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Pietrowiak Earns Academic All-America Status

Kentucky's senior center Ken Pietrowiak has been selected to this year's Academic All-America football team, which was picked by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

A fifth-year senior and the squad's offensive captain, Pietrowiak played most of the season with various injuries.

Currently he's working on a masters degree

in business administration. Once out of school he hopes to earn a living in sales and someday own a business.

Overall, 19 seniors, three juniors and two sophomores were named to the team.

To be eligible the student/athlete must be a starter or a key reserve while academically he must strive to obtain a 3.2 grade point average or better.

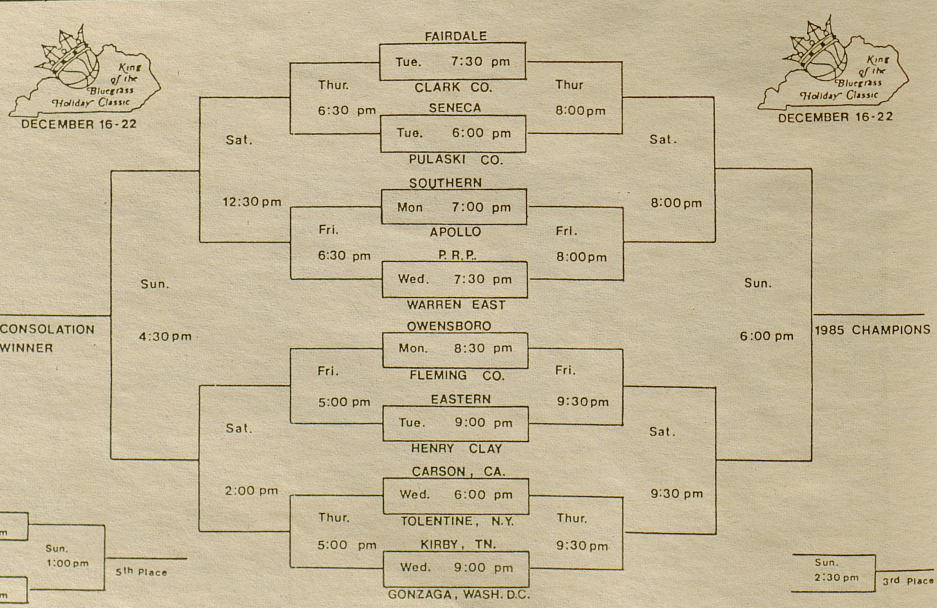
Said head coach Jerry Claiborne of his hard working center, "He's done everything you could ask of a kid athletically and academically. There's a lot of good things that go on in sports that don't get publicity. It's always good for a person like Ken Pietrowiak, who's worked so hard, to get an honor like this."

Western Kentucky's Mark Fatkin (offensive guard) was also chosen on the elite team.

Kentucky Basketball Statistics

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	G	GS	Min	Avg	FG	%A	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Reb	Avg	PF	D	Ass	To	Blk	Stl	Blk	Pts	Avg	
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BLACKMON, JAMES	Sea 6	6	140	23.3	22	55	40.0	8	11	72.7	27	4.5	11	-	14	7	-	12	1	52	8.7	
	Car 69	26	1295	18.8	142	334	42.5	52	95	54.7	109	1.6	123	1	141	90	6	62	1	336	4.9	
HADISON, RICHARD	Sea 6	-	92	15.3	12	19	63.2	4	6	66.7	16	2.7	11	-	6	7	1	1	-	28	4.7	
	Car 29	-	494	17.0	58	137	42.3	35	44	79.5	88	3.0	44	1	20	36	5	7	-	151	5.2	
LOCK, ROBERT	Sea 6	-	66	11.0	10	21	47.6	6	16	37.5	14	2.3	13	-	2	7	4	2	-	26	4.3	
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ZIEGLER, TODD	Sea 5	-	26	5.2	4	7	57.1	4	4	100.0	10	2.0	6	-	1	1	1	2	-	12	2.4	
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Your Best Shot Will Be "Issel's Parting Shots"

It's the season of giving and if you're a fan of the Kentucky Wildcats nothing could be more appropriate on your last-minute shopping list than a copy of Dan Issel's new book, "Parting Shots."

The former University of Kentucky All-American has been making the author circuit for the past couple weeks and if the response to his new book in Denver, Colorado is any indication, it's going to be a blockbuster among Wildcat fans. During a two-day span last week, Issel signed over 2,200 copies in the land of the Nuggets.

"Parting Shots" is not your typical ex-jock, tell-all secrets of former teammates and their personal lives. Instead, this book is about a young man who recognized an opportunity and took advantage of it by giving 100 percent to everything he has undertaken in life.

People who have succeeded in life by overachieving will truly admire the Dan Issels of the world and his new book is a testament to a delightful story.

During a press luncheon Monday, Issel recalled a conversation with John Y. Brown many years ago when Brown had to make a decision on the future of the Kentucky Colonels.

It was a time when the business deals were swallowing athletics from the fun angle. Issel didn't understand exactly what Brown meant when John Y. told him that, for business purposes, he would have to deal off either Issel or Artis Gilmore to keep the Colonels afloat.

"I couldn't dream of a pro franchise existing in Kentucky without me," said Issel. "All I ever thought about was playing ball in Kentucky. I felt like I had never even left school, having gone straight from the UK campus to the Colonels. It didn't even seem like professional basketball at all."

But true to Dan Issel's good-hearted nature, he always recognized the lighter side. Like John Y's assertion that "Dan, I've got to trade either you or Artis and I think Artis will last in the game (pro ball) longer than you."

"Right again," laughed Issel about Brown's prediction. "Here I am retired and Artis is still going."

Of course, John Y. never dreamed either one would stay in the game for fifteen years. But that's Issel, never one to carry a grudge.

Issel said he learned a lot from those Kentucky Colonel days, that basketball certainly was more than just a game of fun. Yes, indeed, it is a business, an everyday job.

But there is much, much more to Issel's book. There was the time the late Adolph Rupp told him he would help provide him the additional playing time to break the all-time UK scoring record if he (Issel) wouldn't rebel against then assistant Joe B. Hall's new running program. Later, there would be games solidly in the win column with very little time left in the contest and Issel would still be on the court.

Once he broke the record, Issel was congratulated by Rupp who told him (Issel) that he (Rupp) was glad that Cotton Nash's mark had been broken.

During the next couple weeks, we'll review the entire book for our readers, but the wise move for anyone who has a Wildcat friend would be to purchase a copy of "Parting Shots" as the best Christmas gift of all.

Kentucky's 83-66 loss at the hands of Kansas in Lawrence Saturday wasn't the upset of the century. It wasn't even an upset, but the margin of defeat certainly points to the theory this Kentucky team has a lot to learn if it wants to become a top ten contender by the season's end.

Kentucky has the potential to be a good basketball team by March. Getting beat by 17 to a great Kansas team is no disgrace. In fact, Kansas displayed enough skill and grace to illustrate why some believe Larry Brown's club just may be good enough to win all the marbles in Dallas.

I doubt if there's a team in America that has a better 1-2 inside punch than Kansas with Danny Manning and Greg Dreiling, and that includes North Carolina.

Calvin Thompson, Ron Kellogg and Cedric Hunter were superb, to say the least. If there is a weakness on this Kansas team, it could be depth on the bench, and we're not talking about the coaching staff. Coaching, in itself, is another strong point for the Jayhawks.

If Kansas can whip Arkansas at home this Saturday, don't be surprised if the Jayhawks are ranked in the nation's top four when the selections are made next March.

Back to Kentucky. Sutton will have no trouble in getting his players' attention this week. Kentucky was talented enough to prevent a total blow-out in Kansas, but the Wildcats don't need any taped replays to tell them how poorly they performed.

Sure, there were adverse conditions, but such circumstances are common on the road and that's exactly where Kentucky will play half its games during the SEC season in January and February.

The next four games will tell us a lot about how quickly Kentucky will develop. This team will not improve as quickly in January and February as it did a year ago and that's because this team is a year older and you tend to improve less as you become older.

Kentucky must come out with a lot of enthusiasm this weekend during the UKIT. Anything less than a championship will seriously hinder the Cats' preparation for next weekend's war with Louisville. A two-game sweep in the UKIT is not a lock. This happens to be one of the better fields (record-wise) in recent years.

The Wildcats should take care of East Carolina, but bigger upsets have been scored over the Wildcats before.

This week's UKIT field is a strange one, strange in that it isn't attracting a lot of attention. The four teams have a combined record of 21-3. SMU is undefeated at 6-0, Pepperdine is 6-1, East Carolina is 4-1 and UK is 5-1.

Now, don't get this field confused with the NCAA Final Four or anything, but Pepperdine is on a roll with impressive wins over Washington State, Nevada-Reno and Brigham Young. Only a narrow 67-61 loss to Kansas in the NIT dents an otherwise perfect record.

Pepperdine has a balanced scoring attack with four starters in double-figures but the big news is 6-5 senior Dwayne Polee who is an interesting story by himself. He's been around for a while, having played at three different schools and was

the subject of a national television feature a couple weeks ago.

East Carolina's record is misleading in that its only legitimate big-time foe, Duke, slashed the Pirates by a hefty 98-66 score.

It should provide a lot of great up-and-down the court action as all four schools have impressive scoring averages this season.

Another plus for the fans are new starting times for the UKIT. Unlike past years when times were 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., the games will tip off at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. each night.

More good news for fans. Several hundred tickets are still available for the tournament and can be purchased either at the UK ticket office or the Rupp Arena ticket office right up to game time each night. Tickets are \$10 per book (one book is good for both nights).

We'd like to welcome Louisville Radio Station WAVG 970 to The Cats' Pause Sports Hot Line show. WAVG Radio joins Radio Station WVLK in Lexington on our Monday night lineup this week.

The sports call-in show can be heard every Monday evening from 7 p.m. til 8 p.m. Listeners can phone us for comments and/or questions by dialing (606) 253-5959.

Next week (December 23, we'll have as our guest the great all-time UK scoring leader Dan Issel who has retired from the Denver Nuggets and now operates his own thoroughbred horse farm in Central Kentucky.

Dan will talk about his new book as well as his days at the University of Kentucky and about the current UK basketball team as well.

Without doubt, Issel has done more for the Kentucky program on the pro scene by virtue of his 15 playing years than any other pro player. He'll be happy to talk with fans and answer any questions you may have.

Don't forget, next Monday from 7 til 8 p.m. on The Cats' Pause Sports Hot Line.

HITS AND MISSES . . . All-American **Kenny Walker** became No. 10 on the all-time Kentucky scoring list when he surpassed **Cliff Hagan's** 475 points last week with his 12 points against Kansas. Walker is now 28 points shy of **Melvin Turpin's** No. 9 spot. . . Eddie Sutton says he wants to have a more varied schedule in the future for recruiting purposes and one way to achieve such a plan is to trade **Kansas** for an inter-sectional game with the likes of **St. John's** in New York for a two-game series and then perhaps **DePaul** in Chicago. Sutton also said he wouldn't mind putting **UCLA** on the Wildcat schedule. . . Here's another one you might be thinking about. Don't be surprised if Kentucky decides not to renew its series with **University of Louisville** after next season. It could happen, especially if UK decides to involve state schools in its **UKIT**. Such a plan might call for two in-state Division I schools (Western, Eastern, Morehead, Murray and Louisville) to be invited to the UKIT each season on a rotating basis with the two schools

playing each other in the opening round. The winner would advance to the championship game against the winner of a game involving

Kentucky and an out-of-state school. Either way, Kentucky would be playing another state school on Saturday night, either in the consolation game or the championship contest. Such a proposal would be difficult for any of the state schools to refuse. . . On the Kansas trip, Sutton invited three University professors as his guests. "We want to involve the total university with our program," Sutton said, "we want everyone at UK to feel they're a part of our program because they are." . . . While the Kansas series appears to be a part of history, indications are UK may be on the verge of renewing its series with **Notre Dame**. One insider says the game may be renewed as early as next season. No details on where the games will be played. . . While speaking on the subject of scheduling, you have to believe that UK will do something to pump some life into its annual **Freedom Hall** game. This season's contest with **VMI** may be the biggest flop of all. There was a time when the Louisville game was something special. Usually, Freedom Hall meant Notre Dame. But at times, teams like **Indiana** and **North Carolina** provided the competition. Of course, that was before Rupp Arena and its 23,000 seats. Still, UK should take better competition to Freedom Hall. The last few years, opposition has been in the form of Purdue and Kansas. While both are excellent competitors, it would be more exciting if the Cats invited someone like **St. John's** or **DePaul** or **Notre Dame** to the woodshed in Louisville.

. . . By the way, tickets still remain for the **UK-VMI** game in Louisville on December 30. Those tickets (at \$7 each) can be purchased at UK ticket office or at Freedom Hall in Louisville. . . Besides the UKIT this weekend, there are a couple great high school classics on tap that basketball fans will want to see. The **big Hillbrook Classic** will be staged at Rupp Arena in Lexington all day Saturday with some very outstanding high school teams and stars, including superstar **Terry Mills**, the one who got away. . . Over in Louisville in the King of the Bluegrass, sixteen teams will be going at it and they include **Owensboro Apollo** with the sensational **Rex Chapman** and Pulaski County with UK-bound **Reggie Hanson**. All games there will be played at Fairdale High School. . . Some real food for thought! Everyone knows just how difficult it's been for UK to beat Tennessee in Knoxville, right? Well, rumors have it **Tennessee** has offered **Kentucky** in the neighborhood of **\$100,000** to help the Vols dedicate their new 25,000-seat arena in Knoxville with a season-opening contest next winter. The catch is that UT does not want to count the game as its regular SEC home game, thus forcing UK to make a second trip to Knoxville in the same season. **Kentucky's** response? Reportedly, UK is interested in opening the new arena with the Vols, but only on the condition that it will be the Cats' only visit to Knoxville during the regular season. After all, the Cats will have to return to Knoxville in March of that year for the **SEC Tournament** and not even **Eddie Sutton** would want any part of the Vols three times in K-town in one season.



Jayhawks Snatch Cats From Unbeaten Tracks, 83-66



Twelve years of frustration went down the tube in Lawrence, Kansas, Saturday night when the Kansas Jayhawks posted an 83-66 victory over the Kentucky Wildcats, the Jayhawks' first win in the series since December of 1973.

Kansas, off to a fast 8-1 start and ranked among the nation's top five in most polls, flashed signs of brilliance throughout the game and gave every indication it intends to be a dominant force in the months ahead.

Larry Brown and his charges wasted no time around the launching pad, getting off to a 10-0 lead before the Cats could get on the board with an Ed Davender free throw at the 14:42 mark of the first half.

Kentucky went almost seven minutes before it finally posted its first field goal, the front-end of a three-point play by reserve Robert Lock cut a 14-1 Kansas lead to 14-4.

"For a while there, it look like a Kentucky game I had witnessed before," said Kentucky Coach Eddie Sutton, referring to the Cats' horrendous second-half shooting against Georgetown in the 1984 NCAA Final Four.

"We were getting some good shots there at the beginning," said Sutton. "Kenny's first three shots were good shots, they just weren't falling." Sutton wasn't far from wrong on the comparisons. The Wildcats were hitting only 12.5 percent when Lock hit his layup as UK missed its first seven field goal attempts of the game.

Kansas enjoyed just the opposite, hitting a blistering 77.7 percent the first eight minutes while finding the range seven of nine times.

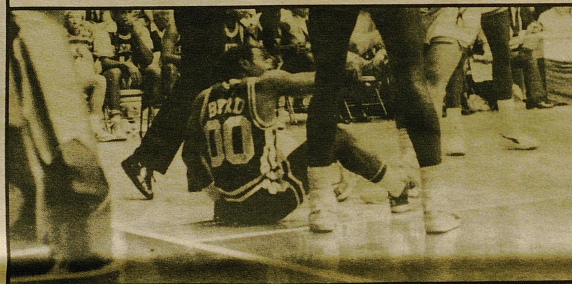
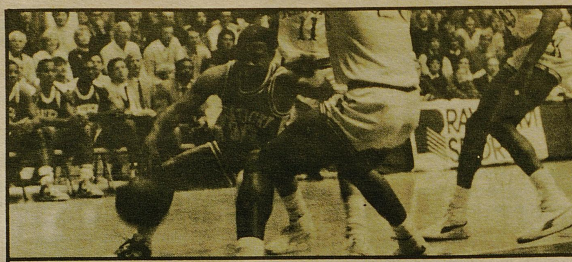
That, combined with some questionable officiating calls, was all Kansas needed to build a margin which proved insurmountable. From the 14-4 margin, Kansas moved on top by 20-6 before Kentucky finally regrouped and mounted a spirited comeback try late in the half.

Danny Manning, the talented 6-10 sophomore, once again proved to be a knife in Kentucky's side just as he was a year ago in Louisville when Kentucky rallied for a 92-89 victory.

Manning did just about what he wanted to, scoring 11 first half points. But it wasn't a one-man show by any yardstick. Senior Ron Kellogg taught UK's guards a lesson or two as he exploded for 11 first-half points and his running mate, Calvin Thompson tacked another 10 first half points on the board.

Kentucky made its most serious bid of the night to get back in the game in the final 10 minutes of the first half.

Forced to go without junior Winston Bennett who went to the bench at 13:30 with three personal fouls, UK began chipping away at the huge Kansas lead. Kentucky narrowed the deficit into single digits when Ed Davender made a nice steal and drove the length of the floor for a layup. At that point, UK trailed 20-12 with 8:59 to go in the half.



Byrd Underneath; Gets A Helping Hand

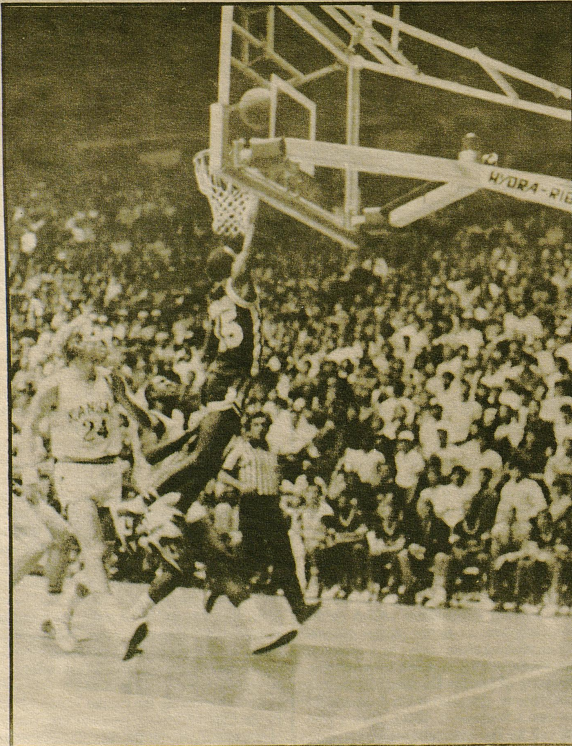
The lead stayed between the 10 and 12 points until the final three minutes of the half when Kenny Walker, James Blackmon and Roger Harden went to work.

Walker canned a pair of free throws to slice the lead to 38-30 at 1:26. Kellogg put Kansas back up by ten on a driving scoop which somehow found its way inside the basket, but Blackmon got that back on a driving layup.

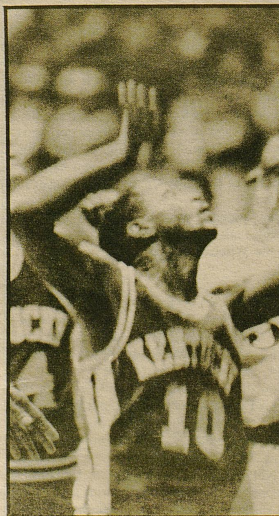
With 0:33 left in the half, Kellogg was charged with fouling a Kentucky player. Walker first went to the line, but officials changed their mind and put Harden on the stripe after a protest from the Kansas bench.

What Kansas was unaware of is the fact that Harden is one of the team's best free throw shooters. Ironically, he had not shot a single free throw this season prior to the Kansas protest. He canned both tries and UK trailed by 40-34.

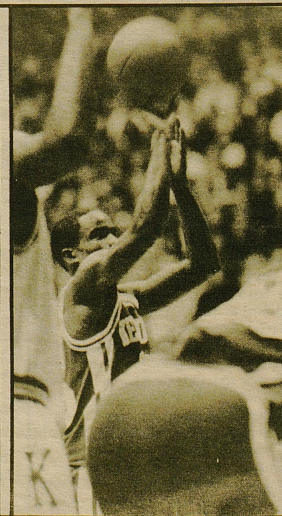
Kentucky had an opportunity to get within four, but a turnover prevented the Cats from getting a shot off. Archie Marshall's offensive board put-back gave Kansas a 42-34 halftime lead and Kentucky was to never get that close again.



Davender On The Loose



Blackmon



Perfect Form



Marshall's field goal gave Kansas an amazing 66.7 percent from the floor the first 20 minutes. Actually, until the final three minutes of the half, the Jayhawks were as hot as a Dodge City S2 pistol. With 4:02 left in the half, Kansas was hitting a sizzling 76.4 percent from the floor. 13 of 17.

About the only thing which prevented a total first half blow-out was Kenny Walker's 10 points. After missing his first three shots, Walker hit three of four and four of five from the line to earn his double-digit half. It didn't come easy.

Obviously, Brown and his staff had viewed films of some SEC games of a year ago. Kansas surrounded Walker much the way Indiana did a week earlier. And the results were almost the same.

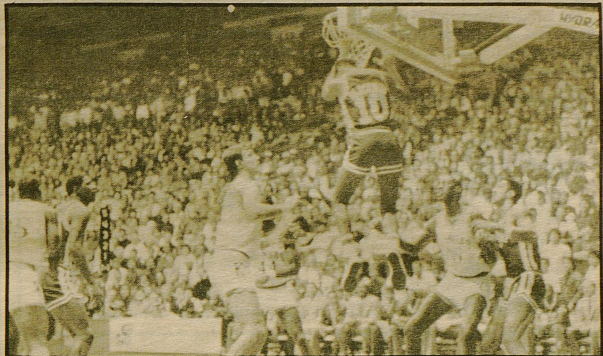
The second half was more of the first half. Kentucky never got closer than 12 points after the opening minutes, but the crucial play came at 16:51 when the Cats lost Walker's services for the remainder of the game.

It started with a battle under the boards as Walker caught a hand from Robert Lock as Lock challenged big Greg Dreiling for a rebound. Just as Dreiling came down with the rebound, Walker crashed to the floor and Roger Harden appeared to come up with a clean steal.

Officials immediately whistled a foul on Harden. Walker was taken to the locker room and Kansas would be on top by 57-40 a couple minutes later. For all practical purposes, the game was over.

Although Walker returned to the team bench later in the half, Sutton said his star player was suffering from double vision and the decision was made not to put him back in the game.

Throughout his career, Walker has seemed prone to eye injuries. Sutton says it may be to Kenny's benefit to begin wearing a special pair of glasses, like those worn by Kareem Abdul Jabbar. Doctors said Walker probably would miss no more than one day of practice from the accident.



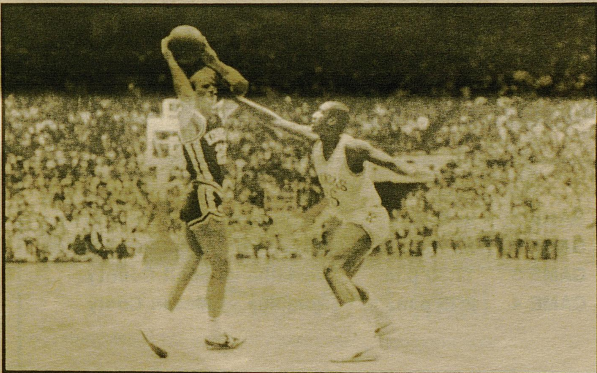
Gettin' Up With The Big Boys

Game scoring honors went to Manning, who scored 22 points and a team-high 7 rebounds. Kellogg pitched in with 17 points and Thompson added 16. Kansas shot a torrid 61.5 percent from the field on 32 of 52.

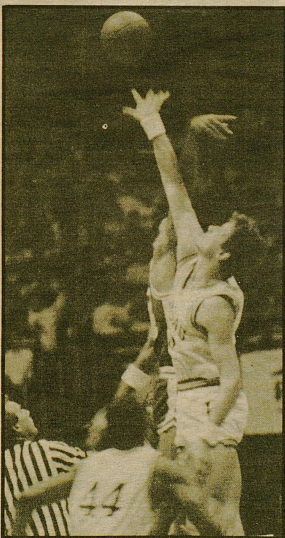
Kentucky, meanwhile, hit 21 of 52 for 40.4 percent, by far the Wildcats' poorest of the young season. Kentucky was led in scoring by Winston Bennett, Kenny Walker and James Blackmon, all who scored 12 each.

Despite the loss, it was Blackmon's best exhibition of the season. He was the only player to hit better than 50 percent from the field (Harden was two of four for 50 percent) on five of nine from the field. He had a team-high three assists. Bennett was the game's top rebounder with eight although he played only 25 minutes, spending much of the time on the bench in foul trouble.

UK-KU TIDBITS . . . Much of the pregame hype from the Kansas people centered on last season's game at Louisville when UK won a 92-89 decision. Kansas' **Larry Brown** was quoted several times in Kansas newspapers as saying that his team was roused out of the contest, than had the game been played on a neutral court, that Kansas would have won by 20 points. He went on to note that three **Southeastern Conference** officials worked the game in Louisville and that three **Big Eight Conference** officials would call the game in Lawrence. Thanks to **ESPN** and **WKYT-TV** in Lexington, you were able to judge for yourself if the score was evened last Saturday . . . Eddie Sutton was visited by several friends in Lawrence, including his mother who had driven over for the game as well as **Joe Klein's** parents. Joe was one of Sutton's brightest stars at Arkansas . . . Remember **Altonio Campbell**? He was a star for St. Louis Vashon High a few years ago and recruited by Kentucky. Better known as "Shotgun" by his friends, Campbell signed on with Kansas and is a sophomore with the Jayhawks but isn't seeing a lot of action on the varsity. In Saturday preliminary, Kansas' junior varsity lost a 20-point decision to **Dodge City Junior College**. Campbell scored four points in that game . . . Sutton was so furious with the officiating in the first half that he was slapped with a technical foul, saying later that he earned it. "I didn't say anything, but I earned it," said Sutton, referring to him leaving the coaching box following a questionable call on Kenny Walker . . . One of those stopping by to chat with Sutton after the game was the NCAA's **David Cawood**. Cawood has more than just one connection with UK. First, he is a native of Harlan County. Later, he worked at **Morehead State University**. After that, he was sports information director at **Arkansas** when Sutton was basketball coach there. Now, Cawood is the No. 2 man with the NCAA behind executive director Walt Byers. Probably more important is the fact that he is a cousin of UK's voice of the Wildcats, **Cawood Ledford** . . . Don't be surprised if this isn't the last game of the UK-KU regular season series. More on that elsewhere in this edition of TCP.



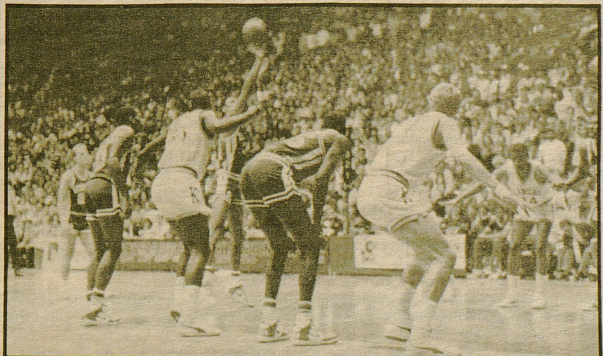
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As Usual, Hillbrook Will Showcase Talent

Mills, Munlyn and Mustaf Invade Rupp Arena

While Christmas shoppers and University of Kentucky basketball fans venture to Lexington this weekend for last-minute shopping and the UKIT, another breed of person will also be treated, the high school roundball fanatic.

Starting at 9 a.m. this Saturday at Rupp Arena the fifth annual Hillbrook Classic, four contests featuring some of the nation's top prep hoop talent, are scheduled to take place.

The format is comprised of four in-state teams — Scott County, Mason County, Lexington Tates Creek and Lexington Lafayette — and four non-Kentucky teams — Macon Southwest (Macon, Ga.), DeMatha Catholic (Hyattsville, Md), South Aiken (Aiken, SC) and Romulus (Romulus, Mich.).



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

"For the average basketball fan who just wants to see good high school basketball this is a good opportunity for them," said Donnie Harville, head basketball coach at Lexington Lafayette and director of the Hillbrook.

"There's probably two or three of these kids that are future first-round NBA draft choices," proclaimed Harville about the type of talent committed to play in the fifth annual event. "Mills is probably a no-miss; Munlyn can probably be and Mustaf is probably a no-miss as first-round draft choices. And possibly there could be some sleepers in there, too."

The three blue-chippers Harville mentioned are: Terry Mills, a 6-9 senior — Romulus; James Munlyn, a 6-11 senior — South Aiken; and Jerrod Mustaf, a 6-9 sophomore — DeMatha Catholic.

Both Mills and Munlyn signed during the November period. Unless you've been touring Russia the past two months, Mills chose to stay within the state borders — Michigan — instead of traveling south to play for the Kentucky Wildcats. Mills (along with J.R. Reid of Kempsville HS, Virginia Beach, Va. and Rex Chapman of Owensboro Apollo), is considered by many of the recruiting experts as the top prep player in the country.

"He's an unbelievable talent," Harville said. "I've seen him in a couple of camps and he is that."

"Everybody in the country, I think, was recruiting Mills, obviously."

Georgia Tech, picked by many this preseason to win it all, added another feather to its cap by landing the services of Munlyn.

"Everybody in the ACC recruited him," noted Harville. "He's on many of the all-American lists."

Tipping-off the Hillbrook will be Aiken against Tates Creek at 9 a.m., followed by: Macon Southwest against Lafayette, DeMatha versus Scott County and Romulus will take on Mason County in the finale.

Each game has something to offer, from the average hoop fan to those zealous basketball junkies.

In the initial game, Tates Creek, one of two local favorites will battle the South Aiken Thoroughbreds. Though Munlyn and Co. will be tough to stop, Tates Creek does have its share of ballers.

Six-foot senior guard Ben DeVary, 6-1 Brian Lane and 6-4 Clay Green are three reasons why the Commodores should challenge for the 11th Region title come March. Recently, in a 71-64 win over M.C. Napier in the Coal Classic at Hazard, Green connected for 25 points and grabbed 18 rebounds.

At presstime Tates Creek was 2-1, losing to Henry Clay 78-62 in the Commodores' third game of the '85-'86 campaign.

The second contest will display the talents of Harville's Generals against perennial southern power Macon Southwest. Harville noted that Macon will "probably have two or three major college prospects."

Don Richardson is beginning his 16th season of coaching the Georgia prep school and has guided the Patriots to 344 wins including: a national title, five Georgia championships, two Georgia runner-up finishes, eight regional titles and 10 sub-regional championships.

Lafayette, which many people also feel are strong contenders to make the run at the 11th Region crown, has three top caliber players of its own — senior Bruce Wise, 6-4 forward; junior Prince Stewart, 5-11 guard; and junior Marcus Hill, 5-11 guard.

It may be billed as the nation's best taking on Kentucky's best when the DeMatha Stags will be challenged by the Cardinals of Scott County in Saturday's third matchup.

"They are supposed to be 'THE' program in the country," said Harville in reference to the Maryland school.

However, DeMatha, ranked No. 1 in the country by some preseason polls, has already been upset by a Bluegrass squad this year. Hopkinsville, last year's state champs, knocked off the Stags 74-69 in overtime during the finals of the McDonald's Classic. The championship contest took place Dec. 7th in Erie, Pa.

Revenge may be on the minds of DeMatha. DeMatha is led by Mustaf, a growing 6-10, 205-pound sophomore.

"He is supposed to be a phenominal talent," Harville said. "As a freshman last year he was 6-8 and you could see that he was bound for stardom. Of course, they're surrounded by some other folks that can play."

Scott County forward Frank Persley, a 6-4, 205-pound senior, will try to upstage DeMatha's Mustaf. Last season Persley helped his Cardinals to an outstanding 30-3 record.

Losing only two lettermen is another reason why Scott County is favored to take all the marbles in '86.

Romulus and Mason County will square off in the final game of the day. Mason County's main objective will be to stop Mills, while Romulus will have its eyes on junior sensation Deron Feldhaus. One of the best third-year players in the state, the 6-6, forward/center averaged 13.5 ppg for the Royals last year.

"Deron is a tremendous athlete," said Harville. "He's a very talented young man, and I think a lot of people are going to be recruiting him."

Wherever the Mason County Royals go it seems they're always followed by a large number of loyal supporters. Don't be surprised if this power from Region 10 has a better gathering than Tates Creek and Lafayette combined.

"Mason County, as we all know, has one of the best programs in the state of Kentucky," commented Harville.

So, there you have it. Although it's early in the season, the fifth annual Hillbrook is truly a showcase of some outstanding young talent.

In each game a team from the Commonwealth will take on a ballclub outside the Bluegrass area. Kentucky pride may be an incentive for the in-state teams and the crowd, which definitely wouldn't hurt the Hillbrook's success.

"A lot of people feel like these teams come in from various parts of the country and they get all this national recognition and everything," Harville said. "But I think they are beginning to find out that the toughest high school basketball competition in the world is right here in the Bluegrass. I think that's been proven. It's been proven here in the Hillbrook."

A good indication of the Kentucky talent, according to Harville, is powerful DeMatha has lost twice in the Hillbrook to area teams while winning for the first time last season.

"I think they (nationally) are beginning to find out that this is the hotbed of high school basketball," said a confident and proud Kentucky prep coach. "And this particular event is the feature of that hotbed basketball."

"It gives us (Kentucky teams) a chance to show our talent. We don't get a lot of that outside recognition or national recognition. This is an opportunity for us to do that."

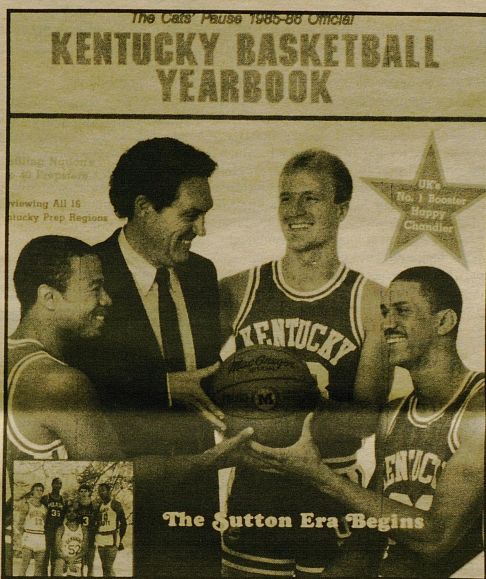
Hillbrook Classic Schedule Saturday, December 21, 1985 Rupp Arena

GAME 1	9:00 a.m.	South Aiken vs Tates Creek
GAME 2	10:45 a.m.	Macon Southwest vs Lafayette
GAME 3	12:30 p.m.	DeMatha vs Scott County
GAME 4	2:15 p.m.	Romulus vs Mason Conty

HILLBROOK TIDBITS: Tickets for the Hillbrook are now on sale at the Rupp Arena ticket office. Prices range from \$8, \$6 and \$4 for reserved seating in the lower level, while a \$2 charge is for general admission in the upper deck. . . After the 9 a.m. opener the three other games will follow at 10:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. Harville noted that the ticket sales "have been going good. We've been averaging 14,000 to 15,000 and we're hoping that we can do a little better than that this time around." . . . Asked if the attendance would have been better if Terry Mills had signed with Kentucky, Harville nodded yes, "but I think the people in Kentucky and around Lexington appreciate basketball, period. They want to see good basketball and I don't think it will affect our gate that much." . . . The reason the Hillbrook doesn't have Apollo and future Kentucky Wildcat Rex Chapman is that the western Kentucky school is playing in the King of the Bluegrass the same weekend. . . Besides all the talent in the matchup between DeMatha-Scott County, the game features two coaches who combined have won more than 1,000 games at their respective schools. Morgan Wooten has guided DeMatha for 30 seasons and has recorded an unbelievable 792-106 win-loss slate. Five national titles have been won while Wooten was calling the shots, including his most recent championship in 1983. It's interesting to note that while under Wooten's tenure at DaMatha, the Stags have had more college players than any other prep institution in the nation. Scott County is coached by the popular Everette "Mutt" Varney. Varney has produced a record of 288-122 during 14 seasons for the Cardinals. Though he's won two regional titles, this may be the year where his squad can win it all. . . The first year the Hillbrook was held it was played at Lexington's Memorial Coliseum, while Rupp Arena hosted the second, third and fourth annual Hillbrook games. . . Playing at Rupp Arena has its advantages, especially since the players stay nearby at the Radisson Hotel. When the Hillbrook was played at the coliseum the players had to be transported back and forth from where they were residing, the Downtowner. Now, the players are just a 'hop-and-a-skip' away from the court. . . All eight teams will be given tickets to the UKIT on Friday and Saturday evening. Scheduling the Hillbrook with the UKIT was a big consideration in having the prep event. Said Harville: "(We wanted) to give these teams an opportunity to come in here and see a UK basketball game and get involved with the hoopla and everything, (hoping) that it would really generate some more interest for Kentucky basketball. To see high school basketball and then to see the interest involved in the University of Kentucky's program (would help) the basketball atmosphere in the state of Kentucky. It's worked out real well for us. The kids really get excited. . . a lot of them never see a college game."

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The Bottom Line On Wildcat Basketball

SEC Coaches Are In A Class Of Their Own

Present And Former Mentors Have Been Special

Kentucky fans have seen such stability in the school's basketball coaches' tenure. Adolph Rupp stayed 42 years. Joe Hall stayed 13. UK is the only school in the Southeastern Conference that has had fewer than eight coaches on the basketball bench since the league was formed for the 1932-33 season.

With Eddie Sutton now in his first season, UK has had just three coaches in the 53-year span of the life of the SEC!

Only Louisiana State and Tennessee have as few as eight. The other seven current member schools have seen nine or more coaches come and go since the beginning.

Perhaps that says something about WHY Kentucky has been so successful for so long. But, trivia buffs, would you believe that LSU's Dale Brown is now the dean of SEC coaches. Yes, he's been on the bench for 13 consecutive seasons now. Of course, C. M. Newton has been in the SEC for more years, 16, but he's been at two schools. He was at Alabama for 12 years, Vanderbilt for four.



Jim Griesch
Cats' Pause Columnist

And, Norm Sloan was coaching at Florida BEFORE any of the current coaches began in the SEC. He spent five years in Gatorland. 1961-66, but left to take North Carolina State to a national championship in 1974, before returning to Gainesville in 1980.

But, for one coach, one school, continuous service, the wiley one, Brown, now rates as the longest-surviving coach.

Considering his volatile ways, flamboyant style, and sometimes mysterious ramblings, verbiage, vacations and recruiting, he's amazed many SEC watchers.

Brown's been in focus this fall and winter in LSU's own set of problems, and the coach has been making noises to the effect that he may get out of coaching -- SOON.

If Brown should step down, whoever might replace Brown would be hard pressed to out do either Big Daddy Dale, or his predecessor, Press Maravich. Press, of course, holds the all-time NCAA record for successfully coaching his own son in college.

"Pistol Pete" Maravich is the all-time career leading scorer in NCAA history. His marks may stand forever, because nobody -- absolutely nobody -- could even get the chance to average 44 points a game at the Division I level again.

We're not talking about some 8-3 goon playing at East Lipstick or North Nanook A&M, or Southern Exposure Tech, folks. We're talking about major schools.

Think about becoming a coach at LSU. Nobody could be as colorful as Brown. Nobody is going to bring in his son and do what Maravich's did.

Nobody.

It may very well be that none of the current coaches even stays around long enough to get 20 years at their respective schools.

That's become a trend over the past decade or so. Only a handful of coaches have stayed very long. Dean Smith's been at North Carolina for 25 years. Only Lefty Driesell, at Maryland, has been around the ACC for as many as 16 (1970 season), besides Smith.

Oddly enough, closer to home, two coaches at hot rivals of UK have outlasted Joe Hall at UK. Bobby Knight and Denny Crum are still at Indiana and Louisville, respectively, and each began at their schools before Hall stepped up to replace Rupp at UK.

Hard to believe? Yes. Knight began at IU in 1971. Crum began at Louisville in 1972.

The SEC has seen a fluidity of coaching changes almost everywhere.

Since Hall began at UK, in the 1972-73 season, the same year as Brown at LSU, every other SEC institution has changed coaches at least once.

Alabama's seen some continuity. Newton lasted in Tuscaloosa from 1969 until 1980, and Wimp Sanderson stepped up and has been there since.

Auburn had Bill Lynn on the bench when Hall and Brown began their SEC careers. Since then, Auburn's seen Bob Davis (74-78) and Sonny Smith (79-present) come and go. Smith actually did go, only to retire after his team's fairy tale trip through the SEC and NCAA tournaments last March.

Florida had Tommy Bartlett on the bench in 1973, and had John Lotz from 1974-80, with Sloan there (second trip) since 1981. A footnote is needed here. Rev. John Visscher, Lotz' aide, replaced Lotz the final month or so of the 1980 season, when the school dismissed Lotz in mid-stream.

Bartlett won some fame in the 1970's as a coach who used a magic stone and the newly-invented Gatorade as a psychological upper for a major-level school.

Georgia's had its share of coaches, too. Ken Rosemond, like Lotz a Dean Smith disciple, ended his reign the first year for Hall and Brown. Since then, John Guthrie (1974-78) got tired of berating referees from the bench, and he now hires them from the SEC offices in Birmingham, Alabama.

Hugh Durham, by far Georgia's most successful basketball coach ever, has been at the helm since 1979.

Of course, Eddie Sutton is just the third UK coach since 1930, so he's following a pattern of long, successful stays in Lexington. That does provide instant pressure, but he's off to a nice start.

Cob Jarvis was the head man at Mississippi in 1973. He left in 1976, after an eight-year stay. Bob Weltlich, emotional, tough, determined, and an unknown Bobby Knight ex-assistant, took the Rebs to an SEC tourney title, some post-season play, and left to follow basketball's clown prince of coaches, Abe Lemons at Texas. Lee Hunt, a long-time Gene Bartow assis-

tant at Memphis State, UCLA, and Alabama-Birmingham, has been in Oxford for three so-so years.

Hunt's cross-state rival, Mississippi State, has had four coaches. Oddly, two who stayed briefly have strong Kentucky ties.

Kermit Davis lasted six years until 1977, before giving way to Ron Greene, a Murray grad from Indiana. Greene was super successful his single year, finishing behind UK's national champs in 1978. He pulled out for Murray at a record pace, and Jim Hatfield, a once and future UK assistant took over. Hatfield lasted three years before being ousted without much sentiment or ceremony.

Beach boy Bob Boyd, a longtime Southern Cal coach who gained national acclaim for being the first coach to beat UCLA in Pauley Pavilion, is the present resident, moving in 1982.

Boyd was 1985 SEC coach of the year, despite finishing with a losing record, and is well-liked.

Boyd is already a veteran, with a total of 19 seasons as a head coach to his credit. But, Boyd seems so easy going and relaxed that he could be a prime candidate to become a long-lasting SEC coach.

He needs to win, of course, but MSU probably could live with continuous upper division finishes, solid tournament play, and a trip to post-season play on a regular basis.

Volatile Ray Mears was still in vogue in Knoxville as the Tennessee coach when Hall and Brown arrived. He virtually exploded so often that he had to surrender the reigns to assistant Cliff Wettig in time for the 1977-78 season. Since then, another Bobby Knight man, Don DeVoe, has presided over the Big Orange program.

At Vanderbilt, calm, studious, professor-appearing Newton has been a stabilizing source for Commodore fans. Roy Skinner was on the bench in 1972-73, staying until becoming ill following the 1976 season.

Skinner had 15 years in at Vandy, and combined with Bob Polk's 10-year tenure, had begun to give Vandy the same kind of steady influence as had Rupp and Hall given UK.

But, Vandy officials never seemed quite comfortable with a couple of young, eager coaches.

Wayne Dobbs had the job for three years (1977-79), and won UPI coaching honors for the SEC in 1978. (He beat out Hall, who was taking his top-ranked UK Wildcats to the national title.) But, the next year, Dobbs was gone.

Kentucky-bred Richard Schmidt last only two years before being tossed out suddenly. He had been a college assistant only three years at Virginia after long success at Louisville Ballard High.

But, Schmidt apparently failed the public relations phase of the game, and was in trouble with some Vandy faithfuls right from the start.

Oddly enough, Schmidt's last win at Vandy was over UK 60-55 in the 1981 SEC tourney, after seeing his team trail 10-0 after seven minutes of play.

Since Schmidt also had some problems handling two players who each had a shot at Vandy's all-time scoring record, Newton's steady calm was sought to right the Vanderbilt ship.

What's it all mean?

Pressure is hard to live with.

Check out some odd little details of coaching in the SEC.

Not too surprisingly, Rupp is the all-time leading winner among coaches at SEC schools. He leads the nation, much less the SEC. He also won 397 SEC games. Hall stands third on both the all-time wins at SEC schools, and SEC victories lists. Hall won 297 overall at UK, 172 in SEC games. Had Hall returned this year and won 11 games in the SEC. Rupp and Hall would have stood 1-2 in the SEC in wins within the league.

Newton enters the year with 270 wins overall at Alabama and Vanderbilt. With 28 more, he'll pass Hall. Vandy is not supposed to win that many this year, but Newton should catch Hall next year.

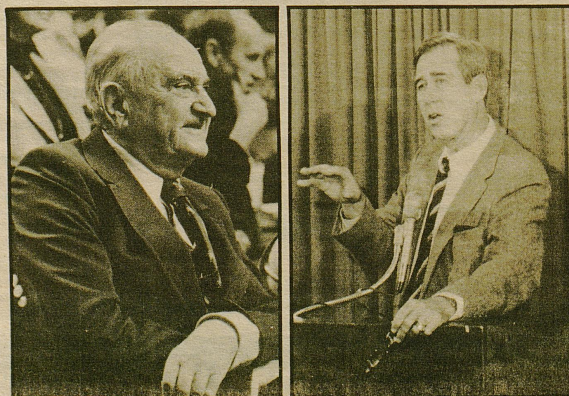
If Vandy wins 13 SEC games, Newton would tie Hall. Vandy has not won that many in one SEC season under Newton. Vandy and Newton could pass Hall -- next year.

Brown, by the way, has 231 wins at LSU, his only head coaching job. He is already sixth on the all-time wins list at an SEC school, seventh in SEC conferences wins with 136.

UK did pull off something unique by hiring Sutton in April. And, only a high-visibility school, such as a UK, could have done it.

Sutton's all-time career record of 342-125 entering the current season carries a winning percentage of .732. Guess who leads current SEC coaches in a career winning percentage?

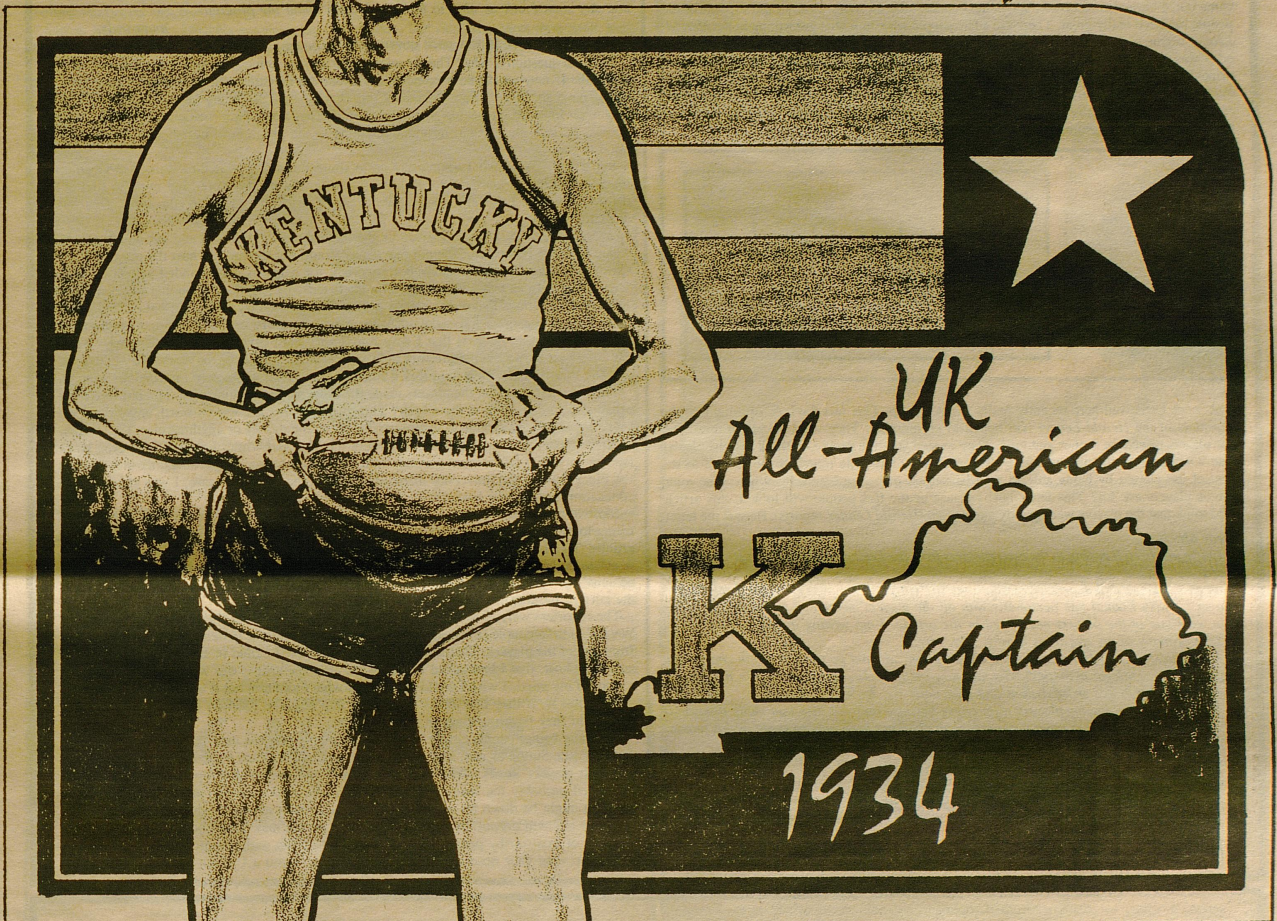
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His famed hook shot was considered "revolutionary" as he led 'Cats in undefeated regular season ('34) play!

H-L Allegations Still Affecting One Wildcat

Getting A Former UK Player's Point Of View

I have talked to many people around the state since the *Lexington Herald-Leader* story came out. I have also received many letters concerning the story. Overall the support of the people has been really great. There are a few people who think that everything in the *Herald-Leader* is true and that the university and the people involved in the story should be punished. I was not with everyone when they were interviewed, but I can say that the story was printed to do harm to the university. The quotes that were printed (quotes that Dicky Beal made) were totally distorted and taken out of context. The story was a shock to me as well as all of Kentucky. People ask the question, "Why did you talk to them?" That question will be answered in this column.



Dicky Beal
Cats' Pause Columnist

A letter I received here recently really shook me up. This was the type of thing that the reporters of the *Herald-Leader* had hoped to accomplish. They want people to think that the players played for money and gifts. They wanted you, the people, to think that the players had a vendetta against the university. The university has done more for me as well as the rest of the players by being able to be a basketball player and student. What more could we as players ask for? This letter hurt because of the fact people will look at this article and think that the players were greedy and selfish (*Herald Leader* reports). Here is the letter:

Dear Mr. Beal,

I have just been listening to the two reporters from the *Lexington Herald-Leader* on WHAS radio.

I am so saddened and depressed if what they say is true. I am angry and disgusted by the players. I wish I could talk personally with all the players mentioned in the article. Since you were one of the players mentioned in the article, I am writing to you.

One of many of my questions is why, why, why?
If the players wanted to clean up the UK program, why not go to someone in charge and report all these illegal activities. Why talk now after the University has given the players the opportunity to get an education and play ball?

The reporters said many players were angry because they felt they had made thousands of dollars for the University and they personally had not been able to share in this money. Why didn't the players leave the University?

I have loved UK basketball all of my life, but I feel I will never be able to be proud of the program again nor trust any player that ever again wears a UK uniform.

You should and all the players should be able to hear the criticism of the UK program on the talk shows up here. Yet as a former Kentuckian and UK fan, I have to sit here and listen to this criticism and wonder is it really true.

I hope everyday these allegations are not true and how will I cope with them if they are?

I feel as if my dearest friend has turned on me and that is truly a bad feeling. Perhaps one day soon I will be able to feel good again about the program.

Yours truly,
Ruby Hampton

My reply: I will answer each question in the letter.

Her first question is why? The reporters came into my home seeking information on Coach Joe Hall. If they would have come to me about the illegalities in the program they never would have got in the door. Obviously this is what I get for being nice to them. Anyway, they never intended on writing about Coach Hall. They wanted information concerning wrong doings. Believe me I would never do anything to the program to hurt it. UK has been to good to me.

She asked, "Why didn't the players go to someone in charge if they wanted to clean up illegal activities?" I knew of no illegal activities and it never entered my mind to find out if there were any. I was at the university to play basketball and get an education. That was difficult enough.

Why talk now after UK has given us the opportunity to play ball and get an education? Again I believe in my heart the not one player would want to try and hurt the program. You have to give the *Herald-Leader* reporters credit for being as underhanded as you can get. They had questions that either put you on the defense or you were defending someone else. They were questions that didn't have a right answer. When trying to find out bad info, that is the type of questions you make up. What makes the story so ludicrous, and we probably talked for about an hour, is that I gave him a very hard time throughout the story. When the article came out my picture was right smack in the middle of the story. He wanted you to think that if Dicky Beal said this it must be true. That was solely the reporter's intent.

The reporters said that the players made the university thousands of dollars but were mad because we didn't share in the money? This question here is not even worth answering. But I will anyway. I never came to the university expecting money or anything else. I am a Kentuckian whose life long dream was to where the blue and white. I really didn't even know that the university was receiving money until I read what teams were getting once they reached the Final Four. If the university made thousands so be it. I don't care. I was at UK for an education and to play basketball.

Most of all I'm sorry that we offended you as a fan. What can we do when someone is trying to hurt you and you can't talk back. I can't speak to every individual who read the articles (HL) but I can say that if you are a true Kentucky fan, you will realize that the *H-L* is out to do one thing — to hurt the people who are so dear to the program. This is my personal opinion. If the *H-L* is so ashamed of the UK program, why do they keep covering the current basketball season? Think about it.

The reporters were, I believe, also trying to make a name for themselves. They were on WVLK radio a couple of weeks ago. They said they had not gotten any negative response from any of the players. That was not the truth because I called in and told Tim Smile, the talk show host, that I had talked to Jeff Marx after the article was written and I gave him a piece of my mind. I wish I could put in print what I told him but it would be very obscene.

My point is, if they lied about not getting any negative reaction from the players what else could they have made up in their story?

Adversity brings people closer together. Apparently this has made the current team much closer. Eddie Sutton as well as the rest of the assistant coaches have done a fine job in getting their players' heads in the right direction. The fans are still supporting the team and we signed probably the most heralded player in Kentucky history in Rex Chapman. The program might be down for a while but when you think about it, when everything is said and done UK will prevail. No matter what some people may think about the program there are a lot of trustworthy people who are doing a fine job with the program. If you let this one report turn your nose against the program, were you a UK fan to begin with?

GAME BY GAME TOTALS

	FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Reb	Ast	St	Dnk	To	PF	D	Blk	1st	2nd	Tot
NORTHWESTERN STATE	26	40	65.0	6	15	40.0	21	14	7	1	23	18	1	3	24	34	58
KENTUCKY	30	58	51.7	17	23	73.9	31	20	12	3	16	16	0	0	38	39	77
CHAMINADE	25	56	44.6	7	14	50.0	32	13	3	0	32	15	1	2	25	32	57
KENTUCKY	37	64	57.8	15	21	71.4	30	22	17	0	17	18	0	2	44	45	89
HAWAII	22	65	33.8	21	29	72.4	30	15	3	0	17	28	0	3	31	34	65
KENTUCKY	36	71	50.7	26	34	76.5	48	25	11	0	14	26	1	4	49	49	98
CINCINNATI	22	54	40.7	10	16	62.5	28	10	6	0	25	25	0	0	23	31	54
KENTUCKY	29	57	50.9	26	33	78.8	35	15	15	0	17	18	0	2	36	48	84
INDIANA	24	55	43.6	10	11	90.9	34	15	1	0	13	22	0	1	32	26	58
KENTUCKY	22	46	47.8	19	23	82.6	22	16	4	0	9	12	0	4	32	31	63
KANSAS	32	52	61.5	19	27	70.4	29	19	4	0	5	24	1	3	42	41	83
KENTUCKY	21	52	40.4	24	27	88.9	31	6	3	0	11	25	0	3	34	32	66
Opponents	151	322	46.9	73	112	65.2	174	86	24	0	115	132	3	12	177	198	375
KENTUCKY	175	348	50.3	127	161	78.9	197	104	62	0	84	115	1	15	233	244	477

Coach Eddie Sutton's Postgame Comments

Following are Eddie Sutton's postgame comments after Kansas defeated Kentucky, 83-66:

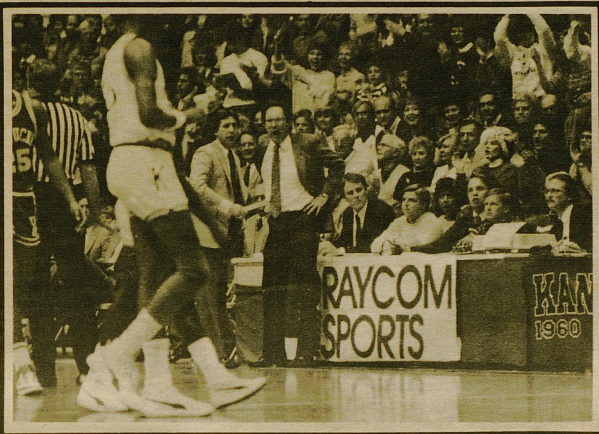
Question: Could you comment on Kenny Walker's injury?

Sutton: The doctor said that his eye was scratched, and he has double vision. So we kept him out of the remainder of the game.

10 by halftime, but at the beginning of the second half they hit some key shots.

Question: Could you comment on the game?

Sutton: Our first three shots were good, Kenny had shots in the paint, but they just wouldn't go down.



Sutton Gets 1st Technical As UK Mentor

Question: What about the play of Kansas?

Sutton: They just shot the ball extremely well. They knocked some shots down that they're not going to hit every game. Kansas is an outstanding team. It's hard to play when you're behind on the road. We wanted to cut the lead to under

Question: How good is Kansas?

Sutton: I voted them fourth again this week, they're an outstanding basketball club. I talked to Larry (Brown) last night and I knew they'd be well prepared. Last year they felt they should have won the game and they didn't. I've said it before, and I'll say it again, you can't key on one person.

UK NOTES:

GAMES 7, 3: 33rd Annual University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament

DATES: Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20-21, 1985

SITE: Rupp Arena - Lexington, Ky. - capacity: 23,000

GAMES: Friday, Dec. 20
5:05 p.m. - SMU (6-0) vs. Pepperdine (6-1)
8:05 p.m. - East Carolina (4-1) vs. Kentucky (5-1)

Saturday, Dec. 21
5:05 p.m. - Consolation Game
8:05 p.m. - Championship Game

THE UKIT: The 33rd annual University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament features the strongest field in years. The four teams have a combined record of 21-3. Kentucky's first-round opponent, East Carolina, is off to its best start since 1962-63, as the Pirates have compiled a 4-1 mark. Their only loss was to powerful Duke. Friday's first game will pit 6-1 Pepperdine against undefeated SMU (6-0).

THE COACHES: **EDDIE SUTTON** was named Kentucky's head coach April 2, 1985, becoming only the third coach in 53 years at UK. Prior to coming to Lexington, Sutton was at Arkansas for 11 years, where he compiled a winning percentage of 77.8, averaging nearly 24 victories a season. His Razorback teams won five Southwest Conference titles and made nine straight trips to the NCAA tournament -- a feat matched only by North Carolina. With a 5-1 start as Kentucky's head coach, Sutton's overall 17-year college coaching record is now 347-126.

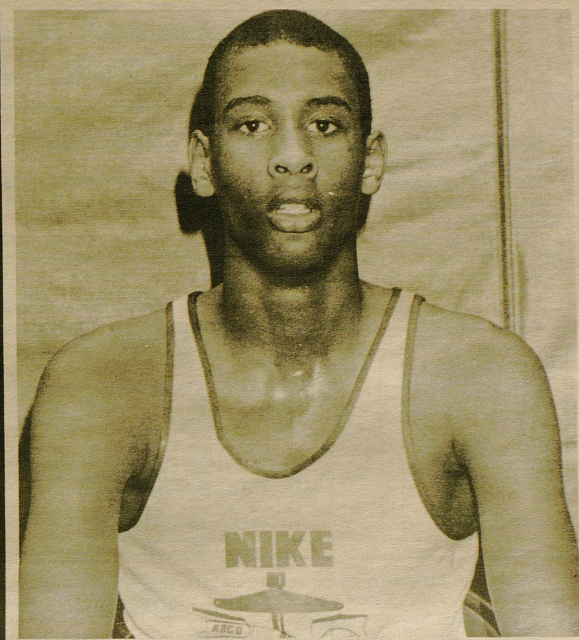
CHARLIE HARRISON is now in his fourth season at East Carolina, where he has compiled a 31-59 record. His five-year overall coaching record now stands at 37-81.

DAVE BLISS is now in his sixth season at SMU, where he has led the Mustangs to a 86-70 record. He is in his 11th year as a college head coach and his record now stands at 163-132.

JIM HARRICK is now in his seventh season at Pepperdine, where he has compiled a 119-62 mark. That is also his overall coaching record.

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Meet A Blue-Chipper



Sean Higgins

Only A Junior, Sean Higgins Is Turning Heads Out West

SEAN HIGGINS, 6-8, 175 lbs., JR., 18.0 ppg., 9.0 rpg., 3.0 apg., Fairfax H.S./Los Angeles, CA. A comment by Fairfax Coach Harvey Kitani best sums up the talent of Sean Higgins. "I go home very night saying I can't believe he is only a junior." As a sophomore, Higgins led Fairfax to a 25-2 record and the Los Angeles 3A title ... names Los Angeles 3A Player of the Year ... Devastating outside shooter", claims West coast scout Don Meade ... tremendous range on his shot ... marvelous repertoire of offensive moves ... superb foot work and balance ... like a great crap shooter, Higgins can get on a roll and become unstoppable offensively ... "I think Sean has a chance to become a truly great player," said Nike executive Sonny Vaccaro ... definitely capable of playing guard in college ... needs additional weight and strength, but already has big time skills ... style of play and thin physique bring up comparisons to George Gervin and Reggie Williams ... very impressive at the Nike All-American camp and played on a team which won the Las Vegas Invitational during the summer ... plays hard and has a great hunger for the game ... very poised on the floor ... native of Michigan who moved to California three years ago ... his father, Earl Higgins, played for Eastern Michigan and the Indiana Pacers ... will be the most highly recruited player on the West coast next year.

McDowell Verbally Commits To Claiborne's Cats

All-State grid product Paul McDowell, of Louisville Ballard, joins Coburn Clark (Daviss County) and Carlos Phillips (Owensboro Senior) to the list of verbal commitments to the University of Kentucky

McDowell, a 6-foot-1, 195-pound linebacker started three years for the Bruins. While playing linebacker during his sophomore campaign, McDowell also played quarterback and linebacker during his junior year, and fullback, quarterback and linebacker in his final campaign.

He helped lead the Bruins to a 4-A state

runner-up title in 1984 (10-4 record) and a 10-2 mark in 1985 season.

McDowell rushed for 408 in 83 attempts while scoring five times.

Earlier two western Kentucky 4-A specimen Clark, 6-3, 245-pound lineman, and Phillips, 6-2, 215-pound linebacker announced they would be suiting up for Claiborne next season.

Two Kentucky football players -- Maurice Douglass (defensive back) and Jon Dumbauld (defensive tackle and co-captain) -- have been selected to play in the annual Blue-Gray all-star contest featured on Christmas Day.

Madison's Game Coming Together Like Glue

Master Blaster Hopes To Contribute More

The first three weeks of preseason practice under new Coach Eddie Sutton weren't much fun for Richard Madison.

"He was on me like glue," says Madison, a 6-7 sophomore forward at the University of Kentucky. "It seemed like he was always chewing me out. I got my head down.

"But then Coach Sutton told me to get my head up. He said he was just trying to make me a better player. He said I shouldn't worry who laughed when he got on me because he was only doing it to help me and the team.

"Now I can start to see everything come together. I guess all the chewing out he did really did help me."



Larry Vaught
Cats' Pause Columnist

And that should be good news for the Wildcats because UK needs another inside player to go with Kenny Walker and Winston Bennett before it enters Southeastern Conference competition.

Kentucky's three-guard lineup got the Wildcats off to a terrific start but Sutton knows he needs more inside strength. Madison knows that, too.

"I feel I can really help this team," says Madison, who has averaged five points and 12 minutes per game in UK's first four contests. "I'm not bragging but I think when we go into the SEC that I can contribute things and add to this team.

"I can provide rebounding, quickness and ballhandling. I can also score if we need points."

"Richard is starting to grasp what we have been teaching him for eight weeks," says Sutton. "In order for us to be a better team he must play."

But it's defense, not offense, that will determine when, or if, Madison earns more playing time.

In high school Madison was a baseball, basketball and football standout. He can hurl a baseball over 90 miles per hour. He can throw a football over 60 yards in the air. He was the prep Player of the Year in basketball after his final season in Memphis, Tenn.

Madison went straight from one sport to the next. He didn't miss any games but he was never on the basketball court when fundamentals were being stressed during preseason drills.

"I knew the word defense but I didn't know anything about the right defensive positions," says Madison. "I would always come straight in from football just in time to play the games. I missed all the fundamental work and it hurt me when I got here.

"But now I'm in better condition than ever before and I know the fundamentals of sound defense. I know I can still score so I've just been concentrating on defense. When I get the defense down, I'll worry more about my offense."

"Richard just didn't have time to worry about learning the fundamentals in high school," says Sutton. "But he now fully realizes that to play for us he must be sound fundamentally and make a big effort at the defensive end."

Madison, though, doesn't worry about making mistakes. Last season Madison knew a miscue would earn him a seat on the bench by Coach Joe Hall.

"You can't play tense," says Madison. "Even if Coach Sutton takes you out he puts you back in the game so you can have a chance to make something happen again. The whole game is just more enjoyable for me now."

ROGER HARDEN has made a believer out of Sutton.

"Roger's play has just been outstanding this year," says Sutton. "His assist total (41 in UK's first five games) is amazing. That's like a guy averaging 30 points per game.

"He's been a great leader on and off the court. He's playing with more confidence. He's not been scoring a lot but he is not shooting much.

"He's become a good defensive player. He's just a much better player than he was a year ago."

Sutton named Harden his "Star of the Week" after the wins over Cincinnati and Indiana.

"In both games when we needed a big play Roger provided it," says Sutton. "He made some big-time plays for us."

WHEN A player is tired, he had better tell Sutton.

"We have a rule that if you take yourself out you can go back in when you

want," says Sutton. "But if I take you out, you go back when I want you to. "I want our players to be honest when they are tired. That's best for them and the team."

SUTTON CAN sympathize with high school coaches who are trying to cope with the "seat belt" rule this season. The rule prevents a coach from leaving his seat during a game. If he does stand up, he is hit with a technical foul.

"It is a horrible rule," says Sutton. "Coaches are partly responsible for it, though. Basketball does strange things to people. I've seen little grandmas go berserk at a game. If a coach is up ranting and raving he can incite a riot.

"But this rule has too severe a penalty. I'd be surprised if the rule stays in more than one year. I couldn't stay seated. I'd have to get a seat belt and strap myself in the chair."

COACHES, LIKE fans and players, get tired of looking at the same officials during the course of a season. If Sutton had his way, an official would not call over three or four UK games per season.

That's one reason Sutton decided to be open-minded about the Southeastern Conference officials this year. He did not "rest" any officials before the season started.

"We use to blackball officials," says Sutton. "Now we just rest them. I wanted to give them all a shot, though. Nobody can call a perfect game.

"I've always thought in a big game that it would not be a bad idea to bring in three coaches and let them call it. Their mechanics wouldn't be very good but they wouldn't be intimidated by the players or crowd.

"Really, for big intersectional games the ideal situation would be to have neutral officials. We did that several times at Arkansas.

"Personally, I think when you go on the road you should take your officials with you instead of having a split crew. When we play at Kansas let us take three SEC officials. When they come here let them bring Big Eight officials.

"With split crews coaches get on officials from their conference for a friendly call. We've all been guilty but that is not a good situation."



Madison



Harden

BO JACKSON now has the Heisman Trophy that most football experts expected him to win this season. And he's also found some allies to answer the critics who questioned his character when he took himself out of games with Tennessee and Florida because of injuries.

Here's what several NFL scouts had to say about Jackson in a recent article in the New York Times.

— Jim Gruden, Tampa Bay Bucs: "The guy was hurt. Keith Byars of Ohio State got hurt and nobody got mad at him."

— Dick Corrick, Green Bay Packers: "There's a fine line between pain and injury. He had a couple of broken ribs and a bad shoulder. Some people said the same thing about Herschel Walker."

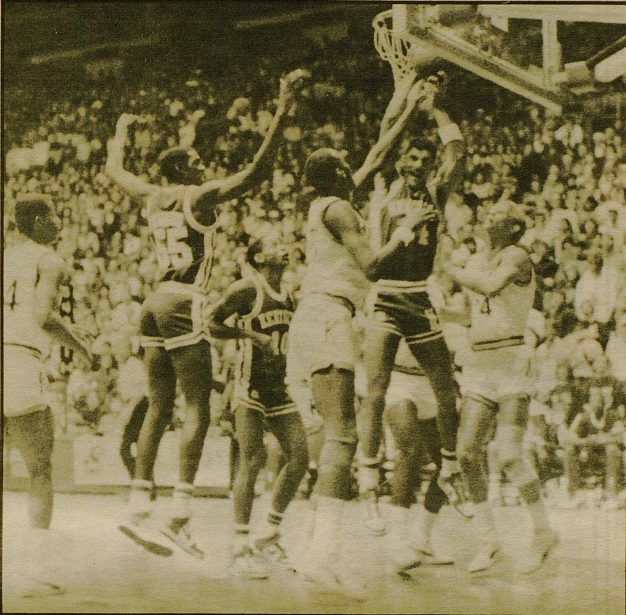
— Chuck Connor, Miami Dolphins: "It's a bad, bad rap on the guy. There's no question about his toughness."

— Mike Hickey, New York Jets: "Pat Dye, the Auburn coach, encourages his players to come out of the game if they're hurt, so they do. Just because Bo

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The Sky Report

Kenny Walker's Climb Past Kentucky's Elite
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Rank	Name	Points	Games	Years
1.	Don Jessi	2,136	83	3
2.	Jack Glvens	2,038	123	4
3.	Kevin Greavy	1,901	84	3
4.	Cotton Neash	1,770	78	3
5.	Alex Groza	1,744	120	4
6.	Louie Dampier	1,575	80	3
7.	Mike Casey	1,535	82	3
8.	Ralph Beard	1,517	139	4
9.	Melvin Turpin	1,509	123	4
10.	Kenny Walker	1,481	102	3
11.	Cliff Hagan	1,475	77	3
12.	Pat Riley	1,464	80	3
13.	Johnny Cox	1,461	77	3
14.	Kyle Macy	1,411	98	3
15.	Rick Robey	1,395	105	4
16.	Mike Phillippe	1,367	120	4
17.	Mike Pratt	1,359	81	3
18.	Frank Ramsey	1,344	81	3
19.	Jim Andrews	1,320	80	3
20.	Sam Bowie	1,285	94	3

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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 E. Carolina at UK 8:00 p.m. TV-Kentucky Network	21 UK in UKIT (TBA) TV-Kentucky Network
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 U of L at UK 12:30 p.m. TV-CBS
29	30 VMI vs UK 8:05 p.m. Freedom Hall TV-Kentucky Network	31	1 January	2	3	4 UK at Vandy 7:05 p.m. TV-ESPN

Remaining Games

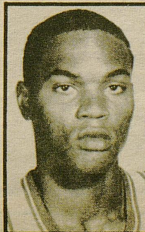
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Jan. 6	at Auburn	8:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	Mississippi	7:35 p.m.
Jan. 11	Alabama	7:35 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Miss. St.	8:30
Jan. 18	at Florida	TBA
Jan. 23	Georgia	8:05 p.m.
Jan. 25	Tennessee	4:05 p.m.
Jan. 29	at LSU	8:05 p.m.
Jan. 31	Auburn	7:35 p.m.
Feb. 2	at N.C. State	1:05p.m.
Feb. 5	Vanderbilt	7:35 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Mississippi	9:05 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Alabama	8:05 p.m.
Feb. 15	Miss. State	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 19	Florida	7:35 p.m.
Feb. 22	at Georgia	TBA
Feb. 27	at Tennessee	8:05 p.m.
Mar. 1	LSU	1:05 p.m.
Mar. 5-8	SEC tourney	TBA



Previous Games

DATE	RESULT	LEADING SCORER, REBOUNDER
Nov. 22	UK 77, NW State 58	W. Bennett 18; W. Bennett 7
Nov. 26	UK 89, Chaminade 57	K. Walker 22; K. Walker 5
Nov. 27	UK 98, U. Hawaii 65	K. Walker 33; K. Walker 10
Dec. 3	UK 84, Cincinnati 54	K. Walker 26; J. Blackmon 7
Dec. 7	UK 63, Indiana 58	Davender 22; Blackmon, Harden, Madison (5 pts)
Dec. 14	Kansas 83, UK 66	Bennett, Walker, Blackmon (12points); Bennett 8

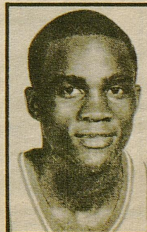
Bennett
8 Rebounds



Blackmon
5 of 9 FG



Davender
7 of 8 FT



Jeff Mullins Brings 'Rupp

By Mel Holbrook

Jeff Mullins will forever be remembered around Lexington as the big one that got away from the University of Kentucky basketball program.

The former Lexington Lafayette High School All-American spurned a scholarship offer from Coach Adolph Rupp to attend Duke University, where he was twice selected an All-American, and later enjoyed a successful 12-year professional basketball career with the St. Louis Hawks and the San Francisco (now Golden State) Warriors.

While in the pro ranks, Mullins was selected to the All-National Basketball Association (NBA) team five times. He also played on the 1975 World Championship Warriors' club that included Rick Barry.

Only recently, Mullins, 42, stunned the basketball world by taking over the precarious head coaching and athletic director's position at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He'd been away from the game for 10 years when Mullins returned to the game.

"I've always loved basketball," said Mullins in a telephone interview from Charlotte. "But when I retired (in 1976) I owed it to my family and myself to get away from it for a while. But I found that the business world wasn't as fulfilling as I would have liked it to be and about a year ago I decided I wanted to get into coaching."

Mullins was also "Mr. Basketball" in Kentucky his senior season at Lafayette under Ralph Carlisle and was a member of the 1964 Olympic gold-medal winning team. Besides that, Mullins was selected the Atlantic Coast Conference's Player of the Year in 1964.

Mullins returned to North Carolina when he retired and took a position as the associate athletic director at Duke. After a year in that capacity, Mullins took over a struggling car dealership in Cary, North Carolina, and built "Jeff Mullins Chevrolet" into one of the most profitable car dealerships in the state.

But Mullins still found time to do television commentary for the ACC basketball network for seven years prior to taking the UNCC job. That whetted his appetite to get even further involved with the game he loves.

"I started looking around for a new challenge," Mullins said. "I felt like I wanted to work with young people more closely and get involved in their affairs. I also got on the speaker's circuit. During those years, all I heard about was all the problems connected with the sport. So I decided to find out about it on a closer level and I was contacted about this job. It's an exciting challenge."

It's Mullins' challenge to reroute a program that has dropped 62 of 84 games over the last three years, including a worst-ever 5-23 finish in 1984-85 and two consecutive last-place finishes in the Sun Belt Conference. UNCC has played collegiate basketball for 20 years.

UNCC, of course, has a Kentucky flavor in that former Transylvania University head coach Lee Rose and former UK player Mike Pratt have both coached there. Rose guided the 49ers to their only National Collegiate Athletic Association Final Four appearance in 1977.

Rose left UNCC for Purdue University and later left West Lafayette, Indiana, for Tampa and the University of South Florida. Pratt was fired after four seasons.

"I was impressed with what Mike was trying to do," said Mullins. "He came in at a bad time because Lee had been so successful before him and then a new athletic director was brought in about a year after Mike started. And you know how that goes. That athletic director wanted his own man and Mike wasn't given a fair chance. If Mike had been given a fair chance, his leadership would have kept the program much higher than it was when I took over."



"It's An Exciting Challenge," Said Jeff About New Post



Coach And AD Jeff Mullins

Pratt's replacement, Hal Wissel, compiled the afore-mentioned record over three seasons and last March he and Athletic Director Clyde Walker were dismissed. That opened the door for Mullins.

"The job here at UNCC is multifaceted," he said. "We first have to turn the program around by recruiting good athletes and good players. And, secondly, we want to get our community excited and involved with UNCC. Charlotte is a town of about 450,000 people. And there's about 500 to 600,000 if you include the area in a 50-mile radius. There's no question we have an exciting opportunity with all the potential here."

At press time, the 49ers were 3-2 so far this season, having lost to Wake Forest by only one point before only the second sellout crowd to ever see UNCC play at the Charlotte Arena.

"We have a small team that plays hard and has a good attitude," Mullins explained. "We're going to get out and recruit some size for next season."

Size is what Mullins certainly didn't need to play the guard position at Lafayette, Duke and in the pros. At 6-4 and 190 pounds, Mullins could dominate his opponents.

The Mullins' family — Jeff's father worked for International Business Machines — moved to Lexington from upper New York when he was in the 10th grade. It turned out to be one of the best moves Vince and Billie Mullins would ever make.

"He was catholic, but he went to a public school because he had heard good things about Coach Carlisle," said one of Mullins' prep teammates, John E. Harris of McAtee's Shoe Repair. "I met him at Lafayette through John Speaks, a fellow who was being heavily recruited by a number of colleges. Mullins was something else."

Mullins had a spectacular high school career, averaging 20 points per game as a junior and 26 as a senior, when he earned the prestigious "Mr. Basketball" honor in 1960. Although Mullins led the Generals to winning records, the farthest Lafayette ever advanced during his career was the regional finals.

But that didn't matter, because Mullins met and became good friends with Rupp, der Baron himself. And Rupp became a tremendous influence in Mullins' life.

"Nobody was nicer to me than Coach Rupp," Mullins said. "He was nice to me while I was in high school and throughout my collegiate career. If it hadn't been for him, I probably wouldn't have been noticed by any colleges. My making the high school All-American team and gaining recognition as a player was from Coach Rupp's influence and from the respect Kentucky high school basketball had and still has. There weren't many of those scouting services you have today. The people in New York City just called him up and said they needed a guard to complete the team. Rupp said that I would easily qualify."

A number of colleges went after Mullins, and he eventually narrowed his shopping list to Kentucky, Maryland and Duke.

"I heard from a lot of people," said Mullins. "And I was very impressed with a lot of them. Vic Bubas of North Carolina State was recruiting Speaks and saw me play a lot. He was an assistant at State. And the next year after N.C. State got Speaks he was named Duke's new head coach. First impressions are certainly the strongest. And I was very impressed with Bubas."



Taking Over

Rupp Tradition' To 49'ers

By Mel Holbrook



Other than Bubas and Rupp, Mullins was recruited by a fellow named Joe B. Hall of St. Regis College in Denver, Colo.

"Hall was such a good recruiter," said Mullins. "He talked to me several times about my attending there. I was impressed with him."

Mullins says he chose Duke over UK and Maryland after a family meeting. "My father emphasized to me how important it was to attend college away from home," Mullins said. "If I had attended Kentucky, I would have lived at home and commuted back and forth. It would have been like high school all over again. I couldn't mature as quickly unless I moved away."

And he chose Duke over Maryland because he didn't like Maryland's slow-paced style of basketball.

"Besides that, Duke is well-known for its academics," added Harris. "It had a good business school, which his father liked. And Bubas is a great coach. Duke just had too much going for it at the time."

At Duke, Mullins was a three-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference performer, helping the Blue Devils reach the NCAA Final Four in both 1963 and '64. He was a first team All-American selection in his senior year.

In three seasons, Mullins accumulated 1,888 points and 767 rebounds in only 86 games for averages of 22.0 points and 8.9 rebounds per game.

He played against Kentucky and Rupp only once, in the finals of the Sugar Bowl Tournament at New Orleans in his senior season. Duke lost to UK in that game.

"My good friend and old buddy, Terry Mobley, hit a field goal to win it for them," said Mullins. "He banked one in from way out. After the game, I told him that he forgot to yell 'board!' I'll never forget that game."

While at Duke, Mullins, a business major, was a Rhodes Scholar candidate. He lost out to Bill Bradley of Princeton, who is now a U.S. senator from Massachusetts.

At the end of his stellar collegiate career, Mullins was invited to try out for the 1964 U.S. Olympic squad, making the roster and competing on the American team that captured the gold medal at the World Games in Tokyo. Mullins played with former collegiate stars Walt Hazzard, Bill Bradley and Larry Brown, among others.

"I remember running into Coach Rupp again in Hawaii while training for the Games," said Mullins. "He came over and shook my hand and was very cordial. Our relationship was always great, despite some reports that said we were at odds. Nothing could have been further from the truth."

Mullins was a first-round selection of the St. Louis Hawks of the National Basketball Association. He spent two seasons as a reserve in St. Louis before the Chicago Bulls selected him in the 1966 expansion draft. But before Mullins ever wore a Chicago uniform, he was traded to the San Francisco Warriors.

Ten years and 802 games later, Mullins would retire at the age of 34 with 13,017 career points, an average of 16 points per game. He was a five-time NBA all-star at the guard position and was a member of the Warriors' 1975 World Championship team. Although he was a starter throughout most of his career, Mullins was the key "sixth man" in the Warriors' drive to the title that culminated with a four-game sweep of the Washington Bullets in the championship series. He retired following the 1975-76 season after being voted one of the most popular players in the Bay area.

"The highlight of my pro career was, of course, the World Championship," Mullins stated. "But I remember when I first started out in St. Louis. I remember Bob Petit and Cliff Hagan,



As A Member Of NBA's Warriors

especially, Bob and Cliff showed me the way around, how to travel, how to take care of yourself. There were only nine NBA teams at the time, so there wasn't as much travel as there is now. But I learned a lot from those guys about what it takes to make it in professional basketball."

Mullins said he appreciated the opportunity to play basketball for as long as he did. "I feel so fortunate to have had a very fulfilling career," he stated. "I would have loved to stay in one city, but I was in San Francisco for 10 years. That gave me an opportunity to get involved with the community."

Mullins returned to Duke and North Carolina for one year as the associate athletic director before taking on his car dealership. But he wanted to get further involved with basketball again.

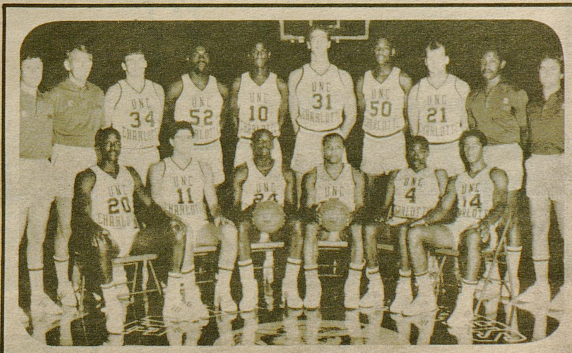
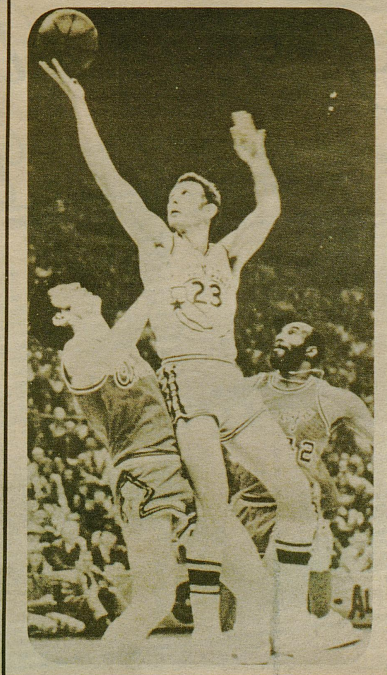
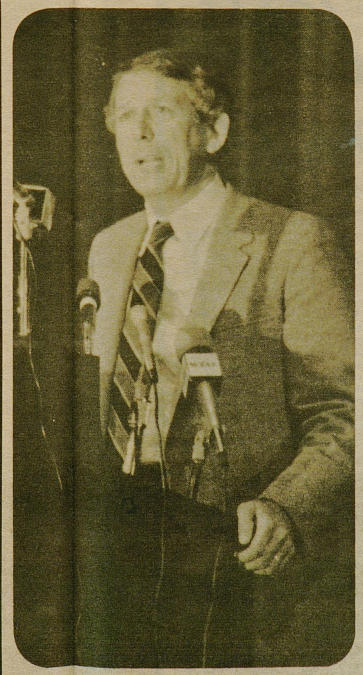
"You have to use basketball, not let it use you," Mullins stated. "You hear about all those kids out there who are not taking advantage of the opportunities afforded them for playing the game. If you can't play professionally, you at least have the opportunity to get an education and land a good job."

"When I first heard about him taking the UNCC job, I couldn't believe it," said Harris. "It shook us all up. He'd been offered several jobs at bigger schools. He could have had the job at the University of Hawaii, but he turned that down. I don't know why."

"I told him he wasn't mean with anybody, so how could he be a coach?," Harris continued. "He said you don't have to be mean to be a coach. He also said he liked Charlotte because there are no professional teams there. And there are plenty of good athletes in the local high schools. Besides that, they're going to build a new 25,000-seat arena later on."

"There is some apprehension about taking on a brand new responsibility," said Mullins. "But it's not like we're starting over. We're in the selling business, and I've been involved with that for quite some time. I have to use some of my marketing skills I learned in the automobile business. But that's all a part of life."

New Post



Taking Over Helm At UNCC Driving Down The Lane

Mullins With His 1985-86 Squad

U.K.I.T. TEAM SINGLE GAME RECORDS

Most Points Scored (Kentucky 114 vs. Portland State — 1st Round, 1977)	114
Most Points Both Teams (Kentucky 112 vs. Michigan 104 — 1st Round, 1968)	216
Fewest Points Scored (Southern California vs. LaSalle — 1st Round, 1954)	38
Fewest Points Scored, Both Teams (LaSalle vs. Southern California — 1st Round, 1954)	47
Most Field Goals Attempted (Kentucky vs. DePaul — Round, 1958)	100
Most Free Throws Made (Kentucky vs. DePaul — 1st Round, 1970 and vs. 1959)	46
Most Free Throws Attempted (St. Louis vs. West Virginia — 1st Round, Illinois 37 — 1st Round, 1960)	80
Most Free Throws Made, Both Teams (Kentucky 43 and 1959)	80
Most Rebounds (Kentucky 44 vs. Cincinnati 35 — Championship Game, 1964)	38
Most Personal Fouls (Kentucky vs. SMU — 1956)	79
Most Personal Fouls (Kentucky vs. Washington State — 1st Round, 1974)	7
Most Personal Fouls, Both Teams (Kentucky 29 vs. Syracuse 33, Third Game, 1978)	34
Biggest Margin of Victory (Kentucky 19, Indiana 56 — Championship Game, 1965)	62
Smallest Margin of Victory (West Virginia 87 vs. St. Louis 86 — 1st Round, 1960; Cincinnati 71 vs. Dayton 70, 3rd Place, 1967; Kentucky 61 vs. Purdue 60, Championship, 1979)	1
Overtime Victories (St. Louis twice in 1960; St. Louis 54 vs. California 43 (OT), St. Louis vs. Kentucky 72 (1 OT))	3
Best Shooting Percentage (Game) (West Virginia vs. Bowling Green — 2nd Round, 1976) (34 of 50)	68.0

HIGH POINT PERFORMERS (Two Games)

1984 Wes Stallings (East Tennessee) — 38	1969 Dan Isseel (Kentucky) — 60
1983 Deven Durrant (Brigham Young) — 56	1966 Dan Isseel (Kentucky) — 56
1982 Paul Thompson (Idaho State) — 51	1967 Mike Casey (Kentucky) — 51
1981 Dan Callandrillo (Seton Hall) — 51	1966 Louie Dampier (Kentucky) — 48
Mike Hackett (Jacksonville) — 51	1965 Louie Dampier (Kentucky) — 46
1980 Byron Williams (Idaho State) — 61	1964 Henry Finkel (Kentucky) — 46
1979 Billy Allen (SMU) — 38	1963 Bill Bradley (Princeton) — 64
1976 Dale Schackelford (Syracuse) — 45	1962 Cotton Nash (Kentucky) — 77
1977 Freeman Williams (Portland State) — 40	1961 Larry Pursiful (Kentucky) — 57
1976 Jeff Jenkins (Utah) — 76	1960 Bill Lickert (Kentucky) — 60
1975 Don Smith (Oregon State) — 53	1959 Jerry West (West Virginia) — 43
Rick Taylor (Arizona St.) — 40	1958 Jerry West (West Virginia) — 48
1974 Ronnie Daniel (Oklahoma St.) — 40	1957 Ron Johnson (Minnesota) — 48
1973 Kevin Grevey (Kentucky) — 56	1956 Jim Krebs (SMU) — 47
1972 Jim Andrews (Kentucky) — 50	1955 Jim Paxson (Dayton) — 47
1971 Brian Taylor (Princeton) — 50	1954 Phil Grawmeyer (Kentucky) — 51
Mike Casey (Kentucky) — 66	1953 Cliff Hagan (Kentucky) — 41
53	55

33rd Annual University Of Kentucky Invitational Tournament At Rupp Arena Dec. 20-21

1st Game
SMU vs Pepperdine
6:00 p.m.
2nd Game
E. Carolina vs Kentucky
8:00 p.m.
3rd Game
Consolation
6:00 p.m.
4th Game
Championship 8:00

TOURNAMENT TRAIL KENTUCKY IN THE UKIT

(32 Appearances — 24 Championships)

1984	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated East Tennessee and Cincinnati
1983	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Wyoming and Brigham Young
1982	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Jacksonville and Alabama-Birmingham
1981	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated California and Purdue for title
1980	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated California and Purdue for title
1979	Won 1, Lost 1 Eliminated by Texas, A&M in first game
1978	Won 1, Lost 1 Eliminated by Texas, A&M in first game
1977	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Syracuse for third place
1976	Won 1, Lost 1 Defeated Portland State and St. John's for title
1975	Won 1, Lost 1 Defeated Georgia Tech and Oregon State for title
1974	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Washington State and Oklahoma State for title
1973	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Dartmouth and Stanford for title
1972	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Nebraska and Oregon for title
1971	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Missouri and Princeton for title
1970	Won 1, Lost 1 Lost championship to Purdue
1969	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Navy and Duke for Championship
1968	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Michigan and Army for Championship
1967	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Dayton and South Carolina for Championship
1966	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Kansas State for Championship
1965	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Air Force and Indiana for Championship
1964	Won 1, Lost 1 Lost Championship to Illinois

1963	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Air Force and Indiana for Championship
1962	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Iowa and West Virginia for Championship
1961	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Tennessee and Kansas State for Championship
1960	Won 1, Lost 1 Lost championship to St. Louis
1959	Won 1, Lost 1 Lost championship to West Virginia in first game
1957	Defeated Minnesota for third place
1956	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Southern Methodist and Illinois for Championship
1955	Won 1, Lost 1 Lost championship to Dayton
1954	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Utah and LaSalle for Championship
1953	Won 2, Lost 0 Defeated Duke and LaSalle for Championship

(For Dates, Sites and Scores See All-Time Record Section)

U.K.I.T. INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME RECORDS

Most Points Scored (Bill Bradley, Princeton vs. Wisconsin — 3rd Place Game, 1963)	40
Most Field Goal Attempts (Freeman Williams, Portland State vs. Kentucky — 1st Round Game, 1977)	16
Most Field Goals (Bill Bradley, Princeton vs. Wisconsin — 3rd Place Game, 1963)	4
Most Free Throws Attempted (Rick Robertson, Cincinnati vs. South Carolina — 1st Round, 1967)	21
Most Rebounds (Ron Johnson, Minnesota vs. North Carolina — 1st Round, 1957; Rich Kelley, Stanford vs. Kentucky — Championship Game, 1973)	27

UKIT PARTICIPANTS THROUGH THE YEARS (Listed Alphabetically)

Team	Record	Titles	Years Played
Air Force	Won 1, Lost 1	1965	
Alabama-Birmingham	Won 0, Lost 2	1980	
Alaska	Won 1, Lost 1	1980	
Arizona State	Won 1, Lost 1	1975	
Army	Won 0, Lost 2	1968	
Bowling Green	Won 1, Lost 1	1975	
Brigham Young	Won 0, Lost 2	1968	
California	Won 0, Lost 2	1976	
Cincinnati	Won 1, Lost 1	1968	
Colorado	Won 2, Lost 2	1963	
Dartmouth	Won 2, Lost 2	1960, 65, 71, 79	
Dayton	Won 4, Lost 1	1967, 84	
DePaul	Won 0, Lost 2	1972	
Duke	Won 4, Lost 6	1973	
Duquesne	Won 0, Lost 2	55	1955, 56, 64, 67, 69
East Tennessee	Won 1, Lost 2	1970	
Georgia Tech	Won 0, Lost 2	1953, 69	
Idaho State	Won 0, Lost 2	1982	
Illinois	Won 1, Lost 2	1984	
Indiana	Won 1, Lost 2	1975	
Iowa	Won 1, Lost 2	1980	
Jacksonville	Won 1, Lost 3	64, 78	
James Madison	Won 0, Lost 2	1965	
Kansas State	Won 1, Lost 1	1962	
Kentucky	Won 3, Lost 3	1961	
LaSalle	Won 54, Lost 8	1961, 66, 70	
Michigan	Won 2, Lost 2	(23) (Every)	
Minnesota	Won 1, Lost 2	1953, 54	
Missouri	Won 1, Lost 3	1968	
Navy	Won 1, Lost 1	1955, 57	
Nebraska	Won 0, Lost 2	1971	
		1970	
		1972	
North Carolina	Won 1, Lost 3		
Ohio State	Won 1, Lost 3	1957, 59	
Oklahoma State	Won 2, Lost 2	1958, 73	
Oregon	Won 3, Lost 3	1958, 74	
Penn State	Won 1, Lost 1	1972	
Princeton	Won 0, Lost 3	1952, 56, 75	
Portland State	Won 2, Lost 2	1966	
Purdue	Won 1, Lost 2	1963, 71	
Tulane	Won 3, Lost 1	70	
St. John's	Won 1, Lost 1	1970, 79	
St. Louis	Won 1, Lost 1	1982	
Seattle	Won 3, Lost 1	1977	
Seton Hall	Won 1, Lost 1	60	1959, 60
South Carolina	Won 1, Lost 1	1977	
Southern Methodist	Won 1, Lost 1	1978	
Stanford	Won 2, Lost 2	1967	
Syracuse	Won 1, Lost 1	1956, 79	
Texas	Won 0, Lost 3	1973	
Texas A&M	Won 1, Lost 1	1981	
Rutgers	Won 1, Lost 1	1961	
UCLA	Won 1, Lost 1	1978	
Utah	Won 1, Lost 1	1982	
Utah State	Won 2, Lost 4	1953	
Villanova	Won 0, Lost 2	75	1954, 55, 76
Virginia Commonwealth	Won 1, Lost 1	1981	
Wake Forest	Won 1, Lost 1	1974	
Washington State	Won 1, Lost 1	1963	
West Virginia	Won 0, Lost 2	1963	
Wisconsin	Won 7, Lost 5	57, 59	1957, 68, 62, 64, 76
Wyoming	Won 0, Lost 2	1963	
Xavier	Won 0, Lost 2	1961	

Lots Of Dough Involved In Athletics

Big-time Coaches And ADs Are Making Their Share

When Emory Bellard was eased out the door at Mississippi State recently, Bulldog supporters greased the steps with a check for \$125,000.

Why \$125,000 to buy out the one remaining year of a contract calling for a base salary of just \$63,000 per year?

Credit former Georgia Tech coach Pepper Rodgers. When Rodgers lost his job, he successfully sued for fringe benefit monies he said went with coaching the Engineers. Since that time college athletic departments have realized firing a coach costs the whole loaf, not just a few slices.

In Bellard's case the loaf included his \$63,000 salary, \$45,000 a year for radio and TV shows, a car and, finally, the use of a \$250,000 house owned and cared for by the university.

Obviously, Bellard got his full \$63,000 plus the \$45,000 plus \$17,000 in lieu of the house and car.



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist



Johnny Majors



Emory Bellard

The man may not have turned out a winner for the Bulldogs, but he certainly did alright by ol' Emory.

But then it's hard not to do alright if you can get one of the big jobs in college football, coach or athletic director.

Public records in Alabama show the Tide's Ray Perkins gets \$120,000 per year in state money. Pat Dye at Auburn is paid \$90,000 up front, but there is no listing of how much either man makes on the side. No one doubts that it is considerable.

While there have been few public releases of A.D. income in the Southeastern Conference, it is interesting to note that in the Southwest Conference De Loss Dodds, director of athletics at the University of Texas, will get a \$50,000 bonus next year, pushing his earnings to \$147,875. That's more than the new school president will probably make.

*One of the first names proposed for Bellard's job was Bobby Collins of SMU. Collins would be tough to hire. He currently earns \$250,000 per year with a five-year contract.

Another suggestion was Bill Dooley, Virginia Tech's coach and athletic director. Dooley is making an \$80,000 salary plus another \$85,000 from radio and TV.

Even at independent Memphis State, newly released coach Ray Dempsey was guaranteed \$50,000 salary plus \$40,000 for radio and TV, plus whatever.

It's easy to understand cheating in college athletics. Some coaches cheat to win because winning means you can keep your job and your job is pretty darn good.

Most schools are sensitive to a charge that football coaches make more money than school presidents. That's why salaries are usually listed in the \$60,000 range. It keeps the professors quiet. But, as we said, the salary is only the tip of a coach's financial iceberg.

Don't think for a minute that the radio or TV money is contingent upon finding sponsors willing to pay the bill. Many schools simply use that angle to get around a charge of putting athletics above academics.



Will Wolford

The athletic department produces the TV show, sends a representative out to visit stations and buy the time, tries to sell local loyal alumni businessmen to sponsor, but when all is said and done, sending camera crews to games, putting the show together, buying the time and then paying the coach four or five thousand per week, means that in most cases costs are substantially higher than the money recaptured. That matters not. The coach's piece of the action is guaranteed and the athletic department pays out whatever extra is needed.

Another source of income is a shoe deal, particularly in basketball. Kentucky people say that Eddie Sutton's arrangement with Nike is worth \$125,000 per year.

Nike and Converse, the two biggies in the shoe business, knock themselves out to cultivate college coaches. In just the past two years there have been all expense paid trips to Japan and Hawaii offered head basketball coaches and their wives. It isn't cash, but it's not a bad way to spend part of the off-season, either.

In addition, there are always big money supporters who want to be on a first name basis and who have business opportunities to offer. There are deals at stores, endorsements, a car provided by the school or its backers, a virtually unlimited expense account, bonuses for going to bowl games and one of the biggest money makers of all, on-campus summer football and basketball camps.

Add it all up and it's doubtful if any SEC head football coach takes less than \$150,000 per year or, in basketball, less than \$100,000. Possible, but doubtful. Most of them make a great deal more, as much as double those amounts, and even that estimate may be low.

It reminds me of a sheriff I once knew in Wisconsin. "Stan", he said one night, "if I can get reelected to another term, I'll never have to work again as long as I live."

It has been suggested that excessive rewards for coaches is the prime problem in college sports. Jack V. Doland, former football coach at McNeese State and now president of the Lake Charles Louisiana school, proposes to limit coaching salaries to the same level as vice presidents and deans. He'd put a \$1,000 limit on the coaches' take from TV, eliminate shoe deals and prohibit free use of school facilities for personal gain. That means summer football and basketball camps.

"In all but a few cases the institution is the reason the coach is famous", says Doland. "If they changed coaches at Oklahoma, Ohio State or Notre Dame, the new coach would become famous."

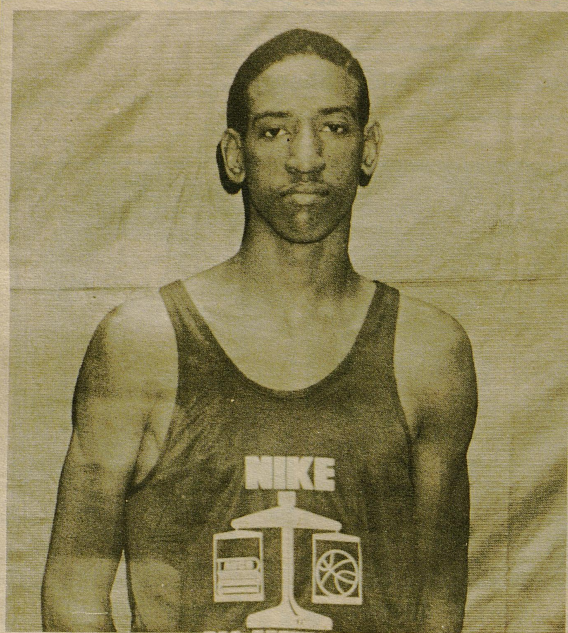
Sounds fine, but does anyone seriously believe that a coach who has found a way to give an 18-year old recruit something more than board, room, books and tuition, couldn't find a way to get something under the table for himself?

The fact is that coaching is a high risk business and until schools decide to honor contracts to their written end dates, coaches are entitled to get while the getting is good. Today's head coach is tomorrow's unemployed person.

Ask Emory Bellard!

NOT FOR BROADCAST: This year's **Alabama-Auburn** game ranks right up there with the **Tennessee-UCLA** 37-34 battle of 1965 and the **Ole Miss-Alabama** 33-32 affair of 1969 as the most exciting games we have ever seen.....Only **Ray Mears**, former Tennessee basketball coach and now athletic director at the University of Tennessee-Martin, could think of this. Mears, whose former assistant, the late **Stu Aberdeen** once wrote a book called "The Winning Edge", awards a gold basketball, football or cheerleader megaphone, plus a certificate in "The Pacers Club" to every newborn infant in Martin, Tennessee. "We want to get them started on UT-Martin before anybody else has a chance," says Mears. He'll have to wait 18 years to see if he gets a return on his investment.....Six-foot-six, 275-pound offensive lineman **Will Wolford** of Vanderbilt, considered a cinch high pro draft choice: "It's hard not to think about the pros because I'm always getting calls from agents trying to tell me how great I am. I'm looking forward to the challenge, but right now I just sleep through the pro games on Sunday.".....**Johnny Majors**, whose Tennessee team is heading for New Orleans, ended both his playing career and his **Pittsburgh** coaching career in the Sugar Bowl. He lost as a player and won as a coach, 13-7 to Baylor in 1957 and 27-3 over Georgia in 1977.....**The last word.** Understatement of the year. Alabama Coach **Ray Perkins** after the lead changed hands four times in the last seven minutes against Auburn with the Tide winning 25-23 on a field goal as time ran out. "It was a little hectic."

Meet A Blue-Chipper



Phil Henderson

Henderson Directs Team On Court Like an Orchestra Leader

PHIL HENDERSON 6-4, 165 lbs., SR., 15.0 ppg., 7.0 rpg., 7.0 apg., Crete-Monee H.S./Crete, IL. Thirty miles south of Chicago resides a skinny kid with a great jump shot and a keen court sense who has almost overnight become a very hot commodity in a big time recruiting circles ... "Phil is on the threshold of what you would call a pure shooter," said Forrest Harris of the Nike All-American camp ... "He understands the game from the point guard position and has great quickness with the ball," commented Georgia Tech Assistant Coach Perry Clark ... superb at creating his own shot ... "Henderson has a telescope type of body: long, thin and peers over top of people," said Stephen Wacaser of the Hoop Scoop. "He is very clever with the ball and directs a team like an orchestra leader." Quite and sedate, not flashy ... definitely the type of player you appreciate the more you see him ... a national unknown before the summer, but all of that has changed ... "He is sound in all facets of the game," said Bob Gibbons ... Will play for ACC power Duke next season.

Coach Larry Brown's Postgame Comments

Following are Larry Brown's postgame comments after his Jayhawks defeated Kentucky in Lawrence, Kansas, last Saturday evening:

Question: What about the game?

Brown: Needless to say I'm happy. I'm disappointed that (Kenny) Walker went out. I'm proud of our kids and proud of the way they played. Danny played with confidence. The way he started was the key. He was special.

Question: What about the play of center Greg Dreiling?

Brown: He was great. He got in some foul trouble, but he did some things that I've been waiting for him to do all season.

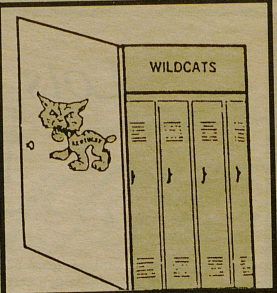
Question: Was the team's execution performed like you wanted it to?

Brown: It was great. You know our two little guards did a great job. Cedric (Hunter) had some great passes and ran the offense well.

Question: What about Danny Manning's offensive performance?

Brown: I tried to remind him of what he did to them (Kentucky) last year. Tonight it was more him than anything else. I could tell from the first shot; the way he just wanted the ball.

Inside The Locker Room



KENNY WALKER

(About comparing this year's Kansas team with last year's)

Walker: They are really the same ballclub except they are a bit more seasoned. A couple players like (Greg) Dreiling and (Cedric) Hunter really played a lot better. We always knew that (Calvin) Thompson and (Ron) Kellogg could shoot with anyone in the country. They all played a super ballgame.

have a good transition game. (About trying to live up to his preseason billing)

Walker: The fans look to give you a hard time. It's tough for any player to be put in my position, although I look at it as a compliment. The main thing is to prepare yourself for anything and you can't lose your head. I learned that in high school.

WINSTON BENNETT

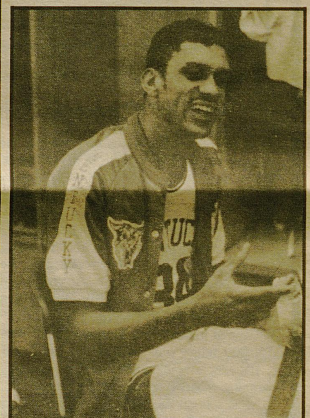
(About the crowd)

Bennett: Some of the younger players didn't expect the noise level. I played here a year ago, so I was accustomed to it. (actually two years ago.) The Jayhawks are one of the best in the nation, you've got to give them a lot of praise.



(About Kansas' defense)

Walker: They did a great job with their weak side help. When I got the ball inside they did a great job of collapsing on me and pushing the ball down the court. We wanted to be a lot more patient and get the ball inside more. We didn't



Kansas Jayhawks' Postgame Comments

DANNY MANNING

(About beating Kentucky)

Manning: Everything was open tonight when we executed. We thought about it that they had beat us so many times. I think the last time we beat them, I was seven years old. I just tried to guard (Kenny) Walker tight and play him tough. I don't really know how he got hurt.

CEDRIC HUNTER

(About the home-court advantage)

Hunter: The crowd helped out a lot. I was concentrating on coming in and playing well. I think the crowd intimidated them a little tonight. Tonight we just executed.

CALVIN THOMPSON

(About beating Kentucky)

Thompson: It feels really great to beat Ken-

tucky. I think the main thing in this game was that we played together, and simply outplayed them. We figured that if we played hard and did the things that we do best, that we could go out and win.

RON KELLOGG

(About looking forward to playing the Wildcats)

Kellogg: We've been waiting for a long time to beat Kentucky. Tonight we went out with a positive attitude and took the game to them. Our practices were intense and they really geared us up for tonight's game. I thought that Danny (Manning) and Greg (Dreiling) played a great game. Danny was really super and his offense took the pressure off our perimeter shooters. The big thing tonight was that we had a balanced attack and we had a good mixture of defenses that threw them off a bit. We also did a super job down the stretch.

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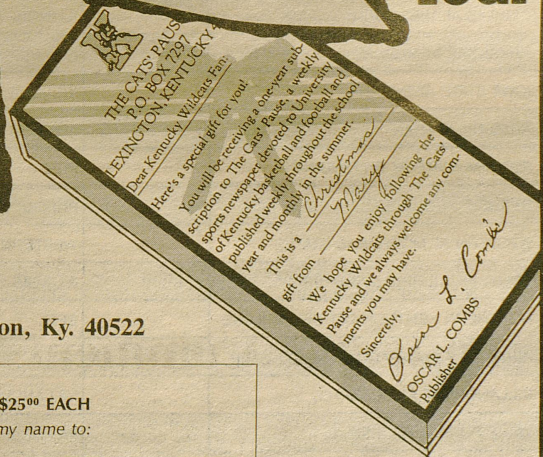
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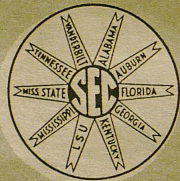







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Last Week	<i>Results From</i>	22-3	21-4	23-2	23-2	20-5	23-2
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EAST CAROLINA AT KENTUCKY		KENTUCKY 24	KENTUCKY 21	KENTUCKY 24	KENTUCKY 18	KENTUCKY 17	KENTUCKY 10
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Holidays Are Decked With Bowls & Bowls

Crystal Ball Gives Bad Omens For 2 Of 5 SEC Teams

With the winter holidays now upon us, it's time now to clear the dust from the old crystal ball and analyze the ever increasing amount of post-season bowl games. It seems like there are so many bowl games nowadays that names of vegetables will have to be used to name these increasing amount of post-season contests. Most college football coaches love the idea of creating more bowl games because it gives them another selling point for the recruiting season. But for the fans, its leaving them with watching more and more mediocre teams in bowls. This year's slate does possess some yawners, and television network officials might cringe when they see the ratings of some of these minor bowl games. Nevertheless, here are the opinions and predictions of yours truly on the upcoming bowl contests.



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

CHERRY BOWL — This game will feature Maryland's high flying aerial circus against a strong defensive-minded Syracuse team. It's interesting to note that two of Maryland's three losses have come at the hands of the No. 1 and 2 ranked teams in the nation (Penn State and Miami). Both of those were decided by a touchdown or less and could have easily been victories with a break or two. Syracuse on the other hand does have a very formidable defensive unit led by All-American defensive lineman Tim Green and could give Maryland quarterback Stan Gelbaugh trouble. However, Syracuse hasn't beaten anybody of any caliber this year. **PREDICTION** — Maryland by 18.

INDEPENDENCE BOWL — They might want to rename this bowl to the "Who cares bowl." Both Minnesota and Clemson finished their seasons with unimpressive 6-5 records. Even though Lou Holtz won't be pacing the sidelines for the Gophers, who are making their first bowl appearance in almost a decade, I still think they should have no problems handling the Tigers. **PREDICTION** — Minnesota by 16.

HOLIDAY BOWL — Anyone wanting to witness a high scoring game shouldn't tune in to this one. Both Arkansas and Arizona State have strong defensive clubs and points scored in this game will be hard pressed. Both teams have adequate running attacks but ASU rates an edge in the passing department, spearheaded by quarterback Jeff Van Raaphorst. **PREDICTION** — Arizona State by six.

LIBERTY BOWL — The underdog has traditionally done well in this bowl. Maybe its the frigid cold air in Memphis, which affects the teams that are favored. I'm sure LSU and their loyal supporters expected a better bowl considering the Tigers finished the season with an impressive 9-1-1 record. But I've got the feeling that Baylor may sneak up on LSU and pull the upset. **PREDICTION** — Baylor by three.

CITRUS BOWL — Year after year the Citrus Bowl has invited better quality teams for its bowl game in the warm setting of Orlando, Fla. In BYU and Ohio State its certain that footballs will fill the air. Ohio State has played the tougher schedule of the two teams participating in the rugged Big Ten this season. But despite putting the clamps on Iowa's Chuck Long, the Buckeyes did have an arduous time stopping the passing attacks of Illinois and Purdue. BYU has come on strong at the end of the season knocking off Air Force and will win the game in the final moments of the contest. **PREDICTION** — BYU by 7.

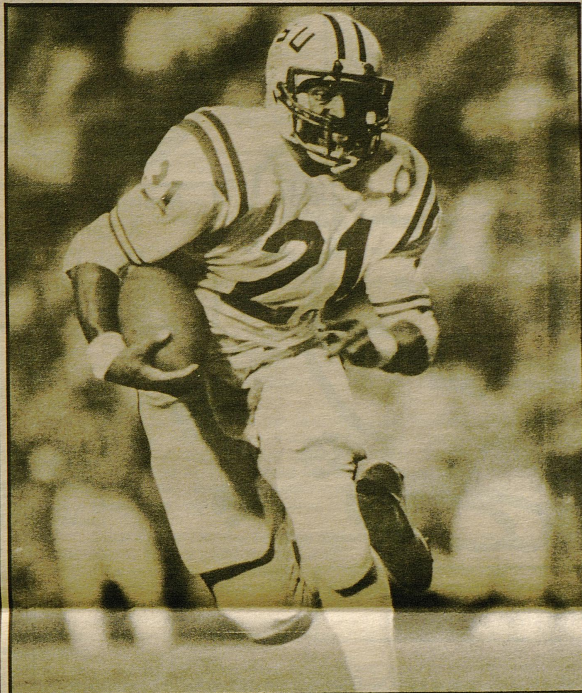
SUN BOWL — Like the Holiday Bowl, the Sun Bowl (Arizona versus Georgia), has all the makings of a defensive struggle. Arizona has been a puzzling team all year long knocking off SMU and eliminating in-state rival Arizona State from the Rose Bowl. Arizona, though, has lost to Stanford and Colorado. Georgia is a carbon copy of last year's Bulldog squad, finishing the season with losses to Auburn and Georgia Tech. On the basis of which team played in the tougher conference, Georgia rates a decided advantage. For that sole reason, the Bulldogs will roll all over Arizona. **PREDICTION** — Georgia by 23.

ALOHA BOWL — USC probably saved the integrity of the Aloha Bowl Committee by defeating Oregon in the last game of he season. After all, the Trojans finished the season with a disappointing 6-5 record. USC's opponent — Alabama — played its best football at the end of the season. Bama, who lives and dies by Ray Perkins' conservative game plans, went 4-0-1 following a heart-breaking 16-14 to SEC champ Tennessee. USC should make a game out of this one but will end up on the short end of the score. **PREDICTION** — Alabama by four.

FREEDOM BOWL — Colorado and Washington are two teams that were surprises this season for opposite reasons. Washington was expected to contend for national honors and make another Rose Bowl appearance but sputtered to a 7-4 slate this year. Colorado, under Bill McCartney's flexible wishbone attack, was a pleasant surprise and concluded the season with the same record as the Huskies. Washington will be hungry to redeem itself following a frustrating season and should defeat the Buffaloes. **PREDICTION** — Washington by 10.

GATOR BOWL — Oklahoma State will make its second straight trip to Jacksonville to face Florida State's explosive offensive attack. Last year the Cowboys pulled out a last second victory over South Carolina. But OSU won't be as fortunate as FSU's high-powered offense, along with an improving defense, should be too much to overcome. Bobby Bowden will have FSU in the proper frame of mind. **PREDICTION** — Florida State by 13.

BLUEBONNETT BOWL — Have to wonder if Texas will be motivated enough to face a hard charging Air Force club, who only lost one game all season. Last year Texas was thoroughly embarrassed by Iowa 55-17 in the Freedom Bowl. With the efficient wishbone attack directed by the talented Bart Weiss, the fly boys might storm all over the Longhorns. **PREDICTION** — Air Force by 15.



Dalton Hilliard & LSU Had Better Watch Out

ALL-AMERICAN BOWL — In Michigan State and Georgia Tech the All-American bowl (formerly known as the Hall of Fame bowl) will display two defensive oriented teams. Both the Spartans of Michigan State and the Yellow Jackets from Georgia Tech saved their best performances for November, going undefeated. I believe Tech has the better signal caller in John Dewberry and he will prove to be difference. **PREDICTION** — Georgia Tech by four.

PEACH BOWL — The struggling Peach Bowl, which had difficulty generating support for the game in the past, invited two high-scoring teams this year. Army and Illinois should move the ball up and down field all day long — the Cadets utilizing the running game and Illinois to pass. Illinois has more talent and quarterback Jack Trudeau will want to make his last game something to remember. **PREDICTION** — Illinois by 17.

FIESTA BOWL — This game will simply boil down to the aggressive defensive troops of Michigan squaring off against Nebraska's smooth running offense. Michigan all season long has shut down all types of various offenses. Bo Schembechler will have his howling Wolverines constantly swarming into the Nebraska backfield. **PREDICTION** — Michigan by 11.

COTTON BOWL — Texas A&M surprised everybody this season by capturing its first Southwest Conference championship in nearly a decade, and a half. Auburn on the other hand possesses an abundant amount of talent on both sides of the football and has been somewhat of a disappointment this year. But with Bo Jackson already having grabbed the Heisman Trophy, he will cherish the thought of completing his collegiate career in style. Texas A&M will be no match for the War Eagles. **PREDICTION** — Auburn by 14.

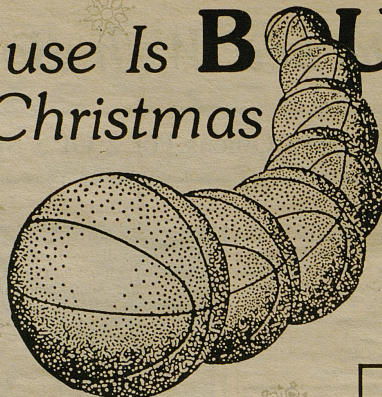
ROSE BOWL — Can the Big Ten finally win the Rose Bowl? Well, this year they will. Iowa led by the golden arm of Chuck Long should give UCLA all it will care to handle. UCLA has been called the "Back in Bruins" for the way they some how manage to sneak into the Rose Bowl for the past few years. UCLA will have a trying-time stopping Iowa's diversified offense as Long might have a field day. **PREDICTION** — Iowa by 17.

SUGAR BOWL — Tennessee will be making its first trip to New Orleans since 1970. Miami, which has the 1986 Heisman favorite in Vinny Testaverde, might be surprised by the tenacious Tennessee defensive unit. For Tennessee to pull the upset, Testaverde must be kept under control and all-American wide receiver Tim McGee must generate the big plays catching passes from Daryl Dickey. This game will be closer than many people think. **PREDICTION** — Miami by one.

ORANGE BOWL — It's hard to imagine that Joe Paterno's bunch of over-achievers from Penn State will be playing for the national championship on New Year's night against Oklahoma. Penn State's offense is primarily predicated by the run and State will not be able to rush the football against Oklahoma's suffocating defense. OU coach Barry Switzer will best remember Paterno's comment relating as to why he didn't leave the college ranks a few years ago. Apparently, Paterno made reference to the fact he didn't want leave the college football to the likes of Barry Switzer and Jackie Sherrill. Paterno has since said his comments were taken out of context, but you better believe Switzer will get his Sooners at a fever pitch for this one. OU runs over the Nittany Lions. **PREDICTION** — Oklahoma by 24.

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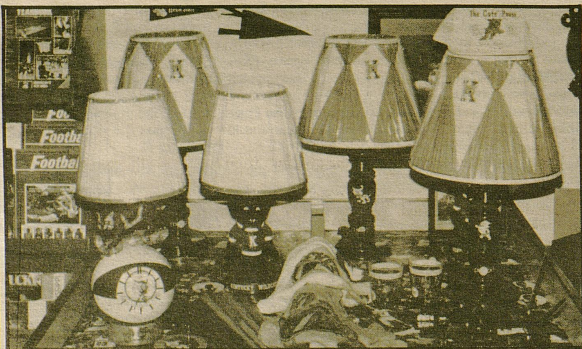
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Readers Sound-Off On Their Beloved Teams

U Of L's Ellison Sparks Interest In State Fans

Readers write and things.

Sports fans. I love 'em, no matter what teams they root against....ah, for. Sometimes I hear from some of them.

From Paul and Renee Willard of Shelbyville: "I read your column, but one more article is about all I can stand. I am sick and tired of reading about Kentucky, Kentucky, Kentucky. The one on *Rookie* Cedric Jenkins. What do you mean *rookie*? He's a sophomore! Most, if not all rookies are considered to be freshmen. How can he be the "Key" factor. What has he done?"

"Richard Madison is the only hope Kentucky has off the bench. Let's talk about real rookies like Pervis Ellison of the Louisville Cardinals. Check his stats! Compare them to any rookie at UK."



Bob Watkins
Cats' Pause Columnist

"If you insist on writing about Kentucky's fine players, you don't have much of a selection. Kenny Walker carried the team last year and will have to this year. What rookies last year scored in double figures for the Wildcats? What rookies this year are playing over 30 minutes a game and averaging 15 points a game? If you want to write about great rookies—watch a true rookie, Ellison. Cedric Jenkins, Robert Lock and or any Wildcat rookie or sophomore can't begin to compare to Ellison.

Watch Louisville one time and Kentucky against a Top 20 team. If you can still write only about Kentucky after that, you are a true, blue, blind, cat-head."

Comment I: Jenkins is a sophomore, however, his playing time and experience last season were minimal thus (arguably) qualifying him as a rookie. Certainly UK is counting on Jenkins to blossom this season just as UL, without Barry Sumpter, was counting on Ellison.

There is no argument that Ellison has blossomed. Through six games the 6-10 freshman is averaging 13.8 points per game, 7.8 rebounds, shooting 63.2 percent from the field, 78.6 from the foul line, had 15 blocked shots and 10 steals and had committed only five turnovers.

Amazing. Rookie-of-the-year numbers too.

Comment II: Considering Ellison's progress one wonders how (academic redshirt) Barry Sumpter fits into UL's plans with 7-1 Felton Spencer coming in next season?

Comment III: Cat head?

From Pikeville, Chris James writes: "Kentucky has always been the most liked team in the state. I, myself, like UoFL. Do you think that Louisville should be known throughout Kentucky as the best team or is UK the best?"

Comment: One man's opinion: This season, talent-wise Louisville is the better team.

Popularity-wise, by most indicators the University of Kentucky still enjoys broader popular support across the state. However, some interesting signs tell us times (and chemistry) are changing.

1. Media. Louisville, because of its talent and exciting style of play, has become a hot item with television moguls. And the state's premier radio outlet, WHAS will make UoFL its primary sports team next season.

2. UL's recruiting successes, winning tradition and liberal style of play, struck a chord with fans in Kentucky. Items heretofore enjoyed exclusively by UK. Louisville made big gains too when Joe B. Hall did the following:

1. Converted the Wildcats to power ball 13 years ago.
2. Refused to schedule Louisville.

Footnote: Eddie Sutton may be changing things, reverting to more a Ruppian style UK fans grew up with — man-to-man defense and hell-bent-for-leather offense.

3. UK has suffered, and may still be suffering from an image problem pointed up by a 47-year-old basketball fan in Elizabethtown who said recently: "A lot of things have changed about UK since I was growing up as an avid Wildcat fan. Word is today, if you want your kid to grow up to be a socialite, send him to UK."

The next letter comes from a UK fan who says she will miss Joe B. Hall. "He was a class act," says Virginia Harvley of Sonora, Ky.. "And I always have felt so proud of him."

Ms. Harvley writes (in part): "I'm concerned about the current flap at our University (of Kentucky). My main concern is that someone will see to it that the upcoming investigation (an internal as well as the NCAA) stops short of what I consider it's real purpose should be.

"It's my belief that Cliff Hagan is at the very roots of the entire thing. His animosity toward Coach Hall and all that's behind that animosity should be thoroughly looked into—out of a wish to vindicate the University and everyone who is connected to it—Joe B. Hall included.

"Are we to believe it took 13 years for a Lexington newspaper to wake up and smell the coffee? Why has it taken all these former players 13 years to suddenly acquire a conscience? Are we to believe that only during the past 13 seasons have players received all these lucrative hand-shakers and whatever? Moreover, isn't it simply amazing that all these misdeeds just happened to occur during only the years Coach Hall was at the University? I'm no genius, nor am I brilliant, but neither did I come in on a banana boat just this morning.

"I could have strangled Cliff Hagan during our last NCAA tournament when he bowed and scraped to Herky Rupp over our seats in the arena. I have long held

him in utter contempt, but this was an outright disgrace to the Commonwealth itself. And Bob, I heard from several people who feel the same as I feel on this. People who sent requests and checks, only to have them returned because no seats were available. Herky Rupp stayed away from our ball games for all of 13 seasons. Were it not for Cliff Hagan, he'd have missed the tournament and should have missed it. Adolph Rupp, there are many Kentuckians who felt nothing short of relief when he finally was retired. Moreover, he was paid for every year he was at the University. My Lord, was he ever paid! While Mr. Harry Lancaster, a good and decent man, got none of the glory and precious little of the memory. And did much of the work!

"The NCAA has too many rules. Some of them are silly rules, some of them very bad rules. But rules they are and they should be obeyed by all those people they cover. Assuming some of those rules have been violated by former players, I think nothing can be done, by anyone, after the fact. I still believe it's Cliff Hagan's brain-child, bringing the news media in, and as a direct slap in the face to Coach Hall."

Ms. Harvley's next item is in reference to "suggestions" by other fans that I have become anti-University of Kentucky.

"I'm sorry you've 'slowly turned anti-UK.' My Lord, I must be blind and dumb. I could have sworn you're about as unbiased (in your reporting each day) as any sports reporter could be. Also, I'm such a rabid basketball fan, I'd be about the first person you'd hear from should you become anti-UofK."

Comment: Thank you for writing.

It might be a good idea of Kentucky fans such as Mrs. Harvley did not expect too much from an "internal investigation."

They said it...

College athletics, the NCAA, coaches, alumni groups, fans the sports media. We're all taking turns beating on each other these days. Presented here is one morer demonstration of chest thumping by a sports writer (Bob Ryan of Boston), followed by a few ideas by some among us who genuinely care about the well being of student/athletes, keeping perspective on the entertainment value of the games they play. A few men who are willing to offer a hand in helping clean up college sports.

Ryan: "...to be a fan of Division I college basketball is, for the average person of some education, to be a hypocrite, is it not?"

"Most players on rosters of Division I basketball teams don't belong in any 4-year college that I can think of. Notice that I said *most* players don't belong in college. That's conservative. I should have said *almost all* and been closer to the truth. The entire enterprise is an elaborate charade, but we endorse it. We do it because we are selfish. The product is enticing. It is entertaining. It is exhilarating.

"But, as I said before, I'm talking about hypocrisy. I'm talking about the infantile thought process of "boosters" who care more about bragging rights with a business associate than they do about the academic integrity of the school they profess to love."

Are things that bad?

What follows are some points of view offered by a few influential people in and out of the games.

Charles Jock' Sutherland, former coach and now TV basketball analyst for the University of Louisville: "The NCAA has too many rules. I'd like to see 'em throw the (rules) book away and start all over again. I would pick about 16 coaches out of Division I and sit down and make a completely new set of rules. Rules that everybody could follow."

Jack Mills, attorney and sports agent in Denver: "I don't think there's any question that recruiting is at the root of most of what ails college sports. The problems are caused by recruiting. I'd suggest 3 steps to try and eliminate these problems.

1. Prohibit alumni and friends of the program from having anything to do with recruiting.

2. Create some system to penalize coaches involved in illegal recruiting, rather than penalize the institution.

3. (Make) college presidents responsible for illegal practices. They can know as much or as little as they want to know about the athletic program, and it seems to me a lot of them don't want to know very much. They should be held responsible."

Jack Hartman, basketball coach at Kansas State: "The freshman rule is bad for student/athletes. They are not allowed to make the transition to college without the intense pressure college athletics brings."

Hartman would rescind the freshman eligible rule. "It's not that they can't play, they have proved they can. But the percentage is minimal and the attrition rate high."

Ken Hatfield, football coach at Arkansas: "The main problem with college athletics is it is always being compared to the professionals. There should be something special and unique about college athletics. An athlete should be thankful for having a scholarship and should enjoy football while preparing for his life after football. I think a scholarship should be expanded to cover some of an athlete's incidentals and it should be done without any harm to college athletics.

"Any smack of professionalism in college athletics should not be allowed. It should be reserved for when and if a young (person) finishes (the) college experience."

Seat belt rule

High school basketball's new rule to keep coaches on the bench is drawing increasing criticism.

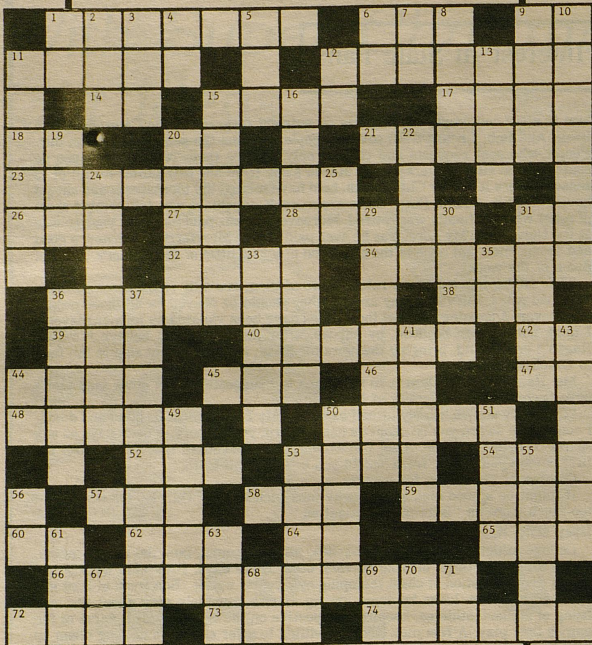
Last week brought two interesting reactions. One from an 18-year veteran high school referee, and the other from University of Kentucky Coach Eddie Sutton.

"I don't like the rule at all," said Paul Wilson of Irvington in Breckinridge County. "I like it when the coaches are up. They don't bother me at all."

Gasp!

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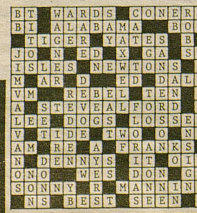
TCP Crossword Puzzle



By Dan Krueckeberg

TOP CAT BACKCOURT MEN THROUGH THE YEARS

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Cat guard Gerry of the mid-'50s | 1 Guard Louie Dampier was MVP with Pat Riley in '66 and '67 |
| 6 First name of '33 Down | 2 21 for guard James Blackmon |
| 9 Footballer Simpson | 3 Frank Ramsey the backcourt in scoring in '51-'52 and '53-'54 |
| 11 First name of '40 Across | 4 Abbr. for "voltage regulator" |
| 12 Guard Phil of the late-'60s | 5 Abbr. for "Railway Express Agency" |
| 14 Present-day guard Davender | 6 Abbr. for collegiate class of 40 Across |
| 15 Pats | 7 ___oo: Eskimo house |
| 17 Feminine name | 8 Something owed |
| 18 Initials of letterman Stamper or Steele | 9 Masculine name |
| 20 Cat big man Ned ___mings of '58-'61 | 10 High scoring guard during Phillips and Robey's early Cat years |
| 21 Guard who led '57-'58 Cats in scoring | 11 Namesakes of 50 Across |
| 23 Guard ___ '19.1 ppg complemented Nash's 23.4 in '61-'62 | 12 Initials of guard of '58 Nat'l. Champs who won an Olympic gold medal in '60 |
| 26 Cable movie channel | 13 Two required per game |
| 27 Common pronoun | 14 Outscore |
| 28 Is outscored | 15 High scoring 6-3 Cat Lickert |
| 31 "A ___ se is always tough to take" | 16 A man off the bench |
| 32 Guard who led Cats in scoring in two consecutive seasons | 17 ___oos ___ Dan Conner |
| 34 Top "Fiddlin' Five" guard | 18 Space |
| 36 Fine guard of '78 National Champions | 19 "Fabulous Five" guard |
| 38 Abbr. for school of Tempe's Sun Devils | 20 "Ever ___ slowly" |
| 39 Movie dog: ___ Tin Tin | 21 Guard Jay of the late-'70s |
| 40 Present-day Cat guard | 22 First name of 65 Across |
| 42 Common verb | 23 1st name of '66-'67 Cat guard who scored 20.6 PPG |
| 44 South ___'s Notre Dame | 24 Junior guard of Rupp's 24-3 Cats of '58-'59 |
| 45 See 65 Across | 25 Initials of late-'70s letterman Stephens |
| 46 Roman numeral for 55 | 26 Louie Dampier was the ___ of the crop in the '60s |
| 47 The 5 | 27 Guard Dwight ___' big season was '78-'79 |
| 48 High-scoring Cat guard of '67-'68 | 28 Was All-SEC guard for '54-'55 Cats |
| 50 Guard of '48 & '49 National Champions | 29 Guard Baesler |
| 52 '70s guard ___gie Warford | 30 Initials of Bennie; backcourt mate of 6 Across |
| 53 Short for "morning" | 31 Guard Hanker |
| 54 Kyle Macy was an art ___ on the court | 32 Guard Watson of '51 National Champs |
| 57 This great land | 33 6-3 guard Minniefield |
| 58 Body bone | 34 Guard Terry of '70 SEC champion Cats |
| 59 Swagger | 35 Leather with a napped surface |
| 60 Initials of guard Mike of '73 SEC Champs | 36 Initials of star guard of '78 National Champions |
| 62 Abbr. for "organization" | 37 Weekend abbr. |
| 64 Abbr. for "pound" | 38 Card game |
| 65 Teamed in backcourt with 66 Across | 39 Common mantra |
| 66 Standout sophomore guard of Rupp's last season | 40 Initials of '50s letterman Adkins |
| 72 Namesakes of standout '80s guard/fine FT shooter | 41 See 67 Down |
| 73 Big scoring Cat Cotton ___ | 42 Continent abbr. |
| 74 Teamed in backcourt with 51 Down | 43 Initials of the '85 Auburn coach |



Last Week



UK NOTES:

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ON THE AIR: UK TELEVISION NETWORK (Rob Bromley, Bob Domine and Jack Givens) - Eight stations throughout Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Tennessee. KTXA-TV in Dallas will pick up split feed from UK Network on SMU games.

UK RADIO NETWORK (Cawood Ledford and Ralph Hacker) - 90+ stations throughout Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Tennessee and Arkansas.

THE RECORDS:

Kentucky (5-1)	East Carolina (4-1)
WESTERN ST. 77-58	CAMPBELL 69-62
Chaminade 89-57	Duke 66-98
Hawaii 98-65	EDINBORO 63-58
CINCINNATI 84-54	LONGWOOD 68-60
INDIANA 63-58	WINTHROP 77-69
Kansas 66-83	

SMU (6-0)	Pepperdine (6-1)
NW LOUISIANA 77-59	Kansas 61-67
MORGAN STATE 76-41	WASHINGTON ST. 84-76
PRAIRIE VIEW 83-56	ST. MARY'S 69-60
CENTRAL MICH. 68-45	NEVADA-RENO 100-69
NORTH TEXAS* 78-63	UC-IRVINE 81-72
ILLINOIS STATE* 68-58	WESTERN ILL.* 85-67
-Dallas Morn. News Tourney	BRIGHAM YOUNG 83-73
	*-Cougar Classic

PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS:

Kentucky Wildcats (5-1)	PPG	RPG
F 34 - Kenny Walker (6-8 senior)	20.3	5.2
F 25 - Winston Bennett (6-7 junior)	10.3	4.7
G 23 - Roger Harden (6-1 senior)	4.3	2.2 (7.0 assists/game)
G 10 - James Blackmon (6-3 junior)	8.7	4.5
G 15 - Ed Davender (6-2 sophomore)	16.7	2.8

East Carolina Pirates (4-1)

F 25 - Marchell Henry (6-5 junior)	16.8	4.6
F 24 - Keith Sledge (6-3 junior)	3.0	3.2
C 42 - Leon Bass (6-10 junior)	10.6	6.2
G 10 - Scott Hardy (5-9 senior)	3.3	0.5
G 11 - Curt Vanderhorst (6-1 senior)	12.2	4.0

SMU Mustangs (6-0)

F 42 - Kevin Lewis (6-6 senior)	17.0	5.3
F 34 - John Colborne (6-8 freshman)	7.6	3.2
C 33 - Terry Williams (6-9 junior)	13.7	9.7
G 30 - Randy Jones (6-6 freshman)	5.8	3.0
G 20 - Butch Moore (5-10 senior)	12.8	(8.3 assists/game)

Pepperdine Waves (6-1)

F 44 - Anthony Frederick (6-7 senior)	9.6	6.3
F 34 - Eric White (6-8 junior)	14.6	6.0
C 50 - Levy Middlebrooks (6-7 sophomore)	12.0	6.6
C 32 - Dwayne Poole (6-5 senior)	14.3	1.6 (3.6 assists/game)
G 11 - Jon Korfas (5-11 senior)	10.9	2.3 (6.4 assists/game)

THE UKIT: The University of Kentucky has captured the tournament title 24 times in the 32-year history of the event, including the last six straight. The last time UK suffered a loss, in the tourney was in 1978, when Texas A&M defeated the Wildcats on the first night, 73-69. Kentucky's overall record in the UKIT is 34-8. The only other team in this year's field that has competed before in the UKIT is SMU, which played in the event in 1956 and 1979. The Mustangs are 2-2 in UKIT action, including a 73-67 loss to Kentucky in the 1956 event. SMU is also the only school in this year's event that has ever played Kentucky. The Wildcats hold a 3-1 edge in the series. Last year in Lexington, SMU foiled Kentucky's upset bid on a last-second shot that gave the Mustangs a 39-34 victory at Rupp Arena.

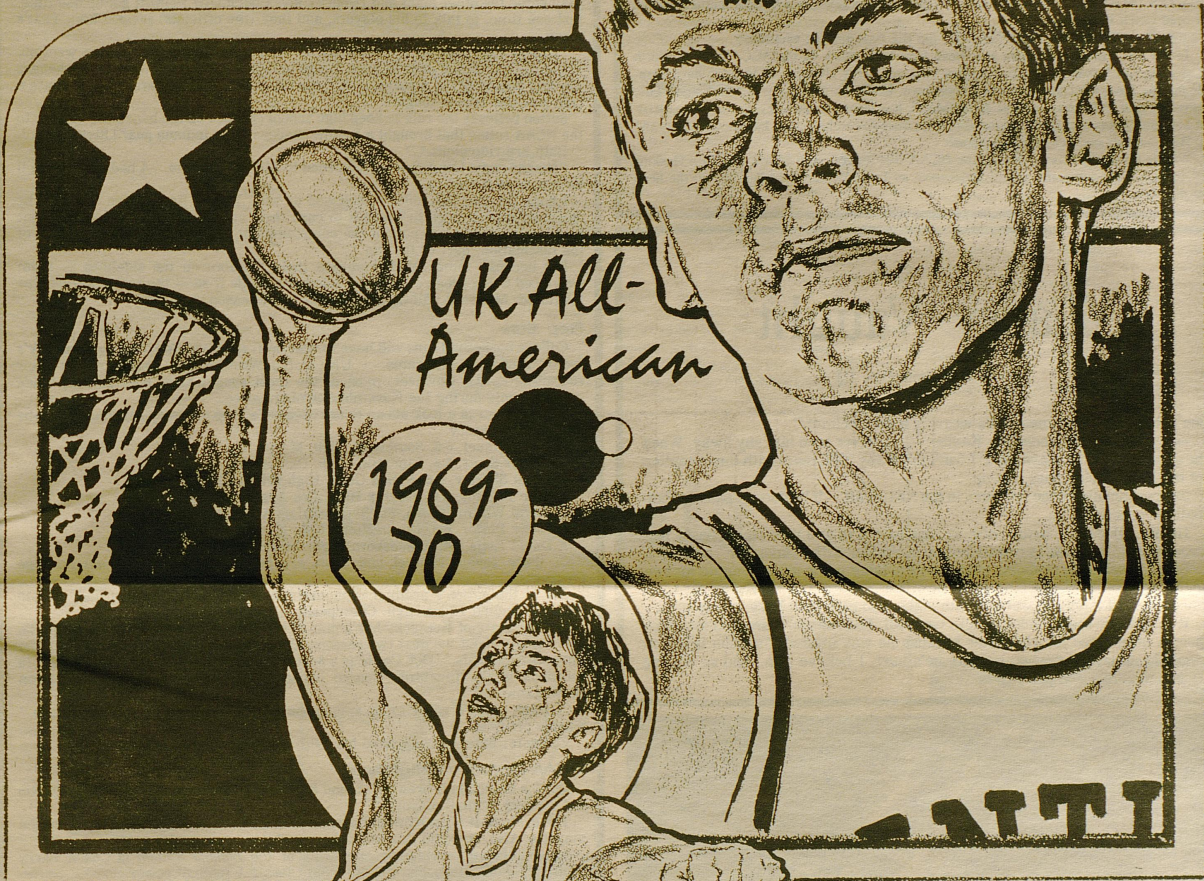
THE WILDCATS: Kentucky is coming off its first loss of the season, an 83-66 rout at the hands of highly-ranked Kansas in Lawrence Saturday night. The Wildcats suffered through their worst shooting performance of the year, connecting on only 40.4 percent of their shots from the floor. Meanwhile, Kansas was hitting on 61.5 percent of its shots. The Jayhawks jumped out to an early 14-1 lead and the Cats could never recover. Kenny Walker, Winston Bennett and James Blackmon shared high-scoring honors for the Wildcats with 12 points each.

"SKY" WATCH: Kentucky's "Player of the Year" candidate, Kenny Walker, has moved into the number 10 spot among the school's all-time leading scorers. "Sky" Walker now has 1,481 career points, just 28 points shy of number 9 Melvin Turpin. Walker continues to lead the team in both scoring (20.3) and rebounding (5.2). He saw only 23 minutes of action in scoring 12 points against Kansas Saturday night. He caught an elbow in the eye early in the second half and was sidelined for the rest of the game. The early prognosis was good, as UK team physician Dr. Ken Weaver called the injury a "corneal abrasion." Walker was expected to return to practice early this week and is expected to be in the lineup Friday night against East Carolina. UK coaches say they may experiment with using goggles to protect Walker's eye.

KENTUCKY AT RUPP ARENA: The Wildcats are now in their 10th season in the largest built-for-basketball arena in the country. UK has carved an incredible 125-14 record in the spacious arena named for the late, legendary coach Adolph Rupp, including a 3-0 record this season. That's an overall winning percentage of 89.9.

TICKETS AVAILABLE: A limited number of tickets to the UKIT are available to the general public, according to UK athletics director Cliff Hagan. The tickets, which include admission to both sessions of the event, are \$10 each and may be purchased at the Memorial Coliseum ticket office from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. weekdays. For more UK ticket information, call (606)257-1818.

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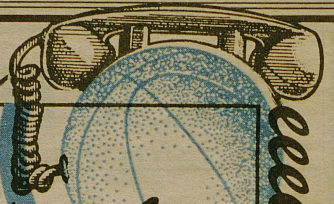
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