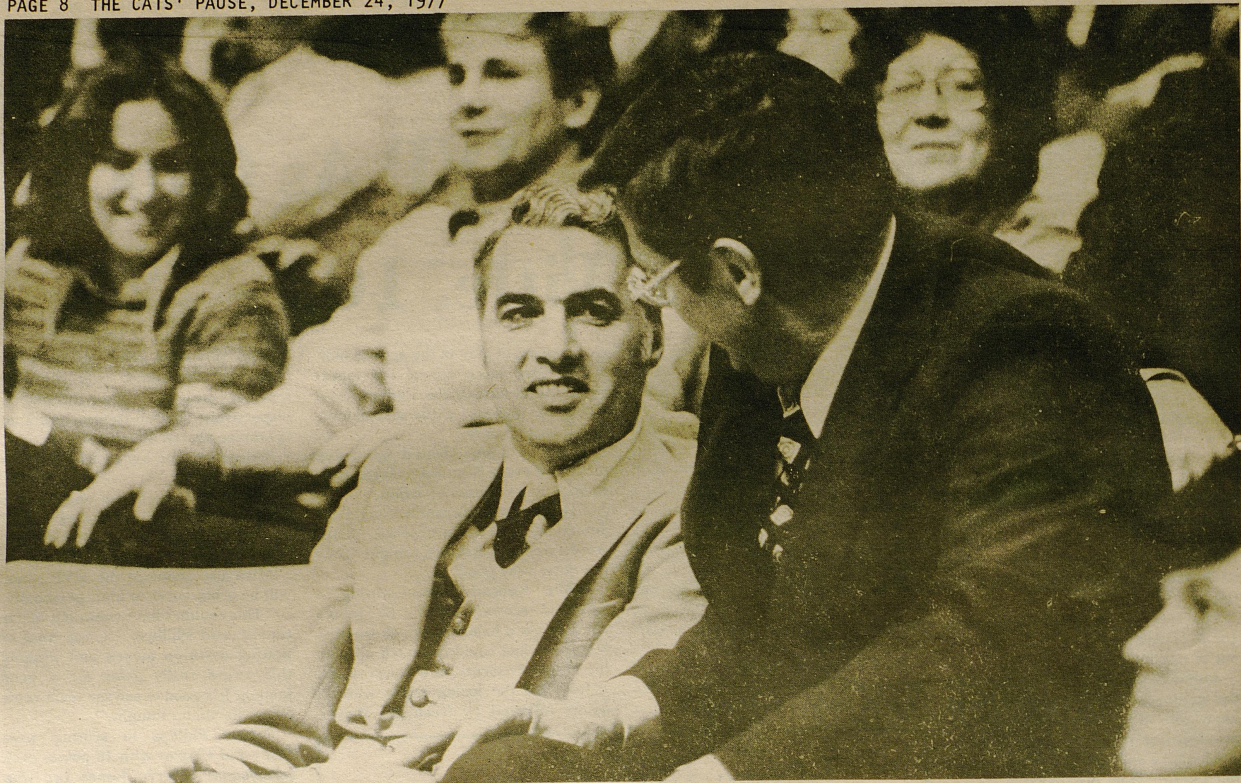
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K. Winfree	2-10	1-2	4	4	5	1	4	25
G. Johnson	7-15	3-3	9	5	17	1	5	26
W. McKoy	6-15	1-5	4	4	13	0	1	25
T. Calabrese	4-7	2-2	4	3	10	5	3	35
B. Rencher	4-9	4-4	2	2	12	6	2	26
R. Plair	0-1	0-0	2	1	0	0	1	5
G. Thomas	3-7	4-5	0	3	10	1	0	19
F. Gilroy	2-3	0-1	1	0	4	0	1	4
R. Wright	0-2	1-2	1	2	1	1	2	20
P. Berwanger	0-4	0-0	3	0	0	0	0	15
Team Rebounds			4					
TOTALS	28-73	16-24	34	24	72	15	19	200

## KENTUCKY-102

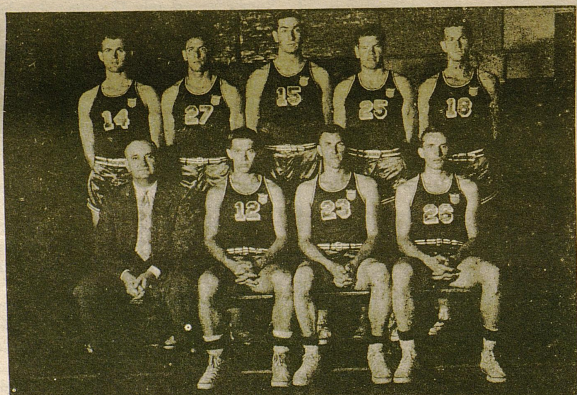
PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN
J. Givens	3-7	2-2	7	2	8	2	3	27
R. Robey	1-4	8-8	8	1	10	2	1	25
M. Phillips	10-14	0-0	8	4	20	5	3	22
K. Macy	5-9	6-6	3	2	16	5	1	31
T. Claytor	7-10	2-2	0	1	16	2	1	27
D. Casey	0-2	2-2	0	1	2	0	1	8
J. Shidler	2-2	0-0	1	1	4	1	2	9
T. Stephens	0-1	0-1	2	1	0	2	1	5
J. Lee	5-9	2-4	7	3	12	0	3	18
F. Cowan	1-3	2-2	2	1	4	0	0	6
C. Aleksinas	2-5	4-4	4	4	8	0	2	13
L. Williams	0-1	2-2	2	3	2	0	0	9
Team Rebounds			2					
TOTALS	36-67	30-33	46	24	102	19	18	200
ST. JOHNS UNIVERSITY			28		44	---		72
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY			46		56	---		102

Officials: Julius Sneed and Ben Dunn  
Attendance: 23,472 (Rupp Arena Capacity)





*Joe Hall Visits With Coach Fran Curci During UKIT*



THE OLYMPIANS—Posing for posterity with Coach Adolph Rupp are Wildcats Ralph Beard (12), Cliff Barker (23), Kenny Rollins (26), Joe Holland (14), Wallace Jones, Alex Groza (15), Jim Line (25) and Dale Barnstable (18), who were national champions and champions of the collegiate division of the 1948 Olympic Trials. The "Fabulous Five"—Beard, Barker, Rollins, Jones and Groza—participated in the 1948 Olympic Games in London.



UNDEFEATED—Sweeping through a 25-game schedule without a defeat was the 1953-54 Wildcat squad featuring "Skippy" Whitaker (32), Bobby Watson (38), Billy Evans, Frank Ramsey (30), Lou Tsioropoulos (16), Cliff Hagan (6) and Shelby Linville (11).

## *Balanced Attack Paces St. John's To 77-60 Win Over Seattle*

St. John's advanced to the finals of the University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament by blowing out Seattle 77-60 in the opening game of the 25th annual event Friday evening at Rupp Arena.

With an attack which featured balanced double-figure scoring from all five starters, St. John's leaped out to a 36-22 intermission lead and never looked back as the Redmen upped their record to 7-1 on the season.

The Redmen clearly were the superior team, whipping Seattle in virtually every department.

George Johnson, St. John's All-American candidate, and Bernard Rencher shared team scoring honors with 14 points each while freshman sensation Wayne McKoy added 13, Kevelin Winfree added 11 and Tom Calabrese put home 10 more.

Seattle's best effort came from Jawann Oldham, who scored 22 points and had seven rebounds.

St. John's hit a blazing 63 percent the first half, a new UKIT record, as the Redmen canned 17 of 27 attempts. For the game, the Redmen cooled off a little and finished at a torrid 55 percent on 33 of 60.

Meanwhile, Seattle hit a fair 45 percent after a frigid 34.5 percent the first half. St. John's won the battle of the boards, 34-30.

"This is the best offensive game we've had this season," said winning coach Lou Carnesecca. "We had been shooting blanks all season."

St. John's had been ranked as high as No. 13 nationally, but lost that lofty number after suffering an upset at the hand of Rutgers a week ago.

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# What Adolph Rupp Means To Basketball Fans

By JIM MILLER

The one incident a reporter never forgets is his first contact with an honest-to-goodness personality . . . someone whose name has graced news pages from Bangor to Bakersfield.

One young reporter had an incident indelibly etched into his memory in September, 1966, shortly after he became a sports writer on the University of Kentucky's campus daily, *The Kernel*.

It's standard practice for a new reporter to meet his potential sources, and that is what took the reporter into the Memorial Coliseum athletic offices that winter afternoon.

Ken Kuhn, then sports information director, was first on the list since he had been a fixture in the UK athletics department for several centuries, and he was the man who could help an unsure freshman meet the people he would be writing about.

It was not the youngster's intention to start at the top. The strategy was that a talk with the tennis coach or swimming coach would supply the feel of walking through those doors. With familiarity comes confidence, and perhaps a few interview with the less prominent individuals on the UK coaching scene would provide the boost needed when the bigger names had to be interviewed.

No such luck!

After only two or three minutes of chatting with Kuhn, in through the door ambled the man whose very name evoked reverence from UK basketball fans, and often quite a different reaction from others.

The first sight of Adolph Frederick Rupp wasn't the memorable aspect of the meeting; it was what followed.

"Where are you from?" he asked.

"Shelby County," the reporter answered proudly, since his high school had won the Kentucky State High School Basketball Championship a few months before and had sent its two stars, Mike Casey and Bill Busey, to UK to play for Rupp.

Then the coach dropped the napalm: "Well, I don't want you to write a word on Casey or Busey. They've got enough to worry about."

Naked" is too kind a word for the feeling that stripped the feldgling pencil-pusher of his thoughts and turned his tongue to cherry jello.

What does one in that position say to a man whose words had melted the pens of the nation's best sports reporters, and who once told a group of writers, "Why, I make more money on my radio show than any of you do in a year"?

After all, what did Moses say when he got the Ten Commandments?

Probably the same thing the young reporter said: "Uh, yessir."

Then Rupp sensed the uneasiness and must have realized his victory was over a defenseless foe. He looked up from the statistics chart he was reading, his eyes smiled, and his mouth followed.

"Oh, hell, you can write anything you want. I'm not going to stop you."

The years pass, students graduate and reporters, like ministers, get the call to go elsewhere. But after a 600-mile move, one finds that WHAS Radio is his only link to the times of the past.

For displaced Kentuckians, their thank-you prayers have always included the names of Claude Sullivan, Cawood Ledford, Jack Koch and Ralph Hacker, who over the years have sent the UK story to listeners in more than 40 states. And the final chapter of that story during each broadcast is the post-game show with the coach.

It was the show that gave thousands of listeners a first-person view of Rupp, and allowed him to display the curmudgeonly wit that stoked his legend as Baron of the Bluegrass. If the court was Rupp's battleground, then the post-game show was indeed where he divided the spoils.

No one escaped his diatribes, not even his players. Once, the family of a little-used player tried to pressure Rupp into more playing time for their son.

"These players' mommas and daddies come up to me and say, 'Coach, don't you think little Johnny should be playing more?' Well, my mother back on our farm in Kansas had a word for people like that. She called them 'Weisenheimers.' Old Uncle Adolph has been around a while and I think I know something about this game."

A few years ago, Cawood Ledford, the veteran voice of the Wildcats, was asked to relate his favorite story regarding an interview with Rupp.

"On that show, he was telling me about the different gyms he had taken his teams into. He talked about playing in a roller rink and a converted barracks and then he mentioned an L-shaped gym. I stopped a minute and asked 'an L-shaped gym?' He talked about playing at Vanderbilt in a gym where he couldn't even see around the 'L' to the other basket. Then he said, 'But when I saw my boys coming around the corner, I knew everything would be all right.'"

And the radio fans, most of whom would never see a game in Memorial Coliseum, loved it!



*The Baron's Farewell*



# One Man's View On The Media

By JIM GRIESCH

Basketball fans in small town America (Glasgow, et. al.) will get a tremendous chance to follow many teams in depth this year. Radio coverage here will feature both the Scotties and the Trojans. Hank Royce has spent the last quarter century or so bringing you the play-by-play of Glasgow, and now Barren County, games.

He admits he's a "homer."

Cawood Ledford has been doing UK games about as long, and everybody knows he roots for Kentucky. Dittoe Bud Tyler for Western. Mention Wes Strader in that group, too.

The late Ed Kallay was the biggest exponent of home-team advocacy that Kentucky every knew, and all the people in Louisville loved him.

To the south, both Vanderbilt (with Paul Ell's) and Tennessee (John Ward on the Tennessee Vols' network) have announcers who are pro-Vandy, pro-Vols.

The people who listen to all of those guys are fans of the teams. They want to hear from those teams' coaches, and from their favorite stars.

The fun and relaxation they receive from these guys is worth a ton of gold every night. And, the fans wouldn't have it any other way.

They want the local viewpoint, but most want it fairly, and cleanly.

Those announcers, and 1,000 more just like them all over the country are popular with everybody they reach.

But what about a man (woman) who sits in a booth and tells 30 million viewers or listeners on a national network the happenings of a particular game?

Should he or she be a homer? Should he root for one team instead of the other?

Over the past 10 or 12 years, a few certain announcers with built-in biases have reached microphones that reach into nearly every home in this country. And the subtle garbage they have gotten away with has gotten ridiculous.

The two most blatant homers are Dick Enberg and Chris Schenckel.

Enberg does the TV's national college basketball telecast every week, and Schenckel used to do the NBA game of the week for ABC.

Enberg seems to make a point of putting in a good word for the UCLA Bruins every game he does, no matter who is playing! He was the UCLA announcer for six years.

For instance, two years ago, during a Sunday afternoon game in which Marquette blitzed the University of Louisville in a wild second half rally, Enberg blurted out, "Both teams are playing the UCLA high post offense."

Why the UCLA high post offense? UL may have, considering coach Denny Crum's tenure as an assistant to former UCLA coach John Wooden. But, Marquette's offense does not resemble the UCLA game. UCLA uses a center out high, with one forward on the baseline, the other out in a wing even with the center. One guard floats off to the open area to the left or right, and the point guard passes inside, makes a shuffle cut between the wing and center, then starts people sliding in and out of the free throw lane. Usually, the players spend a lot of time in there. Marquette's game is more free lance. But a lot of teams use high post offenses.

Two year ago, Enberg was reporting a UCLA-Notre Dame game from Pauley Pavilion. He made a dramatic speech leading into the game about how UCLA was "going for its 91st home victory in a row, the longest in college basketball."

He did not use the word "ever" in describing the streak, but with his professional use of tone, inflection, voice, expression, awe, and enthusiasm, he left no doubt in my mind about what the streak was:

He was telling perhaps 30 million people a lie! All he had to do was to check with NCAA records to see if that streak was the longest or not. Two schools, that I know of, had longer streaks than UCLA's. (The Bruins' streak was ended later that year at 98, by Oregon.)

St. Bonaventure won 118 in a row in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Most UK fans know that the Cats had a streak of 129 from 1943 to 1955.

If you say it is not important, do you stop to think what kind of effect such a statement MIGHT have on UCLA recruiting? How many potentially great basketball stars might be favorably impressed by such gaudiness?

Then, there was the halftime interview he did with Wooden at another UCLA-Notre Dame game, in which he told the viewers that "I just love this man." He then leaned over and patted Wooden on the knee.

Last year, during the final game of the NCAA tournament, which involved Marquette and North Carolina, Enberg was talking about something and made the remark that UCLA had only lost five games in 12 years at Pauley Pavilion. It had nothing to do with that game!!

If he's going to do this, why not force NBC to run a disclaimer on the screen professing Enberg to be an unpaid (or could it be paid?) member of the UCLA sports publicity staff, or that he represents that schools' vested interests.

He's not a bad announcer otherwise. He's got a good knowledge of the game, but he tends to be too chummy with UCLA. He knows all of their habits, girlfriends, parents, pets, etc. That's usually a function of a more local announcer.

Chris Schenckel merely tends to think the world ends west of the Hudson River. He once pleaded with Mrs. Penny Tweedy, owner of the horse Secretariat, to race him in New York, so that "New Yorkers can see this wonderful horse."

Doesn't anyone in New York watch an event originated out of state?

Schenckel was the announcer for the NBA telecasts when the New York Knicks won the title in the late 1960s, and he became so enthralled with the Knicks' style of play that he proclaimed their passing-motion, team-oriented style a "new style of basketball." College teams had been playing team ball for years. But, that didn't stop Schenckel.

Other coaches have used the media to their advantage. This fall, Digger Phelps said that in last year's UK-Notre Dame game, the fans were wild because they were also celebrating Kentucky's first bowl trip in football in 25 years, and that "it was sick." They were condoning UK's probation by the NCAA. This was in a national magazine.

Who's kidding whom? Notre Dame fans are among the most rabid in the world. They are most obnoxious, loud, belligerent, and arrogant.

But here was Phelps, using a nationally distributed magazine to take a pot shot at Kentucky, a team which beats him nine out of ten times. Besides, you don't think Phelps was mad because his team was beaten by 38 points late in the game, on a night when his own team shot 53 percent

from the floor do you? If you will remember, Notre Dame had a chance to move from nationally ranked number two to number one because top ranked Michigan had just been beaten the night before.

That couldn't have had anything to do with it, could it? Nahh.

Johnny Wooden used the national press to propagate the idea that he never recruited outside California. The media were so nice to Wooden.

No one ever questioned him on anything. He used the national press as a psychological weapon better than most coaches use their own local press, and the national guys went along like docile sheep.

I have a theory on that.

A lot of the Las Angeles-based network people are fans of UCLA. That is a natural assumption. They like sports, UCLA is available, and these guys like an ego trip as much as the next fellow. So they climbed aboard during the Bruin's rise through the 1960s.

They like Wooden, so he had immediate access to people who could get him on nationwide television in quick fashion.

He carefully molded an elite group of followers who helped in the psyching out of future opponents by a consistent elaboration of the UCLA story, both through wire service stories and through short film clips of UCLA victories.

The total social mystique of the California life-style, plus the adroit Chamber of Commerce campaign being waged in popular song, magazines, newspapers, even movies, helped bring UCLA into a basketball focal point.

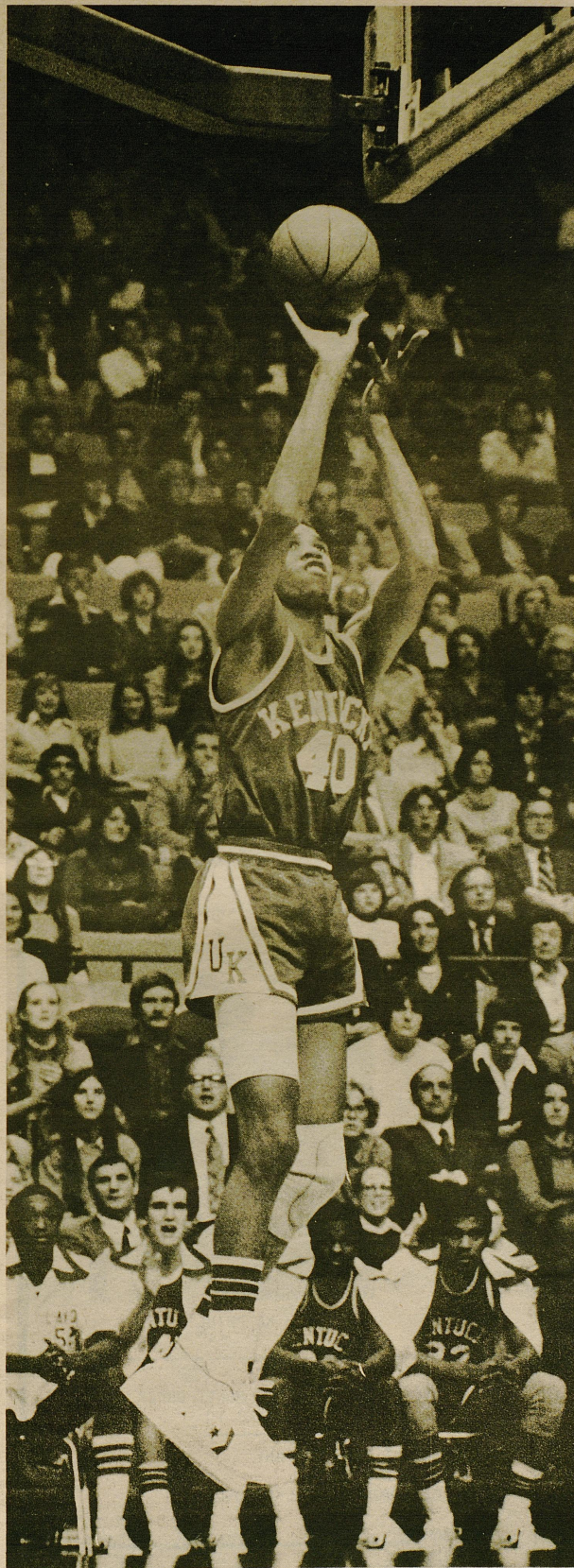
Wooden's claim that he recruited only Californians has never been refuted, but it really holds little water.

All of his earliest stars, the guys who really brought him his titles are from such California towns as Philadelphia, Pa., New York, N.Y., Tallahassee, Fla., South Bend, Ind., Gray, Ind., Kansas City, Mo., and a couple of little towns in North Carolina, not to mention Portland, Ore., where his last All-American came from.

Sadly, it was an over-eager press that helped build them to a point where any college playing UCLA was at a distinct disadvantage.

Think about that.





**KENTUCKY**

Cowan

## PORTLAND STATE—82

PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN
F. Williams	14-31	6-8	3	0	34	2	3	36
B. Sisul	1-3	1-2	9	0	3	2	0	32
J. Cunningham	5-11	9-12	10	4	19	0	2	36
T. Adolph	4-11	0-0	11	3	8	3	2	38
C. Smith	4-11	4-4	3	1	12	5	1	32
J. Trump	1-2	0-0	0	1	2	0	0	4
B. Mathis	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	2
M. Owens	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Team Rebounds			5					

TOTALS 31-74 20-27 43 12 82 12 10 200

## SEATTLE—76

PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN
K. Harrell	6-6	1-1	2	4	13	0	0	21
E. Carter	0-3	0-0	2	0	0	1	1	7
J. Oldham	11-16	0-0	13	3	22	0	6	40
C. Ervin	4-7	0-0	4	0	8	4	3	25
J. Maultsby	2-4	0-0	2	5	4	3	1	17
S. Jackson	1-8	0-0	0	2	2	2	1	13
K. Suther	3-9	0-3	5	1	6	2	3	16
M. Pericin	7-9	1-1	2	4	15	1	1	33
Team Rebounds			3					

TOTALS 36-71 4-7 38 21 76 19 19 200

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY 41 41 --- 82  
SEATTLE UNIVERSITY 39 37 --- 76

Officials: Robert Hartsfield and Bill Bennett  
Attendance: 19,000

## SEATTLE—60

PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN
K. Harrell	1-6	0-0	5	2	2	0	0	30
E. Carter	2-4	1-2	2	4	5	0	2	20
J. Oldham	9-20	4-7	7	4	22	2	3	37
C. Ervin	3-6	0-1	2	3	6	3	2	27
C. Richardson	5-15	1-2	7	1	11	4	4	38
J. Maultsby	0-1	0-0	1	2	0	3	1	20
S. Jackson	5-6	0-0	1	1	10	0	1	10
K. Suther	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	3
M. Pericin	2-2	0-0	1	2	4	4	1	14
R. Potlono	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Team Rebounds			2					

TOTALS 27-60 6-12 30 19 60 16 14 200

## ST. JOHN'S—77

PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN
K. Winfree	5-10	1-2	5	0	11	2	0	31
G. Johnson	6-12	2-4	7	1	14	3	1	32
W. McCoy	6-8	1-1	5	3	13	0	3	21
Tom Calabrese	5-6	0-0	2	0	10	3	2	35
B. Rencher	6-11	2-3	2	4	14	5	6	30
B. Gilbert	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2
R. Plair	1-2	0-1	1	1	2	0	1	5
R. Bollinger	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	2
G. Thomas	1-4	2-2	1	2	4	2	1	15
F. Gilroy	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	3
R. Wright	0-0	3-4	2	1	3	1	0	10
P. Berwinger	3-6	0-0	5	4	6	0	1	14
Team Rebounds			3					

TOTALS 33-60 11-17 34 16 77 16 15 200

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY 22 38 --- 60  
ST. JOHNS UNIVERSITY 36 41 --- 77

Officials: Julius Sneed and Robert Hartsfield  
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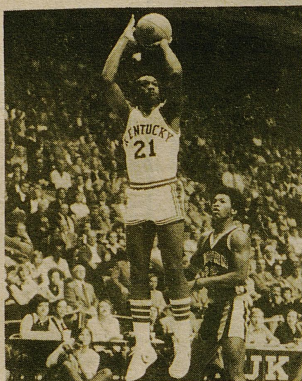
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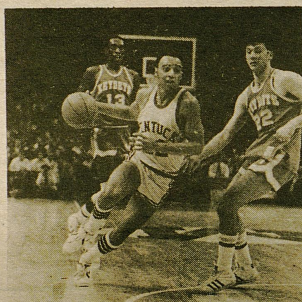
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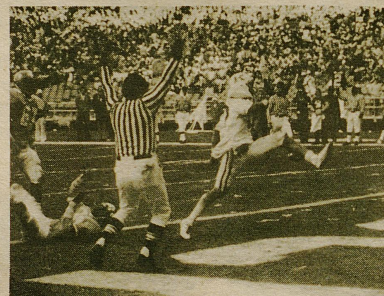
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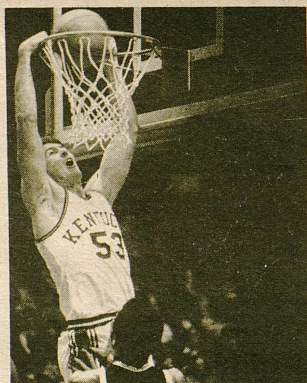
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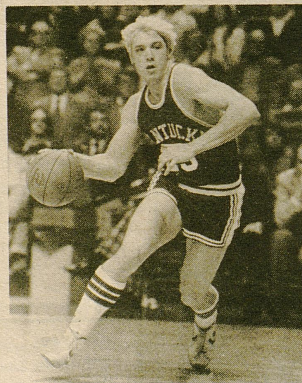
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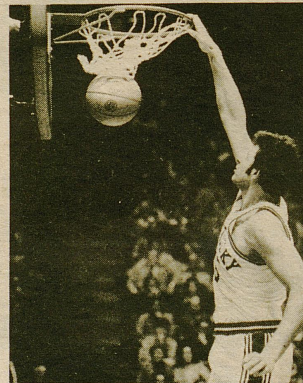
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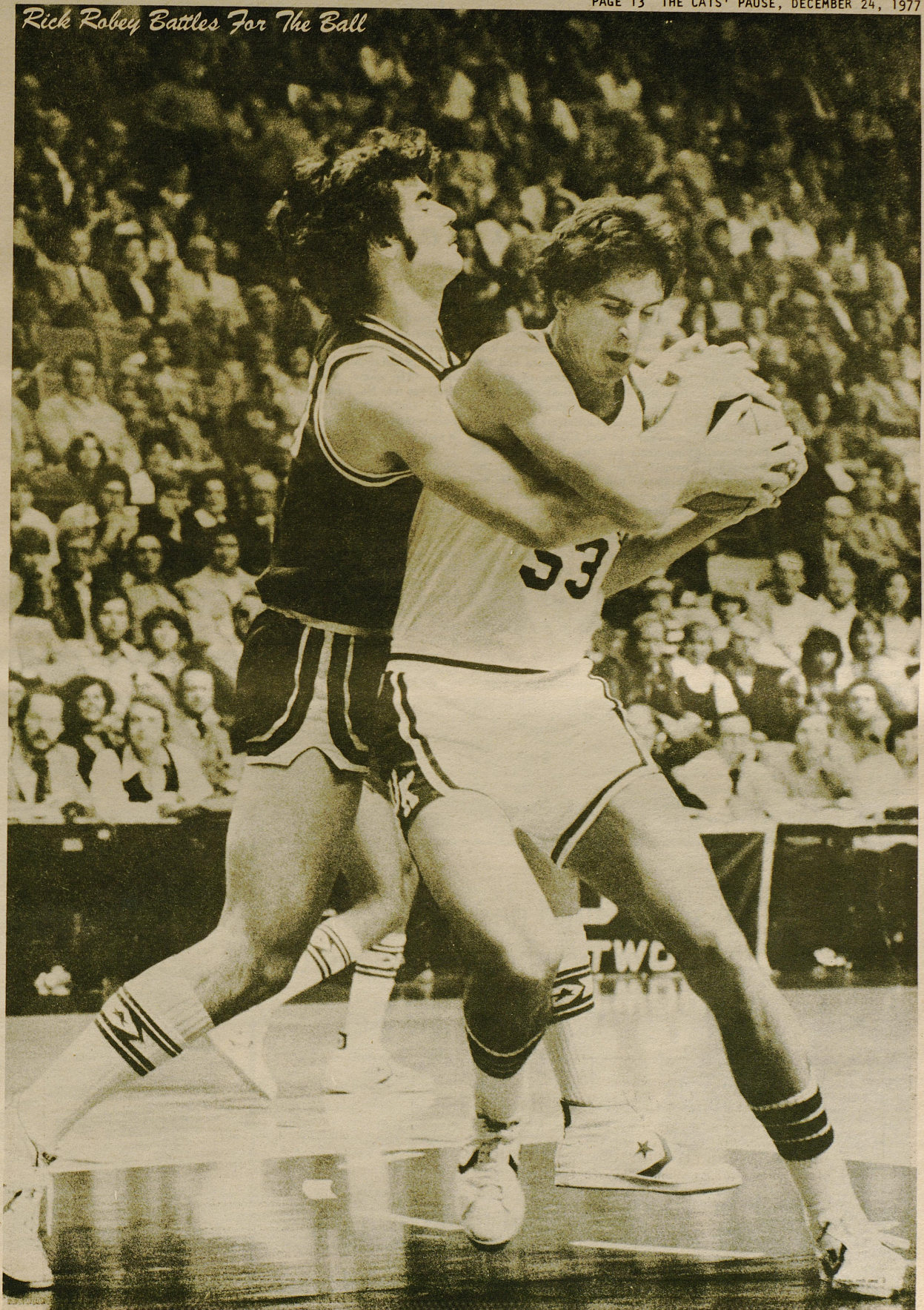
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# Joe B. Hall

UK Head Basketball Coach



## The Strongest Team We've Had Up Front

**Question:** You have to be mighty pleased with Kentucky's play in the UKIT, especially with the 30-point win over St. John's. What are your observations of the tourney and Kentucky's future?

**Joe Hall:** "That's the way we should have been playing when I was upset. This justifies our earlier observations that we had not been playing spirited, emotion basketball. We ran, pushed the ball down, went to the boards well and played good defense. We sustained our effort the whole night against a good and sound ball club in St. John's. It means that much more because we played against a fine club."

**Question:** Does this mean Kentucky should play every night like the game against St. John's?

**Joe Hall:** "We're satisfied that we can play that way. We just have to build it in as a regular thing and not something special. That was one of our better games in a long time and we're glad to see that."

**Question:** Why did Kentucky come around so quickly, like from the first game in the tourney to the outstanding play in the title game?

**Joe Hall:** "It's been a mental thing and we discussed it about five times the last day. They responded well."

**Question:** Did the players talk among themselves or were you doing most of the talking?

**Joe Hall:** "I did most of the talking."

It's really obvious to them now but we had a hard time proving to them that we were not playing. One of the facts we brought out, we got out stats sheets after five games and compared it to this year's after five games and our opponents were shooting 43 percent from the field this year as compared to 37 percent after five games last year. We had made 80 turnovers at this time last year and had 100 this year. Our opponents last year turned the ball over 120 times to our 80. This year, the opponents had turned it over only 95. So there was a 20 difference in our turnovers and a 25 difference in our opponents' turnovers which was a total of 45 difference. That's nine per game. Our winning margin had dropped from 26 last year in five games to 18 this year in five games. That's an eight-point difference. You figure a possession is worth a point, we were nine deficit in turnover and that accounts for nine points each game we've been down. Some of that was our bad ball handling which I felt continued somewhat again tonight. But we did a much better job tonight."

**Question:** What about the play of Mike Phillips?

**Joe Hall:** "He's played with much more spirit. He had a very good game."

**Question:** Do you think Aleksinas' play Friday night might have motivated Phillips some?

**Joe Hall:** "It might have woken him up a little bit, to see how good Chuck was playing."

**Question:** You had been questioning whether Kentucky was playing the caliber of ball required of a No. 1 team. Does this game mean UK now deserves that No. 1 ranking?

**Joe Hall:** "This was definitely an outstanding win. There's no question it took a great effort to beat St. John's by thirty points and we still had the opportunity to play a lot of people and use a lot of different combinations. But on a night like that, everyone plays alert. You could see the tempo of our guards bringing the ball up the floor, Truman and Jay Shidler, of Lee getting out and Givens going after the loose ball. We took the charge and did the things you're supposed to do, like playing the pressure defense."

**Question:** What about St. John's play? Kentucky seemed to force St. John's to play a different type game.

**Joe Hall:** "It has to be an unusual thing when St. John's gets forced out of its offense because they are a well-coached, very disciplined, excellent basketball team. There were times when we did force them out of their offense."

**Question:** What about Rick Robey? He's been playing less recently and has asked to be taken out of some of the games.

**Joe Hall:** "Rick is not feeling well."

He is sick and we're going to have him checked again next week. Earlier in the year we had him checked for mono. He still has some of those same symptoms although those tests all proved negative. He's still not feeling well and it's very evident in his play. Before he got ill about three weeks ago, he had been playing super. Since then, he's been tiring easily and not feeling well."

**Question:** Is this the deepest team you've had since you've been at Kentucky during your six years?

**Joe Hall:** "It's the strongest team we've had up front. Maybe the 1975 team was as deep, maybe not as deep."

**Question:** You seemed to use the guard around play an awful lot during the game, especially early. Any particular reason other than it working well?

**Joe Hall:** "We planned that because of the St. John's defense. We felt that we would have to pick outside and look for the outside shot more because of their collapsing defense. Normally, we try to go inside. The first few series, we tried to go inside and they really collapsed on us. So then we put in our outside game and screened for the guards and took the shot and they (the guards) shot very well from the outside game."

### AP Ratings

The Top Twenty teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, season records and total points. Points based on 70-18-16-14-12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.

1. Kentucky (49) 7-0	996
2. Marquette (41) 5-0	856
3. North Carolina 6-1	664
4. Arkansas 6-0	658
5. Notre Dame 6-1	556
6. Indiana State 6-0	462
7. UCLA 6-1	447
8. Louisville 4-1	333
9. Nevada-Las Vegas 9-0	308
10. Syracuse 8-1	237
11. San Francisco 6-1	225
12. Cincinnati 5-1	222
13. Holy Cross 5-0	151
14. Providence 5-0	129
15. Detroit 6-0	111
16. Kansas 6-1	58
17. Utah 5-1	52
18. Alabama 4-1	40
19. Virginia 5-0	39
20. Maryland 6-1	38

### UPI Ratings

NEW YORK (UPI) — The United Press International Board of Coaches college basketball ratings with won-lost records through games of Sunday, Dec. 18, and number of first place votes in parentheses.

Team	Points
1. Kentucky (36) 6-0	414
2. Marquette (41) 5-0	346
3. North Carolina (6-1)	270
4. Notre Dame (6-1)	240
5. Arkansas (1) 6-0	209
6. UCLA (6-1)	167
7. Indiana St. (1) 7-0	155
8. Syracuse (8-1)	75
9. San Francisco (6-1)	66
10. Louisville (4-1)	61
11. Holy Cross (5-0)	42
12. Cincinnati (5-1)	41
13. Providence (5-0)	33
14. Kansas (6-1)	30
15. Utah (5-1)	29
16. Indiana (4-1)	16
17. Purdue (4-2)	15
18. Maryland (6-1)	14
19. Virginia (5-0)	9
20. Alabama (4-1)	8



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## UK RECORD 20-GAME WINNERS

Kentucky lives up completely to its billing as the all-time champion of major college basketball with its run of 14 straight 20-victory seasons beginning in 1945, according to Boston sports authority Bill Mokray. The Wildcats were not permitted to field a team in 1953, but made up for it with a perfect record (25-0) the following season and continued their streak through 1959. Baron Adolph Rupp's warriors also achieved the magic circle with a 20-3 record in 1933 and posted a 23-3 mark in 1962, 21-6 in 1964, 32-2 in 1966, 22-5 in 1968, 23-5 in 1969, 26-2 in 1970, and 22-6 in 1971.

Many years ago, Adolph Rupp was accused by a Big Nine coach of raiding the North for basketball talent. In his denunciation of Rupp, the coach included an old Southern expression, "Carpetbagging."

A short time later, Rupp was invited to speak at a banquet in Ohio, deep in Big Nine territory. The banquet chairman, eager to have Rupp's name on the program, asked what his subject would be.

"My text," Rupp replied, "will be: 'A Carpetbagger in the Holy Land'."

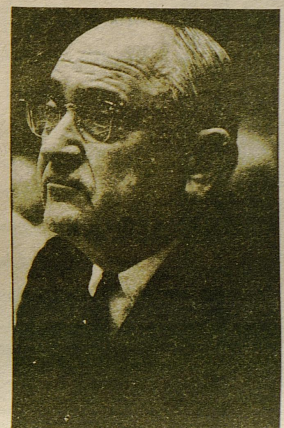
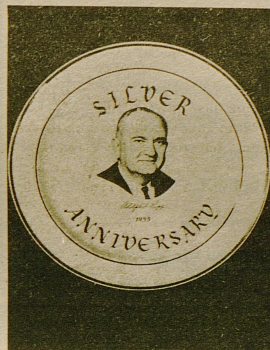
Upon his return from Madison Square Garden after his Wildcats lost, 22-23, to NYU, in 1935, Adolph Rupp was asked about some very questionable officiating.

"I really don't know," Rupp told a Lexington newspaperman. "Riding back yesterday I turned on the radio. A broadcast came on from one of the churches in New York. The minister used as his text, 'He was a Stranger, and they took him in.' That's all I know about what happened."

During a heated contest, Adolph Rupp drew a technical foul for coaching from the bench. Asked by a spectator what he thought of the official's action, Rupp replied, "Hell, my coaching is worth a technical foul any time."

## 'THAT WAS NO ZONE DEFENSE!'—RUPP

Always ready with a colorful quip for doting members of the press-radio-TV corps, Kentucky Coach Adolph Rupp sent his listeners rushing to their dictionaries in 1963-64 when he came up with a colorful description of a new defense installed in early season. Sportswriters who witnessed the special 1-3-1 point defense for the first time against Tennessee in January were inclined to refer to it as a "zone." But Baron Rupp, to whom the term "zone defense" had long been one of the most abhorred in his vocabulary and a pattern never used by his Wildcats, cagily denied this. "We never have used the zone at Kentucky and never intend to," he declared with tongue in cheek. "That was no zone. It was simply a stratified, transitional, hyperbolic paraboloid." STHP carried the UKats to a successful quest of the conference title and an NCAA berth. They lost only once in regular season play using the special defense—that coming in the final game with St. Louis. In an earlier upset at the hands of Alabama, the UK defense had reverted to the familiar "Man-for-Man."



**Rupp And His Favorite Person**



# Adolph Rupp (1901-1977)

## A Sketchbook Look at Kentucky's College Basketball's Win

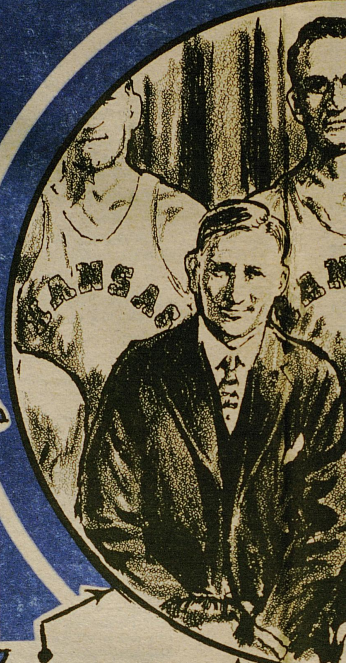
### Rupp's 'Incredible Journey'

UK Head Basketball Coach 1930-72  
Career Record (880-190) 82.2%

- 4 - NCAA Championships  
(1948, 1949, 1951 & 1958)
- 23 - All-Americans Chosen 33 Times
- 52 - All-SEC Players Chosen 91 Times
- Co-Coach of the 1948 Olympic Champions
- 1 - Undefeated Team: 1953-54 (25-0)
- 5 - National Coach of the Year
- 8 - SEC Coach of the Year
- 1 - NIT Championship
- 27 - SEC Championships
- 13 - UKIT Championships
- 5 - Sugar Bowl Championships



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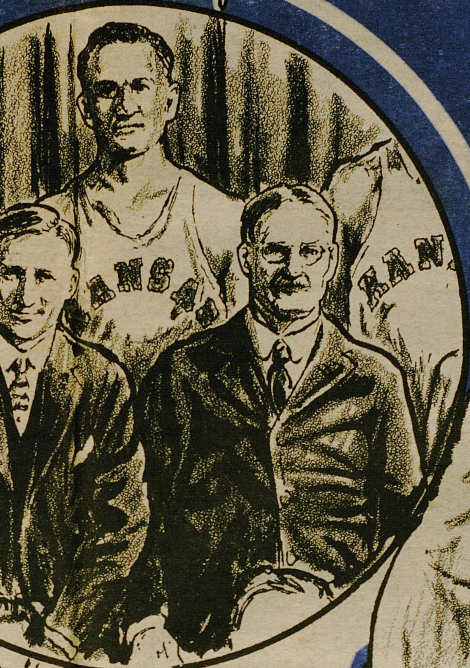
1972 - Rupp's Final Home Farewell

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## 'BANNER' AND NO. 6

According to tradition, Kentucky's basketballing Wildcats have a pet pattern that they execute the first time they get the ball in a game. The nationally-famous saying attributed to UK Coach Adolph Rupp is "Star Spangled Banner and then No. 6." This stems from Rupp's strategy of running the strategic guard-around play of Kentucky's repertoire and the reason, Rupp explains, is simple: "It tells us immediately if the opposing team is playing a zone defense against us."

## Comment

By Bob Watkins



There is literally nothing that has not been said or written about Coach Adolph Rupp. It is the way of heroes and legends.

Saying that I loved him is merely to repeat what many Kentuckians are saying today. But I was fortunate enough to meet and talk with him. I did love Uncle Adolph. I've never liked hearing criticism of Adolph Rupp. To me he was a wonderful man of rare sensitivity, wonderful wit and stormy desposition. They were all qualities. He did far too much for our state in his 42 years to be harried by critics.

"You didn't meet coach Rupp until after he had mellowed," Jim Dinwiddie once told me when he and I were students at UK. "C'mon over to my house after I graduate and I'll tell you some real stories."

I never went to see Jim Dinwiddie. I didn't want to hear it.

To me, Coach Adolph Frederick Rupp was the one hero each of us somehow must enshrine in our lives.

When I first learned what a basketball game meant in Kentucky in the 1950s the name Adolph Rupp was god-like. His capital was in Lexington where the presidential palace was called Memorial Coliseum. It was light years away from the oatmeal box pasted to my kitchen wall. I cut the bottom out and shot a tennis ball at it and dreamed of playing for Uncle Adolph in his palace some day. As surely as we ate Wheaties, Quaker Oats and wore basketball shoes, little kids must have dreams like that.

And Uncle Adolph made sure I had mine. A fellow named Claude Sullivan was my lifeline to the Coliseum. He did UK's play by play broadcasts and interviews with Coach Rupp after every game. Along with all of you still reading this, I lived and died in front of a Philco Radio on Monday and Saturday nights. But wasn't it a grand way to bite your finger nails?

Yes, I loved Uncle Adolph and his boys from a distance of 100 miles. That's what the sign said out on Highway 25 in Corbin, Kentucky. One hundred miles to Shangri La.

Years have a way of going by and one's dreams bump into reality. We tuck them away like high school love notes or sports scrapbooks.

On a warm autumn afternoon in 1970 the phone rang in my

Lexington apartment. It was the sports editor of the UK campus newspaper *The Kernel*.

"Say Bob, I've got an assignment for you," said Michael Tierney.

"Yes, what's that?" I said.

"Well, I need you to do a story on the basketball team's outlook for the coming season so I've arranged this interview at Memorial Coliseum for you."

Remembering that I was a mere cub on the *Kernel* staff, visions of talking to the janitor or team ball boy popped into my head.

"Well, who do I talk to," I asked?

"Coach Rupp."

"WHAT?" I said calmly. "ME?"

Unbelievable. Pip squeak goes one on one with the man who makes *Courier-Journal* scribes tremble? Unbelievable.

Half an hour later I was in Rupp's outer office. Shaking.

"C'mon in here, son," he said in a booming voice and reaching to shake MY hand. "Sit down right there and tell me what's on your mind, son."

It was the high point of Pip Squeak's life. Sitting in the king's throne room. Walls covered with plaques, road signs, and photos of Coach Rupp with royalty and basketball stars and coaches and high placed politicians, and other celebrities.

A conversation with Uncle Adolph. What an experience. He did all the talking of course. Mike Casey this and Larry Steele that and Dan Issel will be the best ever. Wonderful stuff. But Pip Squeak couldn't stop shaking long enough to write anything down. I listened carefully and with reverence the way thousands and millions did when Adolph spoke. At it's conclusion I was still nervous but feeling my chest beginning to swell. (Mom, you won't believe who I just talked to.)

"Mr...er...ah...coach Rupp, I wonder if I might come back sometime and talk with you again."

"My gawd, son. Why can't you? Hell, the door's right there and I'm right here. Come on around anytime. Just call my secretary and let me know first."

I don't remember walking out of Memorial Coliseum that day, just how warm the sun felt as I floated down The Avenue of Champions with a lump in my throat. The same sort of lump of have right now.

Good bye, Uncle Adolph...

## ADOLPH FREDERICK RUPP

42 Years — Won 880, Lost 190 — 82.2%

Although the University of Kentucky enters its first season in 42 years without the name of Adolph Rupp on its basketball masthead, the memory and accomplishments of the famed "Baron of the Blue Grass" long will grace the Wildcat and national scene.

Before bowing to the mandatory retirement rule, Rupp coached the Wildcats through one of the greatest collegiate sports eras of all times.

The record speaks for itself: 879 victories and 190 losses for 82.2%, making him the winningest collegiate basketball coach in the history of the game.

Rupp took over the title of winningest coach in December 1967, when the Wildcats defeated Notre Dame, 81-73, for his 772nd victory, surpassing the record held by his old coach, "Phog" Allen of Kansas.

During the Rupp era, Wildcat teams gained a worldwide reputation. They were NCAA champions in 1948, 1949, 1951, and 1958, had five players on the 1948 Olympic championship team, and were International Universities champion in 1966. "The Baron" was denied a fifth NCAA championship when his ailing "Rupp's Runts" lost to Texas Western in the finals of the 1966 tournament.

In addition to the NCAA titles, the Ruppmen won an NIT championship in 1946, five Sugar Bowls, 13 UKIT's and a record 27 SEC championships. They were national champions by polls six times since 1949.

During Rupp's tenure, 25 Wildcats were honored 37 times as All-Americans and 52 players were honored 91 times as All-SEC performers. Thirty-one players entered pro ranks.

Rupp's accomplishments last season included a conference co-championship and a record 20th appearance in the NCAA Playoffs, earned by twice defeating SEC co-champion Tennessee. Two members of that team—center Jim Andrews and forward Tom Parker—were named to All-Conference squads, and Andrews was named to the All-NCAA Mid-East team.

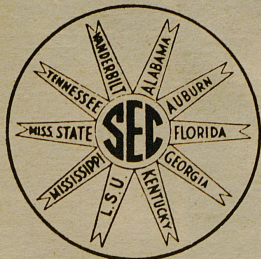
While Wildcat players received their share of the glory, Rupp also gathered more honors and accolades than perhaps ever were bestowed on a basketball coach. Down the glory road, his many honors, accomplishments and awards included:

- Certification by the NCAA Service Bureau as the nation's most successful collegiate basketball coach, both for the decade ending in 1961 and at the 20-year level.
- Selection as the unanimous national "Coach of the Year" in 1966 for the fourth time in his career and runner-up for the 1957 and 1964 seasons.
- Honored in 1967 by Columbus (Ohio) Touchdown Club as "Coach of the Century."
- Coach of the International Universities Tournament champions in 1966.
- A nominal world championship as co-coach of the successful USA entry in the 1948 Olympic Games which included five members of Kentucky's NCAA champions.
- Producer of more Olympic gold medal winners (7) than any other cage coach.
- An all-time record total of 27 Southeastern Conference titles since the league was organized in 1933.
- Election to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1959 and previous selection (in 1944) by Helms Athletic Foundation as a member of their exclusive Hall of Fame.
- Trustee and member of selection and honors committees of Basketball Hall of Fame. Also chairman NABC Hall of Fame Committee and heads the group that selects players to appear in East-West All-Star Game benefiting the Hall of Fame.
- Recipient of the Governor's Medallion in 1959 for meritorious service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and plaques of appreciation from the U.S. Air Force (1959) and Sugar Bowl committee (1951).
- Election to the Kentucky Hall of Fame (1946), outstanding citizen of Lexington (1949) and twice honorary citizen of the City of New Orleans. Enrolled in the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame in 1965.
- SEC coach-of-the-year in 1964, '66, '68, '69, '70, '71 and '72.
- Chosen "Deltasig of the Year" for 1966 by the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Phi, professional fraternity in commerce and business administration.
- Development of more All-Americans (21 players honored 32 times) and more material for the pro ranks (31) than any other coach.
- Five Sugar Bowl Tournament championships, a National Invitational Tournament title and 13 trophies from the 19 previous UK Invitational Tournaments.
- Membership on the NCAA Basketball Rules Committee.
- More overseas clinic trips (seven to Europe, three to the Far East, and one to the Near East) for U.S. Government than any other coach. Also visited Alaska in 1968.
- Selected as an official goodwill ambassador to the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City representing the National Association of Basketball Coaches.
- Election to Kansas Hall of Fame.
- President, National Association of Basketball Coaches, 1971.

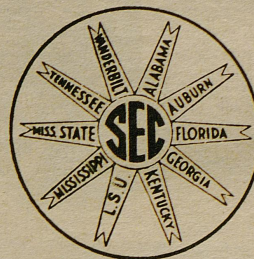
## MILESTONES IN THE RUPP RECORD

Victory No. 100 — December 9, 1936 .....	Georgetown (Ky.) (H) 46-21
Victory No. 200 — January 9, 1943 .....	Xavier (A) 43-38
Victory No. 300 — January 25, 1947 .....	Xavier (H) 71-34
Victory No. 400 — February 4, 1950 .....	Mississippi (A) 61-55
Victory No. 500 — December 22, 1954 .....	La Salle (H) 63-54
Victory No. 600 — January 29, 1959 .....	Georgia (H) 108-55
Victory No. 700 — February 3, 1964 .....	Georgia (A) 103-83
Victory No. 772 — December 30, 1967 .....	Notre Dame (N) 81-73
Victory No. 800 — January 27, 1969 .....	Alabama (A) 83-70





## Around The SEC



It was another miserable weekend of basketball for Southeastern Conference teams, with the exception of Kentucky and Alabama.

Aside from Kentucky's outstanding showing in its own invitational tournament and the Crimson Tide's surprisingly easy win over Michigan in Birmingham, the other schools fell on hard times.

Iona, which journeys into the South this Friday night for a date with No. 1 ranked Kentucky, served notice to the Wildcats they're for real. Iona destroyed Auburn 105-82 Saturday night as rookie Jeff Ruland poured in 29 points.

Ruland, who at one time was considered to be headed for the Bluegrass State, has been the needed sparkplug to propel Iona into national recognition. Iona, believe it or not, held a 31-point lead, 59-28, at the intermission.

Auburn, figured on as one of the SEC's contenders this season, was

never in it after the opening minutes. Mike Mitchell flipped in 34 points and freshman Bobby Cottage added 15 for Bob Davis' Tigers.

The Gaels are off to a fast start at 7-1 and eye an upset of top-ranked Kentucky Friday night at Rupp Arena. Auburn is now 3-2 on the year, having lost to only Houston at home by one point.

Ole Miss lost to Nebraska on the road by a score of 80-70 as the Rebs were unable to overcome a 14-point deficit in the first half. Coach Bob Weltich did get a good scoring effort from John Stroud, who poured in 21 points.

It was a pitiful sight down in Athens, Georgia, Saturday night as only 1,100 fans showed up for the Georgia-Louisiana Tech game. Those 1,100 didn't get to see much basketball as Tech put the ball in the cooler.

Georgia held on though and won a 42-34 decision after trailing by three at the half. The half-time score? Tech 18,

Georgia 15.

And then there is Utah, a club from out West which has journeyed into the South for the second year.

Most humans will argue you that Santa Claus' address in the North Pole. You'll not find the Utes agreeing with you. They'll insist the man makes his home down South, like Lexington or Knoxville.

Last year, Utah landed in the Land of the Bluegrass and stunned the Wildcats to win the UKIT. This time, Utah dipped a couple hundred miles farther South and won top honors in the Volunteer Classic by turning back Tennessee in the title game.

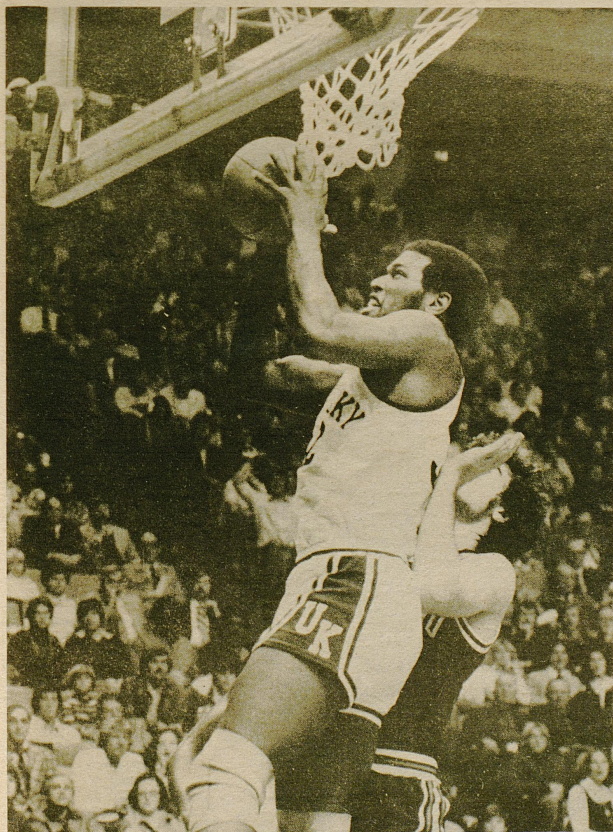
Utah won '85-80, thanks to the outstanding play of Jeff Judkins who scored 16 points for coach Jerry Pimm's team. Terry Crosby and Reggie Johnson tallied 24 and 22 points for Tennessee but that wasn't enough.

Utah roared out to a 49-40 halftime lead in the run-and-gun battle but the Vols could never get untracked.

Although Utah is proud of the double feat, the two titles were somewhat tainted in that Kentucky played without three key players in the tourney a year ago.

Sidelined for the tourney with disciplinary suspensions were Mike Phillips, Truman Claytor and Jay Shidler. Ironically, last week, both Phillips and Claytor were selected to the five-man All-Tournament team in the UKIT as Kentucky bombed St. John's in the finals. And Phillips was selected the MVP.

Down in Knoxville, no one is claiming the Vols to compare anywhere with the Vols of old. Gone are both All-Americans Ernie Grunfield and Bernard King and another outstanding star in Mike Jackson.



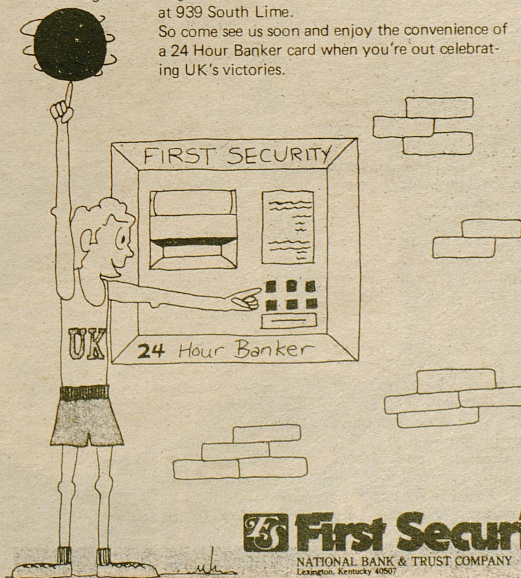
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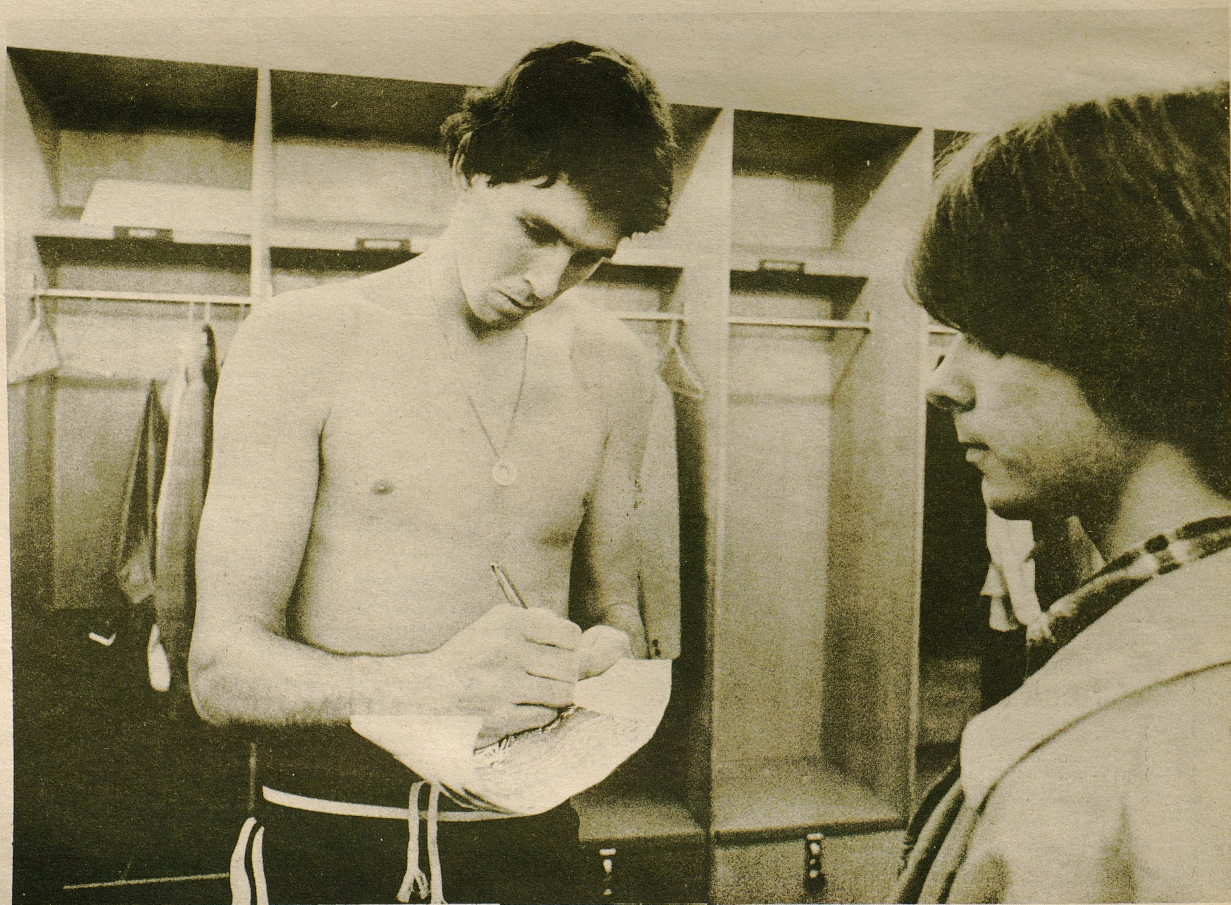


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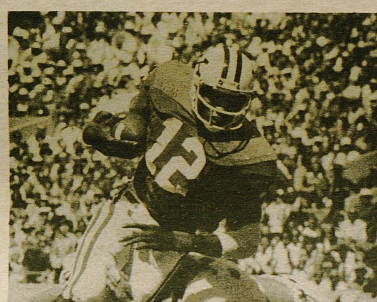
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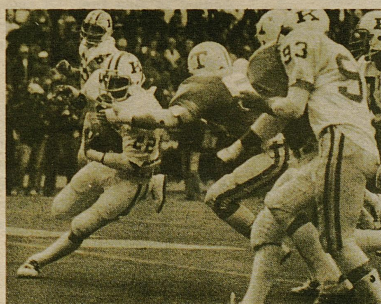
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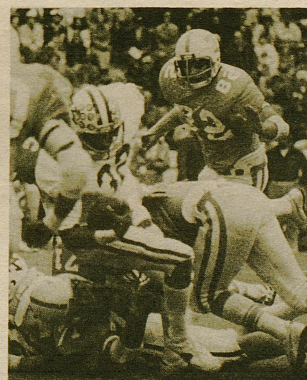
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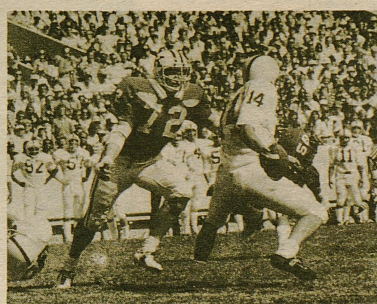
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# With Confidence Restored, TC Takes Dead Aim On NCAA

**Question:** How does it feel, Truman, after making the All-UKIT team? This has to be a high point for you this year, doesn't it?

Truman Claytor: "It feels real good. I felt good about the team and the team attitude going into that final game. Coach Hall was down on us from that first game because we didn't play good defense. We came out and played with a lot of defensive intensity. Mike Phillips did a great job and the bench came in and did well. That's what it takes, a team effort to win every game.

**Question:** This time a year ago, both you and Mike, and Jay Shidler, too, were sitting on the bench in street clothes during a two-game suspension because of breaking curfew. What are your thoughts now, a year later?

Truman Claytor: "I was thinking about it, it was in the back of my mind. I remember last year well, the night we were breaking curfew. I made sure this week, when that day came -- the day I missed curfew last year -- that I was going to be in because people think history always repeats itself. Everybody was in that night, and sure enough, the coaches came by and checked. Coach Parsons had been scouting a game, and he came by and checked."

**Question:** How does it feel now, coming off the great play in the UKIT and finishing the way you did a year ago in the NCAA?

Truman Claytor: "I found myself in the latter part of the season last year and I wanted to come in on top this season and try to get my confidence and defense up. Last year coming off the bench, it was a different role. This year I've been starting and the first five minutes of the game are tough on you and I've had to adjust to that. I hadn't started since the first part of my freshman year and that was the big adjustment this season, getting used to starting. I'm getting to know (Kyle) Macy's moves and knowing what he's going to do at certain times is important. The same thing happened with Larry Johnson and I got to know what he was going to do all the time. As the season gets older, you get more experience."

**Question:** After starting the early part of your freshman year, you went to the bench and had to serve as a reserve, but you came on strong at the end of last season and now you're starting as a junior. What's been the big change?

Truman Claytor: "I didn't want to get down mentally, although I could have. But the first half of the season last year, I broke curfew and had an injury, hurt my knee, and I wasn't playing. The club was doing real well

and I was happy for the team but you have a tendency to get down on yourself although you know what you can do. I guess I got down on myself a lot. I tried to keep the team spirit but I didn't want to get down so far in the hole that I couldn't come out of it. I just worked myself out of the hole and everything turned out fine."

**Question:** Was there anything in particular which changed your play during that period last year?

Truman Claytor: "When I came off the knee injury, I worked extra hard during the Christmas break and got in the groove. When the conference started, I got more confidence and that helped a great deal. I started playing

aggressive defense. Coach Hall stresses defense a lot and I began having a good time out there playing the tough D. You'd look over there and see Larry (Johnson) playing the tough, aggressive D and you want to play the same defense because it makes you feel good when you stop a team from scoring. I took it upon myself to play defense because it was needed most last season. I came in and played good defense and then my shots started falling."

**Question:** You had to feel good when you went home this past summer after you played in the NCAA last March.

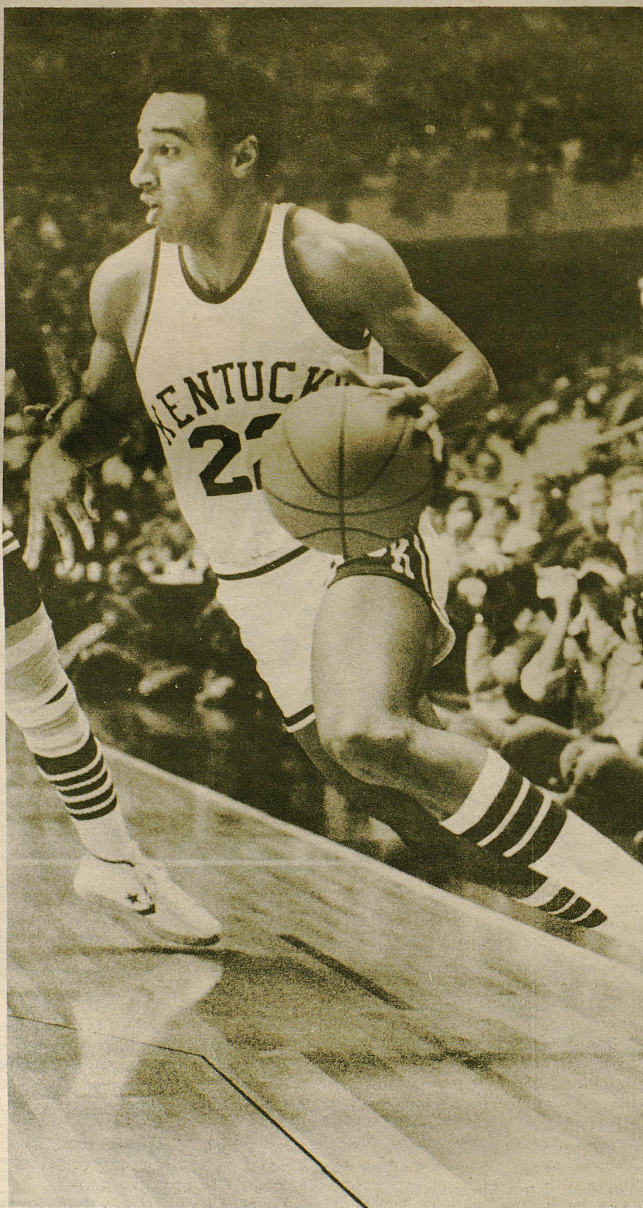
Truman Claytor: "I had a good tournament and this summer I lifted weights and ran every day, played ball every day. When back home in Ohio, I would go down to the Y each morning about 10 and play a couple of hours and go swimming in the afternoons then come back out in the evening about 6 or 7 and play more basketball. I did that each day because I wanted to stay ahead of myself. Last season I had a slow start and I didn't want that to happen again. Keeping in shape all summer helped me out, just like LaVon Williams. He really improved this past summer."

**Question:** It's ironic the starting combination today is that of you and Kyle Macy. If I recall correctly, Kentucky had one scholarship left at the time and offered it to the one which wanted to sign first. Of course, you signed and Kyle transferred from Purdue to Kentucky last year. What about those high school days?

Truman Claytor: "I was a late bloomer for Kentucky after they saw me in an All-Star game in Cleveland. Coach Hall and Coach Hamilton saw me there. Phil Hubbard and I were the co-MVPs of the game. I came down here for a visit and all the other schools recruiting me were downing Kentucky. There were coming in, talking to me every day and all I heard were bad things about Kentucky. Kentucky this, Kentucky people do this. I was wondering why they were so frightened about Kentucky. I came down here and visited it, liked what I saw and told them (UK) the next day I wanted to come, so I signed."

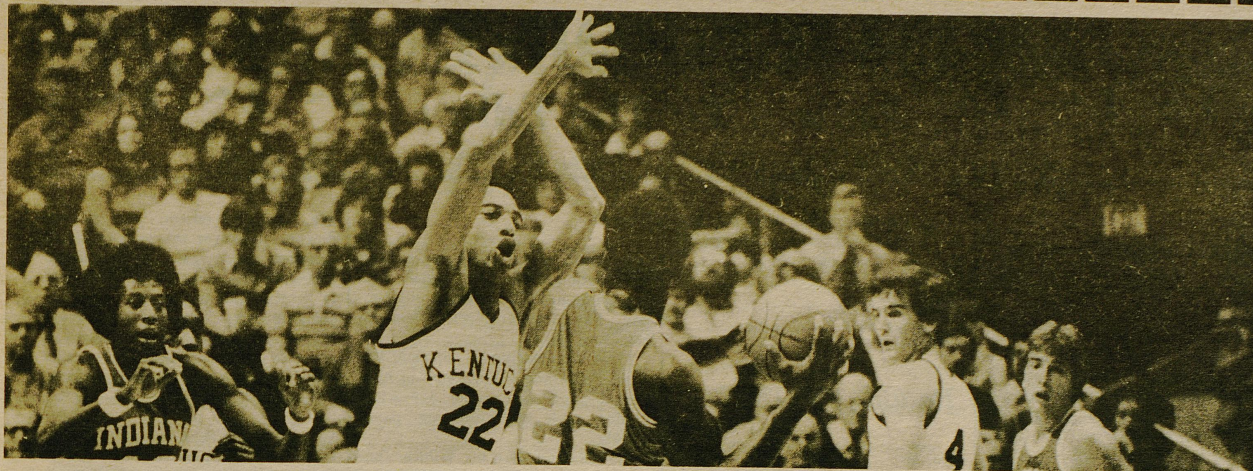
**Question:** Have you ever had any regrets about coming to Kentucky?

Truman Claytor: "I've been down on myself a few times but never had any regrets. I feel very happy here right now because of the way the team is succeeding. When I came here I wanted to be part of a team concept instead of going to a place where you would just score a lot of points and your team never achieve anything because I came from a high school team that was always a winner. It



The Big TC





## Claytor On Defense

takes five guys to sacrifice for a championship team. That's what it is all about."

**Question: What do you like to do in your spare time?**

Truman Claytor: "Listen to music, but during the school year you don't have a lot of time. I've got practice at 3 o'clock every day. I always go to practice about an hour early and have all my classes in the morning. After practice, it's dinner and most of the time I have to see a tutor and study. We have to be in by midnight and we're usually in bed by 11:30 or 12 so we don't have much free time."

**Question: What have you been doing during the summer?**

Truman Claytor: "Usually swim and ride my ten-speed bike and just play on the playgrounds back home. I just try to enjoy myself, relax and not put the kind of pressure on myself like during the school year. It's difficult during the year when you don't have the rest. You really need the three months off. I've been working in construction the past few years and that means getting up at 7:30 in the mornings and quitting at 3. There were several of us to work together this past summer. There were Mike Phillips, Tim Stephens, LaVon Williams, Jay Shidler, and James Lee worked for a while and that was unusual for Lee to work as long as he did. We had a fun time and got to know each other a lot better."

**Question: Most Kentucky fans have the feeling the current UK team is very closely knit, almost like a big family. Is this a false impression?**

Truman Claytor: "No, it's not a false image. Everybody on the team depends on a certain person when a guy is down and out and needs help. That next man beside him is going to help him out anytime he is in trouble. In order to be successful you're going to have to be together, close as a team on and off the floor. That's going to be the key to our success. If you want to help a guy on defense, you can't have dissension with him off the floor or argue with him all the time. You want to help out on the floor and if a player

picks up your man on defense, you want to be able to look him in the eye and say 'thanks'."

**Question: Just how good is this Kentucky team?**

Truman Claytor: "My personal opinion is that we can go as far as we want to go. At the end of the conference you often have a little lull but going into the NCAA you want to peak at the right time and get the right breaks. The most important part is to keep up the momentum at the end of the season and not have any injuries. As a team, we can do anything we want to do. If we concentrate and dedicate ourselves for the next few months, there's no reason why we can't go all the way."

**Question: What about some of the top teams in the country?**

Truman Claytor: "All of the teams in the conference are going to be tough on the road. Alabama and Tennessee will be especially rough on the road. Tennessee lost Bernard King and Ernie Grunfield but we always have a tough time in Knoxville since I've been here. LSU is going to be tough and so is Florida. The whole conference is going to be super and we're going to have to play to win. I've just been looking at the ratings and the teams that are on top. You hear a lot about Notre Dame and Michigan and Louisville but I can't single out one team in the country that is the team to beat."

**Question: Many coaches and players say they don't notice the ratings, is that true?**

Truman Claytor: "Naw, that isn't true. Everybody watches the ratings, but just don't let it take a different effect on you. Some players will take it and get complacent. We want to work even harder to stay on top."

**Question: The Kentucky team will be moving into a new home sometime next month. What are your feelings on the new Basketball House, financed by UK fans?**

Truman Claytor: "It's super. I've been going over there looking at it almost twice a week, just to see what it's going to look like. I just couldn't believe how people in Kentucky are so

crazy about their basketball team and university just to donate \$25,000 a person to build a house. I'm just glad to be a part of the team and we appreciate the people who donated the money and are working hard to get it ready. The coaches even come over on the weekend and clean up so we can move in as soon as possible. Everybody is playing a big part in this. It's just super the way our fans go along with us. You don't get the special kind of treatment everywhere like you do at Kentucky, but this is tradition at Kentucky."

**Question: What do you hope to pursue when you graduate from Kentucky?**

Truman Claytor: "I hope to get into recreation. Everybody's dream is to play pro basketball and I'd like to have a shot at it. I have a good chance of getting out on time and I'd like to fall back on something like recreation because it is a pretty good vocation."

**Question: What's been your most memorable moment in sports?**

Truman Claytor: "That would have to be the Bernie Shively Award my freshman year as the MVP of the Notre Dame game in Louisville. I didn't even think I would get the award and was headed for the dressing room when coach Parsons grabbed me and said, 'T' and pushed me out in the middle of the floor and said I played a good one tonight. I was shocked when they called out my name. And the other was when we won the NIT, that was the first championship I ever won in college. My goal has always been to be on a national championship team. When coming up in high school, all you hear was UCLA and I didn't think you could win the national championship unless you played for UCLA. But I knew we would have a good chance to win one at Kentucky and the future looked good."

**Question: There was a terrible tragedy involving the Evansville basketball team last week. Does something like that affect other basketball players around the country, like yourself?**

Truman Claytor: "I was shocked to hear it. It made me think about all the

times we ride on planes, especially on the governor's plane. I goes to the back of your mind every time you step on a plane. From now on, you'll be thinking about that Evansville team and what they could have done to prevent that. I got scared when I first heard it. All the times we rode on the governor's plane, and I can remember my freshman year, we were coming from New York and the NIT and landed at Baltimore. We went down the runway three or four times and didn't get off the ground and a lot of people were shaky and noisy before we finally got off the ground. That's one time it really shook me up. We were going down the runway full force and the engine just does down and you don't go up. That really scared me. It's in the back of your mind all the time."

**Question: What schools recruited you in high school?**

Truman Claytor: "A lot of the Mid-American schools, Ohio State, Michigan, Iowa, Kansas State and Cincinnati. I was leaning toward Cincinnati a while, but was getting a lot of pressure from Coach (Gale) Catlett. My decision to come here was because of what he was saying about Kentucky. He used to be a coach here and here he was downing Kentucky a great deal, I guess, to keep me from going to Kentucky and trying to get me to go to Cincinnati. He was one of the people who was talking Kentucky down. For some reason he didn't like Kentucky the way he should have if he was here before. Maybe it was a grudge about not getting the head job when he was here as an assistant."

**Question: Are there any particular goals you've set for the rest of your career at Kentucky?**

Truman Claytor: "This year, I want to dedicate this season to try and come out on top and win the national championship because this is the most important year in my career and for the team. Good things can happen to me and everybody on the team. I just want to get my degree and if pro ball doesn't work out, I want to have something to fall back on and just live my life."





# VIEWPOINT

## Letters To The Editor



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### Lost A Great Leader

Dear Sir:

I was saddened to hear of the loss of the greatest coach of all time. Anyone fortunate enough to have attended UK games during Coach Rupp's tenure knows of the special significance of the man. He was Kentucky basketball. All basketball fans have lost a great leader and innovator.

Sincerely, Bruce A. Buchanan  
Fowler, Indiana

### Rupp Meant A Lot

Dear Sir:

I wanted to express my feelings in The Cats' Pause, because many people like me read your outstanding paper. Coach Rupp has meant a lot to me, in my life, as Coach Hall does now -- he really started "something special" and brought us an awful lot of joy. Let's remember the good times and work to keep the Kentucky basketball program an excellent one.

Sincerely,  
Jack McKay  
Street and Smith's B.B. Yearbook  
Bethel Park, Pa.

### Fans Are The Greatest

Dear Sir:

Unequivocally, U.K. basketball fans are the greatest and deserve much of the credit for the continued success of the Wildcats over the years. I believe it is generally true that one a U.K. fan, always a U.K. fan. This is evidenced by the many "Cats' Pause" readers now living in neighboring or distant states who continue loyally to follow the Cats.

I am such a fan. If transferred to outer Mongolia, I would find a way to follow the Cats. My last act before boarding the plane would be to send a change of address to The Cats' Pause.

I share the optimism of many fans for the Cats to go all the way this year. However, in reading letters to the Editor, I get the impression that many fans are taking an NCAA Championship for granted. It was encouraging to read the recent analysis of such a possibility by some of the players themselves. Kyle Macy and Mike Phillips both were optimistic but at the same time realistic. Kyle and Mike both pointed out that the potential is

there, but hard work, team play and lady luck are necessary to accomplish the goal. Meet you in St. Louis.

Sincerely,  
Joe D. Eaterling  
Ashland, Kentucky

### Rooting For The Cats

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a check to renew my subscription to The Cats' Pause and also to give a new subscription to my brother-in-law, a U.K. graduate located in "Big Orange Country."

Needless to say, your paper is very welcome to all of the Wildcat fans here in Ohio, since the Cincinnati Enquirer gives very little mention to U.K. sports.

I was very saddened to hear of the death of the "Baron" who did so much for basketball by producing so many great teams and players at U.K. over the years. I was only 6 years old when he came to Kentucky in 1930, but fortunately I had older cousins who lived in Lexington and introduced me to basketball at an early age. Aggie Sale, Frenchy DeMoisey and Big Leroy Edwards were household words to me before I could underhand a basketball high enough to reach the basket. In fact they took me to see my first game in the old Alumni Gym. I was too young to remember who was on the team at the time but they looked like giants to a little squirt like me.

I have followed all the great U.K. teams and great players since the late 1930s and am looking forward to seeing a lot more. In fact, I'm hoping that this year's team will take it all again. I'll be in there rooting for them.

Sincerely,  
Richard Lawson  
Cincinnati, Ohio

### Looking For Irish

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a check to renew my subscription to The Cats' Pause. Please hurry, while watching the Wildcats handle Indiana last night I remembered I had forgotten to renew my subscription.

I've been a Wildcat fan ever since I can remember. I listened to Cawood Ledford, with my father as a child, and now my son enjoys the same experience with me.

Looking forward to watching the Cats claw Notre Dame on national TV.

Sincerely,  
Jack L. Arnett  
LaPorte, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for a 1-yr. subscription to The Cats' Pause. This is a Christmas Gift for my brother-in-law, Ray Sizemore, who lives in Hamilton, Ohio.

I have been saving my copies of The Cats' Pause and giving them to him, but decided he would appreciate getting such an interesting paper weekly.

My wife and I are big Wildcat fans and enjoy your paper very much. Keep up the good work.

Thank you,  
Donald King  
Pewee Valley, Kentucky

### Baylor's Ranking?

Dear Sir:

Regarding that letter from P.W. Riggins of Grand Prairie, Texas, about Kentucky's loss to Baylor: at the end of the season I read that Kentucky is the number 7th ranked football team in the country. . . I do not see the name of Baylor in the top twenty teams or, for that matter, anywhere in the fine print.

Sincerely, Jim Sales  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

### Big Dan Issel

Dear Sir:

We, meaning my family, have been following the Cats for many years. I'm not a native Kentuckian, but my wife is. She was born and raised in Danville, which of course is about 25 miles south of Lexington.

I can remember straining to listen to Cawood (whom we feel is the finest basketball commentator in the world) call the games during the 65-66, Rupp's Runts, campaign. At that time we were living in Rockford, Illinois, but we still listened to every game on WHAS out of Louisville.

From the summer of '66 until September of '77 we lived in Mooresville, Indiana, where we picked up the radio broadcast very well, despite valiant attempts by Indiana radio stations to block out Kentucky basketball with broadcasts of the defuncted Hurryin Hoosiers. This September we moved again, this time to Cape Coral, Florida. Once again we are straining to hear the "Write it Downs" on Mondays and Saturdays coming from WHAS.

Our all-time favorite is Big Dan Issel, a man that constantly proves to me that great hustle and desire can make up for less than fantastic ability.

We, as many others, were greatly disappointed over the loss to North Carolina last year, and became especially upset when Dean Smith had to prove his immaturity and incompetence by slandering Rick Robey. We are rooting hard for the Cats to prove to the rest of the country, this year, what we've known for years: "They are No. 1."

We are the Kottkamps,  
Don, Ce, Jeff, Kim, Chris, Todd & Heather  
Cape Coral, Florida

### Brown Socks

Dear Sir:

I want to write and give all the thanks to Coach Fran Curci, his staff, and the whole U.K. football team on a super season.

I enjoy The Cats' Pause each week, as I keep up with UK here in Baton Rouge. I was at the LSU game to watch what I think was one of Kentucky's greatest victories.

I would like to share this little story with you in closing:

I drove to the U.K. vs. Baylor game at Waco. After the game I returned disappointed, and I knew we did not get any breaks and a little extra luck, that you need with football. I thought about U.K.'s great basketball past and the late Coach Rupp. I recalled Coach Rupp's famous brown suit that he wore.

I have a pair of brown dress socks. I got them out, and decided to wear them every Saturday that U.K. played the rest of the season and in memory of Coach Rupp. Well, I don't know, but we never lost another game.

I just wanted to share this with you. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,  
Donald Singleton  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### Wants UK Records

Dear Sir:

I know there have been at least two (2) long-playing records released on "Great Moments in Kentucky Basketball." My title may be incorrect but the recordings' subject is historical moments in the University of Kentucky basketball program.

I want very much to obtain a copy of each and any others available. Can you help me with the how and where to obtain them? I will be most grateful for any assistance you can provide.

Sincerely,  
Walter J. Carmon  
Universal City, Texas



# Williams Explodes For 34 As State Takes Third Place Honors

Freeman Williams, the nation's leading scorer in the NCAA a year ago, put on a dazzling scoring exhibition Saturday night while leading Portland State to an 82-76 victory over Seattle for third place in the Kentucky Invitational Tournament.

Williams racked up 34 points on 14 of 31 from the field and six of eight from the free throw line as the Portland State senior completed his

best two-night swing this season.

Seattle appeared early to be the team heading back West with a 1-1 record in the UKIT as the Chiefs blitzed out to an early 8-2 lead before Williams could get untracked.

During the next five minutes, Portland State rallied back and outscored Seattle 18-4 and took a 20-14 score with 11:01 left in the first half as Williams canned one of his patented

25-footers.

Seattle took a couple of brief leads late in the first half, thanks to the play of Jawann Oldham and Kevin Suther, whose dunk gave Seattle a 39-38 lead with 1:33 left in the half.

Chris Smith ripped the nets with a 15-footer and Williams made good one free throw and Portland State left the floor, up 41-39.

Seattle cut the margin to the final six

points with a 3-point play and just four seconds left in the game.

"It wasn't a well-played game, but we needed a win," said Portland State coach Ken Edwards. "We need to start a streak."

"It was a very tough game to play," continued Edwards. "Any consolation game

"It was a very tough game to play," Edwards continued. "Any consolation game in a tournament is crappy, but we hung in there the last seven or eight minutes, and winning is always better than losing."

Seattle coach Bill O'Connor wasn't happy with his team's play, especially the emotion aspect.

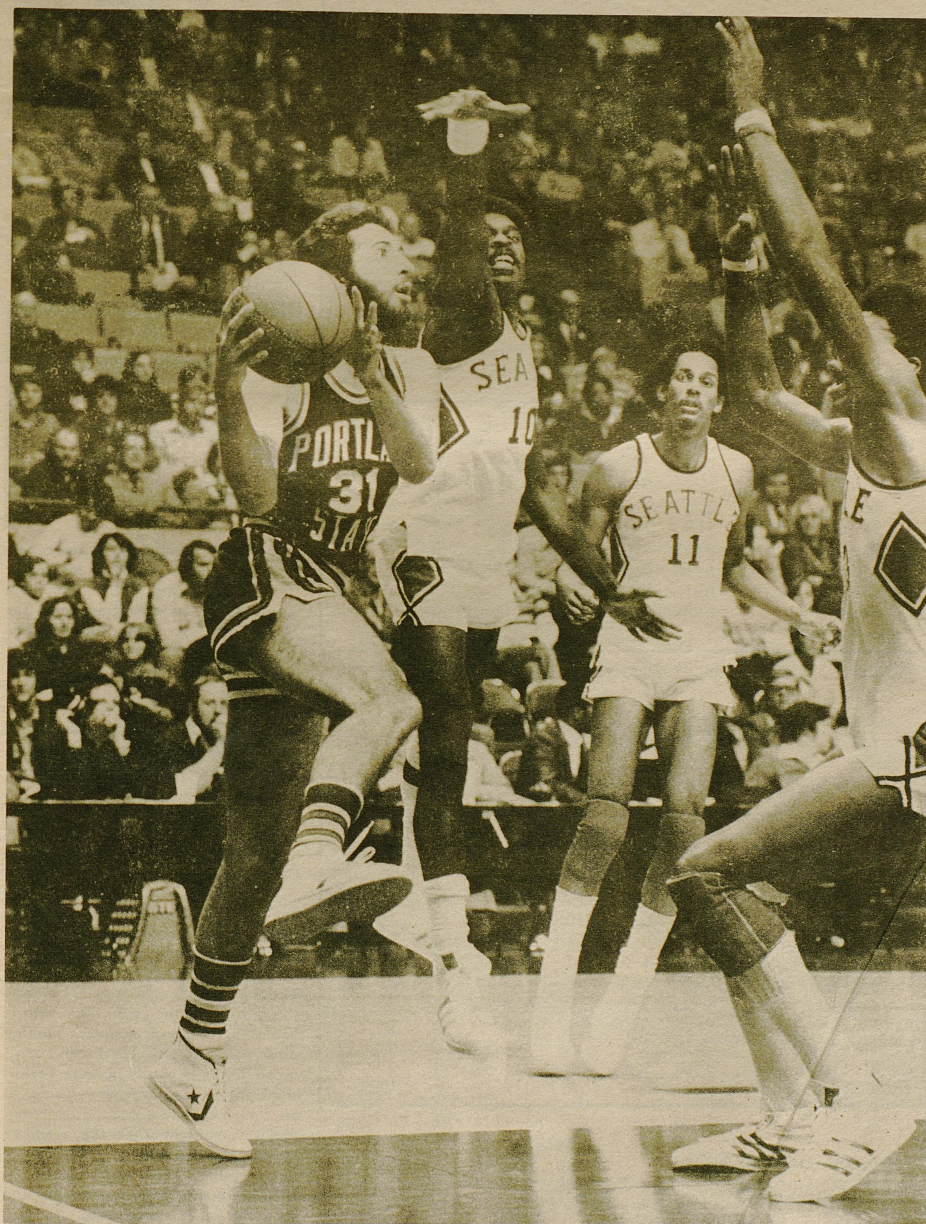
"I felt we played very soft," said O'Connor, "there were too many loose balls we didn't come up with. We just didn't show much intensity. I had hoped we could control the tempo a bit more."

Behind Williams in scoring for Portland State were James Cunningham with 19 points and Chuck Smith with 12 points.

Oldham paced the Seattle attack with 22 points and pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds. Marion Pericin scored 15 points and Keith Harrell tallied 13 points.

Seattle had the hot hand from the field, hitting 50.7 percent for the game to Portland State's 41.9 percent, but State took three more shots at the bucket and outrebounded Seattle 43-38.

Terry Adolph, the smallest player in the tourney although he was listed a couple of inches taller than he actually is (he's listed at 5-10), led State's rebounders with 11 followed by Cunningham's 10 and Bob Sisul with 9 rebounds.



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## Jack Givens Explodes For 26

# Williams Scores 39, But Cats Win Easily, 114 - 88, In UKIT

Kentucky allowed Freeman Williams his 39 points, but the Wildcats put five men in double figures and waltzed to an easy 114-88 win over Portland State in the opening round of the UKIT Saturday.

Williams, heralded as the finest shooter in the UKIT beforehand, lived up to his advance billing as he tickled the nets with missiles from as far away as his home state of California.

Although his shooting percentage was not that good, 17 of 40 from the field, Williams' play was something else when you consider Jack Givens' hand in his face all night.

While Williams was having his night, Kentucky was getting some kind of a performance from several unheralded heroes like freshman Chuck Aleksinas and reserves James Lee and Tim Stephens.

Of course, that's not to mention the play of Givens and Mike Phillips. Givens hit 11 of 19 from the field and scored 26 points in only 26 minutes of action while Phillips scored 11 points and hauled down 8 rebounds in 23 minutes of action.

Rick Robey scored 9 points and 10 rebounds in 16 minutes of play, still suffering from an unknown illness.

Lee had a super night with 16 points on seven of ten from the field and the young Stephens hit double figures in only 14 minutes of playing time.

"It was really good," said Stephens. "It'll really help my confidence. I felt all along my shooting touch was there."

But the man of the hour was Aleksinas, who scored 17 points and 7 rebounds in just 17 minutes.

"It really felt good," said Aleksinas. "I was going to the basket more tonight. I learned that from Robey and Phillips. This game should help my confidence."

Kentucky went on top early and after the first ten minutes, the outcome of the game was never in doubt, only the score.

Wildcat coach Joe B. Hall substituted freely, as he has done so much this year, but some fans wonder why both Freddie Cowans and Chris Gettelfinger didn't see action against Portland State.

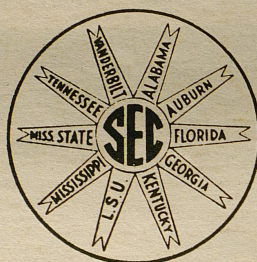
The UKIT has a rule which limits each team to only twelve participants. And although Kentucky is the host team and may dress out as many as it wishes, it can only play twelve. The team currently has fourteen members.

Kentucky had a lot of praise for Williams, especially his hooting.

Jack Givens said, "Williams is the best shooter from far out that I've ever guarded. You think about containing him, but he's going to get his points."

Williams wasn't particularly pleased with his game, suggesting he thought he was fouled a few times and that he missed a lot of easy shots.

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## PORTLAND STATE—88

PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN
F. Williams	17-40	5-8	2	2	39	0	1	37
B. Sisul	6-9	2-2	9	2	14	1	2	30
J. Cunningham	0-3	3-6	4	5	3	0	4	21
T. Adolph	0-7	0-0	4	5	0	6	3	23
C. Smith	2-6	3-6	1	2	7	6	2	24
G. Slider	1-2	1-1	4	4	3	3	0	30
C. Smith	9-13	4-7	2	2	22	0	0	23
T. Trume	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	2
B. Mathis	0-1	0-1	2	0	0	1	0	6
M. Owens	0-2	0-0	3	1	0	0	0	4
Team Rebounds			3					
TOTALS	35-84	18-31	34	24	88	17	12	200

## KENTUCKY—114

PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN
J. Givens	11-19	4-4	6	3	26	5	3	26
R. Robey	3-5	3-4	10	1	9	2	1	16
M. Phillips	3-5	5-6	8	3	11	1	2	23
K. Macy	2-5	0-0	5	3	4	6	3	25
T. Claytor	3-8	0-0	1	3	6	3	2	22
D. Casey	1-1	0-1	2	1	2	2	1	10
J. Shidler	2-4	1-2	0	2	5	2	2	9
T. Stephens	4-7	4-4	2	3	12	1	0	14
J. Lee	7-10	2-2	5	4	16	3	5	21
S. Courts	2-2	0-0	5	2	4	0	3	8
C. Aleksinas	7-10	3-6	7	1	17	0	0	17
L. Williams	1-6	0-0	6	2	2	1	2	9
Team Rebounds			5					
TOTALS	46-82	22-29	62	28	114	26	24	200

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY	39	49	---	88
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY	53	61	---	114

Officials: Bill Bennett and Ben Dunn  
Attendance: 23,472 (Rupp Arena Capacity)

"You can't take anything away from the way Givens played," said Williams, "but I felt he was holding me on a lot of my shots -- I could've used a tear-away jersey at half."

After the intermission, Kentucky ran just like the teams of old, race-horse style, at both ends as a capacity crowd of 23,472 looked on with delight.

Hall was particularly pleased with some parts of his team's play, but not others.

"He's the one bright spot right now on our whole squad," said Hall of Aleksinas. "Chuck was sharp out there tonight."

Hall said he was especially pleased with Aleksinas' defense and the way several of the other Wildcats came off the bench.

## Comments

### On The Wildcats

St. John's coach Lou Carnesecca on what it would take to beat Kentucky: "The Holy Ghost . . . To beat Kentucky in Lexington you need the Holy Ghost, The Father and The Son and the fire and everything else."

# # #

Carnesecca on Kentucky Basketball -- "Kentucky is the Cadillac today, no, make that the Mercedes Benz."

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Just how good is Kentucky, Lou Carnesecca?

"The potential is there if they stay healthy. We've played the top three teams the last three years. We've played Indiana and then San Francisco last year and now Kentucky this year. They're all rather different. However, the results are the same. This club is like a big, roaring mountain coming down and SUFFOCATING you. I don't mean that to be funny because I don't think the Kentucky team is funny at all. I think they're a great, great team, and with the right break, they could be knocking at the door . . . They were unbelievable. They were hitting us with the bombs from the outside and with the tanks underneath. So they had the ground force and the air force going."



# *Kentucky Wildcats Basketball Album*



*Tim Stephens*



**Central Christian Church**

Lexington, Kentucky

December 13, 1977

1:30 P.M.

**Funeral Service**

*Adolph Frederick Rupp*

September 2, 1901 - December 10, 1977

The Organ Prelude	M. Fields
"Sonatina—from Funeral Cantata No. 106" (God's Time Is Best)	J. S. Bach
"Alle Menschen müssen Sterben" (All Men Shall Die)	J. S. Bach
"Gravement" from Fantasia in C major	J. S. Bach

The Phar Memorial Carillon

\*The Processional "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *Ein' Feste Burg*  
(The congregation will please stand and remain standing  
through the Invocation Prayer)

\*The Opening Scripture Sentences

\*The Invocation Prayer

The Scripture Readings Old and New Testament Selections

The Pastoral Prayer and  
The Lord's Prayer in Unison (using "trespasses")

The Meditation M. Glynn Burke

\*The Benediction

\*The Recessional "God Of Our Fathers" *National Hymn*  
(The congregation will please stand and remain standing  
through the Recessional)

The Organ Postlude "Fantasia in A Minor" J. S. Bach

At the Graveside

Lexington Cemetery  
(Private Service)

Scripture and Committal  
Prayer and Benediction

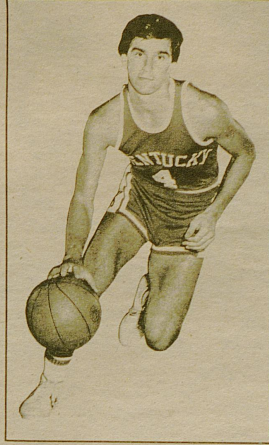
Dr. Burke



# Wildcats

KYLE MACY, 6-3, 180 Sophomore Guard  
Peru, Ind. (4/9/57)

After sitting out a year upon transferring from Purdue, Macy is more than ready to resume his favorite pastime of playing basketball. . . . And perhaps never in UK history has more pressure been thrust upon a transfer than Macy. . . . A multiple talented player who excels in all phases, he spent last year on strength improvement and now appears ready to assume the playmaker's role left by graduated Larry Johnson. . . . To say Macy has been impressive in workouts is an understatement. . . . Teammate Rick Robey says he is the best he's ever seen at getting the ball inside, while other observers have labeled him as the best passer since Larry Conley wowed 'em in the mid-sixties. . . . Add to that his classic shooting style, great intelligence and understanding of the game and you have the guard coach Hall says he is turning over his offense and defense to. . . . Third leading scorer at Purdue in 1976 with 13.8 ppg, first in FT percentage, 85.9, second in assists, 88. . . . Hit 49.1 per cent from the field. . . . Started third game of season, scoring 21 points. . . . Single game high 38 against Minnesota. . . . Selected Game Defensive Player three times. . . . Scored in double figures 23 times. . . . Prep All-American at Peru High School, averaged 31.9 ppg in 67 games. . . . Single game high 51 points. . . . Scored over 40 points 14 times, 30 or more 30 times. . . . Averaged nine rebounds, six assists and over 35 points while leading Peru to a 20-4 mark his senior year. . . . Hit 52 per cent from field and 88.5 (177-200) per cent from the free throw line. . . . Selected Indiana's 1975 "Mr. Basketball". . . . 2,137 career points compares to 1,780 for prep great Oscar Robertson. . . . All-Conference in three sports (basketball, baseball and tennis) every year of competition. . . . Twice number one tennis player in Central Indiana Conference. . . . Ranked 27th academically in class of 234. . . . Plays the tenor sax. . . . Coached in high school by his father, Robert Macy. . . . Business Administration.



Coach Hall: "Kyle is not a newcomer to the squad since he red-shirted last year. He has proved to all of us he has the ability to be a great help to our team this year. He's a good floor leader and a smart player—those assets alone would be enough to make him a contender for a starting position because it's something we have needed very much. Not only can Kyle run our offenses and defenses and be a playmaker, but he also possesses an excellent shooting touch from out in the floor and is probably the best free throw shooter on the team. So he gives us a lot of strength with his pluses. He has improved his physical development and is much stronger than he was a year ago. That strength has helped him become a better defensive player."

## Dewey Bentley

Weekly UK Sports Quiz



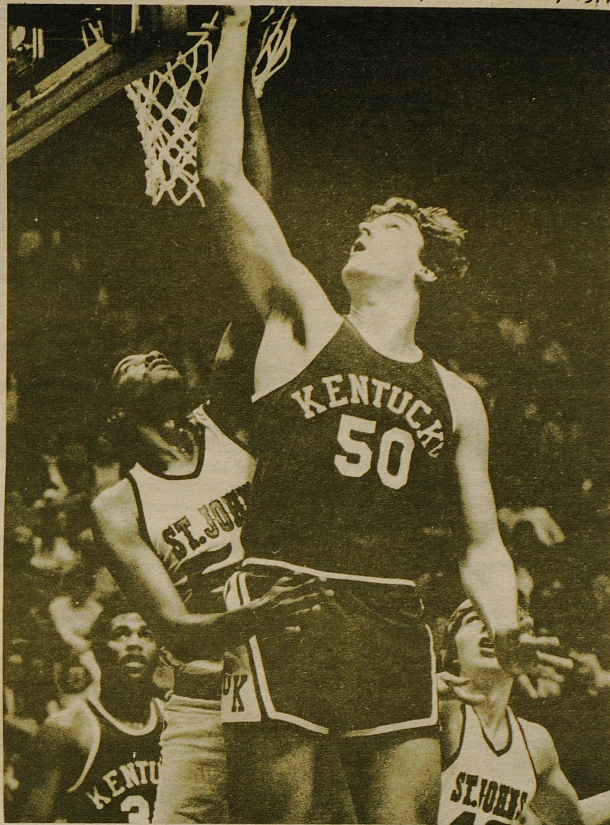
Match Column A with Column B

1. This player started at guard opposite Frank Ramsey for the undefeated 1953-54 UK team:
2. This current UK player scored in the 50s three times and in the 40s 13 times while in high school:
3. Holds the UK record for most games played in a career:
4. Scored more points as a sophomore than any other UK player:
5. Kentucky's leading scorer for the 1958 NCAA champs:
6. The former UK great averaged 13 point per game before breaking a leg in the Depaul game in 1955:
- 7 As a high school guard, he once had 25 rebounds in one game:
8. This player had 24 points and 19 rebounds in a single game for last year's UK team:
9. Led all scorers for the two games in the UKIT two straight years:
10. Was the second leading scorer for the 1975 NCAA runner-up team:

### Column B

- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| A. Phil Grawemeyer  | H. Ralph Beard   |
| B. Mike Casey       | I. Cliff Hagan   |
| C. Cotton Nash      | J. Johnny Cox    |
| D. Jimmy Dan Conner | K. Dwane Casey   |
| E. Vernon Hatton    | L. Louie Dampier |
| F. Mike Phillips    | M. Rick Robey    |
| G. Gayle Rose       | N. Tim Stephens  |

Answers: 1.G 2.N 3.H 4.C 5.E 6.A 7.K  
8.F 9.L 10.D



## Chuck Aleksinas Scores



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## VIEWPOINT

### Givens Slighted

Dear Sir:

I do not understand why Jack Givens, Kentucky's versatile forward, is not receiving national recognition. As a freshman, he was a key substitute on the University of Kentucky basketball team that went to the NCAA finals. His sophomore year, he led his team to the NIT championship. His junior year, he tried his best to provide whatever it took to win. He scored when scoring was needed. If rebounds were required, he got them. If defense was the key, he was there guarding his man and forcing turnovers. His junior year statistics reflected his team play. He led the team in scoring, blocked shots, and free throw percentage completions. He was second in rebounding, steals, and assists. This year, Jack has been nothing short of sensational. Every coach whose team has played against him has honored this exceptional man. It seems unfair that Bobby Knight's and Frank McGuire's praise of Jack received no national notice.

If this were not enough, Jack is vitally involved in the community helping the underprivileged and the sick. He belongs to the Big Brothers and provides the kind of leadership and dedication that help make these programs a success.

I realize that Jack is not a 'hot dog' and is not the self-aggrandizing kind of person who would promote himself as the NCAA Player of the Year, but he certainly deserves serious consideration as any serious fan of basketball will say. This is not to mention his coaches, who constantly point out how important Jack is to the team and the community, but again their support of this great athlete receives little national notice. Jack is at least as important to his team as Marques Johnson was to his team last year and Scott May the year before.

At the end of the season, Kentucky will be on or near the top of the basketball ratings and everyone will wonder why. Obviously, there will be many ingredients in the winning formula, not the least of which will be Jack Givens.

Respectfully,  
Jud Chalkley, M.D.  
Lexington, Kentucky

### Work Their Way

Dear Sir:

Yes Kerry, you are correct, it was easy and nobody was more pleased than we were. Actually my German friends know very little about basketball, but they, like a lot of us, know the ideology and planning behind all athletic programs in the Soviet Union. (Did you note the CBS 60 Minutes program on the E. German athletes?)

We read Coach Gomelsky's glowing words in both the CP and your Leader newspaper. I'll take it at face value, but someday ask Mr. Hall how easy it will be to beat Comrade Gormelsky's team in Moscow, in the 1980 Games. On his floor, his rules, and no doubt his officials! Remember Munich in 1972?

Thanks again Kerry for "puttin' us straight" and I do have some vague idea how "roundball" is played in Blue Grass Land. Have had for almost 40 years now and scattered throughout the Commonwealth, there is a small group of wonderful people who will attest to that fact. Let's all get behind the Cats, to pull together, forget the weekly rankings and "work" their way to the SEC title and then on to St. Louis next spring. A happy and victorious Holiday season to all Cats!!

Sincerely,  
Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Nunning  
Phoenix, Arizona

### "Sports In America"

#### Course Begins

#### At Kentucky

Humbert Nelli, University of Kentucky professor of history, wasn't exactly prepared for the onslaught when he posted a notice about a course he'll teach next semester called "Sports in America."

"The response was unbelievable," said Nelli, who already has found problems in limiting his class in "Organized Crime in America" to 18 students. "I generally have to find room for at least two more," he says.

The UK professor had mentioned the possibility of the undergraduate seminar on American sports a few months ago, and when word got out, he began to receive several inquiries. A sports fan himself, he said he did not have to be convinced that he is living in a sports-minded town.

Nelli said sports has a tremendous influence in American society, and it is this theme that is worthy of scholastic pursuit. "It is an effort to teach an understanding of sports in society," he said.

He has lined up a number of local sports figures as one-day speakers for the class, including A.B. (Happy) Chandler, Tommy Bell, Cliff Hagan, D.G. FitzMaurice, Jock Sutherland and Tuffy Horne.

As texts and supplementary materials he will use Paul Hoch's "Ripoff the Big Game," James Mitchener's "Sports in America," David Wolf's "Foul," and "They Call It a Game," by Bernie Parrish.

Enrollment will be limited to 26 students, and "The class is already filled," said Nelli, who added that at least six members of the class currently are known to sports fans as stars of the gridiron or the basketball court. He said the initial response has encouraged him to offer the course again next year.



### Rupp Pausing During Game Action

#### Comment On Coach Rupp

**DICK PARSONS** -- The Thrilling thing to me as a player was to win the conference and play in the NCAA Tournament, and that's what we tried to do each year. The thing that stands out most in my mind is the discipline on and off the court and I draw a lot of strength from that today. We worked extremely hard and if there's one thing I learned it was that there was no challenge so great that you can't conquer that challenge if you're just willing to work and willing to devote yourself to whatever that cause may

be. What means so much to me now is the discipline in my life and not giving up. That was one thing that Coach Rupp certainly instilled in every player, you never give up, regardless of whether you're outmanned by the other team or whether it's just life itself, you have a difficult situation in your job, or a personal problem or whatever. It's just that willingness to fight it out to the very end. I didn't sleep very good last night. This has saddened us all. We did expect it but I don't think you're ever ready for it.

#### Comment On Coach Rupp

**RUSSELL RICE** -- One of the main reasons I came to UK in the sports information department was because Adolph Rupp was basketball coach. I thought it would be an exciting experience and it WAS in more ways than one. I found him to be one of the greatest persons to work with that I've ever known. What I liked about him in that respect is that everybody did their job, if you were the water boy, you carried water, if you were the manager you had your specific duties, he as the coach had his duties, I as the publicity man had my duties. He didn't like anybody infringing on anybody else. Everybody did what he was supposed to do and we all got along just fine. I'll always remember that. And the relationship with the press, although he always had a reputation of being crusty and arrogant, I never found him

that way. I never had him to say no to an interview that I can recall. Maybe one time, but we got that straightened out. He would always fuss when I would have a reporter or a cameraman to come in to talk to him. He just didn't have time for them and he would raise holy you-know-what. But the minute he got them in there, about thirty, or forty-five minutes later, maybe an hour, they would come out and he would laugh and say, "Russ, I never got where I am by not talking to the press." And he always wanted the local press to be for him. He'd say, "I don't care what they say about me in Chicago or Los Angeles or New York, but in Lexington I don't want to wake up in the morning and have my family read where the local papers have blasted me."



# UK Basketball



PLAYER	G	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT.	FT-FTA	PCT.	REB-AVE	A	PF-D	PTS	AVE	TO
JACK GIVENS	6	193	49-93	52.7	16-19	84.2	44- 7.3	28	12-0	114	19.0	8
RICK ROBEY	6	169	27-49	55.1	35-47	74.5	65-10.8	10	14-0	89	14.8	15
MIKE PHILLIPS	6	129	31-49	63.3	16-18	88.9	47- 7.8	9	20-1	78	13.0	22
KYLE MACY	6	204	27-49	55.1	23-25	92.0	15- 2.5	35	16-0	77	12.8	18
JAMES LEE	5	95	22-38	57.9	6-9	66.7	29- 5.8	7	16-0	50	10.0	14
TRUMAN CLAYTOR	6	144	20-45	44.4	8-9	88.9	2- 0.3	14	16-0	48	8.0	11
CHUCK ALEKSINAS	6	56	14-23	60.9	10-14	71.4	21- 3.5	0	10-0	38	6.3	6
DWANE CASEY	6	68	7-17	41.2	3-5	60.0	5- 0.8	5	15-1	17	2.8	4
JAY SHIDLER	4	38	6-12	50.0	3-4	75.0	1- 0.3	5	6-0	15	3.8	7
TIM STEPHENS	4	25	4-9	44.4	4-5	80.0	4- 1.0	3	7-0	12	3.0	1
LAVON WILLIAMS	5	40	3-10	30.0	3-4	75.0	13- 2.6	1	11-0	9	1.8	3
FREDDIE COWAN	3	21	2-5	40.0	4-6	66.7	2- 0.7	1	4-0	8	2.7	2
SCOTT COURTS	3	15	2-4	50.0	2-5	40.0	7- 2.3	0	3-0	6	2.0	3
CHRIS GETTELFINGER	1	3	0-0	----	0-1	----	0- 0.0	0	0-0	0	---	2
TEAM							27		KY - OPP	Deadball	15-14	2

KENTUCKY TOTALS	6	214-403	53.1	133-171	77.8	282-47.0	118	150-2	561	93.5	118
OPPONENTS' TOTALS	6	173-404	42.8	95-153	62.1	205-34.2	86	147-9	441	73.5	114

SEASON RECORD: Won 6, Lost 0, HOME: Won 5, Lost 0, AWAY: Won 1, Lost 0

OPPONENT	SITE-CROWD	KY	OPP	INDIVIDUAL HIGHS - POINTS, REBOUNDS
Soviet Union (EX)	(MC-11,897)	109	75	Lee 19, Phillips 14
SMU	(H-23,472)	110	86	Givens 30, Phillips 18
Indiana	(H-23,521)*	78	64	Givens 22, Robey 13
Kansas	(A-15,620)	73	66	Macy 15, Robey 10
South Carolina	(H-23,472)	84	65	Robey 19, Robey 11
Portland State	(UKIT-23,472)	114	88	Givens 26, Robey 10
St. John's	(UKIT-23,472)	102	72	Phillips 20, Phillips, Robey 8 Each

## BLOCKED SHOTS - STEALS, BY INITIALS IN ABOVE PLAYER ORDER

JG	RR	MP	KM	JL	TC	CA	DC	JS	TS	LW	FC	SC	CG
7-11	0-4	6-7	1-7	1-2	0-2	1-3	0-5	0-3	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-2

\* Breaks NCAA Single Game Attendance Record On Home Court - Set At Rupp Arena November 26, 1977. UK vs. SMU (23,472).

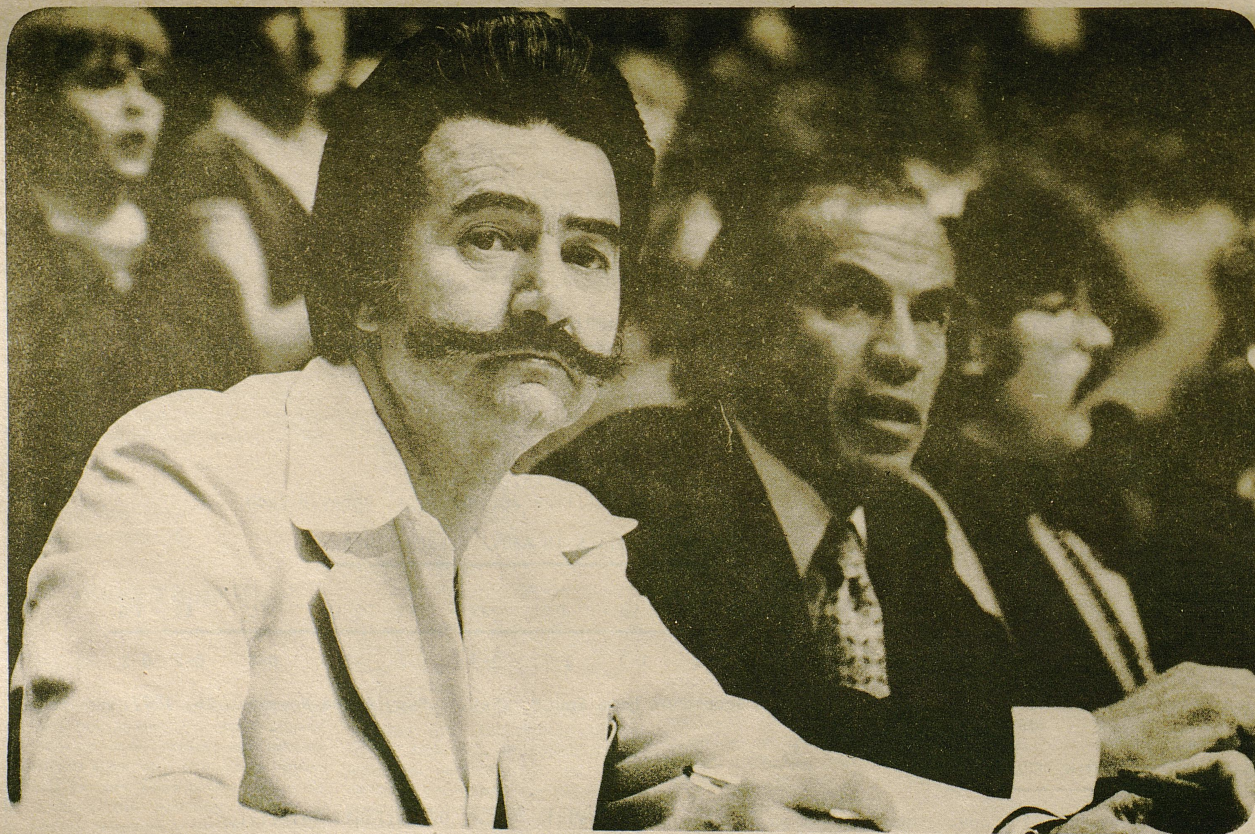
## UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

December 23: Iona; December 31: Notre Dame at Louisville 4 P.M. On National Television;  
January 2: Vanderbilt; January 7: at Florida; January 9: at Auburn; January 14: Louisiana  
State University; January 16: University of Mississippi





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